

Sijajen uspeh kampanje SNPJ: 5816 novih članov!

RUSKE ARMADE PRODIRAJO PRO- TI SMOLENSKU

Zavezniške bombe meh-
čajo osiščno črto
v Tuniziji

NAPAD NA JAPON- SKE TRANSPORTE

Moskva, 16. marca. — Ruske
armade prodirajo proti Smolen-
sku, glavni nemški vojaški bazi
na centralni fronti, s štirih stran-
i. Poročilo s fronte pravi, da
je armada, ki se vali proti Smo-
lensku s smeri Vjazme, prodrla
več milij daleč po združitvi dveh
nemških divizij.

London, 16. marca. — Moskva je
sinoči uradno priznala, da se je
ruska armada umaknila iz Har-
kova, ukrajinskega jeklarskega
središča in vojaške trdnjave, pod
pritiskom protiofenzive nemške
oborožene sile. Ta se nadaljuje
na fronti v kotlini Doneca, ki se
razteza od Harkova do Kurška.
Nemško poveljstvo je zagnalo
armado 250.000 mož v proti-
ofenzivo, ki je rezultirala v re-
okupaciji Harkova in več drugih
ukrajinskih mest. Nacistične
kolone zdaj prodirajo proti Bel-
gorodu, strateškemu mestu
med Harkovom in Kurskom.

Ruski komunikacijski sistem
je zdaj prav, da ruske čete
prodirajo naprej na centralni
fronti proti Smolensku, veliki
nemški bazi, ki teži 230 milj za-
padno od Moskve. Na severo-
zapadni strani Vjazme so Rusi
zabili nemške protinapade in
okupirali Holm-Zirkovski, me-
sto, ki je oddaljeno 80 milj od
Smolenska.

Zavezniški stan, Afrika, 16.
marca. — Zavezniška bojna le-
tala neprestano bombardirajo o-
siščno bojno črto v južnovzhod-
ni Tuniziji, da jo omehčajo. To
črto drži Rommelova armada.

Zavezniška letala so napadla
z bombami osiščne transporte v
bližini alžerskega območja. Dva
transporta sta bila potopljena,
trije pa poškodovani v napadu.

Melbourne, Avstralija, 16.
marca. — Avstralski in holandski
letalci so napadli z bombami
tri japonske vojaške transporte
v bližini otoka Aroe, južnozapa-
dno od Nove Gvineje. Veliko šte-
vilo japonskih vojakov je bilo
ubitih in ranjenih.

Ameriški letalci so istočasno
bombardirali japonske pozicije
pri Wewaku na severnem obrežju
Nove Gvineje, Gasmeti in Sa-
lamauju. Bombe so porušile več
vojaških objektov in zanetile po-
žare.

Cungking, Kitajska, 16. mar-
ca. — Japonska ofenziva v se-
vernem delu province Hunan se
je zdaj pod udarci protinapa-
dov kitajske sile, ki je zadala
težke udarce sovražniku in re-
okupirala sedem mest. Uradni
komunikacijski sistem pravi, da
so bili Japonci poginili nazaj proti
Jangtse. Dve japonski vojaški
kolone sta obkroženi in v nevar-
nosti uničenja.

New Delhi, Indija, 16. marca.
— Indijska oborožena sila bo
kmalu stela dva milijona voja-
kov. Glavni stan te armade
C. M. Trefedi, tajnik vojnega
departamenta, je dejal, da le-
talska sila tudi stalno narašča.
Naravnost o povečanju oborože-
ne sile je sledilo objavi poročila,
da so Japonci utrpeli velike iz-
gube v napadih na pozicije brit-
ske vojske v zapadni Bur-
mi.

Rekord kampanje v februarju: 786!

Glavni zmagovalci v kampanji so: John Ba-
rufaldi iz Pennsylvanije, 315 članov, Mary
Udovich iz Chicago, 283 članov, Ursula Am-
brožič iz Minnesote, 144 članov, Olivia Chu-
check iz Johnstowna, Pa., 140 članov, John
Mandich iz Piney Forka, O., 100

Zmagovna kampanja Slovenske narodne podporne jednote,
ki je trajala leto dni, je bila zaključena 28. februarja t. l. Vse po-
drobnosti so v angleški sekciji današnje Prosvete, tukaj pa nava-
jamo le glavna imena zmagovalcev in številke pridobljenih članov.

Skupno število vseh novih članov v oddelku odraslih (vštevili
transferje iz mladinskega oddelka) in mladinskem oddelku, pri-
dobljenih v teku enega leta zmagovne kampanje, znaša 5816.

Med posameznimi kontinenti je ostal na prvem mestu John
Barufaldi, član društva št. 6, Sygan, Pa., ki je v teku kampanje
pridobil 315 novih članov.

Na drugem mestu je Mary Udovich, članica društva Nade št. 102,
Chicago, Ill., ki je v teku kampanje pridobila 283 novih članov.

Na tretjem mestu je Ursula Ambrožič, članica društva št. 130,
Eveleth, Minn., ki je pridobila 144 novih članov.

Ostala dva, ki sta dosegla rekord sto članov in več, sta Olivia
Chuchek, članica društva št. 82, Johnstown, Pa., 140 novih članov,
in John Mandich, član društva št. 178, Piney Fork, O., 100 novih članov.

Med društvi, ki so pridobila največ članov, sta št. 6, Sygan in
št. 680, Verona, obe v Pennsylvaniji; prvo ima rekord 392 članov,
drugo pa 159 članov.

Mešec februar, zadnji mešec kampanje, dati najkrajši po številu
dani, je bil najuspešnejši. V tem mesecu je kampanja prinesla
SNPJ 786 novih članov, od katerih je bilo 480 otrok, 296 pa odras-
lih (vštevili transferje).

Bratje in sestri! Kampanja je zaključena. Dobro ste naredili
vsi, ki ste bili udeleženi v kampanji. Ampak naša jednota ne po-
znata počitka. Kampanjsko delo se nadaljuje! Letos pridejo izred-
ne kampanje za mladinski oddelk ob tridesetletnici tega oddelka.
Na novo delo valj živeja SNPJ!

MICHAEL VERHOVNIK, upravitelj kampanje.

Razgovori med Edenom in Hullom

Vprašanje povojnega policijskega nad- zorstva

Washington, D. C., 16. marca.
— Angleški zunanji minister An-
thony Eden je imel dolg razgo-
vor z državnim tajnikom Hullom
v navzočnosti lorda Halifaxa,
britskega poslanca, nakar
sta se sestala s častniki. Ob
tej priliki je Hull ponovil Ede-
nov izjavo, da bo vojna še dol-
go trajala in da bo zahtevala še
mnogo žrtev. Optimizem, ki se
širi v nekaterih krogih, da bo
zmaga nad osiščem lahka, ni
upravičen.

Hull je dejal, da se razgovori
med Edenom in ameriškim vo-
ditelji lahko raztegnejo na so-
vetsko Rusijo, Kitajsko in dru-
ge zavezniške države. Sedanji
se tičejo le Amerike in Velike
Britanije.

Državni tajnik ni hotel ko-
mentirati sugestije demokratskih
in republikanskih senatorjev,
da voditelji Združenih nara-
dov osvoje načrt glede koordin-
acije zavezniških vojnih na-
porov in program za ustanovitev
zavezniške policijske sile, ki naj
bi nadzirala ves svet po konča-
nju te vojne. Hull je dejal, da
ga veseli zanimanje ameriškega
ljudstva za vojne probleme.

Njegov nasvet ljudstvu je bil,
da je treba povečati, ne zmanjšati,
vojne napore, da se pospeši
poraz osiščnih sil.

Pričakuje se, da bo senator
Tom Connally, demokrat iz Te-
xasa in načelnik oddelka za zu-
nanje zadeve, predložil resolu-
cijo, naj Združeni narodi takoj
ustanove odbor, ki naj bi sestav-
ljal načrte za vzdrževanje povoj-
nega miru s pomočjo mednarod-

Bivši ganež O'Donnell obstreljen

Chicago, 16. marca. — Edward
"Spike" O'Donnell, bivši ganež
in "butler" v času prohibicije,
je bil napaden in obstreljen, ko
se je vračal domov. Krogla ga
je zadela v hrbet in odpeljal je
bil v bolnišnico Little Company
of Mary. Zdravniki, ki so od-
stranili kroglo, so izjavili, da je
njegov stanje resno, a bo naj-
brže okreval.

Najmanj 86 oseb ranje- nih v koliziji vlakov

Chicago, 16. marca. — Najmanj
86 potnikov je bilo ranjenih, ko
je brzovlak električne železnice
Chicago, North Shore & Milwau-
kee, treščil v drugi vlak pri kri-
žišču na Tobin st., šest milj juž-
no od Kenoshe, Wis. Kolizija
se je pripetila v megli in dežev-
nem naliivu. Brzovlak je bil na
poti iz Chicago v Milwaukee.

Ameriški vojniki nado- mestili ruske v Perziji

Stockholm, Švedska, 16. mar-
ca. — Tukajšnji listi so objavili
poročilo iz Carigrada, Turčija,
da so ameriške čete nadomesti-
le ruske v Perziji. V deželi se
nahajajo ostanki ene ruske pe-
hotne divizije.

ne policijske sile, kakor tudi za
kooperacijo med narodi.

Eden je po sestanku s Hullom
obiskal mornaričnega tajnika
Franka Knoxa.

Walter Sulzbach, profesor na
kolegiju Claremont, je za Ame-
riški svet javnih zadev sestavil
poročilo, ki vključuje priporočil-
o za ustanovitev nove Lige na-
rodov. To naglašuje, da se bo svet
izognil vojnam v bodočnosti le,
če se države odpovedo gotovim
pravicam in privilegijem. Prva
svetovna vojna je rodila seme,
iz katerega se je razvil skrajni na-
cionalizem in ta je v glavnem
odgovoren za izbruh nove vojne.

GIRAUD PREDLA- GA ZDRUŽITEV FRANCOSKIH GRU- P

General Charles de
Gaulle obišče sever-
no Afriko

UPORNIKI PRIPRAV- LJENI NA BOJ

London, 16. marca. — General
Henri Giraud, vrhovni komisar
francoske severne Afrike, je po
radijskem poročilu iz Alžira, Al-
žerija, za sklenitev sporazuma z
odborom borbenih Francozov,
kateremu načeljuje general Charles
de Gaulle, ki naj bi ustvaril
podlago za združitve vseh fran-
coskih političnih grup. Giraud
je dejal, da je pripravljen na se-
stank z De Gaullem, da se do-
seže enotnost.

Predstavniki odbora borbenih
Francozov je izjavil, da bo De
Gaulle odpotoval v severno Afri-
ko, ko mu bo Giraudovo povabi-
lo dostavljeno. Povabilo je u-
ključeno v poslanici, katero je
Giraud izročil generalu George-
su Catrouxu, reprezentantu bor-
benih Francozov v Siriji, ko se
je slednji mudil v Alžiru.

(Radijsko poročilo iz Rima
pravi, da je general Jean Marie
Bergeret resigniral kot pomočnik
komisar francoske severne Af-
rike.)

Giraud je v svojem govoru po
radiu zadnje nedelje apeliral na
vse Francoze za enotnost, zano-
pa jih je zagotovil, da bodo, ko
bo ta vojna končana z zmago za-
veznikov in osvoboditve Franci-
je, sami izbrali vlado na temelju
zakonov tretje republike.

Washington, D. C., 16. marca.
— Državni tajnik Cordell Hull
je dejal, da je general Giraud s
svojo deklaracijo postavil pogo-
je za združitve vseh francoskih
elementov, ki so za poraz osišča
in osvoboditve Francije ter izgon
okupacijske sile s francoskega
ozemlja. Dolžnost Francozov je,
da sledijo Giraudu kot vojaškemu
voditelju, ki se bori proti osiščni
sili na strani zaveznikov.

Bern, Švica, 16. marca. — Bit- ka med naraščajočo francosko uporniško armado, nemško obo- roženo silo in francosko držav- no policijo je na vidiku. Fran- coski uporniki so zbrani v Alpah v bližini švicarske meje in pri- pravljeni na boj. Poročilo pravi, da so ignorirali ultimati naci- je in Lavalovega režima, naj odlože orožje in se podajo. To dostavlja, da angleška letala do- važajo orožje upornikom.

Druga vest pravi, da so upor-
niki sestrelili tri nemška bojna
letala, ki so se pojavila nad nji-
hovimi taborišči. Uporniki so
oboroženi z nemškimi strojnica-
mi in protiletalskimi topovi. Po-
roča se, da se italijanske čete
nočejo bojevati proti upornikom.
Italijani smatrajo odpor rebelev
za francosko notranjo zadevo,
ki jo mora rešiti Lavalova vlada.

Vladni odbor zvišal plače delavcem

Chicago, 16. marca. — Vojno-
delavski odbor je odredil zvišanje
plač delavcem, ki so upošteni
v tovarnah Johnson Fare Box
Co. in Metal Thermit Corp. Zvi-
šanje znaša pet in deset centov
na uro. Odbor je potrdil tudi
mezni dogovor, ki sta ga skle-
nili Danyl Machine Co., Ciceo,
in unija United Electrical,
Radio & Machine Workers, včla-
njena v Kongresu industrijskih
organizacij.

Domače vesti

Zinka Milanova spet v Chicago
Chicago. — Med gostovanjem
newyorške Metropolitanske ope-
re v čikaškem opernem gledali-
šču nastopi znana hrvaška so-
pratelka Zinka Milanov dva-
krat, in sicer v soboto zvečer,
dne 27. marca, kot Leonora v Il
Trovatoru ter v soboto popoldne,
dne 3. aprila, kot donna Anna v
Mozartovi operi Don Giovanni,
katera bo oddajana po radiu po
vsej Ameriki in Kanadi.

Naš član-voljak pogrešan v Afriki

White Valley, Pa. — Louis Gut-
man in njegova žena sta bila
pred dnevi obveščena iz Wash-
ingtona, da je njun sin Rudolf
Gutman, član društva 232 SNPJ,
pogrešan od 14. februarja na bo-
jišču v severni Afriki. V službi
strica Sama je bil od 3. julija
1941.

Društveni predsednik ubit v rovu

Elm Grove, W. Va. — Dne 11.
marca je bil pri delu v premo-
govniku ubit John Petermal,
star 58 let in rojen v Žireh na
Gorenškem, član in predse-
dnik društva 425 SNPJ. Zasula
ga je plast kamenja in ko so ga
odkopali, je bil mrtev. Član SN-
PJ je bil 28 let in tukaj zapuša
ženo.

Drugi nov grob v Penni

Bishop, Pa. — Dne 3. t. m. je
umrl Anton Papič, star 48 let
in rojen tukaj. Bil je član dru-
štva 203 SNPJ. Zapuša mater,
šest bratov (trije pri vojakih) in
tri sestre. Društvo ga bo močno
pogrešalo, ker je bil zelo akti-
ven društvenik.

Nick Triller težko pobit

Liberty, Pa. — Nick Triller,
dolgoletni tajnik društva 386
SNPJ, je bil 13. marca težko po-
bit pri delu v premogovniku.
Nahaja se v bolnišnici Mercy v
Pittsburghu in obiski so dovolje-
ni od dveh do štirih popoldne in
od sedmih do osmih ob večerih.
Člani naj ga obiščejo.

Rojak umrl v Californiji

Fontana, Calif. — Dne 27. febr.
je tukaj umrl dobro poznani Ni-
kola Nemanic, doma iz Božak-
ovega pri Metliki v Beli Krajini.
V Ameriki je bil 42 let in tukaj
17 let. Bil je član SSPD v Wau-
keganu, Ill., in tukaj zapuša ženo
in hčer, v Chicagu sina in v
Waukeganu drugega sina.

Nov grob v Wyomingu

Diamondville, Wyo. — Dne 2.
marca je tukaj umrl John Pe-
terson, star 57 let in rojen v
Davci pri Kranju, dolgoletni
član društva 253 SNPJ. Tukaj
zapuša ženo, tri sinove in hčer.
Eden sin je pri vojakih, a je bil
doma ob pogrebu.

Vesti iz Girarda, O.

Girard, O. — Dne 8. marca je
tukaj umrla Mary Staudohar,
stara 50 let in doma iz Jesenov-
ta pri Kočevju, članica društva
49 SNPJ. V Ameriki je bila 32
let in zapuša moža, tri sinove
in pet hčera. — Dne 26. febr. je
v vojaški bolnišnici v Ft. Brag-
u, N. C., umrl Frank Račić za
poškodbami pri vojaških vajah.
Šest tednov se je boril s smrtno
nakažljivo boleznijo, ki je pri-
peljal na dom svojih staršev ter
pokopan po vojaških obredih.
Star je bil 30 let in rojen v
Uniontownu, Pa. Poleg staršev
zapuša brata, ki je v armadi in
dve sestre. Bil je član društva
643 SNPJ.

Še nekaj iz Penne

Imperial, Pa. — V bolnišnici
Mercy v Pittsburghu se nahaja
Samuel Herron, ki je bil po-
bit pri delu v rovu in Dominik
Obid, člana društva 106 SNPJ.

De Gaulle vztraja pri svojem stališču

Oviranje zavezniške vojne strategije

London, 16. marca. — Čeprav so
predstavniki borbenih Franco-
zov pozdravili deklaracijo gene-
rala Girauda, vrhovnega komi-
sarja severne Afrike, glede od-
prave rasnih diskriminacij kot
korak za doseg sporazuma med
med francoskimi grupami, brit-
ski in ameriški krogi vseeno iz-
ražajo bojazn, da general
Charles de Gaulle ovira zave-
zniško vojno strategijo. On vztra-
ja pri svojem stališču, ki se po-
litično razlikuje od Giraudove-
ga.

Borbeni Francozi vodijo agi-
tatorjo za invazijo zapadne Ev-
rope in ustanovitev druge fron-
te. Britski in ameriški krogi so
zavzeli stališče, da francosko
ljudstvo ne sme računati na ta-
kojlanje invazije Evrope po za-
vezniški sili, ker čas še ni zrel
za to.

Nekateri trdijo, da general
De Gaulle vodi svojo agitacijo
v soglasju s politiko sovjetske
vlade, odkar je dospel v Anglijo
Felix Grenier, bivši komuni-
stični poslanec v francoski dra-
vljni zbornici. Dognava se, da
je Grenier glavni svetovalec ge-
nerala.

Na shodu, ki se je včeraj vrtil
na trgu Trafalgar in katerega se
je udeležilo več tisoč ljudi, je bi-
la sprejeta resolucija z zahtevo
takojanje ustanovitve druge
fronte v Evropi. Arthur Horner,
vodja rudarjev, ki je bil eden
izmed govornikov, je priporočal
večjo pomoč sovjetski Rusiji s
strani zaveznikov.

—Ena izmed Gorenjskih de-
klet, ki je tudi članica omenje-
nega društva, se je ponesrečila,
ko je šla na delo in se zdravi do-
ma. Članstvo želi vsem trem hi-
trega okrevanja.

Iz Clevelanda

Cleveland. — Mrs. Mary Med-
ved, 14804 Thames ave., članica
društva 137 SNPJ, se je morala
podati v bolnišnico na operacijo.
Članstvo ji želi hitrega okrev-
anja. — Dne 14. t. m. je v bolni-
šnici umrla Mary Smrke, roj.
Bajt, stara 60 let in doma iz St.
Rupert pri Mokronogu. Bila je
članica društva 20 SNPJ. — Da-
lje je v bolnišnici umrla Mary
Orehovec, roj. Kalister, stara 42
let in doma iz Jurška na No-
transkem. V Ameriki je bila
19 let in tukaj zapuša moža in
pet otrok. Bila je članica dru-
štva 142 SNPJ. — Dne 15. t. m. je
v bolnišnici umrla Johana Turk,
roj. Ule, stara 82 let. — V Nilesu,
O., je umrl John Vrečar iz Ljub-
ljane, star 63 let. Bil je član in
tajnik društva 481 SNPJ in v
Ameriki je bival čez 50 let.

Iz Milwaukeeja

Milwaukee. — Dne 10. t. m. je
umrl Fr. Pauč, star 73 let in do-
ma iz Velenja na Štajerskem,
vdovec, ki ne zapuša sorodni-
kov, niti ni bil član kakšnega
društva. — Dne 6. t. m. je umrla
Elizabeta Tesovnik, stara 58 let
in iz Radmirja v Savinjski dol-
ini. V Ameriki je bila 37 let in
zapuša moža, sina in dve hčeri.
— Dne 4. t. m. je v W. Allisu
umrla Helena Moznjak, roj. Sto-
par, stara 20 let. Zapuša moža,
starše in tri brate. — Dne 28. febr.
je umrl John Pavček, star 81 let
in rojen nekje na Dolenjskem.
Samaki, ki zapuša brata in se-
stro. Pogrebe vseh teh je oskr-
bel Ermenčev zavod.

LEWIS ZAPRETEL Z OKLICEM RU- DARSKE STAVKE

Pogodba z unijo U. M.
W. of A. mora biti
sklenjena ta mesec

VLADNI ODBOR KRI- TIZIRAN

New York, 16. marca. — John
L. Lewis, predsednik rudarske
unije United Mine Workers of
America, je informiral opera-
torje, da bodo rudarji zastavka-
li 1. aprila, če ne bo nova po-
godba, ki mora vključevati pro-
vizijo glede zvišanja meze za
dva dolarja na dan, sklenjena
do 31. marca.

Lewis je dalje rekel, da poli-
tika vojno-delavskega odbora in
njegova formula, ki določa zvi-
šanje meze le za petnajst od-
stotkov nad mesdno točko, ki je
prevladovala 1. januarja l. 1941,
ne bo vplivala na rudarje. Oni
zahtevajo zvišanje meze za dva
dolarja na dan. Sedanja meza
je sedem dolarjev na dan.

"Vojno-delavski odbor je sku-
šal še trikrat potisniti nož v
hrbet rudarjev," je dejal Lewis.
"Za mesdno formulo, ki jo je
postavil William H. Davis, na-
čelnik odbora in korporacijski
odvetnik, zastopajoč interes
plutokratov, se ne sanjam. On
opraviča delo plutokracije in
brusi nož, ki ga namerava potis-
niti v hrbet rudarjev. Ako bi
imel kužna, ne bi hotel, da bi
mu Davis in njegovi podrepani
določili življenjski standard."

Lewis je udaril po operator-
jih in jim očital, da grmadijo
ogromne profite, upirajo pa se
zahtevi za zvišanje meze ru-
darjem. Operatorji se pove-
dajo, da ne more razpravljati z
njimi, ako zavzemajo isto stali-
šče kot Charles O'Neill, njihov
besednik. Slednji je dejal, da bi
zvišanje meze rudarjem pove-
čalo stroške za \$750,000,000 let-
no, dočim Lewis trdi, da bi se
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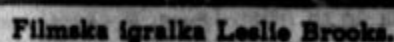
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Omenin naj tudi, da je 24. decembra 1942 umrla sestra Danica Kastelic, pionirka našega društva, dne 2. marca pa smo bili iznenadeni radi smrti sestre Terezije Spoljar. S smrtno teh članic in člana je naše društvo izgubilo mnogo. Prizadetim družinam in sorodnikom izrekam v imenu društva Nove svobode 271 SNPJ naše globoko sožalje!

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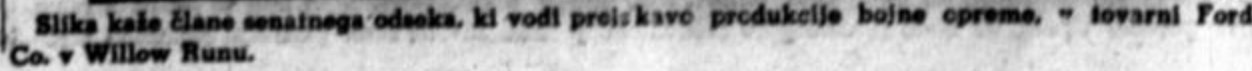


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Izvajal se bo pester varijetni program. Prvič na našem oderu nastopi ukrajinska sopranistka Anna Zaritsky-Elveve, ki bo zapela par opernih arij in več ruskih popevk. Dalje nastopi violonist Nikolaj Komačurk, duet na klavir bosta igrali Mary in Mitzi Oven, klubov dramski odsek uprizar prižor o ruskih bojih, z deklamacijo nastopi John Rak, govornika pa bosta Joško Oven in Chas. Pogorelec. Ker bo baš takrat v Chicagu gostovala newyorška opera, nastopi na tem programu tudi Tone Subelj, ki je član opernega zbora.

Program bo torej zanimiv in prirejen je v dobre namene. Junaške ruske čete v tem trenutku drobijo naciistično bojno mašino v prah in zaslužijo ne le občudovanja, temveč podpore v toliki meri kot jim je moremo dati. Naš odsek je dosedaj samo za to prireditiv nabral že čez \$400 in pričakuje se, da bo do dneva prireditiv kvota \$500 dosežena; prebitek od veselic same gre v podporo Proletarcu. Vstopnice v predprodaji so 50c, pri blagajni pa 60c. Za ples bo igral Gradiškov orkester. Torej na svidenje 28. marca v jednotini dvorani!

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Karina zabava bivših majnarjev Milwaukee.—Naznanjam vsem starim rudarjem in prijateljem kart, da bo naš "Ex-miners Club" priredil kartno zabavo v soboto in nedeljo, 20. in 21. marca v Kramarjevih prostorih, 525 S. 5th st. Ves prebitek te zabave bo šel za vojno pomoč našim ljudem v starem kraju in Rusiji, kot je šel na primer od piknika lansko leto. Vsota, ki je bila pridržana za nedoločen čas, je bila že poslana na določeno mesto. In tako bo tudi ta: en del bo šel za pomožno akcijo, ki jo vodi JPO-SS, drugi SANSu, tretji del pa za pomoč Rusiji.

Vabimo torej vse, da se 100% udeležite te zabave, bodisi v soboto ali nedeljo ali pa oba dneva, kajti gre za dobre namene. Malo razvedrila pri kartni zabavi ali drugače pa tudi ne škoduje. Torej v soboto in nedeljo na svidenje pri Kramarju.

John Perko, 584.

Pomožna akcija ne spl Cleveland, O.—Dandanes se jako malo poroča o jugoslovanski pomožni akciji, vendar pa ne smemo misliti, da je to plemenito gibanje v popolnem mrtvulu. Posebno pri nas v Collinwoodu je na delu mala skupina nesebičnih delavcev, ki vztrajajo pri svoji nalogi. Že pred več meseci je bil tukaj organiziran lokalni pomožni odbor št. 35, ki vključuje skoraj vsa naša društva in organizacije v Collinwoodu in Euclidu. Seje tega odbora so dobro obiskane in zanimanja in volje za delo je precej.

Prva seja tega odbora v letu 1943 se je vršila dne 26. januarja. Izvoljen je bil skupen odbor, ki vključuje sledeče člane: Predsednik Jos. F. Terbizan, podpredsednik Andrew Božič, tajnik Jos. F. Durn, blagajničarka Mrs. Amalia Terbizan, zapisničarka Mrs. Mary Durn. V nadzorni odbor so bili izvoljeni Michael Lah, George Panchur in Mrs. Konecila. Drugi odborniki so Mary Vidrich, Anton Jankovich in Matt Petrovich.

Odbor ima namen posluževati se raznih načinov pri zbiranju finančnih sredstev. Med odbornike so bile razdeljene posebne nabiralne knjižice in dobili so nalogo, da se obrnejo osebno do svojih sosedov, prijateljev in znancev in jih naprosijo za denarno pomoč. Upam, da bodo ti

narodni delavci dobili prijateljski sprejem in odprte roke, kadar oblaščjo svoje rojake v severnem delu Clevelanda.

Drugi način zbiranja denarne podpore pa je z direktnimi prošnjami na naša društva in organizacije. Blagajne naših društev so bile vedno odprte, kadar koli je šlo za kakšno dobro stvar. Upamo, da se bodo široko odprle posebno sedaj, ko gre za tako plemenito stvar: za pomoč našim krvavečemu in umirajočemu narodu v stari domovini.

Tretji način pa je zbiranje finančnih sredstev s prirejanjem plesov in zabav v naših narodnih domovih. Vpričo vojnih razmer ne smemo pričakovati, da bodo take prireditve posebno uspešne, vendar poskušati se mora. Ena teh prireditiv se bo vršila v soboto, dne 27. marca ob 7. uri zvečer v Slov. del. domu na Waterloo Road. Vstopnice so že v razprodaji po članih odbora in bile so tudi razposlane na tajnike naših društev. Priporočati je našim društvom in posameznikom, da ne samo kupijo te vstopnice, ampak da se te prireditve tudi udeležijo v velikem številu. Ves čisti dobiček je namenjen v blagajno slovenske sekcije Jugoslovanskega pomožnega odbora.

Matt Petrovich.

Žrtve rudniške eksplozije Red Lodge, Mont.—V javnosti je bilo poročano dnevno po radiu in časopisu o grozni nesreči, ki se je pripetila v bližnjem premogorjuv Smith Mine dne 27. februarja in zahtevala 74 žrtv. Omenjenega dne smo šli zjutraj na delo kot po navadi. Nihče ni mislil, kaj se lahko pripeti v omenjenem rovu, ko smo se peljali mimo—spodaj podpisani dela na drugi strani hriba okrog tri milje proč.

Okrog 11.—na je prišla novica v naš rovu, da je bila v Smith Mini eksplozija, ni pa bilo nič gotovega, kaj prav za prav se je zgodilo. Opoldne, ko smo bili ravno pri obedu, pa pride naš delovodja, ki nam pravi, da takoj vsi ven, ker je bila v Smith Mini eksplozija. Prestašili smo se in takoj vedela da je večja nesreča kot smo si prvotno predstavljali.

Na poti proti domu v Red Lodge smo se ustavili na mestu nesreče. Ravno po prinesli dva ranjena premogarja iz rova, ko smo prišli tja. Rojaka Ignaca Marincicha so že prej prinesli mrtvega. Do takrat so prinesli prvih pet delavcev iz rova, dva mrtva in tri ranjene. Vsi drugi so pa delali na žili št. 3 in nihče od teh ni ušel smrti.

Kot je razvidno, je bilo nekaj ubitih takoj, drugi so se pa zadušili od strupenih plinov. Na prava za zračenje je bila vsa razbita in porušena; izhoda pa ni bilo nikjer drugod kot glavni. In kot je razvidno, je na glavnem vходу (entree) tudi prišlo do eksplozije. V notranjosti sedem do osem tisoč čevljev daleč so bili delavci še živi. Ako bi bil kak stranski rov, ki se bili mogoče rešili.

Med temi delavci sta bila tudi Frank Pajnič, star 53 let in Fred Razboršek, star 61 let. Proti koncu, predno so se zadušili, sta s kamnom zapisala na desko: "We tried our best, but couldn't get out." Walter Jokic, star 30 let in John Sudar, star 28 let, pa sta zapisala na drugo stran iste deske: "Good-by wives and daughters. We died an easy death. Love from us both. Be good." Emil Anderson, star 40 let, pa je napisal na drugo desko: "It is five minutes past 11 o'clock. Dear Agnes and children. I am sorry we had to go this way—God bless you all."

To je bilo nekaj strašnega. Kot že rečeno, ako bi bil kak stranski izhod, bi se jih bilo mogoče vsaj nekaj rešilo. Zadnji žrtve so našli šele v nedeljo, 7. marca okrog polne—deveti dan po eksploziji. In to je bil foreman Elmer Price.

Reševalno delo je bilo zelo težavno in počasno, ker radi strupenih plinov niso mogli dalje. Okrog 50 reševalcev je bilo za-

časno poslanih v bolnišnico radi omamljenja od strupenih plinov. Takoj je bilo poklicano reševalno moštvo iz Butta, Round-upa, Kleina in od drugod. Rdeči križ je takoj postavil kuhinjo, ki je skrbela, da so reševalci imeli kavo in sendviče.

Od 74 žrtve te katastrofe je bilo 17 Slovencev in Hrvatov. Po imenu so sledeči: John Kropivšek, Fred Razboršek, Frank Starčevič (člani društva 81 SNPJ), Ignac Marincich (član društva 112 SNPJ in društva 58 ABZ), John Meden (član društva 112 SNPJ), Joe Maye ml. (član društva 58 ABZ), Louis Kuhar (član društva 58 ABZ), William Slaby (član podpornice organizacije Moose), Frank Pajnič, John Hodnik, Frank Maurich, Jack Maurich, John Sudar, Martin Radkovich, Vid Zaputit (slednji trije člani HBZ), Andrew Jordan in Sam Barovich.

Včeraj (7. marca) smo pričeli pokopavati naše mrtve. Dva naša člana sta že pokopana, enega pa še imamo . . .

O tej katastrofi bi bil že prej poročal, toda sem čakal, da smo točneje doznali. Vedeli smo sicer, da so vsi mrtvi, a sem s tem poročilom čakal, da so vse rešili. K. Erismenik, 81.

Bodimo složni

La Salla, Ill.—Kakor je že brat John Furar poročal v 48. številu Prosvete, smo 21. januarja imeli sejo tukajšnje podružnice JPO-SS, na kateri je vladala brataška sloga. Vsi smo bili enega mišljenja: kako rešiti, kar se sploh da rešiti iz kremljeve naciističnih morilcev.

Ni pa je bilo poročano, da so bili na seji marljivji vojaki in rojakinje, ki so nabrali med tukajšnjimi in okoliškimi Slovenci okrog \$380 in to vsoto izročili blagajnici.

Na naše seje pridejo zastopniki in zastopnice različnega mišljenja in prepričanja. Ampak na teh sejah tega ni opaziti, kajti vsi smo le enega mišljenja: kako pomagati trpečim v stari domovini in kako jih rešiti iz grozeče jim totalne pogube. Kako bo v bodoče, ne vem, toda upanje je, da bomo v naši naselbini in v okoliščini složno naprej s tem delom.

Ko sem čital zapisnik seje glavnega odbora SNPJ, sem se čudil, kako more tako rekoč čvet članstva SNPJ priti do zaključka in kritizirati dele brata Vincenta Calkarja, ki ga je imel v zvezi s Slovenskim narodnim kongresom v Clevelandu. To ni bila lahka naloga: združiti tako veliko skupino ljudi različnega mnenja in prepričanja v tako složno zborovanje. Seveda, kritizirati je lahko, ampak kaj takega izvršiti ni tako lahka stvar.

Meni je brat Calkar prav toliko kot vsak drug član, toda po mojem mnenju ni bila kritika na mestu, kajti to je kal razdora, ki ga sedaj najmanj potrebujemo. Jaz dvomim, da bi bil kdo izmed kritikov zmožen napraviti vsaj toliko složnosti na kongresu. Tudi jaz nisem bil z vsem popolno zadovoljen na kongresu, ampak vsi sklepi so bili sprejeti z veliko večino ali celo soglasno. Večini se moramo pa pokoriti. Pomote pa delamo vsi, tudi kritiki.

Ako se bodo naši voditelji med seboj grizli, ne morete pričakovati dobrega sadu od zunaj, kajti s tem se le da orožje v roke onim, ki tako radi poudarjajo: "Ja, oni so taki . . ." Kakšni smo pa mi? Če se nekateri delajo razdori, ni s tem rečeno, da ga moramo tudi mi.

Jaz in trije drugi delegatje iz La Salla smo zastopali na kongresu razna društva različnih jednot in zvez. Šli smo na kongres z dobrim namenom, da pomagamo, ne pa radi kakšne politike ali pa, da bi komu valjevali vero ali svobodomiselnost. Kongres se je po mojem mnenju zavzel za veliko idejo, ali na žalost se tega menda niso vsi zavedali—ali se niso hoteli zavedati. Pustimo vero in strankarsko politiko na stran in združimo se vsi za delo, katerega je začrtal slovenski kongres.

Veliko se je že pisalo glede predstavnikov slovenske duhovščine in slovenskih katoličanov v Ameriki, ki so protestirali v Washingtonu proti zaslužnemu rojaku Louisu Adamiču. To je bilo res nizkотно in pomilovanja vredno. S tem so delali krivico ne samo pisatelju Adamiču, mar-

več tudi svojim lastnim rojakom tukaj in v stari domovini. Ampak s tem se ni rečeno, da moramo tudi mi delati razdori. Sedaj nam je sloga najbolj potrebna. Pustimo vse osebnosti na stran in pojdemo skupno na delo, da rešimo, kar se še rešiti da . . .

S tem v zvezi naj omenim našo naselbino. Ne mislim nikogar kritizirati ali diktirati, kdo in koliko nam prispeva za žrtve v stari domovini. Vsek da je dobrodošel. Nekateri lahko dajo več, drugi manj. Je tudi resnica, da bi nekateri lahko dali več, to je njihova zadeva. Omenim pa naj slučaj, o katerem je bilo poročano na seji naše postojanke JPO-SS 21. januarja, da je dal Asan Avniček \$50 v ta namen. Petdeset dolarjev je že lepa vsota za revnega premogarja. On je pokazal, da ima res srce za reševanje in da se res zaveda dolžnosti do svojega brata in rojaka.

Dne 25. aprila bomo imeli tukaj velik shod v Slovenskem narodnem domu. Glavna govornika bosta Elin Kristan, predsednik BANSa in Josephine Erjavec, tajnica Slovenske ženske zveze. Na programu bodo tudi lepe slovenske pesmi, po shodu pa ples v spodnji dvorani.

V imenu podružnice št. 22 JPO-SS vabim vse rojake in rojakinje od blizu in daleč na ta važni shod. Dolžnost nas vseh je, da se udeležimo in s tem pokazemo, da po naših žilah še pretaka slovenska kri, ne pa voda. Pokažimo javnosti, da se ne sramujemo, da smo sinovi in hčere slovenskih staršev in da smo v boju za pravico.

Končno naj še omenim, da se vrši prihodnja seja naše podružnice št. 22 dne 18. aprila v Slovenskem domu, pričetek ob dveh popoldne. Potrebna je navzočnost vseh zastopnikov in zastopnic. Vsakdo je dobrodošel z dobrim priporočilom.

Matt Vogrich, 2.

Zadnje vabilo Waukegančanom Waukegan, Ill.—Slovenci in Slovenke v Waukeganu in North Chicagu, ne pozabite, da se vrši priredba JPO-SS v pomoč Slovencev v starem kraju prihodnjo soboto, 20. marca ob 7:30 uri zvečer v dvorani Slov. nar. doma. Vstopnice po volji.

Zabava obeta biti privlačna, ker odbor se trudi, da bo ustregel udeležencem v vseh ožirih. Tudi nagrad bo veliko. Kakor vam je že znano, bo na tej zabavi oddan državni vojni bond in znamke v vrednosti \$40.00. Celotni prebitek je namenjen jugoslovanski pomožni akciji.

Je poročil, ki prihajajo iz stare domovine, je razvidno, da, ako so razmere tamkaj samo polovico tako grozne kakor se nam poroča, mora biti stanje Slovencev neznosno, in najmanj kar moremo storiti zanje je, da zberemo tukaj fond, ki bo vsaj malo olajšal trpljenje nesrečnih žrtve naciizma.

Nedavno sem bila vprašana, da povem skupini Girl Scouts o življenju otrok v Jugoslaviji. Ko sem to delo pripravljala, sem se zavedala, kako malo dobroto so uživali otroci v Sloveniji in kako malo so bili upoštevani celo v mirnem času v primeri z ameriškiimi.

Mnogokrat mi prihajajo v spomin sosedovi otroci: Mirko, Wilko, Mira in Majda, katere sem spoznala 1938, ko sem bila na obisku v domači vasi. Majda je bila stara tri leta, in ko sem ji nekoč ponudila kos torte, ki je bila precej namazana z nadomestila, je dejala: "Oh, jaz ne jem take packarije . . ." Nikdar pa ni odrekla kos črnega kruha. Torej pač ni bila vajena. Kje so sedaj ti otroci? Sedaj tudi kruha nimajo, in morda lakota ni edino gorje, ki jih je doletelo . . . Če mislite na te stvari, si ne morete kaj, da bi ne pomagali. Torej na svidenje v soboto zvečer.—Za Jugoslovanski pomožni odbor—

Albina L. Furian.

Aktivnosti bivših majnarjev Milwaukee.—Želim na kratko opisati delovanje nas bivših majnarjev, ki smo se znašli v tem mestu in spoznali druge drugega. Mislim, da ne bo nihče oporekal, ako rečem, da je majnarstvo življenje na zelo tanki niti in da je njih poklic zelo važen in nevaren. Ako bi večina ljudi vedela in poznala trpljenje majnarjev in njih neštete raznovrstne doživljaje, bi bili

veliko bolj upoštevani in tudi bolj plačani za svoje naporne delo.

Mi bivši majnarji, ki smo se znašli v tem mestu, smo se največ spoznali skozi našo Prosveto in na drugih društvenih piknikih ter drugih veselicah, ki smo jih vedno radi posejali in bili pripravljeni koristiti na kulturnem in podpornem polju naših društev.

Leta 1941 smo se organizirali v klub in priredili svoj piknik v prid nakupu slovenskega doma v tem mestu. Uspeh tega piknika je bil vesteransko dober, čeprav nam je dež kluboval vse popoldne. Bili smo v majnarjski obleki in svetili s pravimi majnarjskimi svetilkami. Nič se nismo zmenili za dež in njega posledice, kajti majnarji nimajo take navade, da bi bežali pred dežjem; saj smo že nešteto krat kljubovali kamenju in drugim neprimlikam.

Dobiček, ki smo ga napravili na lanskem pikniku, smo razdelili tako kot je bilo sklenjeno v poročano v javnosti. Vsoto smo razdelili in poslali polovico za ruski relif in polovico (\$40) za slovenske vojne sotre v Jugoslaviji. Ves denar za obe organizaciji je bil poslan bratu Vincentu Calkarju, glavnemu predsedniku SNPJ. Njegovo potrdilo se nahaja v tedenski Prosveti z dne 10. marca 1943. To omenjam zato, da kakšen rojak ne bo mislil, da tukaj živeči bivši majnarji delamo za svoje žepce in živimo na račun drugih.

Na naši zadnji seji 29. januarja pri bratu Kramarju pa smo sklenili, da priredimo kartno zabavo. Izvolili smo pripravljajni odbor, da preskrbi vse potrebno. To nalogo so prostovoljno prevzeli A. Kramet, Leo Schweiger in J. Jenko. Če se ne motim, je že vse pripravljeno in urejeno. Zabava bo trajala dva dni, namreč prihodnjo soboto in nedeljo, 20. in 21. marca v prostorih brata Kramarja na 525 S. 5th street.

Dobiček od te zabave bomo razdelili na tri enake dele: za jugoslovanski in ruski relif in za podporo SANSu. Apelim na vse rojake in rojakinje, na vse naše prijatelje, da se sestanemo na tej prireditvi in zedinimo v dobro stvar. Pomagajmo z vsem, kar nam je na voljo, in s tem našim bednim in nesrečnim bratom in sestram v starem kraju, kjer prenašajo križe in težave za pravično stvar.

L. Ambrosich, predsednik kluba bivših rudarjev.

Pred dvajsetimi leti

(Iz Prosvete, 17. marca 1923)

Domače vesti. Na Elyju, Minn., so pred kratkim umrli Jakob Matičič, Jakob Smrekar, Miha Tanko in Louis Jakš.

Zadeve SNPJ. (Nič važnega) Delavske vesti. V južnem Illinoisu so začeli zapirati premogovnike.

Inosmativo. Nemčija ponovno svari francoske teroriste v Porurju.

Sovjetska Rusija. Predsednik sovjetske vlade Lenin je nevarno zbolel; zadel ga je mrtvoud in pet zdravnikov je ob njegovi postelji.

Zaradi oskrbe naših oborožitij, saj ameriški Rdeči križ ne zaganjara "pozabljenega Slovence" današnjega dne: vojne ujetnika. Zavoji živeza, cigaret, tobaka, zdravniške potrebšline in oblačila se po Mednarodnem odboru Rdečega križa v Ženevi pošiljajo ameriškim in zavezniškim vojakom in pomorščakom, ki so imeli nesrečo, da so pršli v ujetništvo. To blago se dostavlja našim fantom na Daljnem vzhodu in po Evropi. Da se to in enako delovanje Rdečega križa nadaljuje, mora vsak Američan podpirati vojni sklad Rdečega križa.

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PODPORNA JEDNOTA

Jednajo svoje publikacije in to pošto na list Prosveto za karisti, ter potrebuje oglaševanje svojih društev in članstva in za propagando svojih idej. Mislite pa, da ne moremo brez drugih podpornih organizacij. Vse te organizacije imajo obliko svojih glasil. Torej opazite, da ni nobene namene drugih podpornih organizacij in njih društev saj se ne pošilja lista Prosvete.

Srednja pot - najboljša pot

Predsednik Roosevelt je pred enim tednom predložil kongresu načrt za povojno rekonstrukcijo ameriške ekonomije in socialnih razmer v smislu svobode pred pomanjkanjem.

Znano je, da je Roosevelt v jeseni 1941 razglasil štiri svobode, ki so absolutno potrebne za demokratično življenje; to so svoboda izražanja, svoboda verovanja, svoboda pred pomanjkanjem in svoboda pred bojaznijo. Prvi dve svobodi sta že fakt v ameriški republiki, odkar obstoji Bill of Rights, tretja in četrta pa imata priti po tej vojni, po zmagi Amerike in Združenih narodov, ako bo odločevala doma in po svetu zrela in hladna demokratična pamet.

Načrt za izvajanje svobode pred pomanjkanjem (freedom from want) v Združenih državah, ki je zdaj pred kongresom, je delo odbora, ki se imenuje "National Resources Planning Board" in katerega je predsednik imenoval pred več leti v ta namen. Načrt še ni zakonski načrt, temveč je zbirka priporočil, katero naj kongres porabi za sestavo in sprejetje potrebnih zakonov. Nekaj podobnega je Beveridgejev načrt na Angleškem, dasi je velika razlika med tem in Rooseveltovim načrtom v principih in podrobnostih.

Rooseveltov načrt ima dva glavna principa. Prvi princip je izboljšano in razširjeno socialno zavarovanje, drugi princip pa je gospodarska in socialna odgovornost federalne vlade za blagostanje vsa ljudstva v republiki.

Boljše in širše socialno zavarovanje pomeni, da morajo biti po vojni vsi ameriški delavci zavarovani zoper brezposelnost, torej tudi oni, ki danes še niso vključeni v zakon socialne zaščite; in sicer z zadostno podporo. To pa še ni vse. Delavci morajo biti zavarovani tudi proti telesnim poškodbam in boleznim; prav tako mora biti izboljšano starostno zavarovanje. Dalje mora federalna oblast s pomočjo držav zajamčiti mladini višješolsko izobrazbo, kdor se je hoče poslužiti; nadalje mora federalna oblast dvigniti v splošnem skrbstvo za zdravje in zajamčiti zdravniško pomoč onim, ki si je sami ne morejo nabaviti.

To pa še ne zadostuje za svobodo pred pomanjkanjem. Brezposelnostna podpora teče le neko dobo in ko poteče, je delavec brez podpore in še vedno brez dela. Kaj naj pride potem? Tukaj pride v poštev drugi princip—gospodarska in socialna odgovornost republike za posameznika, kolektivna odgovornost, katere izvaja federalna vlada v sporazumu s posameznimi državami in gospodarskimi organizacijami.

To je nov princip za Ameriko. Deloma—v majhnem obsegu—se že izvaja, odkar je Roosevelt uvedel svoj novi deal in podvrnil privatne industrije in finance kontroli vlade med pobljanjem zadnje depresije in med vojno.

Načrt pa določa, da se ta princip po vojni še bolj poglobi, razširi in učvrsti. Zato priporoča, da federalna vlada prevzame odgovornost za uposilitev vseh vojakov, ki se povrnejo iz vojne zdravi in sposobni, in vseh civilnih delavcev, ki med prehodom iz bojne v civilno produkcijo ostanejo brez zaslužka. V ta namen načrt priporoča "partnership" ali društvo med vlado in vsemi večjimi industrijami, zlasti pa v transportaciji, stavbarstvu, industrijami kovin, ladje in letalogradništvu in kemijskimi industrijami, tako da bo federalna vlada imela besedo, kje se bodo te industrije nahajale, kaj in koliko bodo producirale. Železniške in letalske linije se bodo morale spojit, da bo prvi namen dobra postrežba, ne pa več konkurenca.

Namen tega "partnerstva" med vlado in industrijami je, da privatne industrije takoj po vojni uposlajo čim največ ljudi bodo mogle, preveš delavcev pa uposl direktno vlada pri obsežnih javnih delih in pa pri gradnji stanovanjskih hiš, katerih silno primanjkuje.

Načrt je v glavnih potezah najboljši, kar je še bilo do danes predloženih od katere koli prejane vlade v Ameriki, dasi je v mnogih podrobnostih lahko pomanjkljiv, vendar vrata morajo biti odprta za neprestano izboljševanje. S stališča burboncev—marsikaterega bo kap zadela od zgražanja in pretresa!—je to nekaj strašnega in prvi krik, ki so ga zagnali, je bil: kdo bo dal denar za vse to? S stališča treznomislečih in demokratičnih ljudi pa ni to nič radikalnega, pač pa je "common sense." Naravno: davki bodo za vse veliko večji in privatni dobički bodo precej manjši—in to je vse, česar je treba! Kadar bodo vsi zdravi in sposobni ljudje stalno uposleni ob pošteni plači, se ni treba nikomur bati, odkod pride kapital za finančenje.

Burbonci bodo vpili: socializem, komunizem!—Mi pa pravimo: kooperacija v pravo smer: ekonomsko in socialno demokracijo! To je veliko boljše kot pa—divja revolucija, iz katere se izcim izogibna diktatura te ali one znanke.

Amerika bo po vojni stala notranje pred tremi potmi: na desni reakcija vseh mogočih burbonskih barv, ki vodi v diktaturo, kakršno danes občuti na svoji koži tri četrtine Evrope in velik del Azije; na levi pijani radikalizem vseh mogočih temperamentov in dogmatikov, ki vodi v diktaturo, v kakršni živi Rusija že 25 let. Na sredi med obema tektremoma pa je pot zdravega razvoja ali evolucije, ki vodi v popolno demokracijo: politično, ekonomsko in socialno.

Srednja pot je pot dela, miru in napredka. To je najboljša pot: Rooseveltov načrt vodi na to pot. Daleč je še od konca te poti, je pa prvi korak, začetek je. Zdrav razvoj je vedno na srednji poti, po kateri koraka polagoma pa sigurno po solidnih tleh—nikdar ne skače v ekstreme, kjer prej ali slej obleti z razbitjo glavo.

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Zapisnik zrcalo aktivnosti
Uradni zapisnik letnega zborovanja glavnega odbora smo priredili za priobčitev, kakor hitro je bilo mogoče in sedaj je pred članstvom. Izšel je v slovenskem jeziku že zadnje sredo, v angleškem pa je priobčen v današnji številki. Ker pa je našlo poslovanje ogromno in ker hočemo, da je članstvo dobro informirano o vsem, kar se godi in vrši v organizaciji, in ker je to glavni namen priobčevanja zapisnika, je naravno, da mora biti dovolj obširen in da je bilo zaradi tega potrebno, da je Prosveta izšla s prilogo.

V zapisniku najdemo razne statistične podatke in pomembne sklepe. Iz njega je razvidno, kako se pri enotni gospodari, kam gre denar, kako je investirana rezerva, kako organizacija uspeva in tako dalje, kar je vse zelo važno in je zato tudi priporočljivo, da vsak član zapisnik pazno prečita in temu primerno reagira. Naš zapisnik je splošen pregled delavnosti in analiza življenske sposobnosti organizacije in iz njega se lahko mnogo naučimo.

Nov dotok podlaga bodočnosti
Vsi vemo ali bi morali vedeti, da je bodočnost vsake organizacije odvisna največ od pomlajevanja, to je stalnega dotoka novih članov. To velja seveda tudi za našo jednoto. In ker naša statistika iz pretečenega leta izkazuje lep napredek ne samo v premoženju, temveč tudi na članstvu, smo pač tega upravičeno veseli. Seveda, denar tudi mora biti, da nam je mogoče izplačevati razne podpore in tekoče obilicije ter obenem dati primeren preostanek nastran in graditi potrebno rezervo za bodoče obveznosti, toda primeren dotok novopridobljenih članov je še bolj važna stvar. Nova, sveža kri daje organizaciji novo življenje in potreben zamah za bodočnost. In mi jo imamo, v pretečenem letu smo v tem uspešni—za vojne čase in težke razmere prav dobro uspešni! To naj nam pa bo za vzgled, kaj se da doseči za dobro organizacijo tudi v neugodnih razmerah, če je prava volja za stvar, in to naj nam bo v podžig za nadaljnjo agitacijo in uspešno pridobivanje novih članov tudi v letu 1943!

Kampanja hvaležno prizadevanje
Razume se kaj-pak, da se imamo za tako lepo število novopridobljenih članov precej zahvaliti posebni kampanji, ki smo jo tako živo vodili v pretečenem letu. In prav je, da se pri tem omeni, da je imela tudi ta stvar svoje nasprotnike, zlasti spočetka. Že ko smo na lanskim letni seji razpravljali o vprašanju kampanje, je bilo precej skeptičnosti. Nismo bili vsi edini v tem, dali je v teh časih umestno razpisati kampanjo ali ne, kmalu po razpisu pa so se pojavili naši stari nasprotniki kampanji, ki zmiraj argumentirajo, da s tem pride veliko nezahvaljen članov v organizacijo, da je za kampanjo potreben denar vsrčan vržen, da ni več polja za agitacijo in je škoda napora in tako dalje. Toda izkazalo se je ponovno, kako napačno sodijo o stvari ti črnogledi. Iz podrobnejših poročil o uspehih, ki jih je od časa do časa priobčeval br. Vrhovnik in iz poročila, ki ga ima na drugem mestu današnje Prosvete, se je pač lahko prepričati, da se nam je kampanja tudi to pot povoljno obnesla.

Kampanja za nove člane je torej hvaležno prizadevanje in uspešno tudi v neugodnih časih, samo resne volje in potrebne poštvalnosti zahteva. Stane seveda tudi nekaj, toda stane še več druge organizacije in inšurence, ki z nami kompetirajo in znajo, da iz nič ni nič. Potrebni so aginli člani, ki se ne ustrašijo dela ne potežkega, pa gre! In naša jednota je srečna da ima Barufaldela, Udovico in Ambrozičev ter še mnogo drugih takih članov, katerih imena so našeta na drugem mestu Prosvete in ki so dali tako briljanten zgled, kaj se da narediti. Za njih polje ni nikoli izbrano in tako vnetim agitatorjem in marljivim delavcem gre glavni priznanje in zahvala za lep uspeh naše zmagonosne kampanje.

Praznujmo zanosno
Kakor je našemu članstvu že znano, bo letos trideset let, odkar smo začeli sprejemati mladinske člane v jednoto, kar je bilo tedaj nekaj novega in povsem izrednega. Z uvedbo mladinskega oddelka je prišlo novo življenje v aktivnosti naše organizacije in od tega imamo že neprecenljive koristi. In letos bo pet let, odkar smo začeli z ustanavljanjem mladinskih krizov, ki so tudi naša posebnost. Slednji sicer še niso dobili potrebnega razmaha, toda so važnega pomena in veliko bolj potrebni kot se morda splošno zavedamo ali kot povprečno članstvo priznava. Torej dvoje važnih obletnic, ki sta epohalnega pomena v zgodovini jednote in samo pravilno je, da se tega dostojno spominjamo ter proslavimo kakor najbolj spodobno in zanosno. Vsa društva in federacije so pozvane, da se zvezujemo za stvar in jo po svojih razmerah in zmoglostih izvedejo.

V. CAINKAR, gl. predsednik.

Glasovi iz naselbin

Assessment članov-vojakov
Slovan, Pa.—"Ja, mrs. Papesh, kako pa to, da mi kar naprej računate assessment za mojega sina, ki je pri vojakih?"—me je že dni pobarala mati člana-vojaka. "Saj sem slišala, da zanje ni treba več plačevati, da so prosti assessmenta."

Naj bo vsem skupaj pojasnjeno, da se člani-vojaki lahko odpovedo zavarovanju za bolniško podporo in odškodnino, ostanejo pa naprej zavarovani za smrtnino in zanje morajo plačevati assessment. To je v smislu pravil SNPJ, ne pa sklep našega društva 241. In po teh pravilih se mora ravnati vsakdo, bodisi sin glavnega predsednika ali pa član najbolj oddaljenega društva jednote.

"Ja, kaj ste pa potem storili zanje..." —"Well, za božič smo poslali vsakemu zavoj cigaret," sem ji pojasnila. —"O saj jih ni več ko šest, vsaj tako je bilo enkrat zapisano v Prosveti..." O ostalih članih menda ni čitala. Jaz dobro vem, da imamo 13 članov pri vojakih. In ti so:

Frank Anzlovar, brata Frank in Dafi Barto, brata John in Frank Mlačnik, Henry Pirihi, Anton Skafar, Steve Vukas (?), August Lavrich, brata Philip in Nick Nokovich, bratranca Lawrence in Andrew Stemmliger.

Vsi so se drug za drugim zahvalili za poslano cigarete in so veseli, da se spominjamo nanje. Moj nečak Frank Anzlovar jih je dobil v severno Afriko. Piše, da se zahvali in iskreno želi, da bi bil za prihodnji božič doma med nami, da bi nam mogel povrniti in da ga veseli, ker se ga društveni bratje spominjajo. To znači, da bo tudi po vojni ostal zvest član SNPJ.

Za jugoslovansko pomožno akcijo smo pa na seji nabrali nekaj med članstvom. In sicer so darovali po dolarju: Predsednik Anton Laurich, Karolina Papesh, Ana Balch, mrs. Mlatnik, John Pirihi, Ignac Domensk in Halker Baker. Vsota bo poslana glavnemu predsedniku SNPJ. Vsem darovalcem hvala. V vladnih bondih pa ima naše društvo investiranih \$187.50.

Karolina Papesh, tajnica.

Društvene vesti
Bairdford, Pa.—Od našega društva 414 SNPJ sta šla dva člana v armado Strica Sama, in sicer Paul Rončevich in John Shimela. Anka Shimela, članica mladinskega oddelka pa se je podvrgla operaciji na slepiču. Nahaja se v bolnišnici Tarentum Allegheny. Članstvo ji želi hitrega okrevanja.

George Rončevich, tajnik.

Fleming, Kansas.—Članstvu društva 30 SNPJ naznanjam, da je bilo na zadnji seji 28. februarja sklenjeno, da bo za tri mesece doklada deset centov za člane, ki so zavarovani za bolniško podporo in pet centov za člane, ki so zavarovani samo za smrtnino. Ta zaključek je bil storjen, ker je blagajna prazna. Prosim vse brate in sestre, da upoštevajo ta sklep.

Dalje poročam, da sta šla nadaljnja člana našega društva k vojakom. Dne 2. marca je šel Ignac Kokel, 8. marca pa John Benedik. Od prej pa so pri vojakih: Frank Pintar, ki je šel 3. aprila 1942, Joseph Zupan, ki je šel 8. maja in se sedaj nahaja na bojni polju v Afriki, Floyd Simon od 30. oktobra 1942 in Robert Zupan od 10. novembra 1942. Društvo želi vsem srečno vrnitev domov.

Louis Supancic, tajnik.

Da se odpomore pomanjkanju bolničark, vezba Rdeči križ veliko število bolničarskih pomočnic. V letu 1942 je Rdeči križ pridobil približno 70,000 žensk za to vezbanje. Po 80 urah pouka so bolničarske pomočnice dodeljene bolnišnicam, kjer raznih manjših dolžnostih in jim tako dajejo priliko, da se popolnoma posvečajo stvarjem, ki potrebujejo vse njihovo strokovno znanje. Vsakdo more pomagati, da se to delovanje nadaljuje, s prispevki v vojni sklad Rdečega križa.

SLOVENSKI AMERIŠKI NARODNI SVET

Poročilo o finančnem stanju 1. marca 1943

Prejemki do 1. marca 1943:

Nabrano na kongresu	\$1,380.50
John Sortz, Cleveland, O. (na kongresu)	1.00
Krist Stokel, Cleveland (na kongresu)	5.00
Ivan Zorman, Cleveland (na kongresu)	10.00
Društvo šte. 1 SDZ	100.00
Društvo šte. 300 SNPJ \$10.00, člani darovali \$43.00	53.00
Društvo šte. 48 SNPJ	15.00
Društvo šte. 3 SDZ	25.00
Društvo šte. 2 SDZ	50.00
John Frankovich, Cleveland, O.	5.00
Društvo šte. 126 SNPJ	100.00
Jugoslov. sam. podp. društvo "Danica", N. Braddock, Pa.	10.00
Društvo šte. 35 SNPJ	8.50
Mr. in mrs. Anton Benchan, Chicago, Ill.	2.00
Društvo šte. 26 SNPJ	25.00
Louis Mikulich, Traunk, Mich.	10.00
Dr. F. J. Kern, Cleveland, O.	100.00
Federacija SNPJ—okrožje Westmoreland	25.00
Slovenski narodni dom, Indianapolis, Ind.	25.00
Podružnica šte. 1 SANS, Detroit, Mich.	150.00
Andrej Spolar, Chicago, Ill.	10.00
John Keržanik, Burley, Idaho	5.00
Frank Klune, Chisholm, Minn.	1.00
Frank Kolenc, Windsor Heights, W. Va.	5.00
Podružnica šte. 5 SANS, Rock Springs, Wyo.	150.00
Prispevki, poslani V. Cinkarju	212.32
Društvo šte. 129 SNPJ	10.00
John Sivec, Cleveland, O.	5.00
Rev. Kazimir Zakrajšek (vračilo stanarine)	150.00
Podružnica šte. 22 JPO-SS, La Salle, Ill.	300.00
Skupaj	\$3,048.32

Izdatki do 1. marca 1943:

Najemnina urada v Chicagu	\$ 100.00
Tiskovine	37.36
Brzojavke in telefon (kongres)	38.84
Brzojavke in telefon (SANS)	20.61
Oprema pisarne	140.87
Stroški urada v Washingtonu (gl. dohodke)	150.00
Plača namestnice v uradu do 27. febr. 1943	169.25
Pisalni stroj	50.00
Napisi urada	50.00
Jamčina za elektriko	15.00
Ciščenje urada	3.70
Poštne	10.38
Pisalne in pisarniške potrebščine	12.73
Zvonko Novak, nagrada v priznanje dela za kongres	100.00
Potni stroški predsednika in tajnika	225.00
Skupni izdatki	\$1,123.74
Ročna blagajna	5.03
Bilanca na banki 2/27	1,919.55
Skupaj	\$3,048.32

JOSEPH ZALAR, blagajnik
MIRKO G. KUHEL, pomožni tajnik.

SESTMESEČNI RAČUN MED DRUŠTVI IN JEDNOTO

od 1. januarja do 30. junija 1943
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR SIX MONTHS
From January 1, 1943, to June 30, 1943
(Nadaljevanje s 2. strani.)

Št. dr.	VPLAČILA		TEPLAČILA		Dr. delujoči na kongresu	Dr. ima kredit	Obrniti odobitki Št. članov	Kreditni odobitki Št. članov
	Obrniti odobitki	Kreditni odobitki	Obrniti odobitki	Kreditni odobitki				
Lodge No.	Adult	Juvenile	Adult	Juvenile	Debit	Credit	Adult	Juv.
300	215.88	1.30	117.00				19	
301	168.21		1,000.00				11	
302	1,704.55	119.00	1,300.00				119	73
303	908.03	19.20	3,190.00				97	14
304	1,000.00	81.40	1,113.50				120	40
305	50.00	1.00					5	1
306	1,812.44	10.00	347.00				120	23
307	500.00	23.20	140.00				20	10
308	208.38	12.04	211.00				27	4
309	1,032.98	126.07	1,141.00				74	80
310	1,308.21	11.44	505.00				27	10
311	144.20	1.00	100.00				2	1
312	500.00	4.00	245.00				27	1
313	804.43	20.00	172.00				21	20
314	361.69	9.24	19.00				17	7
315	190.72	24.72	90.00				14	9
316	297.00	31.74					18	23
317	1,376.76	53.60	679.50			10.00	86	30
318	517.00	19.00	1,500.00				22	13
319	404.71	48.22	90.00				28	17
320	50.00	5.00	118.00				5	9
321	120.00		700.00				14	1
322	500.00	17.00	212.00				20	14
323	500.00	1.17	200.00				20	1
324	2,226.97	82.70	1,400.00				181	80
325	204.72	9.24	128.00				20	10
326	600.00	9.16	114.00				9	9
327	400.10	10.00	500.00				20	9
328	750.47	20.00	500.00				20	9
329	127.79	5.52	207.00				11	5
330	1,212.27	12.28	1,000.00				90	13
331	501.00	10.00	100.00				20	10
332	200.54	8.00	200.00				20	10
333	210.00	2.00	420.00				11	3
334	118.25	3.20	30.00				11	4
335	500.00	11.00	500.00				12	10
336	50.00	1.00	12.00				1	1
337	276.43	13.00					20	5
338	540.42	11.04	2,016.50				20	13
339	500.00	10.12	70.00				20	13
340	1,100.41	12.17	241.00		200.00		102	12
341	1,000.20	74.00	612.00			1.70	141	27
342	200.25	2.72	200.00				5	1
343	527.00	7.00	210.00				5	1
344	120.00	5.00					5	1
345	500.00	20.04	200.00				40	13
346	1,153.20	50.00	512.00				64	40
347	491.14	6.74	215.00				20	11
348	461.28	9.24	215.00				20	11
349	979.54	4.24	67.00				21	5
350	1,215.07	20.00	400.00			27	21	5
351	501.00	27.48	240.00				21	5
352	121.51	1.16	12.00				5	1
353	400.21	6.00	247.50			1.70	21	5
354	430.00	1.00	71.00				21	5
355	1,187.72	20.70	207.00				27	20
356	440.00	21.25	67.00				45	13
357	500.15	5.12	200.00				21	5
358	400.47	20.72	200.00				21	5
359	1,216.70	20.12	415.00			1.10	21	5
360	140.00	1.00	50.00			10	10	1
361	247.00	2.24	30.00			1.00	20	7
362	1,180.82	27.46	1,200.00				20	7
363	200.15	2.70	140.00				20	7
364	227.54	8.00					24	5
365	197.00	17.70					15	4
366	309.76	9.70	117.00			1.40	21	1
367	1,000.50	20.16	500.00				112	8
368	300.00	9.00	147.00				20	1
369	400.00	4.00					20	1
370	94.50	1.20					5	1
371	200.00	5.00	200.00				27	1
372	47.00	1.00	19.00				7	1
373	577.27	5.70	234.00			0.27	20	1
374	567.30	27.12	401.00				20	1
375	615.00	27.12	204.00				20	1
376	520.00	20.00	600.00			0.50	20	1
377	700.15	15.00	60.00				20	1
378	122.00	5.00					12	1
379	300.00	13.00	200.00				20	1
380	342.00	3.00	113.00				20	1
381	100.00	6.00	10.00				8	1

SNPJ Victory Campaign Brings 5816 New Members!

Read Supreme Board Meeting Minutes

In the supplement of this issue of Prosveta are published the minutes of the annual meeting of the Supreme Board of the Slovene National Benefit Society.

In the minutes is a review of the Society's business for the past year, with important matters discussed by the Board along with the decisions made.

The minutes should be read by all members and especially lodge secretaries. In the minutes will be found everything that is essential to the interests of the organization. In fact, some detailed information therein may seem superfluous, but the Board is aware of the fact that the Society belongs to the members who are entitled to know what the Society is doing and why.

Our young members should be acquainted with the fact that the SNPJ has always practiced the rule of informing its members accurately on everything pertaining to its functions. This is perhaps one of the chief factors which has contributed to our Society's popularity and greatness.

More than three-fourths of the space in the supplement is devoted exclusively to various departmental reports. The longest of these of necessity are the reports of the Secretary, Finance and Supervisory committees, which contain statistics and tables on relative subjects.

From these reports—19 in all—the members can obtain a clear picture of our Society's business and form a conception of the responsibility involved in handling the entire SNPJ system in proper operation.

Quite appropriately, one of the most important of all decisions made by the Board was the one concerning the SNPJ Juvenile Anniversary Year.

This year our Society is celebrating the Thirtieth Anniversary of its Juvenile Department and the Fifth Anniversary of Juvenile Circles. In order to properly observe these two anniversaries the Board has adopted a five-point program which includes the essential features for a fitting celebration.

As announced here previously, all lodges and federations are called upon to sponsor celebrations for juveniles in order to promote interest among our younger generation for the SNPJ.

Also, a three-month organizing campaign to form new Circles will be in progress during April, May and June. Each lodge with at least seven juveniles will be given an opportunity to organize a Circle, with the support and financial aid from the Main Office.

The twin anniversaries call for a genuine celebration by the entire membership, and we are confident that the response will be favorable throughout our Society's jurisdiction.

On page eight of this issue of Prosveta also appears the Annual Financial Statement of our Society, in the form of a table made to the various insurance departments of states in which we do business.

In last week's Prosveta the Valuation Report of the SNPJ was published, which shows that the solvency of our Society, as of Dec. 31, 1942, was 124.28%, as compared to 121.56% in 1940.

It goes without saying that the standing of our Society not only shows progress in the right direction, but proves that the SNPJ is continually strengthening its financial position. In membership the year 1942 has likewise been one of progress for our Society.

The total assets of the SNPJ now are \$10,409,342.06, and the total membership 62,000.

We trust that each member will not only read the official minutes of the Supreme Board meeting, but also the Valuation Report and the Financial Statement, and will have the same satisfaction which we feel in the strength of our Society.

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—There has been much talk about the shortage of men. But, as more and more men are being drafted into the service, the more I wonder as to which shortage is becoming more noticeable. Is it that of men or women? Recent functions have shown a noticeable drop in the attendance of the opposite sex. Another little item to be mentioned is the fact that two young women were supposed to take regular turns with the rest of the writers at keeping our readers informed. Since the first of the year, there have been but two articles written by them. How about a little more cooperation you gals? If you don't start taking over a little more, the boys won't have much left to come back to when the present turmoil is over. And just to keep my ears from getting too tingled, let us consider the previous sentences as an appeal rather than a rebuke.

This Friday, the Badgers are having their regular monthly meeting. But the meeting has a special importance. Our lodge is trying to get a large group to offer themselves as blood donors. A tabulation will be made of the number that are willing to give their blood to such a worthy cause. On the following Friday, those who have offered to donate will do so in a body. Such an action will benefit Our Country and will at the same time make us feel as though

we are trying to do our bit in carrying the load.

Many of the Badgers will be spending their weekend in Chicago. The Pioneer Bowling Tournament is the event of the week. But, naturally, those activities that are held in conjunction with it will also have a good drawing power. As a special inducement, it might be good advertising to say that, in all probability, there will be quite a few sailors in the vicinity.

This 'n' That: Staff Sergeant Al Jeray was in town during the past week. Too bad he couldn't manage to make it this week. The Badger Bombers could have used that power ball of his in the Pioneer tournament. Frank Borello has returned, and is now attending the functions that he had been missing while in the service. The Miners are holding a card party at Kramer's for the Yugoslav-Russian relief. That is a worthy cause, so try to attend, if you can.

Molly, Matt Pink's sister, left Missouri for a while so that she could visit her Milwaukee friends. The trip was just in time for the surprise party that was held for Eddie Sternbenz. Eddie was more surprised at the large number of friends that came, than he was about the party itself. By the way, the "Spirits" of St. Louis might be interested in knowing that they will not be able to (Continued on page 7)

Pioneer News

CHICAGO.—The Pioneers are going to have two events that should attract every SNPJ member this week end; Saturday evening, March 20, and Sunday, March 21, all day.

On Saturday evening they will hold a dance in both the upper and lower SNPJ Halls, 2657 S. Lawndale Avenue.

On Sunday morning beginning at 9:45 the bowling will begin—at Bennett's Bowl, 2645 W. Cermak Road (22nd st.). The first squad begins at 9:45 and the second squad goes on at 12 o'clock noon.

The music Saturday evening will be furnished by Ray Rodman and his Gay Dons. In the lower hall Saturday evening there will be music to all of those who have that step for a good polka.

The Pioneers should attend the meeting that will be held this Friday, March 19. The Committee has met and a good program is on hand. We will have very good movies that will be shown through the Juvenile Director Michael Vrhovnik. He has promised that the films are good, so please attend the meeting.

The members who attend the Pioneer meeting would like to see some more spirit at the meeting that existed at the meetings in previous years. The Officers are doing their share to attract the members to attend. Please attend the meeting for your own good and the Committee will appreciate your attendance.

If you desire to bowl in the tournament, get in touch with the committee and you will be placed on a team. FRANK ZORDANI.

CHICAGO.—Another month and another meeting and social.

From all reports, our members have enjoyed February's meeting and entertainment. Aunt Jimma and everyone's interest so well that the clock could be heard. She talked, sang, and served some tasty pastries.

Following a short meeting on March 19, we shall have refreshments served by Irma Vertnik, and movies of Jugoslavians (I hear that the scenes are beautiful and I am very anxious to see them.)

The entertainment committee have a program arranged for our April meeting also. They have invited Mr. Val Trinen of the Calvert Distillers Corp. to entertain the Pioneer members.

All members should make every effort to attend as many meetings as possible as a fraternal duty; and with entertainment after meetings for you to enjoy, this should be a pleasant duty to perform.

We had an attendance of about 100 members last month. Are we going to top that record March 19?

The date of the much talked of bowling tournament and dance is close. The Athletic Committee have worked hard to complete arrangements for this event and dance, March 20 and 21, and they'll be happy to see a good attendance of the Pioneers, neighboring lodges and friends. ANNE CARTIER, 559.

CHICAGO.—Latest reports show that 31 teams have entered the Pioneer handicap tournament, 21 men and 10 women teams. Integrity has 2 men and 2 women teams, Victorians 2 men and 1 woman team, Trailblazers 2 men teams, Francisco Ferrer, Calumet Sentinels and Lodge 66 one man team each, and the only out-of-town entry received to date comes from Ladies' Lodge 119, Waukegan. The Pioneers' entries include 12 men and 6 women teams.

Of the entries received from Lodges to date all are to bowl the time asked for. We thank all of you for your cooperation and request all bowlers to be at the alleys on schedule. We invite all to participate in the dance Sat. night at SNPJ Hall and the social at the Center Sun. afternoon.

SHORTS. Emil Hraat is in from Washington, D. C., and will participate in the tournament. Amongst the bowlers who bowled in the Victory tournament in Chicago last week were 2 SNPJers, E. Blake of the Young Americans and Rudy Pugel of the Badgers. Rudy's team came in second which had a prize of \$1000; they were just 20 pins short of the first prize, \$2000. Blake was a guest of some of the Pioneers Sat. and Sun. and seemed to be enjoying himself. Remember Proletaria's benefit next Sunday, at the SNPJ Hall. An all-star program featuring Anton Subelj. Tickets can be secured at the Center.

FRANK GROSER, 559.

COMRADES' NOTE BOOK

By J. F. Fiolit, Sec'y

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—The dance a few weeks ago proved very successful, in fact one of the best for a long period. Practically everyone was satisfied with the music of Johnny Zalokar. Except for a few minor disturbances everything went off in good shape. Tony Kushlan showed up to help out, likewise Lou Jartz, Roy Hoyt, John and Rose Smole. Working without complaint were our new members, Sophie and Jennie Koren at the door, relieved by Alice Popotnik; Marie Zak, Rose Skok, Albina Vehar in the kitchen; Marge Stefanie, Antoinette Skok, Frances Presern, Frances Spik, Jean Beljan, Mollie Koren, Pauline Ross selling refreshment tickets; President Pauline Spik here and there, Dani Fiolit at the ticket window. Frank Ross jumped in when aid was required behind the bar. To all who helped, thanks for a good job.

In attendance, Joyce Gorsche from the Spartans, Hank Zorman and his wife, Tony Gerschman and the wife from the Utopians, Cam Zarnick, wife and friends from the Commodores, a number of Concordians, Strugglers and Loyalties. Also many one time active Comrade members with their better halves. We certainly were glad to see Sue Pakis resplendent in her WAAC outfit.

Addresses: The writer is again asking that the following members contact him or drop him a postal card giving their latest address; Tom Feltz, Agnes Hodak, Helen Knezevich, Angela and Julia Mahne, Frances Mooney, Anne Sumrada and Frank Tushar.

The writer would like to receive latest address and birth dates for the following in service: Ed Azman, Louis Bizjak, Joe Momovec, Frank Illersich, Casimer Mack, Stan Skuk, Victor Vehar.

On the bowling front: The Wolves headed by Whitey Matthews proved too tough for the Comrade boys. Whitey went to town with a 224 game and helping to dump the Comrades for two games. Lunder Adame broke league records in administering three defeats to the Utopian boys. They were so hot the alleys sizzled.

Congratulations to: Anna Gabrenja out in Iowa, recently married, ditto Louis Rupnik; Christine Weider and Vera Sebenik on their recent arrivals.

Sick reports lately have indicated that the members are interested in the welfare of their brothers and sisters, visiting them quite frequently. Keep this good work up.

A brisk sale is reported for Glasbena Matice's Spring Concert on Sunday, April 4 at the SNH, starting at 7 p. m. If you wish to secure a desirable seat stop at Makovec's or else contact one of the members.

The Cleveland Athletic group held their monthly meeting last week attended by the Concordians, Utopians and Comrades. Complete plans for the forthcoming Eastern Invitational Bowling tournament were drawn up and discussed by Johnny Spilar. There will be a dance on Saturday, April 17, at the SNH on St. Clair and a concluding social Sunday, April 18 at the Waterloo home. Bowling will commence on Saturday and continue thru to Sunday night.

It is expected that Comrade's regular team will enter the events. A second team is desired. So far Johnny Smole, Ed Grum have indicated intentions. How about Adolph Tekautz, Rudy Turk, Johnny Alden, Lou Jartz, Roy Hoyt and others? Please contact the writer immediately.

Note: Meeting of the Cleveland Federation on Saturday, March 27. Representatives be on hand.

Dues: Members who were unable to attend our meeting last Tuesday must make it a point to see that their dues are paid up collection night March 25. The cooperation the writer has received from 99.44% of the lodge has been wonderful. It is the 54% that should make it a point to respond. With conditions as they are today many members

Young Americans

DETROIT.—After the Young Americans' regular meeting last Friday evening, the entertainment committee remained to write out cards for our party, Saturday, March 20. Rudy Masser will play for our dancing pleasure. All of the proceeds from this affair will go into the Young Americans' soldiers' fund.

Ann Obranovich resigned her post of entertainment chairman because her time is greatly limited. However, she is continuing her fine work as recording secretary. Bob Travnik was elected new chairman of the entertainment committee. The committee always has a welcome sign out for our new members, and also for those who have been backward at accepting a more active status in the lodge.

Participation in lodge affairs makes new friends and it is a pleasant variation from a day in the shop. Why don't some of you fellows and girls who have never participated, call Bob Travnik and make your inquiries concerning our affairs. Bob's address is 12530 Maline, Twinbrook 12769. ADOLPH KOSS, 564.

DETROIT.—The Young Americans are giving a bingo party and dance Saturday, March 20, at the SNH on John R. We want to make this affair a big success, so we're asking everyone to be there. All the profits are going in a fund for our boys in the service.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Tony Meyers whose brother was killed in Bear Creek, Mont. Quite a few Slovenes lost their lives in the same mine and our sympathies are extended to all their families.

We haven't seen any articles from Leon Hostnik or Beechy Bruce for a long time. Let's hear from you boys. Two more of our boys left for the service, they are Carl Turk and Joe Nagel. Lots of good luck to both. That brings the number of boys in the service to 43.

JEANNE HOSTNIK, 564.

DETROIT.—The Young Americans, SNPJ lodge 564, invite everyone to be present at their first affair of the year, this Saturday, March 20, at the SNH, 17153 John R. beginning at 7:30 p. m. Bingo will be played until the complete stock of awards have been exhausted, and following this you may dance to the music of Rudy Masser's orchestra.

This party is the first of a series to raise funds towards buying gifts for all our members in the United States Armed Forces. We here at home should not forget them, even though we have not seen many of them for quite some time and many of whom are overseas. They, too, would not want to be forgotten.

Your presence at this affair will insure yourself of an evening of enjoyment and also help us to obtain our goal. BOB TRAVNIK, 564.

Jolly Allis Lodge

WEST ALLIS, WIS.—It's high onto time for another lodge meeting; Sunday, March 21, at 2 p. m. It seems that the new time surely made a change in the attendance. It was a delightful surprise to see so many members present.

The attendance was so encouraging that we decided to hold a card party after the next meeting, this Sunday, at Erman's. Be sure to attend. Adie and George are rounding up the prizes and promise something despite rationing. To top everything, Mary Peritz has promised to bake a cake. So don't forget the meeting and the party. "ADIE," Lodge 686.

Candid Comment

If a girl doesn't watch her figure the boys won't.

pay their dues considerably in advance. This is a good practice to cultivate.

Memories: June 1927—Carl Segulin and Sis. Grill first representatives to the Cleveland Federation; membership 55; Fiolit and Stritof elected as basketball coaches.

July—Lodge Naprej donated to the lodge a number of shares in the SNH; Louis Mack and Anna Stofa new members; barrel of grape juice sold. Discussion on Comrade colors; Purple and Silver finally chosen.

August—Transferred members: Mary, Frances and Jean Svete; John Mocnik's offer of merchandise for a prize to be given at the September dance gratefully accepted; caps made out of colors selected ordered.

February Breaks All Records - 786!

Highest Honors Won by John Barufaldi with 315 Members; Mary Udovich Second with 263; Pennsylvania Lodges Win 1st and 2nd Places, Sygan (6) with 392 Members and Verona (680) with 159; Lodge No. 6 Ends Campaign with Highest Membership in SNPJ—958

NATIONAL, DISTRICT AND STATE SNPJ VICTORY CAMPAIGN WINNERS

LODGE WINNERS				INDIVIDUAL WINNERS			
No.	No.	Location	New Members	No.	No.	Location	New Members
2	6	Sygan, Pa.	392	2	6	John Barufaldi	315
2	680	Verona, Pa.	159	4	102	Mary Udovich	263

DISTRICT CONTESTS

1	82	Johnstown, Pa.	151	1	684	Olivia Chuchek	148
2	6	Sygan, Pa.	392	2	6	John Barufaldi	315
3	176	Piney Fork, Ohio	100	3	176	John Mandich	100
4	559	Chicago, Ill.	138	4	102	Mary Udovich	263
5	190	Eveleth, Minn.	117	5	190	Ursula Ambrosich	144
6	381	Aguilar, Colo.	73	6	381	Joe Kolenc	73

STATE CONTESTS

1	825	Gowanda, N. Y.	28	1	325	Rose Matekovich	25
2	29	Thomas, W. Va.	25	2	29	Lenhart Werdinek	25
2	6	Sygan, Pa.	392	2	6	John Barufaldi	315
3	176	Piney Fork, Ohio	100	3	176	John Mandich	100
3	564	Detroit, Mich.	32	3	564	(No Individual Winner)	
4	859	Chicago, Ill.	138	4	102	Mary Udovich	263
4	163	Albia, Iowa	28	4	163	Helen Kristof	28
5	190	Eveleth, Minn.	117	5	190	Ursula Ambrosich	144
5	273	Sheldon, Wis.	75	5	273	Lucas Dornovsek	75
6	381	Aguilar, Colo.	73	6	381	Joe Kolenc	73
6	706	Roundup, Mont.	52	6	706	Lea Oset	52
6	134	Superior, Wyo.	28	6	134	Jacob Zalts	28

NOTE: Above membership figures are gross. All members cancelled prior to expiration of required minimum membership period will be deducted before payment of prizes.

The results of the SNPJ Victory Campaign are here at last. The long suspense is now broken and all who have been waiting patiently for this day to arrive can relax and breath normally once more, for there above is the story in figures of the winners of the highest honors and prizes awarded in the national, district and state contests of the campaign which came to a very successful conclusion on March 1, 1943. Here and elsewhere in today's columns of the Prosveta, you will find more of the story of the campaign in pictures, writing and statistics.

The membership enrollment in February was far and away the best for any single month of the Victory Campaign and, undoubtedly, one of the highest recorded for a similar period in the entire history of the SNPJ. A total of 786 members, 490 of whom are juveniles, 175 of them newly admitted adults and 121 transfers from the Juvenile Department (34 of whom are insured for \$1000 or more), were admitted into both departments of the Society.

This latest expansion in membership raised the grand total of the Victory Campaign to 5816. This figure includes some sixty increases of mortuary benefits taken out during the past year which were credited as gains for various lodges and contestants, but it does not include a number of new members whose applications were recently sent back to lodge secretaries for correction, and which have not yet been returned to the main office. These will be counted later. The Victory Campaign definitely established a new record to "shoot" at for future campaigns.

March 1, 1943, will be long remembered by the members of Lodge No. 6 of Sygan, Pennsylvania, not only as the date when they won a great double victory in the SNPJ Victory Campaign, but for still another reason, one which to many might be considered of almost equal importance, and that is that on this date it passed the Chicago Pioneer Lodge 559 in total membership to become, for the first time in its history, the biggest SNPJ Lodge. Our figures might not be exactly correct, but as nearly as can be computed at this time, Lodge No. 6 now consists of 426 adults and 526 juveniles for a total of 952 members—only 42 less than 1000. Who will get there first? Will it be the Chicago Pioneers or who will be the victor in this friendly duel.

Perhaps, to no one in recent years is Lodge No. 6 more indebted for progress in membership than to John Barufaldi. In making this statement we are not forgetting the splendid work, past and present, of the lodge secretary, John Wirant, or of Katherine Pitar, or of George Usnick, all three of whom had an important role in the outcome of the Victory Campaign, nor of the hosts of other members, among them the various officers, through whose cooperation and leadership Sygan and its neighboring towns have grown into one of the most prominent, active and talked-about SNPJ centers in the entire country.

In the last month of the campaign, John Barufaldi, who had slowed down considerably in the months of October, November

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Our Front SNPJ Victory Campaign Closes With Record Enrollment: Total 5816 Members

By Louis Beniger

In the March 6 issue of Labor, official organ of fifteen railroad labor unions, appears an interesting editorial pertaining to Rickenbacker's recent anti-union ravings. Under the heading "Rickenbacker Is Now in the Open," the editorial is as follows:

"Thank heavens, Capt. Rickenbacker is at last out in the open, where even the most stupid of us can recognize him for what he is—the tool of those Fascist-minded Americans, men like Adler and Sultzberger of the New York Times, who are seeking to take advantage of this war to crush American labor unions," declares Labor. Of course, "Eddie" Rickenbacker is trying to deny this charge to which Dorothy Thompson answers thus:

"Although he denies it in words, he attacks the very basis of organized labor; those laws which seek to bring some order and stability to the rights of workers, organized or unorganized; and the whole structure which makes labor organizations possible. And for all the faults in our war production, he blames the workers and blames them exclusively." In this respect "Eddie" is pursuing the same course of attack against labor as Piegler whose daily column is full of anti-labor propaganda.

Dorothy Thompson declares that "while our men are fighting in Africa and the Pacific, Capt. Rickenbacker is organizing their lives for them on their return. He is planning that they shall be used to break the trade union system. The men in the hell holes doing the fighting are not largely corporation executives. They are mostly the sons of American workers. Certainly, when the soldier comes back to the nation, which he has risked his life to protect, he will demand a share in the wealth of that nation. And he certainly won't get it if he is aligned against the workers who are kept at home."

"In a word," says Labor, "Capt. Rickenbacker is pursuing the tactics of Benito Mussolini and Adolf Hitler. Those two worthies were financed by the financiers and industrialists of Italy and Germany. We do not know who is financing Rickenbacker's 'crusade,' but we do know the elements which made it possible for Mussolini and Hitler to wipe out the last vestige of democracy in Italy and Germany, and thus pave the way for the most devastating of all wars. Standing by himself, the captain would not be a menace. He is dangerous because of his backers," Labor concludes.

Subelj Will Sing at Benefit on March 28

CHICAGO.—On Sunday, March 28, Branch No. 1 JSZ will present a variety program at the SNPJ hall on Lawrence for the benefit of Proletarian and Russian relief, featuring soloists, a dramatic presentation, declamation and speakers. The program starts at 3 p. m. and the admission is 50c in advance and 60c at the door.

For the first time in our midst will be Anna Zaritsky-Elveve, mezzo-soprano, and Nicholas Komarichuk, violinist; Mary and Mitzi Owen, piano duo, Sava will offer several selections, and our players will present a dramatic skit portraying the heroic Russian fighters. Also, Anton Subelj, member of the Metropolitan opera, will appear on this program with a group of folk songs. John Rak will give a timely recitation, and Jos. Owen and Chas. Pogorelec will deliver short addresses.

Following the program the Gradisk-Omerza orchestra will play for dancing. Get your tickets now and assure yourself a seat for March 28 at the SNPJ hall. Be sure to come. The program will be a top-notch and it is being sponsored for two worthy causes—Russian relief and Proletarian.

COMMITTEE.

Badgerland News

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to get Ann Stranfi as a member. She has joined the Badgers. Their loss is our gain.

While I was at Eddie's party, Ann and Jo told me that they would be joining the Badgers shortly. That's good news. Don't you agree, Zup and Tony?

Congrats are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Joe Owens, who now have a baby girl to look after.

As requested, here is a "Thought." Talk happiness. The world is sad though without your woe.—Orison Sweet Marden.

JOE WENE, 584.

Women's Lodge No. 137 Gives Dance Saturday

CLEVELAND, O.—The Ladies' Lodge, Napredne Slovenke, SNPJ 137, will sponsor a dance to honor our bowling team Saturday, March 20 at 8:30 p. m. on St. Clair ave. Dancing will begin at 9 p. m. to the tunes of the popular Johnny Pecon's orchestra. Good refreshments will be served. We cordially invite our friends and dance lovers to attend. A. SIMCIC, Sec'y.

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and January—so much so, in fact, that many of us had counted him out of the national race, really "went to town". Never before and perhaps not for a long time to come will anyone reach the peak scaled by him in February. Of the total of 90 new members credited to Lodge No. 6, 78 of them were secured by Barufaldi. This sets a new lodge record for a single month of campaigning. It will go down in the books as an achievement superlative. Of course, we are not overlooking other outstanding records of the final month, a few of which are almost as brilliant as the mark attained by the leader of the campaign.

Mary Udovich, member of Lodge Nada (102), Chicago, Illinois, carried the banner of SNPJ higher than any other feminine member of the Society, before or during the Victory Campaign. She succeeded in getting such distinguished members to join as Louis Adamic, famous as an author and lecturer, and Anton Subelj, whose voice has won him thousands of friends among the Slovene-Americans everywhere. Her gain of 38 new members in February increased her total for the campaign to 263. She did not win first place though she tried hard, worked long hours evenings and days—many, many of them. Perhaps, if she had not been called back to her regular work late in November, it is altogether possible that she would have finished much closer to the top, if not at the top. As it was, we're sure she gave Brother Barufaldi a real run for national honors, a run he'll not forget all the days of his life. By his own admission, had not Barufaldi been transferred from night to day work at his place of employment in the first week of February, he would have been handicapped to such an extent that his chances of retaining first place would have been extremely doubtful. . . . But second to John Barufaldi, who did not stop until he had reached 315 members (and not even then, for more than a dozen applications are on hand which will be counted next month), is an honor which anyone should be proud to own. Sister Udovich, who topped a field of very active women campaigners, would like to have won the highest honors, of course—and who wouldn't?

VERONIANS FINISH SECOND AMONG THE LODGES

Let us now look into the campaign record of the Veronians (680) of Verona, Pa., who on successive months, January and February, enrolled 51 and 52 new members, respectively, and 83 of them, think of it, are adult members. That might sound mighty strange to many of you, but not so once you are acquainted with the facts. . . . The key to the answer is simply this—If one wants to belong to the new VERONIAN CLUB, an easy way to get in and to bring your friends along is to join the SNPJ. You get your membership card and the best kind of insurance protection, all for the price of one. . . . The tremendous amount of work connected with 83 new adult members, having them examined by the lodge physician, filling out the applications, approving them at the meeting, etc., must have kept Secretary John Lipecky and his aids busy many and many a spare-time hour. . . . And Martin Vrbancic, the Veronians' former secretary, who is the official contestant of the lodge, we know must be beaming with pride and gratitude in knowing that a whole group of members put their shoulders to the wheel of victory in the closing months to insure second place for the lodge in the national standings and third place for him among the individual leaders with a total of 159 members. Nor is this the last we have heard of new members joining the Veronians, for in the early days of this month, an order was received and filled calling for fifty more adult membership applications. They really mean business.

JOHN MANDICH WINS EASILY IN THIRD DISTRICT

One could write quite a story about John Mandich and his surprising success in the Victory Campaign. Being the secretary of Lodge No. 176 in the little town of Piney Fork, Ohio, with a population of hardly more than 1500, few gave him even an outside chance to win any of the big prizes. With the Cleveland, Detroit, Barberton, Girard, and other more populated SNPJ centers in the same district, the odds in the beginning were very, very much against him. But as things turned out, the longer the campaign lasted the more certain it appeared that he would, eventually, finish among the leaders. He plugged away steadily, gaining a few new members each month, until he at last doubled the original goal he had set for himself. The end of the campaign found him with exactly 100 members to his credit, becoming the sixth to achieve this high honor. His total prize winnings will net him as well as the lodge a very handsome investment in United States War Bonds and Stamps. Brother Mandich surely did his part to bring victory to America and the SNPJ.

URSULA AMBROZICH LEADER IN 5TH DISTRICT WITH 144 MEMBERS

Another inspiring drive for new members took place in the towns of Eveleth and Gilbert, located on the Iron Range of Minnesota. Behind this campaign front was the familiar figure of Ursula Ambrozech, Fifth District Vice-President, who was ably assisted in her work by Josephine Franter, secretary of Lodge No. 130. . . . After combing the homes of Eveleth of nearly every known prospective candidate for membership, these two ambitious SNPJs advanced upon the nearby town of Gilbert where a day or two of knocking on friendly doors netted them 17 new members for the SNPJ, all of whom joined Lodge No. 61. This number, added to the 14 previously obtained on the Eveleth front, gave Sister Ambrozech a total of 144 members, good enough for fourth place

in the national contest and first in her own district. Lodge No. 130 won the district honors with 117 members to its credit, finishing well ahead of Lodge No. 273, Sheldon, Wis., and its contestant, Lucas Dernovsek, each with a credit of 75 members. Trailing in third place was John Shaffer, Secretary of Lodge No. 537, Crivitz, Wis., with 62 members.—But this is a part of another story which will be reported later.

OLIVIA CHUCHECK AND LODGE NO. 82 TOP THE FIRST DISTRICT

One of the most colorful contestants to participate in the Victory Campaign was Olivia Chuchek of Johnstown, Pa., member of Friendly City Lodge No. 684 and for the past ten years a school-teacher in Lorain Borough. She is credited with an enrollment of 140 members, 15 of them coming in the closing month, to give her the lead in the First District by a wide margin over Mary Vidmar, Secretary of Lodge No. 3, who concluded her campaigning with 71 members. Although Sister Chuchek is a member of Lodge No. 684, she did nearly all her campaign work for Triglav (82) for the simple reason that all but a few of the new members enrolled by her, live in homes conveniently located to the headquarters of this lodge. Incidentally, Lodge No. 82, with 131 members to its campaign credit, leads all lodges in the First District.

SIXTH DISTRICT WINNER IS JOE KOLENC

Out in the western states (Sixth District), Joe Kolenc, Secretary of Lodge No. 384, Aguilar, Colorado, added 13 more new members to his credit in the closing weeks of the Victory Campaign to boost his total to 69 and that of the Lodge to 73, assuring both the highest honors and prizes of the district and state. . . . The runner-up to Brother Kolenc in this district is Lea Oost, Secretary of the Harmonizers (700) and Manager of Circle No. 28 of Roundup, Montana, who completed her campaigning with a total of 52 members, 20 of whom were admitted into the lodge in February. Sister Oost is Montana's Victory Campaigner and as such will receive an award of \$25 for herself and a prize of equal amount for the lodge. . . . Wyoming saw a change that wasn't exactly expected. After trailing Mary Lumbert of Lodge No. 253, Diamondville, for several months, Jacob Zalta, Secretary of Lodge 134, Superior, made up the difference and a few more besides to win title to the highest honors and prizes of the campaign in the State of Wyoming with a total contribution of 28 members.

LUCAS DERNOVSEK AND LODGE NO. 273 FIRST IN WISCONSIN

One of the biggest surprises of the Victory Campaign occurred in Wisconsin, the state where it was expected the Badgers (584) of Milwaukee would have little trouble marching off with the honors. But, it seems that Lucas Dernovsek Sr., of Lodge No. 273, Sheldon, had entirely different ideas on the way the campaign was to end in this state. He brought this about in a most convincing fashion by combining gains of 14 adults and 26 juveniles with the 35 he had previously enrolled for a grand and victorious total of 75 members, moving him and the Lodge into the top position in Wisconsin, thirteen members ahead of Leo Schwelger of the Badgers (584) and John Shaffer of Lodge No. 537, Crivitz, who are tied for second place with 62 members each. All hail to the Wisconsin Victory Campaign champs, Lucas Dernovsek and Lodge No. 273! (Note: Further details of the Victory Campaign will appear in the following weekly issue of the Prosveta.)

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Campaign Director.

NOTICE ON JUVENILE CIRCLES ARTICLE

Because of the length of the Victory Campaign report, the article dealing with organization of Juvenile Circles will be continued next week.

FLASHES

By DONALD J. LOTRICH

CHICAGO.—Pioneer members must not forget to attend the next regular meeting, Friday, March 19, at the SNPJ hall. A number of important matters will be taken up. Moving pictures will be shown after the meeting. This will be a busy weekend for the Pioneers so we want to line up everything properly for the smooth functioning of our activities. We hope many of you will attend because a good attendance cheers up everyone. Many old-timers were with us at the last meeting. They expressed satisfaction in the conduct of the meeting and for the exhibition which followed. Many of them said it was interesting and worthwhile. They promised to come again. We are asking others to do the same. The new officers are really working hard to make the meetings interesting and to supply the kind of entertainment after the meeting which will satisfy everyone. Anne Cartier is arranging for a special little souvenir for everyone, again.

We will be holding our bowlers dance Saturday, March 20, at the SNPJ hall. Tickets for the affair are in the hands of all of the bowlers. It would not be right if the members did not attend the dance. Bowling seems to be our main activity these days and deserves to be supported therefore. The music will be good, the committee is arranging for tasty refreshments and expects to man the various service posts with efficient help. Now that so many of you are working full time, come to the Pioneer dance to relax a bit and to spend some of your extra dollars. We know that quite a number of out of towners will be with us that night. We want to make certain that the home folks will be there too. The admission to the dance is only 40c.

There is going to be a lot of activity Sunday at Bennett's Bowl, 2645 W. Cermak Road, where the Pioneers are holding their annual invitational handicap bowling tournament. We understand that thirty-six teams have already sent in their entries and that they come from several of the Lodges who ordinarily do not send teams to sectional and national tournaments because of their averages. Everyone is invited to come to the alleys beginning at 9:45 a. m. and enjoy the company of the many fine SNPJs who will be there in a splendid atmosphere in Bennett's new place. After bowl-

ing the entire group will go to the Slovene Labor Center for refreshments. We want to make this year's tournament at least as successful as the one last year. That one was a record breaker.

Otherwise things are going along in fine fashion. We have been extra busy with numerous new duties but have also been able to manage to do some work for the Pioneers and the Society. One of our latest additions to the Pioneers family is none other than Louis Adamic, our renowned author who has written many books, some of which have become best sellers. In bowling the squads are still rolling every week and clipping off good scores. In the past few weeks John Pouhe's 653 series has topped the shooting. —The Pioneers now have 76 members in the service.

Fraternalites

NEWARK, N. J.—Our regular monthly meeting of the Fraternalites was held at 7 p. m. on February 21. Only a few members were present and we do hope that next month's meeting will bring forth many more members.

Remember that our new time has been changed from 2:30 to 7 p. m., thus enabling many of the members who have been unable to attend previously to participate at our meetings. We promise to make our meetings "short and sweet."

If any member has the address of a member who is serving our country, kindly contact Sister Justine Kavie, So. Durand Place, Irvington, N. J. We are sending a carton of cigarettes as a gift from the Fraternalites and we want to be sure that every member receives his gift.

Bro. Joe Kaltnecker started his army life a few days ago. Joe always supplied us with music and we know that he is going to be missed greatly—so you can now make those Japs dance. We'll take the sidelines for a while.

Bro. Bernie Poeter is now stationed at Hunter Field, Savannah, Georgia. Bro. Larry Bettys is at Panama City, Florida. Bro. Tony Mulick is still in Texas. Sister Ann Kavie is living in Florida with her husband who is also in the service.

Just a reminder—please get your dues in to Brother Leo Birack before the end of the month.

JENNE POETER, 756.



SGT. FRANK J. AMBROSIC

a member of the SNPJ Lodge 682 and the Library Slovene Club, went into the service on July 17, 1942. During his seven months in the army he has completed a course in Motor Mechanics School. Before his furlough in December, he was promoted to Private First Class and in February, 1943, to Tech. Sergeant. He was an active member of the two lodges and before his induction was an employee of the Pittsburgh Coal Co. at Library, Pa.

Strabane Pioneers

STRABANE, PA.—Yes, Pioneer members, SNPJ lodge 589, once again an article appears from your local lodge. Due to reasons unknown, the Publicity Committee has gone on a vacation for a while, but we hope they return and have an article or two published soon.

Our regular monthly meetings still take place on the first Sunday of each month, but the time has been changed from 2 to 1:30 p. m. This change was made at the March meeting for the benefit of those members who are league bowlers on Sunday afternoons.

Not many members attend our meetings, I am sorry to say, but the few that do are really faithful attenders. Although we don't mind seeing the same faces at each meeting, we would be pleased to see a few different ones at least now and then. Thanks to a new transfer from Southview, we did, however, see a new face on the person of John Prentick at our March meeting. May there be more at the April meeting. So how about it, you members who haven't been attending our meetings, will you be around to see us soon and often?

At each meeting, the members all have an equal chance of winning a dollar award. Treasurer Mike Curtis now has the lead in winning the most awards; he has already won three, which adds up to the amount of \$3. We have started this practice with the hope of attracting more members to our meetings, but so far much success can not be reported.

In recent months we have added many new members to our list. To our two newest female members, Grace Progar and Marcella Ross, we welcome you and hope you enjoy our company as much as we do yours. We'll be looking for you the first Sunday of each month and at our social affairs.

Only one member has been reported to be on the sick list for some time, namely, John Gruđen. Best wishes for a speedy recovery and may we see you around soon. Congratulations to our Juvenile Circle advisers, Mary Chesnic and Albina Yarkosky, on their splendid work with our younger members. The Circle has been reorganized and has received its charter. Much progress has been reported. Keep up the good work, girls.

Over 100 in Service

We take pride in announcing that over a hundred of our members are now serving Uncle Sam, with many of them overseas. To Mr. John Podboy and to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Krulic, we extend our best wishes for each of your FOUR SONS in the Army. All are reported to be doing well. And honorable mention goes to Cpl. Rudolf (Erf) Krulic who is now somewhere in North Africa. Pvt. Carl Podboy has been a weekend visitor with his family and friends and has returned to his camp in Sharon, Pa.

Cpl. Max Senkine is enjoying a long furlough with his parents and friends. Max has been stationed at Miami, Florida, for some time and will return there at the end of his furlough. Also on a weekend visit were Cpl. and Mrs. John Progar from Washington, D. C. Welcome home, boys, and may we see you around more often. Word has been received that Pvt. Max G. (Hooker) Chesnic has been admitted to the hospital in Atlantic City, N. J. Accept our best wishes and may we soon hear of your recovery. Recent visitors with Max were his wife Ann and his brother Gvedon (Vede) Chesnic. Both are lodge members.

To all members who are in the service and able to receive this paper, we would like to hear from you—about yourself and activities. We want you to feel that you still belong with us, even though you may be many miles away. So let's hear from you as soon as possible.

Please don't forget! April 4 at 1:30 p. m., our next regular monthly meeting. I'll be looking for you.

MILLIE CHESNIC, Sec'y.

Spirit-o-Grams

By Whoosit

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Plans were made at our monthly meeting for a spring dance to be held sometime in the very near future. A committee was picked and by the next meeting most of the plans should be made. So all members be sure to attend.

Bro. John Spiller gave a report on his trip to Chicago. He explained many things which were not clear to a lot of members. He also informed us of an informal Yugoslav mass meeting to be held April 4. Every member is urged to attend as many important things will be discussed.

THIS AND THAT: Spring is definitely in the air and everyone's thoughts will be turning to outings and picnics. Wouldn't it be fun if all the members could get together soon and have one big picnic?

Reports are in that Stanley Heruvin is getting along swell. He says he is sorry that he has been unable to write as he would like to, but he wants each and every member to write to him.

Congratulations to Anton Lepold upon his graduation as an airplane mechanic. Keep up the good work, Anton. Hear that Anthony LaBorde flew to Florence, Alabama. Nice going, Tony, hope you had a swell time there. Tony Petrovich is now in Shepherd Field, Texas. Are we going to have another member in the service soon? Walter Youngman is now in I-A and is waiting for his report for Jefferson Barracks.

Did you know that in January there was over \$300 worth of bonds and stamps sold and that in February only about \$100? Whoosit supposes that those income taxes had a lot to do with it, but, come on everybody, let's make March a banner month.

The Red Cross campaign is now at its height and all members are urged to contribute freely to it. Remember this is really a worthy cause.

Jugoslav War Relief Benefit on March 20

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—According to "Book of Knowledge," which is definitely unbiased, the "Slovenes" are Slav people of Yugoslavia, chiefly to be found in the provinces of Slovenia—in Carniola, Coastland, Styria and Carinthia. Tall, round headed, they are intelligent, industrious, musical, sociable and independent people.

Have you ever heard so much praise about any nation in so few words? These people living in the northernmost part of Yugoslavia—are you and mine relatives! Right now they are suffering the terrible consequence of Nazi-fascism. They are tortured, killed as hostages and enslaved. Their only hope is the coming victory of the United Nations, and they look upon us the Slovene Americans to help them achieve their ambition of a Free and United Slovenia within the framework of a democratic and federated Yugoslavia or a Balkan federation. We can do much to realize their political rights.

Also, we can do much to help our people in their homeland materially when the day of liberation dawns on Europe. The need will be great. We can help them most by helping the Yugoslav War Relief to collect enough funds for this purpose. The Yugoslav Relief, Slovene Section, of Waukegan and North Chicago is sponsoring a party this Saturday, March 20, at 7:30 p. m. at the Slovene Nat'l Home. The admission is 10c. The committee in charge will be happy if any of you English speaking members will be able to participate and help this worthy cause.

Recently I have been asked to describe the life of children in Slovenia and Yugoslavia in general to a group of Girl Scouts. While I was preparing notes on the subject I realized how very few good things these children had, but in spite of that they were very, very happy. During my visit in Slovenia, in 1938, I became acquainted with four little children of our neighbors in my home village in Gofenjsko. They came to our house daily. Majda, the youngest, was only three years old, a cute little girl and extremely talkative. Once when I offered her a piece of frosted cake, she said, "Oh, I can't eat such mush," but she never refused a piece of homemade hard dark bread. Of course, bread was her daily diet and she was not acquainted with cakes and pastries. Nevertheless, her older brothers and sister liked the cake very well.

I often wonder what became of these and thousands of other children like them. They don't have their daily bread, and very likely hunger isn't the worse fate that has befallen them.

For Yugoslav War Relief, Slovene Section No. 9, ALBINA L. FURLAN.

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S.N.P.J. EASTERN INVITATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

APRIL 17-18, 1943

at

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Combination Entry Blank

Tournament Headquarters:
Slovene Workmen's Home
15335 Waterloo Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Men's Entry ☐
Women's Entry ☐

TEAM	Cert. No.	DOUBLES	Cert. No.
1	()	1	()
2	()	2	()
3	()	1	()
4	()	2	()
5	()	1	()
Name of team		2	()
Captain		1	()
Address		2	()

ENTRY FEE—\$2 PER PERSON FOR EACH EVENT, INCLUDING BOWLING
Mail all entries and fees to JOHN J. SPILAR, Secretary, EASTERN SNPJ INVITATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT, 15823 Trafalgar Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, by SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 1943.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the above listed bowlers are all members in good standing of

Lodge No. S. N. P. J.

Signature of Lodge Secretary

ANNUAL STATEMENT

SLOVENE NATIONAL BENEFIT SOCIETY

for the Year Ended December 31, 1942

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Adult	Disability	Special	Juvenile	Expense	Totals
	Mortuary	Fund	Fund	Mortuary	Fund	
I—BALANCE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	\$2,200,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$112,500.00	\$240,000.00	\$122,500.00	\$2,675,000.00
II—INCOME						
1. Payments received from members during first 12 months of benefit protection of which all or a part is used for expenses						
2. All other payments or premiums received from members	\$547,535.46	\$66,437.01	\$2,224.20	\$1,225.25	\$1,552.50	\$1,552.50
3. Total payments received	\$547,535.46	\$66,437.01	\$2,224.20	\$1,225.25	\$1,552.50	\$1,552.50
4. Total received from members	\$547,535.46	\$66,437.01	\$2,224.20	\$1,225.25	\$1,552.50	\$1,552.50
5. Net amount received from members	\$547,535.46	\$66,437.01	\$2,224.20	\$1,225.25	\$1,552.50	\$1,552.50
6. Gross interest on mortgage loans less \$1,619.87 accrued interest on mortgages acquired during the year	40,819.99			1,619.87		42,439.86
7. Gross interest on bonds \$269,120.51 and dividends on stocks \$13,254.55 less \$5,255.82 accrued interest on bonds acquired during the year per Schedule D	\$19,943.20			10,400.00		30,343.20
8. Gross interest on loans and loans on certificates of members	3,299.05					3,299.05
9. Gross interest on deposits in trust companies and banks per Schedule H	225.00					225.00
10. Gross income from society's property, including \$2,500.00 for society's occupancy of its own building (less \$1,000.00 interest on incumbrances), per Schedule A	4,901.10			7,807.00		12,708.10
11. Total income from investments	\$60,667.33			\$20,207.70		\$80,875.03
12. Sale of lodge supplies	353.79			353.79		707.58
13. Received for Minors	8,899.38					8,899.38
14. Profit on Foreign Exchange	2,977.60					2,977.60
15. Miscellaneous Receipts						
16. Gross profit on sale or maturity of lodge assets, viz:						
(a) Real Estate	3,048.65					3,048.65
(b) Bonds per Schedule D	1,329.40					1,329.40
(c) Stocks per Schedule D						
17. Gross increase, by adjustment, in book value of lodge assets, viz:						
(a) Real Estate	300.00			400.00		700.00
(b) Bonds per Schedule D (including \$ for annual discount)	200.00					200.00
18. TOTAL INCOME	\$75,458.32	\$66,437.01	\$2,224.20	\$22,537.72	\$14,000.72	\$1,676,557.96
19. Amounts carried forward	\$2,236,343.32	\$1,066,437.01	\$114,724.20	\$241,225.25	\$136,500.72	\$3,795,270.50
III—DISBURSEMENTS						
1. Amounts brought forward	\$2,236,343.32	\$1,066,437.01	\$114,724.20	\$241,225.25	\$136,500.72	\$3,795,270.50
2. (A) (a) Death Claims	\$24,189.53					\$24,189.53
3. (b) Personal disability claims:						
(a) Income Payments—Lump Sum	717.37					717.37
4. Sickness and accident claims	452,379.20					452,379.20
5. Juv. Transfer Credit to Adult				18,654.73		18,654.73
6. Special Benefits Paid				25,542.50		25,542.50
7. Total benefits paid	\$24,917.40	\$452,379.20	\$25,542.50	\$24,094.72		\$496,933.82
8. Net benefits paid	\$24,917.40	\$452,379.20	\$25,542.50	\$24,094.72		\$496,933.82
9. Surrender values	2,564.37			335.35		2,900.72
10. Refunds to members:						
(a) Paid in cash	8,061.63					8,061.63
11. Total benefits and payments made to members	\$32,979.03	\$452,379.20	\$25,542.50	\$24,430.07		\$605,330.80
12. Awards new members, Exams, and Campaign				920.85		920.85
13. Medical examiners' fees \$1,300.00, Inspection of risks \$90.40				1,390.40		1,390.40
14. Salaries of home office employees, No. 11				22,352.07		22,352.07
15. Salaries and all other compensation of officers, trustees and committees				23,606.33		23,606.33
16. Traveling and all other expenses of officers, trustees and committees				1,061.70		1,061.70
17. For collection and exchange	30			3,516.49		3,546.49
18. Insurance Department fees and expenses				571.35		571.35
19. Rent, including \$5,000.00 for society's occupancy of its own building				3,332.00		3,332.00
20. General office maintenance and expense				3,669.34		3,669.34
21. Advertising, printing and stationery				13,110.02		13,110.02
22. Postage, express, telegraph and telephone				3,262.18		3,262.18
23. Lodge Supplies and Office Supplies				1,663.74		1,663.74
24. Official publication				63,237.87		63,237.87
25. Expense of Supreme Lodge meeting and Convention				7,704.00		7,704.00
26. Legal expense in litigating claims				1,454.00		1,454.00
27. Other legal expenses—Attorney and Accountants				4,525.00		4,525.00
28. Furniture and equipment				682.11		682.11
29. Taxes, repairs and other expenses on real estate	3,862.37			8,884.06		12,746.43
30. All other disbursements (specify purpose):						
(a) Paid Minors	10,310.19					10,310.19
(b) S. S. and Unemployment tax				1,777.26		1,777.26
(c) N.F.C. of A. and Donations				1,390.00		1,390.00
(d) Surety Bonds and Insurance				676.36		676.36
(e) Athletics				3,023.27		3,023.27
31. Borrowed money repaid gross \$ Decrease Bank Account less amount borrowed \$				985.25		985.25
32. Gross loss on sale or maturity of lodge assets, viz:						
(a) Real Estate	1,565.31					1,565.31
(b) Bonds per Schedule D	7,853.40			\$8.71		7,862.11
(c) Stocks per Schedule D	240.00					240.00
33. Gross decrease, by adjustment, in book value of lodge assets, viz:						
(a) Real Estate	2,125.61					2,125.61
(b) Liabilities	222,888.54	\$452,379.20	\$25,542.50	\$25,812.79		\$726,603.03
34. TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$246,996.54	\$452,379.20	\$25,542.50	\$68,179.30	\$10,439.91	\$793,537.45
35. Balance before transfers	\$2,236,343.32	\$1,066,437.01	\$114,724.20	\$241,225.25	\$136,500.72	\$3,795,270.50
36. Transfers to and from (net)	23,154.05			38,881.39		62,035.44
37. Balance	\$2,259,497.37	\$1,066,437.01	\$114,724.20	\$280,106.64	\$146,936.11	\$3,857,701.33

Eastern Invitational Tournament Apr. 17-18

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—The SNPJ Eastern Invitational Tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 17 and 18. The action will take place at the Slovene Workmen's Home on Waterloo Road. It houses eight alleys which are always kept in the finest condition.

The entry fee for this tourney will be \$2 per participant in each event. All bowlers who send in their entries should designate or note the time preferred for bowling. The bowling will take place in the

afternoon and evening. All night workers and those who do not work on Saturdays are urged to bowl in the afternoon. Due to war work arrange your time and try to help out the other fellow.

The deadline for entries will be Saturday, April 16. Positively no entries will be taken after that date. Try to be on time. Send your entries and fees to John J. Spilar, Sec'y, Eastern Invitational Tournament, 15823 Trafalgar Ave.

JOHN J. SPILAR,
Tournament Sec'y.

—ON PAY DAY, BUY BONDS—

IV—LEDGER ASSETS	
1. Book value of Real Estate (less 5 Home Incumbrances), per Schedule A	\$ 118,627.97
2. Mortgage Loans and Real Estate, per Schedule B, first item, \$441,511.22; other than first item, \$1,516.00	443,027.22
3. Liens, loans or other credits on certificates of members	94,367.40
4. Book value of Bonds, \$2,642,149.59; Stocks, \$241,863.75	2,884,013.34
5. Cash in society's office	5,112,550.34
6. Deposits in trust companies and banks NOT on interest, per Schedule H	96,320.25
7. Deposits in trust companies and banks on interest, per Schedule H	5,000.00
8. Bills receivable, \$1,502.67; organizer's balances, \$	1,502.67
12. TOTAL LEDGER ASSETS, AS PER "BALANCE" COLUMN 2, PAGE 2	16,439,941.01
NON-LEDGER ASSETS	
13. Gross interest due, \$925.09 and accrued, \$2,908.81 on Mortgages	3,833.90
14. Gross interest due, \$ and accrued, \$ on Bonds not in default, per Schedule D, Part 1	75,779.51
15. TOTAL INTEREST AND RENTS DUE AND ACCRUED	77,613.41
20A. Market value of stocks OVER BOOK VALUE, per schedule D (Not admitted)	
21. Assets Printing Department—Gross	120,640.23
22. Assets Publications Department—Gross	52,130.20
27. TOTAL UNPAID CLAIMS AND OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES	172,775.43
28. GROSS ASSETS	16,869,329.87
DEDUCT ASSETS NOT ADMITTED	
29. Bills receivable	1,400.47
30. Book value of bonds OVER ("AMORTIZED INVESTMENT") VALUE, per Schedule D	435,005.55
31A. Book value of stocks, per schedule D	7,985.75
32C. Printing and Publications Departments	95,480.52
33. Other assets not admitted, viz: Second Mortgages	1,510.00
34. Adj. on Acct. of Canadian Rate of Exchange 10% on \$7,527.46 Deposits	752.75
37. TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS	16,187,372.50
V—LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND UNASSIGNED FUNDS	
1. Deaths	\$50,545.90
2. Sickness and Accident	\$7,900.00
3. TOTAL CLAIMS	\$58,445.90
4. Estimated amount due or accrued for taxes	\$757.75
5. Printing, \$2,314.59; Publications, \$444.19	\$2,758.78
6. Minors' Beneficiary Claims including interest	\$1,000.00
7. S. S. Tax	109.52
8. TOTAL UNPAID CLAIMS AND OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$62,911.17
9. Unassigned Funds	1,794,000.00
10. TOTAL TO BALANCE WITH ADMITTED ASSETS	16,187,372.50

V—LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND UNASSIGNED				
	1	2	3	4
	Due and Unpaid	Insurance Policy Under	Adjustment or Adjusted but not Due	Reflected

1.	Deaths	\$50,545.00	\$7,395.50	\$779.00
2.	Sickness and Accident		995.40	
3.	TOTAL CLAIMS	\$50,545.00	\$7,395.40	\$779.00
4.	Estimated amount due or accrued for taxes			
5.	Printing, \$2,314.50; Publications, \$444.19			
6.	Miners' Beneficiary Claims including interest			
7.	S. S. Tax			
8.	TOTAL UNPAID CLAIMS AND OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES			

20.	Adult: American experience	91%
21.	Adult: American experience	91%
22.	Adult: American experience	91%
23.	Adult: National Fraternal Congress	4%
24.	Juvenile: American experience	91%
25.	Juvenile: Standard Industrial	91%
26.	Juvenile: Standard Industrial	91%
27.	Juvenile: Standard Industrial	91%
28.	TOTAL SAVINGS	
29.	Special and contingency reserves: Adult	
30.	Juvenile	
31.	TOTAL LIABILITIES	
32.	Unassigned Funds	
33.	TOTAL BALANCE WITH ADMITTED ASSETS	

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ACCORDING TO			
	1 Adult Mortuary Fund	2 Disability Fund	3 Spec Fund
(a) Total Lodger Assets per "Balance," per item 11, page 2.	\$6,696,790.73	\$646,739.86	\$152,700.00
(b) Add total interest and rents due and accrued, per item 12, page 4.	72,755.35		
(c) Add all other non-lodger assets, items 19-27, page 5.			

Verified by: F. A. VIDER, Supreme Secretary.

Eastern Invitational Tournament Rules

1. All bowlers must be bona fide members of the lodge they will represent unless special permission is granted by the National Athletic Board.
 2. All bowlers must be SNPJ members at least ninety days prior to tournament date.
 3. Each bowler's SNPJ certificate number must appear on the entry blank.
 4. All entry blanks must be signed by the Financial Secretary of respective lodges.
 5. There is no limit to the number of teams and individual bowlers a lodge may enter. Teams or individual bowlers, however, will not be permitted to bowl more than once in any one event.
 6. Anyone participating in an event under an assumed name, or is otherwise ineligible, shall be expelled from tournament and scores forfeited.
 7. The Eastern Invitational Tournament will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the American Bowling Congress, unless otherwise provided in SNPJ rules.
- Bowlers, Doubles and Singles will be rolled off on Saturday afternoon and evening. Team events on Sunday. All participants who are idle on Saturdays and those who work nights are urged to ask for the afternoon shift.
- Special Attention: All entries will close at midnight of April 10, 1943. Entries and fees must be in the hands of the tournament secretary at that time.
- Send your entries and fees to John J. Spilar, 15823 Trafalgar Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
- That silence is one of the great arts of conversation is allowed by Cicero himself, who says there is not only an art, but an eloquence in it.
- HANNAH MORE

Minutes of Meeting of Supreme Board of Slovene National Benefit Society

Held February 11, 12, 13, 1943, at Headquarters, 2659 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Illinois

Supreme President Vincent Cankar calls meeting to order at 9 a. m. Absent are supreme vice-president Michael Kumer, district vice-presidents Maglich, Raymond Travnik and Ursula Ambrosch; Jacob Zupan and Rudolph Lisch of finance committee, and Milan Medvesek and Malgal of the auditing committee.

Letters from Travnik, Lisch, Malgal and Medvesek are read and they are excused. Zupan's letter states that he may be delayed for some sessions, and it is reported that Kumer will be present later.

Order of business accepted:

1. Call to order
2. Roll call of supreme officers
3. Special motions
4. Reports of supreme officers
5. Order of business
6. Discussion of reports
7. Official business
8. Miscellaneous
9. Adjournment

Sessions shall be from 9 to 12:30 and from 1:30 to 5, with 15 minutes intermission periods.

Report of Supreme President

We are gathered once again at the annual meeting of the supreme board, in order that we may review the Society's business for the past year and propose of important matters before us and as required by the interests of the organization.

We will hear the reports of officers and committees. From these we will learn and judge our efforts, on the basis of which we will arrive decisions and make plans for future activities.

I have prepared my report with this in mind, and the following is a brief review of our activities and achievements as well as the standing of the Society at the close of 1942.

In addition to administration of claims and mutual aid our activities are mainly reflected in campaigns and agitation, various celebrations and programs, contests, relief work, etc.

One of the most important and most significant undertakings of the past year has been our membership campaign. It is still in progress and complete reports cannot be given at this time. From reports published weekly you have noted that response was good even if somewhat slow at beginning. This is nothing unusual, however, in each succeeding month has shown greater interest and activity. In fact, results in some sections have been almost unbelievably good. Of course, war conditions have had the expected influence on the campaign, but in spite of this the results are satisfactory and we can state that our membership campaign has been a success.

Other phases of our activity have suffered because of the serious war conditions also. That is why there were fewer large-scale anniversary celebrations of our lodges and such other programs and lodge gatherings. There were fewer district SNPJ Days, and many scheduled tournaments and inter-community events were cancelled.

Such events have always been considered desirable from a propaganda and morale building standpoint, and we have always supported them and sent speakers wherever advisable.

However, the annual SNPJ Day celebration took place in spite of these difficulties. It had been planned originally to hold the celebration at the site of the Cleveland SNPJ lodges, but due to transportation problem it was necessary to hold it at the Slovene National Home in Cleveland.

There was considerable concern for the success of the affair and for a time it was in danger of being cancelled. However, loyalty and strong will won out. Our Cleveland members made excellent preparations to which was added the moral and financial support of the main office and the affair came out very well as those of you who were present know. While there were not as many visitors from distant places, nor such a huge attendance as at some former events there was nevertheless fine spirit and enthusiasm and an imposing and pleasing program, all of which contributed to the excellent moral success of the celebration as a whole.

It has not been decided where this year's SNPJ Day will take place, if at all. But since we know the importance and popularity of this traditional event of ours, it is recommended that we try to hold it this year wherever possible, even if on a smaller scale.

The war has affected our organization in various other ways also. Some of our supreme officers are already in the service, and some others will probably be called in the future. This is true of almost all of our young male members and several members. Then we have had difficulty obtaining office help. It is understood also, that there is an increasing number of claims with attendant burden on the reserve fund. But we believe that we will solve all these problems with patience and understanding. Our first duty is to cooperate with the government and to support it loyally in its struggle for certain and victory, regardless of sacrifice.

I must report that everything is in good order financially. Our funds are being invested safely and at corresponding earnings in the best possible way under present conditions. The finance committee will report on this more fully. We are being as careful and economical as possible also in the purchase of supplies, maintenance, etc., and in only legitimate and necessary expenditures.

Our juvenile director Vrhovnik will report on juvenile circles. These youth groups are of great importance and wherever they are really active they carry on valuable propaganda work which is reflected in better morale, greater interest and further progress. It would be desirable if there could be more activity for this movement in our communities and elsewhere, in order that it could develop more rapidly.

I will report briefly on the action of relief for our brothers and sisters in the old country. The Slovene America established a relief organization immediately after the Nazi-fascist invasion of our homeland, which organization functions under the leadership of the larger fraternal societies. As you know, the SNPJ cooperated in the beginning and is still supporting it.

The money which our lodges, members and others are contributing to this fund is received by our office and is in my charge. To date the sum of \$4,588.53 has been received for this purpose.

I am also in charge of the fund for Russian war relief. We appealed to our membership early last year to help this cause also and to give what they can in support of the suffering Russians in their heroic fight. Money was turned over to Russian war relief as soon as possible after received by me. To date I have received the sum of \$7,088.87 for this purpose.

You all know that the Slovene Section of the Yugoslav Relief Committee acted to establish a separate organization to assist our people in their homeland, that is to liberate and unite them. A Slovene National Congress for this purpose was held in Cleveland on December 5 and 6, 1942, and the necessary decisions were made and a national council elected to direct this work.

As most of you were present at the Congress, you know what took place there, and you were able to obtain your own impressions. For this reason I feel that my report need not go into further details.

Details of administration, finances and membership will be given by other officials. The Society shows progress for the year just passed, and is in good standing.

VINCENT CANKAR.

Report accepted.

Report of Second Vice-President

This is my report for the last six months of the year 1942. No doubt this will be one of the most important meetings of the supreme board when our recommendations and decisions should be carefully weighed for the future of our organization.

I presume the supreme board members have found it difficult, as I did, to attend this semi-annual session, due to the fact that the majority of us are engaged in work of national defense.

Our victory campaign is certainly a promising future for the SNPJ. At this time I wish to express my appreciation to our campaign managers and contestants for their unceasing effort to make this campaign a success.

Since our last supreme board meeting the Cleveland SNPJ activities were so far, very successful. One of the most outstanding demonstrations of our Society was the national SNPJ Day held in Cleveland over Labor Day.

I recommend at this time, if possible, that this session decide definitely for the SNPJ Day to be held this year.

We should also decide whether it is possible to proceed with the plans for the bowling tournament which is to be held in Cleveland in April. Our athletic league is very active in promoting sports for our members. In my opinion, I think it would be impossible for our athletic league to carry alone the burden of promoting the bowling tournament, due to the present transportation facilities.

For the past six months I have been busy attending lodge meetings and SNPJ activities. I also attended the Slovene National Congress and served on the arrangements committee.

As always, I have tried to carry out to the best of my ability the duties assigned to me by the supreme board.

The transportation inconvenience and long working hours are making it difficult to perform my duties as usual but I will try to do all in my power to see our Society grow and prosper.

CAMILUS E. ZARNICK.

Report accepted.

Report of Vice-President District No. 1

My report shall be a short one, as my activities have been limited due to the war and rationings. My activities have been limited to my home town mostly.

This session of the supreme board has many decisions to make which will be of great importance to our members and our organization. I am sure that your deliberations on these vital problems will be for the best interest of our members at home and in the armed forces.

Campaign

The victory campaign for new members which will come to a close very shortly has been very successful. Besides the many new members gained, something very important has been achieved, that is, new active members have been enrolled who will continue to work for our organization which otherwise might never have come about.

Athletics

Athletics have dwindled to a very low ebb, but the organization should continue with its athletic board to maintain competitive activities as much as possible so as to be prepared to continue where we were forced to let down, due to the war conditions.

Juvenile Circles

Juvenile circles continue to show activity. In my district, number one, new circles have been organized, and continued support should be given them, as this will pay dividends later on.

I have done my work to the best of my ability, and will so continue.

JOSEPH L. CULKAR.

Report accepted.

Report of Vice-President District No. 4

In these existing conditions there is little that I have to report at this time as my activities for the SNPJ have been limited in the past year.

On October 8, I attended the Missouri Fraternal Congress held in Kansas City, Missouri.

Several resolutions pledging loyalty to our government were accepted. A number of speakers were heard, most of whose topics were based along the spiritual line, rather than the fraternal phase. It is quite clear that the war has created a state of confusion in the minds of many fraternalists.

The Mo. State Congress at one time served its purpose well in defeating a legislative bill which was detrimental to the fraternal societies. Therefore, I recommend that the SNPJ continue its representation at the Missouri Fraternal Congress, for in the future a closer relationship of fraternal societies will be very essential.

During the month of December I attended the annual meeting of lodges 107, 679 and 230 to call their attention to the importance of our victory campaign, also urging them to attend their lodge meetings more regularly, as there has been considerable negligence on their part, and they have promised to improve their interest and attendance in their lodges. I plan to visit these lodges at my earliest convenience to see what activity they have shown.

The victory campaign which is drawing to a close, has without doubt been the organization's most outstanding and talked about drive.

I have been of little assistance to the campaign in my district, but despite this fact the members have responded to the call of procuring new members in great numbers.

My suggestion is for another membership campaign which is to be conducted solely among the juveniles. Such a campaign would serve a twofold purpose, first, observance of our juvenile department, and second, to educate our juveniles to become good agitators for the SNPJ.

On December 6, I attended the Slovene National Congress which was held in Cleveland. Since the majority of the supreme board members attended this congress, we are all familiar with the proceedings of the session.

This concludes my report of activities for 1942 as fourth district vice-president.

JOHN SPILLER.

Report accepted.

Report of Vice-President District No. 6

There have been great changes since our last meeting as far as our Society is concerned. We are in a total war which has had its effect on our lodge work. Many of our young men are in the army, a number of these have already made the supreme sacrifice, and the aid is not yet in sight.

But in spite of everything, we have made satisfactory progress in membership which proves that the SNPJ is popular and strong. However, under present conditions, we cannot expect that lodge socials, picnics and larger affairs can be held as formerly, although these were always a valuable aid to our work.

Campaign: Reports have shown the campaign to be generally successful, I am somewhat disappointed in some of the Western lodges, although a few of the lodges in my district have responded splendidly. I myself have done what I could for the campaign.

Juvenile circles: This fine SNPJ institution has been valuable to the juvenile department as proved where active circles exist, and I cannot understand why they are not organized more extensively.

It will be five years this year since the circles were founded and I hope that this anniversary will be fittingly observed, and that this meeting will make a decision on this. The 30th anniversary of the SNPJ juvenile department should also be celebrated in this connection.

I have visited as many lodge meetings of my district as possible in view of rationing difficulties.

ED TOMSIC.

Report accepted.

Report of Supreme Secretary

We have examined the business and prepared the usual reports at the close of the year just passed, as is necessary in any enterprise which builds for a strong financial foundation and general progress.

As in the past, my report will begin with an examination of the membership standing, because it is here that progress is of primary importance.

Our membership campaign gained ground in the second half of last year as shown by the considerably improved results in this period in both departments. But it must be stated that for the fact that we can report exceptionally good progress in membership we must thank first of all the active, hardworking members of SNPJ who deserve our warmest acknowledgement in addition to the campaign prizes for their efforts. There are too many of these members to permit me to name them here, however. We have been assisted a little by the war also, as statistics show that the birth rate has been considerably increased. Our membership campaign has brought good results in spite of difficult conditions, and we hope that the membership will continue to work for the enrollment of new members.

The juvenile department with a gain of 770 members shows exceptionally good progress. The adult department gained 574 members. Adding the net gain of 288 members in the first half of the year to these figures we have a gain of 1560 members in 1942.

Adult Department

Membership June 30, 1942 45,763
New admitted 462
Transferred from juvenile 635 1,097
46,860

Deceased 215
Cancelled and withdrawals 308 523
Membership Dec. 31, 1942 46,337
Increase in last six months 1942 574

Juvenile Department

Membership June 30, 1942 14,807
New admitted 1,546
Transferred to adult 635
Deceased 7
Cancelled 197 839

Membership Dec. 31, 1942 15,514
Increase in last six months 1942 707

Total membership Dec. 31, 1942 61,851
Membership gain in 1942 was 1,065 more than in 1941.

REPORT ON DEATHS

Causes	No. of Cases	Am't of Insurance
Heart disease	32	\$ 22,050.00
Cancer	25	23,650.00
Pneumonia and influenza	21	16,350.00
Hemorrhage	21	11,800.00
Various accidents	19	15,350.00
Paralysis	17	15,200.00
Tuberculosis	15	12,750.00
Apoplexy	10	7,900.00
Suicide	7	4,850.00
Diabetes	7	4,400.00
Anemia	7	6,300.00
Automobile accidents	5	4,600.00
Killed in war	5	3,000.00
Nephritis	5	4,100.00
Mine accidents	2	1,100.00
Infection	2	1,000.00
Abdominal inflammation	2	1,000.00
Indigestion	2	1,750.00
Gastric ulcers	2	1,200.00
Burns	2	1,100.00
Silicosis	2	1,100.00
	215	\$160,850.00

There were 448 deaths in 1942 or 57 more than in 1941 when there were 391. However, the percentage is about the same because the merger did not go into effect until Sept. 15, 1941. There were five deaths of soldier-members last year whose total insurance was \$3,000. We must be prepared for an increase here in 1943.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS AND DISABILITIES

Operations	No. of Cases	Benefits Paid
Appendectomy	104	\$ 8,415.00
Hernia	71	5,970.00
Hemorrhoids	42	2,050.00
Varicose veins	35	1,385.30
Gall bladder	28	2,150.00
Intern. fem. organs	25	2,100.00
Various abdominal	19	1,185.00
Nasal operations	18	355.00
Fractured bones	16	520.00
Gout	15	1,480.00
Ulcera	14	1,090.00
Cataract	12	950.00
Nephrectomy	9	720.00
Cancer	7	508.00
Osteomyelitis	7	195.00
Various glands	7	690.00
Cesarean	6	400.00
Indigestion	4	315.00
Prostate gland	4	140.00
Removal of breast	4	245.00
Mastoidectomy	3	220.00
Vasectomy	3	225.00
Thoracoplasty	1	50.00
	451	\$31,125.00

Disabilities	No. of Cases	Benefits Paid
Loss of sight	6	\$ 2,000.00
Loss of fingers	6	200.00
Loss of leg	2	900.00
Loss of arm	1	300.00
	14	\$ 3,400.00

Total oper. & disabilities 464 \$34,525.00

There were 175 more cases of operations and disabilities than in 1941, but this is due to the increased membership since the merger.

The financial report will show that all insurance funds including expense fund have increased in this period and that the necessary reserve is being accumulated for possible eventualities in these times.

There has been a considerable increase in amount of unpaid death benefits, and this is due largely to the fact that most of these beneficiaries are in Europe. In view of the reports of Nazi-fascist barbarism it is to be feared that many of them will not survive.

The financial report shows an increase of \$315,142.11 in insurance department for this period and an increase of \$603,749.73 for the year. Assets of this department were \$10,378,306.78 at the close of 1942. Total assets of the organization are \$10,409,342.06.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the period of July 1 to December 31, 1942

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Mortuary Fund

Balance as of June 30, 1942 \$6,496,189.93

Unpaid death claims June 30, 1942 51,150.83

Minors beneficiary fund SSPZ June 30, 1942 15,737.01

Assessment 274,705.83

Net income from investments 106,521.38

Paid death claims \$ 152,997.28

Paid from Minors Beneficiary Fund SSPZ 690.07

Paid commissary and cash withdrawal claims 1,633.00

Transfer to general expense fund 11,756.84

Credit on former SSPZ certificates 8,061.63

Minors beneficiary fund SSPZ Dec. 31, 1942 15,113.99

Unpaid death claims December 31, 1942 58,703.55

Balance Dec. 31, 1942 8,748,339.95

\$8,994,304.98 \$8,994,304.98

Disability Fund

Balance as of June 30, 1942 \$ 175,599.06

Assessment 41,624.34

Operations and disabilities \$ 34,525.00

Balance Dec. 31, 1942 182,698.40

\$ 217,223.40 \$ 217,223.40

Sick Benefit Fund

\$1 Class

Balance June 30, 1942 \$ 344,092.86

Assessment—regular 125,634.06

Assessment—special 437.00

Sick Benefit \$ 102,459.32

Balance Dec. 31, 1942 368,304.60

\$ 470,763.92 \$ 470,763.92

\$2 Class

Balance June 30, 1942 \$ 73,305.62

Assessment—regular 74,436.90

Assessment—special 830.00

Sick Benefit \$ 66,697.00

Balance Dec. 31, 1942 81,575.52

\$ 148,272.52 \$ 148,272.52

\$3 Class

Balance June 30, 1942 \$ 13,136.56

Assessment—regular 9,936.60

Assessment—special 18.00

Sick Benefit \$ 9,867.80

Balance Dec. 31, 1942 13,225.66

\$ 23,093.16 \$ 23,093.16

Special Benefit Fund

Balance June 30, 1942 \$ 122,000.95

Assessment 17,305.51

Loan repaid 880.07

Donation for the American Red Cross \$ 5,000.00

Donation to the Russian War Relief 5,000.00

Special benefit and assessment 9,470.85

Balance Dec. 31, 1942 120,726.88

\$ 140,197.43 \$ 140,197.43

National Fraternal Congress membership dues 261.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1942 64,281.32

\$ 114,077.93 \$ 114,077.93

STATUS OF FUNDS

RESERVE:	June 30, 1942	Dec. 31, 1942	Increase
Mortuary fund	\$6,496,180.93	\$6,745,330.90	\$249,150.02
Disability fund	175,599.00	182,098.40	7,099.34
Sick benefit fund:			
\$1 class	344,092.80	368,304.60	24,211.80
\$2 class	73,300.62	81,575.52	8,274.90
\$3 class	13,136.50	13,226.00	89.50
Special benefit fund	122,000.00	120,726.00	(1,274.00)
Building fund	64,494.78	63,482.03	(1,012.75)
Convention fund (deficit)	(10,187.35)	(4,639.07)	5,548.28
Expense fund	58,461.20	64,281.32	5,820.12
Total Reserve	\$9,337,693.61	\$9,634,996.29	\$297,302.68
LIABILITIES:			
Death claims unpaid	\$1,150.83	\$6,700.50	7,549.67
Minors' Beneficiary Fund SSPZ	15,737.01	15,113.00	(624.00)
Due to Juvenile Department	60	1,507.82	1,507.82
Official organ "Prosveta"	890.76	78.00	(812.76)
Social security tax	214.03	199.62	(14.41)
Reserve for real estate taxes	65.84	00	(65.84)
Assessment income members SSPZ	1,050.83	995.48	(55.35)
Total Liabilities	\$6,120.30	\$7,648.42	\$7,191.12
TOTAL RESERVE AND LIABILITIES	\$9,406,823.91	\$9,711,644.71	\$304,821.80

STATUS OF ASSETS

Land and building—home office	\$ 58,077.31
Real Estate acquired	61,750.66
FHA mortgages	489,007.71
Real estate—first mortgage	325,069.10
Real estate—second mortgage	910.00
Loans on membership certificates	84,587.60
U. S. A. bonds	3,501,423.73
U. S. Bonds—HOLC	454,893.75
U. S. War Bonds—Series "G"	245,000.00
Dominion of Canada bonds	50,087.50
State bonds	364,422.52
Municipal bonds	3,056,620.40
Public utility bonds—not defaulted	192,908.75
Public utility bonds—defaulted	28,350.00
Railroad bonds	14,487.50
Industrial bonds—not defaulted	188,438.97
Industrial bonds—defaulted	49,875.00
Stocks	16,533.75
Certificates of indebtedness	46,238.90
Matured bonds receivable	33,880.00
Cash: Assessment for December received in January	108,064.40
Checking account at Harris Trust & Savings Bank	31,590.09
Checking account at Continental Ill. National Bank—Trust Co.	32,722.75
Checking account at Bank of Montreal, Toronto, Canada	6,192.47
Savings and Loan Association deposits	280,000.00
Spec. deposit in International Savings & Loan Association	5,000.00
Lodge supplies sales receivable	51.85
TOTAL	\$9,711,644.71

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

Receipts	Disbursements
Balance June 30, 1942	\$ 656,341.76
Assessment	21,696.40
Net income from investments	9,707.99
Due from Adult Department	1,597.62
Death claims	\$ 2,915.00
Matured certificates	170.50
Paid to members transferred to Adult Department	9,147.00
Transfer to expense fund of Adult Department	10,301.85
Awards and medical examination fees—new members	53.50
Exchange fees	4.34
Expense with FHA mortgages	39.51
Balance Dec. 31, 1942	666,062.07
	\$ 689,293.77 \$ 689,293.77

STATUS OF ASSETS

FHA mortgages	\$ 9,246.57
Real estate—first mortgage	17,629.50
Real estate—second mortgage	600.00
U.S.A. bonds	303,561.78
U.S. Bonds H.O.L.C.	44,051.57
U.S. Savings Certificates	16,300.00
U.S. War Bonds—Series "G"	15,000.00
State bonds	18,468.75
Municipal bonds	144,261.51
Public utility bonds—not defaulted	31,437.50
Public utility bonds—defaulted	6,400.00
Matured bonds receivable	1,587.62
Certificates of indebtedness	6,982.50
Stocks	1,120.00
Cash: Assessment for December received in January	4,285.94
Checking account Bank of Montreal, Chicago	697.35
Checking account Bank of Montreal, Toronto, Ontario, Canada	1,045.02
Deposit at Roseland State Bank—receivership	56.46
Savings and Loan Association deposits	44,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS December 31, 1942	\$ 666,062.07
Assets June 30, 1942	656,341.76
INCREASE in the second half of 1942	\$ 10,320.31

ASSETS OF INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

as of December 31, 1942	
Adult department	\$ 9,711,644.71
Juvenile department	666,062.07
Total assets and liabilities both departments—December 31, 1942	\$10,377,706.78
Total assets and liabilities both departments—June 30, 1942	10,063,164.67
INCREASE	\$ 314,542.11

I must mention that we succeeded in determining the number of our members in the armed forces only after we sent out special forms to the lodges on which the secretaries reported their members in service. I considered this information important for the Society. The official figure at this time is 3,281 members in the armed services of our country, which is a large number in proportion to our membership of 47,000 adults, and it is growing daily.

In September the supreme officers voted on the initiative of the executive committee in matter of mortuary benefits of fallen soldier-members of

former SSPZ. There were 29 votes in favor of the motion, none contrary and 1 ballot not returned. Motion was carried, which means that soldier-members of former SSPZ are, in spite of war clause in certificates, equal with SNPJ members.

As decided at the last supreme board meeting, the executive committee appointed Dr. John J. Zaverinik temporary medical director at salary determined by the convention for this position. I wish to state here that while Dr. Zaverinik's appointment was effective immediately after the meeting, he would not accept compensation for the half-month during which he performed this work, for which I hereby express appreciation on behalf of the Society. This meeting is to elect a medical director according to published announcement of opening for this position.

All the work in connection with the merger has not yet been completed. At present we are working on the credits to former SSPZ members who have voluntarily transferred from NPC to AE insurance and surrendered their reserve credits. About one-third of this work has been completed, chiefly by the assistant secretary, and it will require several months more before it is done.

Since the last meeting, we lost an efficient worker in Sister Simic, and an additional employee was hired which will enable us to carry out our work promptly.

As you already know from the executive meeting minutes we are deducting 10% from officers' and employees' salaries for war bonds since January 1st. It is our duty to help in this way. Our organization has also purchased \$280,000 war bonds to date and will continue to help until victory is won.

Transactions between lodges and the main office are satisfactory and there is excellent cooperation from lodge officers. The only complaints have concerned poor attendance at lodge meetings and assessments not paid on time. There is no excuse for either of these conditions, and we appeal and recommend to our members to attend meetings regularly and assist in carrying out the lodge responsibilities, and also to pay assessments promptly so that they may be forwarded at the proper time.

The Slovene National Congress held in Cleveland on December 5 and 6 was attended by almost all supreme officers and will doubtless be discussed at this meeting, at which time I will state my impressions.

The regular six months' audit was made by certified public accountants and our auditing committee, and their reports will be presented to this meeting.

I will be glad to give any additional information or explanation which might be desired.

F. A. VIDER

Secretary Vider reports further that: Some organizations, including Slovene societies, are advertising their investment of millions of dollars in war bonds. This is not correct as the law permits corporations, which includes fraternal, and individuals, to purchase only a limited amount of these bonds each year, without exception. In order to prepare state insurance reports on time, books and accounts are closed as of November 30 for this purpose. The 1942 actuarial report shows that mortuary fund solvency has increased from 123.71 to 124.28%; death rate has decreased from 70.34 to 71.18%, and average earnings of investments from 3.23% to 3.12%.

Secretary's report accepted.

Report of Assistant Secretary

My report will be brief to avoid repetition of what is being reported by the supreme secretary and other officials.

I am happy about the interest being shown in the current membership campaign which has been successful in very difficult times.

For the past three or four months I have worked almost exclusively on merger provisions in connection with class B certificates of former SSPZ, and on equalization of sick and disability benefits and assessments according to SNPJ by-laws. This work is about one-third through and will require several months more to complete. All this, and particularly equalization of benefits, will be favorable to the Society as well as to former SSPZ members and will simplify the work in the office.

I recommended at the last meeting that the SNPJ shall acquire its own anthem and I would like to see this carried out.

To avert any possible criticism or discussion at this meeting of a personal matter, I suggest that the period of my absence from the office during the illness and death of my wife, for which I was compensated, shall be counted as part of my vacation.

WILLIAM RUS.

Report accepted.

Report of Supreme Treasurer

My report for the past six months will be brief. This is due mainly to the fact that there has been little change in conditions since our last meeting, and a repetition of what I reported there should not be necessary.

You have learned from the secretary's report that insurance department assets have increased in this period in amount of \$313,584.49. This is \$24,976.87 more than in first half of last year.

Income from investments of adult and juvenile departments was \$167,576.11, representing an earning of 3.28% of assets of these funds for this period, as follows:

	Adult	Juvenile
First mortgages	\$ 20,254.59	\$ 894.68
Bonds	123,832.58	8,551.37
Stocks	2,058.30	
Savings & loan ass'n deposits	4,400.00	670.00
Savings account	75.00	
Loans on certificates	1,656.89	
Earnings on bonds	2,933.23	52.71
Real estate	1,963.01	
Home office	339.27	
	\$157,512.87	\$10,063.24

The auditing committee and chairman of finance committee will report on changes in our investments.

Total deposits in checking account in this period were \$1,027,588.42, and total payments were \$1,069,171.04, representing a money transaction of \$2,096,769.46 or nearly \$30,000 more than in first half of the year.

Checking Account	
Balance	
June 30, 1942	\$ 66,274.13
Deposits	861,315.97
Total	927,600.10
Paid out	920,500.00
Balance Dec. 31	\$ 7,100.10
Outstanding checks	34,908.75
Bank balance	\$ 66,498.85
	\$ 66,498.85 \$ 66,498.85 \$ 12,300.00 \$ 7,300.00

While the various war restrictions have not yet greatly affected our investments, there is every indication that the Society will suffer temporarily

in this respect. Questioning and travel restrictions have cut tax revenues at various southern cities which paid their obligations from this source. This is true also of state, county, municipal and other bonds which were dependent on revenue from such taxes, and these are indications which point to defaulted interest in the future.

Interest rates are being cut also, as for instance, building and loan associations have advised us that dividends will be reduced from 4% and 3% to 3%, 2% and 2%. Workers are using their higher earnings to pay off property loans, and as there is almost no new construction there is little opportunity for new investment except in war bonds at 2 1/2% interest. Reduced dividends logically follow. This problem concerns not only our organization but all similar institutions, and there is no outlook for improvement while we are engaged in a total war effort.

There is more work than ever in the office, and I have no time for any additional duties. The Slovene National Congress made me recording secretary of the Slovene National Council, and the Council's executive board gave me the added responsibility of supervising its business office opened last month in Chicago. I accepted this work because temporarily there was no one else who would do this work without pay, but as the Council develops the position will have to be filled by someone who will give all his time to this work, for which he will be paid.

I have mentioned this so that no one will think that the treasurer of SNPJ has another position also or that he is paid for the time he gives to this work evenings, and on Saturday and Sunday.

I do not have any special recommendations at this time.

MIRKO G. KUHEL

Report accepted.

Report of Secretary of the Sick Benefit Department

Financial Statement of Sick Benefit Funds from June 30, to December 31, 1942

\$1 Class	
Receipts:	
July	\$ 21,082.99
August	21,112.63
September	20,968.90
October	20,909.36
November	20,810.68
December	20,749.45
Total regular assessment	\$126,634.06
Special assessment	437.00
Benefit Returned	157.00
Total	\$126,914.06
Disbursements:	
July	\$ 19,148.00
August	18,682.00
September	18,505.82
October	18,232.50
November	18,457.50
December	18,420.50
Total	\$102,816.32
Six months surplus	23,811.74
Balance June 30	344,892.86
Balance December 31, 1942	\$368,704.60

\$2 Class	
Receipts:	
July	\$ 12,519.70
August	12,488.30
September	12,410.60
October	12,377.60
November	12,319.10
December	12,311.80
Total regular assessment	\$ 74,438.50
Special assessment	530.00
Benefit returned	198.00
Total	\$ 75,162.90
Disbursements:	
July	\$ 12,670.50
August	9,972.00
September	12,935.50
October	9,883.50
November	9,712.00
December	11,829.50
Total	\$ 68,893.00
Six months surplus	8,269.90
Balance June 30	73,306.82
Balance December 31, 1942	\$ 81,576.52

\$3 Class	
Receipts:	
July	\$ 1,661.60
August	1,655.40
September	1,661.60
October	1,664.70
November	1,666.10
December	1,649.20
Total regular assessment	\$ 9,938.60
Special assessment	18.00
Benefit returned	48.00
Total	\$ 10,004.60
Disbursements:	
July	\$ 1,440.50
August	1,425.00
September	1,800.50
October	1,961.50
November	1,496.50
December	1,731.50
Total	\$ 9,151.50
Six months surplus	89.10
Balance June 30	13,136.56
Balance Dec. 31, 1942	\$ 13,225.66

The reports to this meeting show our Society's progress last year financially, and in membership during campaign. The sick benefit classes have increased as follows: \$1 class—\$23,611.74; \$2 class—\$8,269.90; \$3 class—\$89.10. Assessment paid into all three classes \$211,358.56. Total benefits paid amount to \$179,484.82. Net surplus \$31,873.74. Total balance as of December 31, 1942, \$483,106.78.

There are 14,732 men and 13,887 women insured in \$1 class, or 28,619 all together; 7,003 men and 1,245 women in \$2 class, or 8,248 all together; 507 men and 23 women in \$3 class or 530 all together; making a total in all classes 37,397 insured for sick benefit, which includes 1,361 members insured twice in \$1 class, and 8 members insured twice in \$2 class.

The work in my department is carried on and executed as promptly as possible. The new employee, Br. Tisul, has become quite proficient and I hope that we will be able to get along without additional or extra help, unless something unforeseen occurs. Benefit claims are paid each week regularly, except in cases requiring opinion of the supreme medical director.

The war has brought many difficulties and curtailed our usual activities to a great extent. There are over three thousand of our members in the

armed forces already and that has greatly affected the activities of our lodges, particularly in the ranks of the young people. The Society misses these good workers. However, we all realize the importance of this country being in war for human rights and preservation of democratic ideals as well as for liberation of conquered and suppressed peoples. The SNPJ has always been an ardent proponent of these principles and we are, therefore, anxiously supporting our government in its war effort, morally and materially, for a speedy victory over the barbaric Nazism and Fascism.

LAWRENCE GRADISEK

Report accepted.

Report of the Juvenile Director

When I presented my report to you six months ago, I expressed the hope that the Society would be able to show a healthy gain in membership as well as carry out a full peacetime program of social, cultural and sports activities during the succeeding months of 1942. This, I can now report, has been fulfilled to a large measure of success, perhaps even more than many of us anticipated.

Notwithstanding the presence of numerous uncertainties and obstacles that handicapped us, and despite the departure of a great many leaders and active workers among the more than 3000 young men who answered the call of the armed forces of the nation, the Society was, nevertheless, able to show remarkable progress in building its membership and conducting with surprising success nearly all of its local, sectional and national affairs and events.

Victory Campaign

The results obtained in the Victory Campaign, perhaps, have not been equalled in the entire history of the SNPJ. Including all new members secured in the month of December, the records disclose an enrollment of 4588 members in both Departments of the Society, with the gains of the final two months (January and February) yet to be added. Of this splendid total, 2656 are juveniles, 771 are newly admitted adults, and the balance of 1962 are transfers from the Juvenile Department. Indications have been certain for some time in the past that the 5000 membership mark will be exceeded by several hundred when the campaign comes to a close on March first.

Statistics compiled on the campaign reveal 25% of the lodges still without a single new member to their credit, another 35% with gains from one to five members, and the remaining 40% from that number up. It might interest you to know that of the leading contestants, two have more than 300 members each to their credit, three have passed the 100 mark, six have between 50 and 100 members, and some twenty or more have between 25 and 50, which clearly indicates that a minority group of lodges and members are responsible for a major portion of the campaign's gains, leaving a considerable number of lodges open to prospective expansion in the future. Taking the statistics furnished here as a basis, one can well imagine what the results would be if 75% of the lodges and members gave full support to the campaign.

We have learned much from our experiences in the Victory Campaign that might be put to practical use in the future. We know now what can be done in times of world-wide upheaval. We know now that our field of prospective membership candidates has not been exhausted but awaits new exploration. The successes of 1942 justify abundant hopes for success in this and the years to follow.

There will be some, no doubt, who will criticize the campaign as being costly and, in the long run, not worth the expense and effort involved. It is readily admitted that some of the new members will be lost through lapsation. Neither is it denied that the expenses of the campaign will amount to several thousand dollars—but it should not be forgotten that the new certificates contain the preliminary term feature which provides all first year assessment payments by new members as the direct source from which income can be derived for such expenses. Preliminary Term, let it not be misunderstood, can be interpreted as another form of admission fee spread over the period of one's membership or certificate at the rate of a few cents per month. Furthermore, in computing the cost of the campaign, we must not overlook the realities that the money spent for new members will aid the war effort, help to keep our people at work, and provide savings for the inevitable rainy days after the war. I am confident that the Society as a whole realizes this and is profoundly grateful to all members who have volunteered their services unselfishly and wholeheartedly in bringing about a victorious membership campaign.

The heaviest responsibility that we SNPJ members face is to make sure that the Society and its lodges hold and add to its gains, so that we will be better, bigger and stronger after the war is over than today. Attractive inducements should be offered that will insure growth in membership. Every possible means at our command should be employed to fortify the Society against set-backs. This we owe to our brothers who are sacrificing their all, if need be, to preserve the rights of a free people to speak, to write, to assemble and to worship or not worship when and where they please, under laws created and approved by them, and administered by their chosen representatives. Let's GO RIGHT ON GROWING.

Sports and Social Activities

The extent to which athletic activities were conducted in the last six months of 1942 is reflected, more or less, in the amount of money appropriated by the Society for its promotion and development. This amounted to \$1,315.37 and added to the \$1,707.90 in the previous six months, brings the total for the year to \$3,023.27, or approximately \$400 more than in 1941. Of the three major sports activities recognized by the Society, namely, bowling, softball and golf, bowling has the best chance of survival against the inroads of war. Softball and golf are doubtful, although both will be encouraged as much as possible wherever there is a strong desire to continue them.

The social affairs staged in connection with sports events have, among other things, provided a fair measure of enjoyment and pleasure, helped to reunite the members, and molded stronger bonds of friendship between the lodges and the individual members. While some undesirable features deserve to be criticised, sports and its attendant social functions have generally tended to improve the morale of the members and increase the democratic spirit that is characteristic of all fraternal organizations.

While a near peacetime program of sports and social activities was successfully conducted in 1942, it is now generally accepted that an extensive program of that kind in 1943 is entirely out of the question. We are forced by the trend of world-shaking events to narrow the scope and limit the boundaries of these activities. There is no solution to this problem other than to comply with the orders of government officials that every effort be made to conserve rubber, to limit traveling, and to stay at our work as many

hours per each week as required. The government will find the SNPJ cooperative in every way to carry out all such restrictive orders and to do all in their power to speed up the victory over our enemies. Therefore, it is recommended by the National Athletic Board that all national sports events of the Society be postponed for the duration of the war.

The policy of the National Athletic Board in respect to all sports activities shall be conservative—one of watchful waiting and preparation, so that when the time is again ripe for this attention, we will be ready to put our best foot forward. In the meantime, local and,

DISBURSEMENTS:
Commissions and Discounts on Subscriptions and Advertising
List of printing Prosveda and Mladinski
List of Office Salaries
Stationery and Office Supplies
Depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures
General Expense
Audit Fee
Postage and Shipping Expense
Second Class Postage (Prosveda and Mladinski List)
Publishing Expense
Old Age Benefit Tax
Unemployment Compensation Tax
Exchange on Checks
Bank Accounts

PROFIT IN DEPARTMENT FOR SIX MONTHS
DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS:
Cash in Northern Trust Company Bank
Accounts Receivable-Advertisers
Deposit-Second Class Postage for Prosveda
Deposit-Second Class Postage for Mladinski List
Accounts Receivable-Weekly Subscriptions due from SNPJ
Surpluses (U.S. Treasury Bonds)
Furniture and Fixtures (at cost)
TOTAL ALL ASSETS
LIABILITIES, NET WORTH AND RESERVES
Old Age Benefit Tax
Unemployment Compensation Tax
Allowance for Depreciation
Original SNBS Investment
Surplus

ITEMIZED STATEMENT
DISBURSEMENTS FOR PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT
Six months ended Dec. 31, 1942
Commissions and Discounts on Subscriptions
Commissions and Discounts on Advertising
Printing-Daily
Printing-Weekly
Printing-Magazine
Free Salaries
Free Salaries
Stationery and Office Supplies
Elliott Addressing Machine Company
SNBS Printery
Frank Jurkas (repairing typewriters)
Philip Godina (miscellaneous)
Depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures
General Expense
Audit Fee
Postage and Shipping Expense
Second Class Postage-Newspaper
Second Class Postage-Magazine
Publishing Expense
The Federated Press
Proletarce
Subscriptions to magazines and newspapers
SNBS Printery (cuts)
Elliott Addressing Machine Company
John Molek (petty cash)
Katka Zupancic-magazine
Mary Jugg Molek
Destine Jugg
Betty Jartz
Jacob Zupan
Anna Furlan
George C. Harmon
Exchange on Checks
Bank Accounts
Old Age Benefit Tax
Unemployment Compensation Tax
TOTAL ALL EXPENSE

PRINTERY FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Six months ended Dec. 31, 1942
Receipts:
Subscriptions Sales (Prosveda and Mladinski List)
Sales to SNBS
Sales to Prosveda
Sales to Customers
Sales
Total Receipts for Completed Work
Accounts paid up
Paper Sales
Discounts Earned
Interest on Securities
Interest on Mortgage Loans
TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS
DISBURSEMENTS:
Paper Purchases
Ink Purchases
Miscellaneous Materials Purchases
Publications Postage
Salary Pay Roll
Machine Metal Waste
Insurance
Depreciation
Utility Insurance
Handing Expense
Departmental Machine Expense
Work in Process June 30, 1942
Total Factory Expense
Work in Process December 31, 1942
Manufacturing Cost of Sales
Shipping and Mailing Department Expense
Printing Expense
Free Salaries
Stationery and Office Expense
Exchange on Checks
Old Age Benefit Tax
Unemployment Compensation Tax
Audit Fee
Total Expense
Profit in department for six months
TOTAL

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS:
Cash in Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank
Accounts Receivable
Inventory (Paper and Ink)
Work in Process Inventory
Depreciation
Municipal, Industrial and Governmental bonds
46,562.96

Real Estate Mortgage
Machinery and Equipment (at cost)
Unexpired Insurance
Mailing Department Inventory
Publications Postage Inventory
Postage Inventory
Shipping Department Inventory
General Factory Inventory
Total
Less Reserve
TOTAL ALL ASSETS

LIABILITIES, NET WORTH AND RESERVES:
Accounts Payable
Old Age Benefit Tax
Unemployment Compensation Tax
Allowance for Depreciation
Original SNBS Investment
Surplus
Total
Less Reserve
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Report of the Editor of the SNPJ Publications

The United States is at war fourteen months already, but our publications still enjoy freedom of the press, the same freedom as before the war. So far we have had no trouble with the authorities. We are receiving much material, mimeographed copy and "mats," from federal agencies to publicize various war efforts, but there is no compulsion to publish everything we receive; we select from this material the most important and as space permits. In regard to freedom of the press we must say in all justification that the difference between the last and present war is like night and day. We must acknowledge the fact that the Roosevelt administration during this war truly endeavors to keep civil liberties, which are the emblems of American democracy, alive, although this war is seven times more severe than the last one.

In the course of the last six months nothing has changed in the Editorial Department of our publications. The Editor is striving to keep the Prosveda and Mladinski List within bounds of democratic policy as prescribed by the 12th regular SNPJ convention; to this policy we will adhere until the same is changed by convention or membership according to our democratic by-laws. The Prosveda still numbers more voluntary contributors than any other Slovene daily in America; we also have a voluntary contributor in London who writes regularly, a fact of which no other Slovene newspaper can boast. The extent of controversial contributions in the Prosveda is no greater at this time than usual. This is not bad; on the other hand it proves that we still have freedom of relevant expression.

The "Our School" in the Mladinski List continues with mixed effects. For the first time, the Editor has arranged the awards for the "Our School" contestants at the end of the last year in conjunction with the Juvenile Director, Bro. Vrhovnik. This may continue. The Slovene reading matter in the ML is becoming scarcer for the reason that good Slovene contributors are lacking, and the old, prewar source of material is drying up. We shall have to be patient with this handicap for the duration of the war, and fill the gap in the best manner possible. Some changes in the contents of the ML may be necessary in the near future; this will be arranged by the Editor and Juvenile Director.

It may be added that I attended the Slovene National Congress in Cleveland on Dec. 5th and 6th last, representing the Prosveda. According to the convention resolution, the Prosveda is bound to support the Slovene American National Council created by said congress, and this is being done.

Report accepted.

Report of Finance Committee

We are herewith presenting to you a report of our activities and a review of new investments with a record of other transactions which have taken place during the six months period ending on December 31, 1942.

NEW PURCHASES. The cost of securities purchased during the last six months period was \$408,777.52, which is about \$84,000 more than was invested in previous six months period. This means that our purchases have averaged a little over \$100,000 per month.

TYPES OF SECURITIES PURCHASED. Our available funds were invested in the following three types of securities:

Table with 3 columns: Type of Security, Amount, % of Total
U. S. Government Bonds
Municipal Bonds
Canadian Govt. Bonds
Total face value

Securities exchanged
Securities called
In addition to above bonds, our investments in five Federal Savings & Loan Banks were liquidated, the reason for this liquidation being that they were duplicate investments and were not insured to the full extent by the Federal Insurance Corporation.

FIRST MORTGAGE LOANS. A glance at the mortgage loans column will show you that 9 FHA loans and 15 straight mortgage loans were paid off in full. These payments amount to \$31,055.14, and represent a net decrease in our mortgage loan investment as no new first mortgage loans were made during last six months.

SECURITIES ACQUIRED DURING SIX MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1942
Table with 7 columns: Par value, Description, Rate, Maturity, Cost, Yield, Vendor, Date

SECURITIES DISPOSED OF DURING SIX MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1942
Table with 7 columns: Par Value, Description, Book Value, Consideration or Loss, Profit or Loss, Vendor, Date

F.H.A. AND OTHER MORTGAGE LOANS REPAYD
Table with 4 columns: Acc't No., Name and City, Amount, Date paid

Report of Judicial Committee
Our committee had only a few cases to consider during the last six months, which is an indication of the harmony which prevails.
One case concerned sick benefit which was approved, and in another case a member guilty of slander was reprimanded. Another case was dismissed.
There were a number of complaints and various requests for information particularly by members claiming additional sick benefit due to misunderstanding of the by-laws, but these were satisfied with our explanations.
This is our joint report.
ANTON SHULAR, Chairman
FRANK VRATARICH
FRANK BARBIC
ANDREW VIDRICH
JOSEPHINE MOCNIK
Report accepted.

Report of Medical Director
Since being appointed medical director by the executive committee of the SNPJ, I performed the duties requested of me, consisting of examining and approving applications of persons who have applied for membership in the Society, including both the adult and juvenile.

Report of Auditing Committee
Only three members of our committee were able to be present for our meeting and three-day examination of books and records, namely, chairman Frank Zaitz, Andrew Grum and John Ollip. Milan Medvedsek and Fred Malgal were unable to obtain leave from their work, and were excused.

Assets
Total assets of SNPJ as of Dec. 31, 1942, are \$10,554,286.15; on June 30, 1942, they were \$10,235,938.67.
Assets are distributed as follows: Adult mortuary fund \$8,745,339.95; increase in 6 months \$249,150.02; Juvenile fund \$666,662.07; increase in six months \$10,320.31; Sick benefit fund \$463,105.78; increase in six months \$31,976.74; Disability fund \$182,608.40; increase in 6 months \$7,009.34; Special benefit fund \$120,726.88; decrease in 6 months \$1,274.07. This will be commented later.

Assets and Investments
Increase in total assets for 6 months was \$310,012.02 or \$19,790.96 more than in first half of last year. As usual, the greatest gain was in mortuary fund, \$249,150.02.
Total assets are invested as follows:
Govt. Bonds, inc. HOLC
Municipal Bonds
FHA Real Estate 1st Mgt
Loans
State Bonds
Other Real Estate 1st Mgt
Loans & Contracts
Bldg & Loan Assn. deposits
Public Utility Bonds
Industrial and other bonds
Cash on hand and in process of collection
Cash in banks
Certificate loans
Real Estate acquired
SNPJ Building
Canadian Govt. Bonds
Certificates of Indebtedness
Matured bonds unpaid
Common Stocks
Railroad Bonds
Second Mortgage Loans
Miscellaneous

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Employees

There are six officers and eleven employees in insurance department, one more than formerly. Officers' salaries range from \$60 to \$57.50 weekly, employees' from \$46.69 to \$23.

The publications department has two officers, two clerks in newspaper office, three assistant editors, and two clerks in printer's office. Clerks' salaries range from \$40 to \$25 weekly, and editors' from \$50.70 to \$46.20.

The janitor of the building receives \$56 per week.

Printer's employees are paid according to union wage scales and are not included in above listing of employees.

Speakers

Included in campaign expense is cost of sending speakers to various SNPJ lodge, federation and other programs. In 1942 the sum of \$564.46 was spent for this purpose, of which \$413.86 was used in this period for the following Society representatives:

V. Cankar	\$168.26
F. A. Vidar	68.50
U. Ambrozich	59.30
M. Vrhovnik	58.75
M. Medvesek	23.50
A. Vidrich	16.50
M. Petrovich	10.00
C. Zarnick	8.75

Total \$413.86

Advertising

Comparative figures for advertising expenses are as follows:

	July-Dec	Jan-June
Adv. in Prosveta	\$ 275.00	\$275.00
Adv. in other publications	225.00	130.00
Adv. in program books	82.00	90.00
Adv. in halls	30.00	120.00
Films	58.65	
Emblems, circulars, signs, etc.	360.29	88.91
Subsity to W. Va. SNPJ Day	300.00	
Total	\$1,330.94	\$703.91

In second item, other publications include Cankar's Herald, 3 English fraternal periodicals and American Family Almanac. Under emblems, etc., are included SNPJ Day badges, souvenir paper weights, calendar cards, etc.

Donations

According to decision of the previous supreme board meeting the sum of \$5000 for the Red Cross and \$5000 for Russian War Relief was paid from the special benefit fund. There were some other donations also for various causes. Balance of fund is \$120,726.88, a decrease of \$1,274.07 in 6 months.

Building Fund

Receipts of SNPJ building include \$3,600 rent from secretary's office, Prosveta and Printery, and \$221.85 hall rentals. The latter item has decreased considerably due to unfavorable conditions for programs, dances, etc. Disbursements, including depreciation, were \$4,533.00, or \$1,011.75 in excess of receipts. Balance of building fund is \$63,483.03.

Minor Beneficiaries Fund

Total of this fund is \$61,634.23, or \$7,145.62 less than liabilities. Our previous reports gave details of defaulted bonds written off and charged against the fund's surplus. Defaulted bonds in this fund are \$1000, and \$14,000 bonds listed as non-pledger assets and some stocks and certificates in addition. \$5,600 bonds were sold on July 6, 1942.

Cash account of fund as of Dec. 31 was \$14,056.12, and it is our opinion that the greater part of this sum should be invested in bonds which would earn interest for this fund.

Publications

Manager Godina has given a detailed financial report for Prosveta. Income from subscriptions was \$215.00 higher than in the first half of year, and advertising income was \$72.92 lower. Total income was \$39,297.91, or \$174.15 more than for first half of year. Profit in this period was \$1,481.41 and \$2,844.20 in previous 6 months. Total Prosveta assets as of Dec. 31 are \$46,274.67.

Printery

The printery had a profit of \$160.46 in this period, as against \$1,175.53 in first half of year. This was due to decrease in business and higher costs. Printery assets as of Dec. 31 are \$69,707.13 of which \$52,099.47 is invested in bonds and first mortgages.

Audit

The accountants made a detailed audit of the books of all departments and found them in excellent order. Our committee met with Mr. P. B. Heller of the audit firm and discussed the various reports and recommendations.

The executive officers and employees cooperated with us during our audit.

Since January 1, 1943, all officers and employees are buying war bonds by deduction of 10% from salaries for this purpose.

Relief Funds

We audited the accounts of Yugoslav Relief, Slovene section, and Russian War Relief which are in charge of Vincent Cankar.

Total receipts for Russian relief to January 13, 1943, were \$7,088.67 of which \$7,000 was turned over to Russian War Relief, Inc.

Total receipts for Yugoslav relief to January 13, 1943 were \$4,588.53 of which the sum of \$1,300 was turned over to Leo Jurjevce, treasurer of Yugoslav Relief Committee, Slovene section.

The following accounts are in charge of Vincent Cankar:

Russian Relief	\$ 88.67
Jugoslav Relief	3,288.53
Red Cross	11.00
Slovene National Council	82.33

Total \$3,470.53

Bank statements show that \$3,468.13 of this sum is deposited therein, and balance of \$2.35 is cash on hand.

Miscellaneous

A. Grum and J. Olip of our committee examined the records of juvenile and campaign director Vrhovnik, and found them in excellent order.

Slovene National Congress

The supreme board voted in favor of attendance of supreme officers at Slovene National Congress in Cleveland on Dec. 5 and 6, 1942. Eight executive officers, six Cleveland officers and six outside board members, twenty in all, attended. Traveling expense and per diems were \$739.30. Cleveland officers presented bills for per diems at this meeting.

Vincent Cankar gave a great deal of time to preparations for the Slovene National Congress in which he was assisted by several other officers and employees, and costs in this connection were paid by the Society.

Remarks

The by-laws require that all supreme officers

shall be bonded. It has been customary to place only those executive and other officers who are directly concerned with finances and administration under bond. It is possible that the by-law provision was inserted by mistake, but it would be advisable to make some decision on this at this meeting.

Certain SSPZ documents have not yet been changed to read SNPJ.

Member Frank Kukovich who died in March, 1942, owed SSPZ \$33.28, but this amount was not deducted from death benefit. The clerk who approved payment explained that error was made because the certificate did not show that amount was owed. We recommend that all such cases should be carefully checked, and particularly concerning SSPZ records which the assistant secretary should examine to avoid any repetition of such error.

We examined the claim of Jacob Mihelich, member of lodge 62 and referred matter to supreme secretary who is to determine the true facts in this case.

JRZ Trust

The annual audit of the JRZ Trust was conducted on February 10, 1943, in the presence of Andrew Grum and John Olip of this committee. Chas. Pogorelec, secretary of JRZ Trust, and F. S. Tauchar for auditing committee of JSF. Report of audit was also approved by Philip Godina, treasurer.

The JRZ Trust committee is composed of three members of the SNPJ supreme board and three members of the JSF executive board, namely, Vincent Cankar, Philip Godina, F. A. Vidar and Chas. Pogorelec, Frank Zaitz, Anton Zaitz.

Financial Statement

Receipts:	
Checking account Dec. 31, 1941	5 373.80
Interest on class E stock, Jugos. S & L	
Assn.	159.00
Interest on deposit in Kaspar Bank	23.17
Interest on government bonds	9.75
5% dividend on student & strike funds	
Kaspar Bank (in default)	9.77
Total	\$ 575.49

Disbursements:	
Surety fees, sec'y & treasurer	10.00
Traveling expense, delegate to Detroit Slav Congress, relief committee conference and Slovene Congress in Cleveland	125.00
Compensation to sec'y for six years service	25.00
Safety deposit box, telephone	2.33
Interest to Proletarec per JRZ resolution	162.27
Checking account Dec. 31, 1942	250.39
Assets:	
JSLA, Class E stock	\$5,300.00
JSLA, Optional stock	2,149.59
Govt. Bonds	300.00
Total	\$ 8,000.58

Loans to Ljudska tiskarna, Maribor (confiscated)	9,242.96
Priklad Bldg & Loan Assn. (defaulted)	1,638.00
Prosveta Matics, books & other material	507.04
Balance of Student & Strike Funds	117.37
Total	\$19,505.95

Our committee found these accounts to be correct.

FRANK ZAITZ, Chairman
ANDREW GRUM JR.
JOHN OLIP

Report accepted.

Supreme secretary reports that he received two applications for position of medical director, one from Dr. John J. Zavertnik who is our temporary medical director, and one from Dr. Frank Shular of Milwaukee. However, Dr. Shular desires to be candidate for this position only in event that Dr. Zavertnik does not apply.

Zupan moves that since there is actually only one candidate, Dr. John J. Zavertnik shall be elected medical director of the SNPJ by acclamation, whereby he becomes a member of the supreme board also. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

Resolution and appeal of lodge 276 of Coleman, Alberta, Canada, asks supreme board to discontinue special sick benefit assessment for Canadian members. Secretary of sick benefit department explains necessity of special assessment and moves that it shall be continued as at present. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

Appeal of Jos. Ruzic of lodge 549, Sacramento, Calif., against judicial committee decision in his case. Approved that a committee of three shall consider appeal and report to the next session; this committee to take up appeal of Jos. Krauser, lodge 290, Homer City, Pa., also.

Elected to committee: John Olip, Wm. Rus and Jacob Zupan.

Session adjourned.

SESSION FEB. 11. 1:30 P. M.

President reports that supreme vice-president Kumer and district vice-presidents Maglich and Ambrozich are now present. They explain why they were delayed, and it is approved to excuse them from morning session.

Report of Supreme Vice President

It is a great privilege for me to again meet with you in the serious consideration of vital subjects affecting our Society, and to join in deliberations that will result in furthering its interests.

In accordance with the requirements of our By-Laws, it is my responsibility to report to you a summary of official transactions for the six months period preceding these meetings. Unfortunately, because of my present capacity in which I have been far removed from the scene of action, I confess that a report on duties for that period is not inspiring. Yet, this is not to acknowledge a case of failure or neglect of duties. The reason for curtailment of activities should be obvious to all of you.

During the early stages of that period I was assigned to appear at two notable occasions, both of which I was forced to cancel because present duties made attendance impossible. Subsequent and other activities were unattended for the same reason.

However, even though handicapped from full activity, I did endeavor to be of moral assistance to various members, and to cooperate with our Executive Committee through the channels of correspondence. In both instances, I believe I rendered some service, and they and reports in our official organ gave rise to matters which require our attention at these meetings. Before proceeding with these, I want to report that my relations with the Executive Committee have been satisfactory. There is evidence of failure to receive

all official matters concerning the attention of Supreme Board members, but I am sure my attendance here will correct that situation, and that I shall receive all communications at my new address.

I have given thoughtful consideration to various problems which will require explanation and discussion. These include, 1. The decision of this Board of last August concerning reinstatement of sick and disability insurance of our soldier-members; and, 2. The decision to pay the full amount of insurance to the beneficiaries of those members in the United States Military services who joined the Society before August 1, 1942, and lose their lives in the war.

Your attention is called to the failure of the minutes of the August, 1942, Supreme Board meeting to appear in the English section of our official organ. We should insist that there is no repetition of this failure.

There are other problems and suggestions worthy of consideration which will probably be introduced by the proper Board members and committees. I shall express my views on them at that time, or take the initiative to introduce them.

I am pleased to attend the first SNPJ meeting in seven months. It should prove refreshing and inspiring.

Report accepted.

Report of Second District Vice President

As district vice president of the second district I hereby submit my report for the period of July 1 to Dec. 31, 1942.

During the above period some changes have become necessary in lodge activities and federation work. These changes lie mostly in the fact that members in rural districts are finding it more difficult to secure adequate transportation thereby curtailing visits to other lodge affairs. However many successful affairs have been promoted locally and this ought to be continued. Lodge meeting attendance has fallen off and this is due mostly to members working regularly. It is my belief that this is not alarming as time will make the necessary corrections.

On the question of sports, softball has declined in 1942. In spite of this a number of lodges in W. Penna had a very successful season. Lodge 680 Verona was again the champ in the ES Federation league and also the winner in the national play-off. Bowling with inter-lodge teams ought to be very successful as travel is eliminated. Also contests with other lodges in nearby districts should be encouraged and good results obtained.

The membership campaign speaks for itself. It is interesting to note that senior lodges played a big hand in its success. From reports that I received from local lodge secretaries in my district it seems that most lodges took the campaign to heart and did their best. Brother Vrhovnik ought to be commended for the fine work in the campaign and his articles in Prosveta were stimulating. Likewise Bro. Cankar deserves consideration for his efforts. I had the opportunity at various affairs to speak in behalf of the campaign and believe that my efforts were successful.

I have assisted various lodges with information concerning our society as well as assisted with local lodge problems.

It is my belief that a good morale exists among our lodges and members and that this is an encouraging sign.

Report accepted.

Report of Fifth District Vice President

As the SNPJ Fifth District Vice President, I submit to you this report which will explain my activities for our society for the past six months. Most of my spare time I devoted to campaigning for our organization. Up to this day I enrolled 123 new members. For Ladies Lodge No. 130, I enrolled 114 members, and for the men's Lodge No. 69, I enrolled 9. Both of these Lodges are located in our city.

I represented our society at the celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the Lodge Venera of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which was held on October 18, 1942. The celebration was a very excellent advertisement for our society.

As you know, the young members of the Eveleth SNPJ Lodges organized a Juvenile Circle in June. They have been very active and responsive in attending the meetings. During the Christmas holidays, they gave a play and had a party which was under the direction of their manager, Miss Eleanor Beutz. She has done very much in the organization of the circle.

Credit is also due to Mrs. Josephine Frantar, secretary of the Lodge No. 130, for her splendid cooperation in the Victory Campaign.

URSULA AMBROZIC.

Report accepted.

Official Business

Supreme secretary presents following resolution which was unanimously approved:

Whereas, the merger agreement approved by the joint convention of the SNPJ-SSPZ provides 13.8% of the reserve on the original certificates of the former SSPZ members, who voluntarily waived a portion of their reserve credits to be applied on their present certificates, and

Whereas, from a practical standpoint and in order that this adjustment shall be completed at the earliest possible date, it was decided by the Executive Committee, that credits may be paid in cash to those members who voluntarily accept such cash, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Supreme Board at its annual meeting approve the action of the Executive Committee.

Supreme secretary reports on resolution of Federation of English-speaking lodges of Western Pa. presented to him by Maglich and which concerns sick and disability benefits waivers of soldier-members.

Zaitz' motion carried that a special committee of five shall study this matter and report at the next session. President appoints Vidar, Kuhel, Kumer, Maglich and Gradisek to committee.

Supreme secretary reports on letters received from Slovene American National Council (SANC) appealing for funds to carry on the work of the council.

Supreme president Cankar reviews the conditions and activities which led to the Slovene National Congress held in Cleveland on Dec. 5 & 6, 1942, at which was created the above-named Council, and which is now in need of financial support. He recommends that the supreme board shall approve this support.

Kuhel explains the organization of SANC executive board, finances and other details.

Vrhovnik announces that movies of the convention and SNPJ Days will be shown on Friday evening.

Session adjourned.

SESSION FEB. 12. 9 A. M.

Minutes of first and second sessions approved as read.

Rus reports for special committee on case of Ruzich vs. Basich, lodge 549; committee recommends that judicial committee decision shall stand. It is so moved and carried.

In case of Jos. Krauser, lodge 290, committee recommends to approve judicial committee decision and recommends that if member's injury is of permanent nature he shall apply for compensational claim. Carried to approve decision of judicial committee.

Kuhel reports for special committee in connection with resolution of ES Federation of Western Pa. which is withdrawn on responsibility of federation secretary Maglich.

On the basis of various points raised in said resolution and in order that obstacles may be removed which at present time jeopardize the transaction of insurance in connection with our members in the armed forces of the country, the committee recommends the following:

1.—That the official notices of the decisions of the Executive Committee and the Supreme Board be published simultaneously in the official publications in both languages—within thirty (30) days from the date of such decision.

2.—That separate waivers be prepared and used for sick benefit insurance and separate waivers for disability insurance. This is in line with the present business method, whereby the Society issues separate certificates for sick benefit insurance, and separate certificates for disability insurance.

That sick benefit waivers be used only in cases where members desire to decrease their assessment for sick benefit insurance and waive the benefits while serving in the armed forces;

That disability waivers be compulsory for all members in armed forces who do not wish to discontinue payment of assessment, but who—under the provisions of the By-Laws—are not entitled to disability benefits. (Members who discontinue payments of assessments into disability fund are not affected.)

3.—That members serving the armed forces in non-combat zones upon their discharge shall not be required to prove the insurability in the sick and disability funds and shall be accorded the same privilege as members discharged from the armed forces on account of some disability which antedated their admission into the armed forces, but which was discovered after the date of such admission.

Moved and carried to adopt recommendations of committee.

Moved and carried that resolutions to the supreme board meeting must be in the hands of the supreme secretary not later than 15 days before the meeting.

Barbic calls attention to convention decision that supreme board may raise mileage rate in event that transportation costs go up, and he moves that rate shall be 5½¢ instead of 5¢ per mile. Motion carried.

Zaitz presents matter of surety bonds of supreme officers and moves that these shall be as follows: supreme president \$5000, supreme secretary and supreme treasurer \$40,000 each, assistant secretary, secretary of sick benefit department and juvenile director \$1000 each, manager of publications \$5000, auditing committee members \$1000 each, finance committee members (except executive committee members) \$5000 each. Motion carried.

Discussion of SANC is continued by Zaitz and Vidar, who reports on various details of the Slovene Congress, etc.

Session adjourned.

SESSION FEB. 12. 1:30 P. M.

SANC discussion continued by Vratarich, Cankar. Vratarich moves (1) to withhold approval of president's action in connection with nominating committee of Congress, and (2) to withhold financial support of SNPJ until SANC executive board is reorganized, at which time supreme board shall vote on financial support. Motion seconded by Lotrich.

Gradisek, Barbic, Zupan, Shular, Olip, Molek, Vidrich, Lotrich, Godina, Moeck, Zarnick, Kuhel, Petrovich, Cankar, Vidar, Ambrozich, and Zaitz take part in debate that follows.

Olip presents resolution: The supreme board at its session on Feb. 12, 1943, has decided that SNPJ shall contribute from its special benefit fund the sum of \$5000 to the Slovene American National Council to be used to carry out the decisions of the Slovene National Congress concerning liberation of Slovene people from Axis yoke, and to help them to unite in their own state, in a federated and democratic Yugoslavia; \$1000 of this sum is to be paid at once, and the balance at such time as it shall be evident that SANC executive board is sincerely carrying out SANC decisions; SNPJ members on SANC executive board are instructed to see that SANC decisions are carried out, otherwise they are to work for the reorganization of said executive board. Seconded by Rus.

Vrhovnik moves, Vidar seconds, that a committee of three shall prepare for publication a statement to SNPJ members in this matter, and which shall contain instructions for SNPJ representatives in SANC. Zupan amendment to motion is for committee of five.

Results of voting: Vrhovnik motion—9 votes in favor, 14 contrary; Olip motion—14 votes in favor, 7 contrary; Vratarich motion (1) 4 votes in favor, majority contrary.

Olip motion carried.

Zaitz presents Kumer bill for traveling expense to this meeting which is unanimously approved.

Session adjourned.

SESSION FEB. 13. 9 A. M.

Minutes of third and fourth sessions approved as read.

Vratarich motion carried to approve election of three SNPJ supreme board members to SANC, as representatives of the supreme board.

Supreme secretary presents letter from SANC in matter of transfer of JRZ trust funds. Zaitz reads resolution concerning disposal of funds upon dissolution of JRZ.

Zaitz presents written motion on special ballots which is seconded by Olip. Motion is: 1) Shall assets of JRZ Trust be transferred to SANC? 2) If you voted Yes in 1), are you in favor of transferring entire amount as soon as possible? 3) Are you in favor of transferring an initial sum of \$1000, and the balance as may be decided later?

Godina, Olip, Lotrich, Molek and Shular take part in discussion of motion.

Result of vote: Motion 1) 12 votes in favor, 4 contrary; 2) 1 vote in favor, 14 contrary; 3) 19 votes in favor, 0 contrary.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS (Cont'd)

In connection with section 85 of by-laws, carried that in cases of operation involving more than one organ, benefit shall be paid only for one, namely, the one for which by-laws provide the higher amount.

Vider motion carried unanimously to authorize executive committee to donate up to \$5000 to American Red Cross.

Secretary presents complaints against Prosveta editorial policy from Anton Jankovich of Lodge 147, Andrew Borich, lodge 312 and adds his own complaint. Molek explains that Prosveta policy follows resolution adopted by the last convention. Kuhel, Vratarich, Zaitz, Petrovich, Vidrich and Cankar take part in discussion which follows.

Godina moves that complaints shall be placed on file, and Prosveta editorial staff instructed to follow suggestions made and the thoughts expressed during this discussion. Motion carried.

Session adjourned.

SESSION FEB. 13. 1:30 P. M.

Zupan presents matter of preparing for the time when the war will be over, with respect to sending people to Jugoslavia to assist in various administrative and educational work for which they would be specially trained in this country. He moves that the executive committee shall study this matter and get in touch with the government agency in charge for the purpose of helping capable SNPJ members to take this training. Motion is seconded, and after discussion, carried.

Vrhovnik moves that major athletic events shall be cancelled for the duration, and only local contests supported. Motion seconded.

Kumer motion is that major bowling tournaments shall be decided by the local athletic board concerned.

Vrhovnik motion is carried.

Election of Athletic Board

First District.....Thomas Bricey, lodge 684.
Second District.....Lawrence Casoli, lodge 680.
Third District.....Joseph Golia, lodge 564.
Fourth District.....Julius Abram, lodge 631.
Fifth District.....Anton Verbič, lodge 584.
Vrhovnik presents

Juvenile Anniversary Program For 1943

The year 1943 shall be known as SNPJ JUVENILE YEAR for the reasons that it marks the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Juvenile Department and the Fifth Anniversary of the organization of Juvenile Circles. In commemoration of these important birthdays, a FIVE POINT program has been drawn up and is here presented to the lodge and members of the SNPJ with the expectation that it will be accepted and carried out successfully.

1. All Lodges and Federations of the SNPJ are called upon to celebrate these important anniversaries sometime during this year by staging elaborate social, cultural and entertainment affairs in which our juvenile members will be honored and play an important role. The principal juvenile anniversary celebration will be held, if possible, in the city of Chicago and will be recognized as the official National SNPJ Day.

2. An extensive campaign will be conducted for a period of three months to organize Juvenile Circles in every prospective SNPJ stronghold in America. The months designated for this special ALL-OUT drive are April, May and June. Liberal financial support will be given to all Juvenile Circles and the organizers, also, will be appropriately rewarded.

3. Every adult member of the Society will be expected to bring in at least one new juvenile member. As inducement for new growth in membership, the following schedule of prizes shall be effective beginning April 1, 194