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**L**ETOŠNJI BOŽIČ je za večino narodov, ki živijo na tem planetu, le znamenje v koledarju; ne dan miru in dobre volje, temveč ironičen, rogoč oponim, da ni skoro nikjer več dobre volje in še manj miru. Tradicijski božični pozdrav je bolj kot kdaj prej zvok brez smisla in pomena. Nahajamo se sredi vojne, v kateri se rušijo temelji civilizacije, in vprašanje je, ali bodo vrednote, katere je človeštvo mukoma zgradilo, preživele, ali pa izginejo v besni vihri vojne furije, ki je direktno ali indirektno zajela že vso zemeljsko oblo.

V takem svetu bi bilo otroče in brezmiseln, ako bi govorili o miru in dobri volji. Ne mir in ne dobra volja, temveč borba, nepopustljiva in neizprosna, mora biti geslo vseh ljudi, ki so še LJUDJE, ako nočajo, da bodo reducirani na stanje suženje in živalske eksistence. Kdor danes frazari o miru, se norčuje iz vseh tistih, ki so skozi stoletja trpel in krvaveli, da bi se človeštvo osvobodilo iz robstva samopostavljenih posvetnih in duhovnih tiranov, in ki so s svojim delom, tveganjem in žrtvami uspeli v toliko, da se je v deželah, ki so veljale za civilizirane, spoštovalo dostenjanstvo človeške osebnosti; da je človek, dasiravno je bil mnogokrat lačen, vsaj smel misliti, govoriti in verovati, kakor sta mu narekovala njegov razum in njegova vest.

Vse to je danes v opasnosti. Ne kocki je vprašanje, ali bo človek še ostal človek ali se bo spremenil v helota, orodje, s katerim bo mala peščica gangežev, ki se je s silo in terorjem prikopala k oblasti, počenjala kakor se ji bo ljubilo in kakor ji bo naredovala naslada sadizma, v cigar oklepih se nahaja.

To ni navadna vojna, to ni le borba za teritorije in trge, temveč je mogoče več. Hitler je pred dobrim tednom dni točno označil značaj sedanjega konflikta, ko je rekel, da je to borba med dvema svetovoma. Vse drugo je bila laž in potvara, ampak glede tega temeljnega dejstva je bil absolutno v pravem. Hitler bi rad zgradil svet, v katerem za ljudi, ki so res ljudje, ne bo prostora drugje kot v ječi, koncentracijskem taboru in na morišču. S takim svetom ni mogoče delati kompromis in ne sklepiti miru, kajti vsak kompromis bi se tolmačil kot znamenje slabosti, in mir, ki bi se sklenil, bi bil le oboroženo premirje, po katerem fašistična zver iznova planila svoje žrtvam za vrat.

Žalostna in tragična je podoba, ki se odpira človeku za božič v letu 1940 po rojstvu Kristusa. In najbolj žalostni in tragični v tej podobi je dejstvo, da najdemo med zagovorniki in pristaši "novega sveta," katerega obeta fašistična golazen, ne same take, ki javno vzklikajo "Heil Hitler" in "Il Duce," temveč tudi mnogo, mnogo tistih, ki si lastijo pravico govoriti v imenu krščanstva. Niso hrupni ti zagovorniki in simpatičarji fašizma, temveč lokave so njih besede in opreze njih geste; ampak instinktivno čutijo sorodnost z novodobno pošastjo, kajti mar se ni pošast zarotila, da zbrisuje svobodo duha in demokracijo s površja zemlje, to pa je bil vendar slej ko prej tudi njihov končni smoter in cilj?! Zvesti tovarisi te pobožne kompanije so oni, ki so jim borza, igralnica in denarna mošnja dokaz in znamenje kulture in napredka. Oboji skupaj predstavljajo veliko in zavratno silo, ki ne počiva ne podnevi ne ponoči, ki luhnja in vrtja vse povsod, kjerkoli še živijo svobodi ljudje.

Ne udajmo se iluzijam in prevaram! Ne mir, temveč borba; ne dobra volja, temveč jeklena, nezlomljiva volja mora biti danes kljuc vseh tistih, ki hrepene po dnevu, ko božična blagovest ne bo samo pobožna želja, temveč živo in resnično dejstvo za vse ljudi in vse narode. Dokler sile zla in barbarstva ne bodo strte, ne bo in ne more biti miru na svetu!

## Vojaška služba in zavarovalnina

(Dalje s 1. str.)

Točka 406. V teku prvih 15 dni koledarskega meseca, od odobritve tega člena pa do enega leta po razveljavljenju istega, mora vsaka družba ali organizacija, katera je prejela prošnje v smislu tega člena, poslati VETERANSKI UPRAVI poročilo, v katere morajo biti navedeni sledeči fakti:

PRVIČ. Imena oseb in svote zavarovalnin vseh, ki so se prejšnji mesec prijavili za to podporo.

DRUGIČ. Listo neplačanih prispevkov za certifikate prijavljene za podporo, na dolgu koncem zadnjega meseca, aka taki prispevki niso že poprej bili prijavljeni za zapadle.

TRETJIČ. Seznam prispevkov prej poročanih na dolgu, ki so bili v pretečenem koledarskem mesecu plačani popolno ali delno po članu, ali kom drugem.

CETRTIČ. Proračun razlike med poročanimi dolgovanimi prispevki in plačanimi. Od te svote se mora odračunati prej poročane za neplačane prispevke na certifikat, katere je med časom VETERANSKA UPRAVA odklonila, v smislu tega člena. Tako dobljena svota se ima končno smatrati za mesečno razliko.

TOČKA 407. UPRAVITELJ VETERANSKE UPRAVE mora overoviti proračun mesečne razlike družbe in nato v teku 10 dni vsakega meseca izročiti pravemu uradniku družbe vrednostni certifikat v svoti mesečne razlike, jamčen in izstavljen na ime družbe. Tak certifikat mora biti podpisovan po UPRAVITELJU v imenu vlade Z. D. in je plačljiv v teku 60 dni po odobritvi računa, skupaj z obrestmi, ki jih določi tajnik zvezne zakladnice. Tak certifikat ni premestljiv in mora ostati v posesti družbe do končne izravnave v smislu tega člena.

Točka 408. Tak certifikat je izročen družbi za jamstvo plačitev prispevkov na dolgu z obrestmi na iste. Za jamstvo proti izgubi imajo Združene države prvo vključno na vrednost članovega certifikata; prednost pred to vključno imajo le dolg, ki je bil v veljavi, predno je stopil ta člen v veljavo. Nobenega posojila, izravnave ali dividende ne sme družba izplačati ali napraviti na tak članski certifikat, ki bi utegnil škodovati vaščini vlade, dokler ne prejme pismenega dovoljenja od UPRAVITELJA VETERANOV.

Točka 409. V slučaju smrti vojaka, ki je od vlade dobival tako podporo, mora družba dozgovan sveto asesmenta skupaj z obrestmi, ki jih certifikat določa za posojila, odtegniti od zavarovalnine in tako odtegnjena svota mora biti v prihodnjem po-ročilu označena za plačan prispevek.

Točka 410. Ako član v teku enega leta po odpustu iz vojaške službe ne plača družbi vse zaostale prispevke z obrestmi, mora družba koncem eno-letne dobe tak članski certifikat preklicati in razveljaviti in družba mora na tak certifikat izplačati odpravnino v gotovini, (cash surrender value), ako jo kaj ima. Ako je tak član v vojaški službi še takrat, ko je ta člen (zakon) preklican, tedaj se sme tak certifikat preklicati in izplačati odpravnino v gotovini šele po preteknu enega leta po preklicu tega člena.

Točka 411. Po preteknu enega leta po razveljavljenju tega zakona (člena) morata družba in Združene države napraviti račun; v tem računu mora zavarovalna družba v njen dobrobit imeti vpisano skupno svoto vseh vladnih certifikatov z obrestmi do dneva preračuna, Združene države pa vrednost vseh odpravnin v gotovini, (cash surrender value), a v nobenem slučaju ne više svote kot znača za posamezni certifikat dolg neplačanih prispevkov z obrestmi.

Točka 412. Preostanek v prid zavarovalne družbe, za vsak slučaj, mora overoviti UPRAVITELJ VETERANOV TAJNIKU ZAKLADNICE, ki nato odplača zavarovalno družbu, ko mu le-ta vrne kreditne certifikate, ki jih je od časa do časa prejela od UPRAVITELJA VETERANOV, v smislu tega zakona.

Točka 413. Ta zakon ne velja za noben certifikat, ki je bil neveljaven, ali ki postane neveljaven po želji zavarovanega člena, ki jo v vojaški ali mornariški službi tu ali v inozemstvu, kot tudi za noben certifikat, ki določa za člane v vojaški službi nižje izplačitev kot pročelno vrednost, ali ki zahteva nakladne prispevke.

Točka 414. Ta zakon (člen) je veljaven le za organizacije ali družbe, ki so po zakonih države, v kateri so organizirane ali v katerih poslujejo, primorane vzdrževati rezervo, ali če je ne vdružujejo, pa so določile, da bodo vsi člani take družbe plačevali nakladni prispevek za izredno vojno tveganje (war risk) članov v vojaški službi.

### POJASNILA PISCA

Očividno se ta zakon ne tiče SSPZ, ker njena pravila določajo za gotove slučaje nižje izplačitev zavarovalnine od navedene v certifikatu. Sploh menim, da bo prišla v poštev malokatera družba, ali organizacija, ker vsaka ima v svojih pravilih omejene podpore za vojaštvom, ali določila za višji prispevek.

Ta zakon govori v obči o vojaški službi, o vojakih in mornarjih, ki služijo tu ali v inozemstvu, ne pove pa določno nikjer, ali se tice službovanja le v mirnem času, ali tudi v času napovedane ali nenapovedane vojne. To ga napravi zagonetnega in nezažljivega za vsako organizacijo, ki v slučaju vojne ne bi mogla zmagovali bremene obveznosti izplačil, potom navadnih prispevkov za popolno zavarovalnino.

Potem tega zakona bodo družbe dokaj obremenjene z delom, peljave posebnih računov in izvestij o članih v vojaški službi, ki se bodo prijavili za vladno podporo, ali boljše rečeno, za jamčenje plačil prispevkov. Bi skoraj bilo za vsako organizacijo, ako bi sama na svojo roko jamčila članom-vojakom zavarovalnino tem, katerim službe v armadi ali mornarici.

Klub temu, da ima zakon svoje napake, ga priporočam v poštev v vseh ozirih, kjer le mogoče; ne zastran tega, ker nudi nekaj zastonj, kar v resnicu ne, ampak ker je priporočljivo za svoje vojake, da so le-te za časa vojaške službe zavarovani. Mladenci, poklicani, ali ki boč protostoljno stopili v vojaško službo, se navadno malo zanimajo za zavarovalnino, oziroma za plačitev prispevkov za zavarovanje, zato je ležeče na starših in drugih sorodnikih, posebno na tistih, ki so imenovani dediči v certifikatih, da priporočajo prijavo pri vojaških oblastih za vladno podporo, aka sami ne morejo plačati pristojbin tekom vojaške dobe. Ako je vojaku odobrena vladna podpora, so dediči zagotovljeni, da dobe zavarovalnino, aka se zavarovancu kaj zlega prigodi.

WILLIAM RUS, gl. tajnik

## Dopisi članstva

(Dalje s 1. str.)

va prične po osmi uri. Torej pomnite, da vabimo in pričakujemo vaše udeležbe in se vam že naprej zahvaljujemo za poset. Vstopnina prosta.

Vesele božične praznike všim vsem!

Julia Pire

## Veselica v Detroitu

**Detroit, Mich.** — V tekočem mesecu, kot običajno, se volijo društveni uradniki za bodoče leto. Pri marsikaterem društvu jih je težko dobiti. Vendar pa ne tako težko kot takrat, ko smo ustanovljali iste pred 30 leti. V tedanjih časih so morali ustavljati preveriti po več uradov pri društvu. Tajnici smo morali hoditi po hišah kolektativi asesment, ako smo hoteli pridržati nekatere člane v društvu. In teh je bilo takrat več. Kajti bili so še pod vplivom duhovščine, in se bali tudi zunaj društva sestavljati in v pomenkovati z društvenimi uradniki. Nekaj je bilo takih (ne veliko), da so bili pri društvu samo toliko časa, dokler niso prišli v dotiku z duhovnimi ali kakim drugim klerikalnim podrepnikom, kajti bal se je, ne toliko greha in tistega starodavnega strašila, ampak da radi tega dela zgubi. In v resnicu so duhovni in njihovi pristaši marsikaterega pri delodajalcem očnili, in njemu, njegovemu ženi in otrokom kruh odjedli. Med temi je bil tudi podpisani. Še danes to poskušajo, in ni še dolgo tega, ko so najsvetjejši med svetimi hoteli odjeti kruh rojaku F. Barbiču v Clevelandu. Kot že rečeno, danes ni več toliko tistega strašila in denuncijantstva, ker smo potom na prednega časopisa prišli do izobrazbe in gavranji nimajo več tiste moči.

Pri društvu št. 220 SSPZ mislim na nobenega, da bi verjel v vpravljence in starodavnemu celoten nov odbor, in sicer: Anton Nagode, predsednik; Julia Pirc, tajnica; Marko Matekovič, blagajnik. Oddaljeni člani so prošeni, da po Novem letu pošljajo asesment na naslov: Julia Pirc, R. D. 1, Girard, Ohio.

Bratski pozdrav!  
Blaž Schneider, tajnik

## Društvo št. 122

**Ring, Kan.** — Člane in članice društva št. 122 se bavi na letno sejo, ki se bo vršila 22. decembra v navadnih prostorih. Imamo voliti uradnike za prihodnje leto. Torej vsi na sejo!

Matt Setina, tajnik

## Društvo št. 18

**Girard, O.** — Naše društvo in Vrtec št. 30 priredita božično zabavo dne 21. decembra ob 7. zvečer v Nagodetovih prostorih. Na programu bo izmenjava delarov in obdaritev članov Vrtca. Po programu ples in prosta zabava.

Na letni seji društva je bil izvoljen celoten nov odbor, in sicer: Anton Nagode, predsednik; Julia Pirc, tajnica; Marko Matekovič, blagajnik. Oddaljeni člani so prošeni, da po Novem letu pošljajo asesment na naslov: Julia Pirc, R. D. 1, Girard, Ohio.

John Rovan, tajnik

## Spomni se!

**Cleveland, O.** — Kaj smo storili v letu, ki se bliža zatonu, v korist našega naroda, članstva naših organizacij ali samega sebe? Ne zelo veliko. Kadar bi bilo treba nastopiti skupno za obrambo, takrat si skočimo v lase, mesto da bi se vzajemno branili, se najraje lasamo med seboj. To je že stara bolezna med našim narodom. Imamo nekako mrzljivo med seboj, ki nas uničuje, preveč strankarstva, ki nas cepi, da se obnašamo kakor da bi ne bili vsi člani enega naroda. Delavec ostaja vsepopos sam, kajti kakor hitro se eden počuti nekoliko bolj zmožnega, že prezira svojega tovariša in se odturnjuje, namesto da bi se v zvečjo vnuco delal za skupni dobrobit. Saj je vendar delavec tisti, ki podpira vse, daje svoje težko prislužene cente za to in ono, podpira razne javne ustanove in zasebna podjetja. Navzite temu ni nikdar deležen priznanja, ki mu gre. Gorie mu, ako napravi majhno napako, dočim smo pri drugih vse bolj popustljivi in celo pokrivamo njihove napake. Tako bi ne smelo več naprej, ako hočemo res kaj dosegati.

Za publiciški odbor.  
Leo Junko

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"NAPREDEK"

## A REMINDER

December is nearing its end and with it the fiscal year 1940. To us in the Home Office nothing is as satisfying as the work completed in time. This can be attained only with the cooperation of Lodge Secretaries and individual members. We therefore again take the opportunity of asking Lodge Secretaries to forward all claims for payment immediately, so that checks can be mailed out before December 31. And of members we ask to pay their assessments in due time so that the Secretary can forward same to the Home Office before the end of the month, if possible, but not later than provided in the By-Laws. The final date is the third of the month. The majority of Lodge Secretaries comply with this provision. To them we are grateful. However, there are several Lodges which are continuously late in spite of repeated notices. We hope that this will not continue during 1941.

Best wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all the members of the S. S. P. Z.

MIRKO G. KUHEL, Supreme Treasurer

## Historical Sketch About Yugoslav "Peasant King" in 2nd "Common Ground" Issue

A contribution of particular interest to Yugoslav Americans, and of general interest to all people concerned with democracy, past and present, is the story of Mathias Gubec, told by P. B. Stoyan in the Winter 1940 number of Common Ground.

"The sixteenth century," says Mr. Stoyan (Dr. Stoyan Pribichievich, author of "World Without End," now an associate editor of Fortune Magazine), "was the era of the great peasant rebellions took place at that rebel chief." Many ill-fated time. "The Croatians rebelled only once, but thoroughly, led by the fabled peasant, Mathias Gubec."

Like all other peasant revolts of the era, (except the Swiss) says Mr. Stoyan, the Croatian revolt failed. But, so strong and well organized was the movement, so inspired with the will to break the shackles of serfdom not only for the Croatians but for all oppressed people, that without the help of the crack guerilla fighters from the Turkish border, the nobles would have been defeated. The revenge of the landowners, thorough and brutal, would live in the memories of the peasants without the heap of stones which was the heated throne on which the "peasant king" was fastened during the ceremony of his death, still to be seen in St. Mark's Square in Zagreb.

Mathias Gubec, Mr. Stoyan writes, has become a legend and a symbol, and a legend does not die. The legend has it that Mathias Gubec is not dead. "He sits with his captains at a table, cups of wine before them, his entire army gathered near. Mathias' beard grows longer with the years and winds itself around the legs of the stone table. When it makes the circle for the ninth time, the two mountains will part it; the Peasant Army, rested and fit again, will come to deliver the Croatian people into freedom."

In the same number of Common Ground is an article by Miss Marian Schibbsy, expert in naturalization law, telling about the new naturalization code. Enactment of this new code, says Miss Schibbsy, is an outstanding achievement, which has not received adequate notice. The code makes much more clear and simple the laws governing naturalization and provides for more uniform naturalization examinations.

Another article in the Winter number which is particularly timely is "The Anatomy of Prejudice," by Dr. Henry A. Davidson, psychiatrist to a number of governmental and social agencies. "Prejudice," says Dr.

## Joint Yule Party

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The Danica Lodge No. 22 and the Vrtec No. 9 will hold a joint Christmas party, the afternoon of December 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the New Slovenian National Home. Every member is cordially invited to attend this gala affair. Let the Christmas spirit prevail among us especially now at this Yuletide season when good will is predominant among our great fraternal organization. We close in wishing each and everyone of you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

A Loyal Danica Member

## Cleveland SSPZ Bowling League

### UTOPIAN FALCONS HIT 2674 SERIES

With T. Debeljak hitting a 639 series with a 226 and 219 games the Zdruzeni Bratje beat the Utopian Falcons in two games. The Utopian Falcons had a 2674 series good for third place in the team three game high. For the Bratje F. Slejko had a 565 series with a 222 game, John Leskovec had a 553 series and Joe Leskovec had a 202 game. For the Falcons M. Lenassi had a 579 series with a 232 game, high for the day. J. Spilar had a 519 series, N. Spehar had a 511 series with a 213 game and E. Marash had a 509 series.

The Spartan Clippers beat the Utopian Rams in two games. T. Bolka had a 528 series with a 224 game. For the Rams T. Bolka had a 528 series with a 224 game. For the Rams T. Gruden had a 510 series.

The Utopian Eagles beat the Spartan Buddies in two games. H. Zorman had a 518 series, P. Mannila had a 511 series and F. Bohinc had a 204 game. For the Buddies E. Centa had a 549 series.

The Spartan Buckeyes beat the Utopian Hawks in two games. S. Zagar had a 574 series with games of 212 and 202 and B. Schlarb had a 505 series. For the Hawks T. Vrh had a 507 series with a 206 game.

### STANDINGS

Utopian Falcons	27	18	.600
Zdruzeni Bratje	27	18	.600
Spartan Clippers	24	21	.533
Utopian Rams	24	21	.533
Utopian Eagles	21	24	.467
Utopian Hawks	20	25	.444
Spartan Buddies	20	25	.444
Spartan Buckeyes	17	28	.378

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## Evening Stars' Christmas Program

WHITE VALLEY, Pa. — Dear sisters, brothers and friends:

Your are cordially invited to a big Christmas dance at White Valley Hall on Sunday, Dec. 22. Music will be furnished by the new Slovene Commanders.

Program: A comedy — "Wanted a Male Cook," — presented by a popular dramatic club.

Slovene Singing quartet and groups dancing. Candle drill and floor show.

Santa Claus will be with us.

Program begins at 6:30 p.m.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas!

Evening Star Member  
No. 218



### A CHRISTMAS WISH

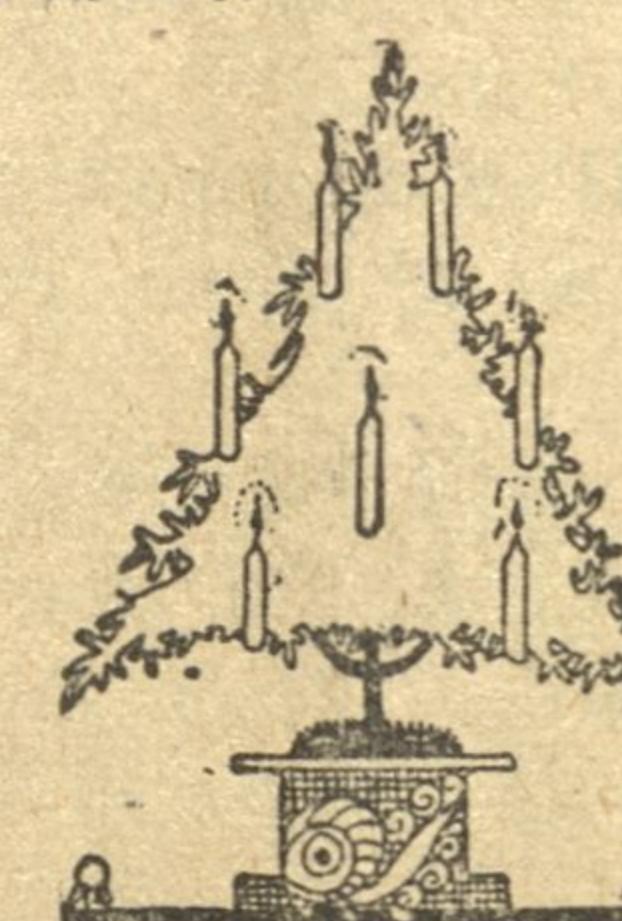
Christmas is here again and with it the spirit of good will, cheer and happiness. However, let us not forget that while we are enjoying the warmth and the comfort that comes from peace that is still ours, there are millions of human beings throughout the world to whom Christmas will be the bleakest day of the year—the soldiers, the refugees; men, women and children who tremble every minute of the day for their very lives. There will be no Christmas for the majority of mankind this year.

Let us be grateful for the peace with which we are blessed and pray and hope that it may soon return to the rest of men everywhere!

## "Balkan" News

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Just another "last minute" reminder — Vrtec 33, "Balkan Juniors" are having their Christmas party at the Harmonie Hall, So. Sixth and W. Mineral Str., on Sunday, Dec. 22, 1940, starting at 2:30 p.m., sharp.

The afternoon program will consist of a talent program, presenting of Christmas play "Tiny Tim" and climaxed by the appearance of Old Santa and his presentation of gifts to all juveniles present.



In the evening, starting at 7:15 p.m. sharp, Bro. Vrhovnik will show the latest SSPZ films of "Slovenia and its borderlands in 1939-40" followed by latest Convention movies, interesting views of "America Beautiful," and, probably, conclude with a comedy, or so.

"Balkan's" domaća zabava

Lodge "Balkan" is also taking this opportunity to announce their Annual "Domaća Zabava" which is to take place at the Harmonie Hall, So. Sixth and W. Mineral Str., on Saturday night, Feb. 8, 1941.

So, "Balkan" members and their friends, kindly keep these two dates in mind, and attend same!

John Maren

### CONCORDIAN OFFICERS FOR 1941

At the annual meeting, the following were elected to serve as officers of Lodge 120 SSPZ:

Pres., Josie Zakrajsek; Vice Pres., Angie Jasinski; Rec. Sec'y, Agnes Jeric Jr.; Treasurer, Tony Dusa; Admx Vrtec 171, Marge Jeric. Auditing committee: Pres., Jean Snyder, Ella Pultz, Alice Kolbe. Advisory Board: Agnes Jeric, Agnes Lunder, Mary Volk.

The meetings will be held every second Wednesday of the month in Room No. 3 Slovene National Home.

## Influenza

By Dr. F. J. Arch, Supreme Medical Examiner SSPZ

Influenza is an acute, highly communicable disease accompanied by fever and characterized by pandemic outbreaks. At the present time there is danger of this disease becoming epidemic. The direct cause of influenza is still not definitely known, however, it is assumed that it is caused by a filterable virus. This virus leaves the body in the secretions from the mouth and nose and enters through the same channel.

Influenza is not a clear cut entity clinically. The fever lasts at least three days, and if prolonged, complications such as bronchitis or pneumonia usually arise. The attack often starts abruptly and the prostration is out of all proportion to the fever and the physical findings. Cough, pains in the head, back and limbs are almost always present. The most common form is the respiratory form although an intestinal form of the disease is described.

This disease attacks all ages and both sexes. During the last great epidemic it seemed to have a predilection for strong, sturdy, robust young men. It spares neither class nor race; it takes the rich and the poor alike, the strong and the weak, the clean and the dirty. It occurs at all seasons of the year with preference to cold weather.

There is no definite vaccine available to prevent influenza, therefore no specific prophylactic against the disease. Prevention of influenza consists, first, in avoiding the infection, and secondly, in guarding against the predisposing causes. Contact with persons who have colds should be avoided, especially in street cars, offices, and other poorly ventilated places where the risk of persons coughing or sneezing directly in one's face is imminent. Contact with the infection may further be guarded against by a careful self-education in sanitary habits and cleanliness based on the modern conception of contact infection.

The predisposing causes to avoid are those that lower body resistance. The most important of these are bad unventilated air, dust, drafts, sudden changes in temperature, exposure to cold and wet, overwork, lack of sleep or insufficient rest, improper food and an excess in food or drink.

The best aid in prevention of influenza is the prevention of the common cold. Common sense and temperate habits are the best aid. At the first indication of pain, headache, backache or temperature go to bed and call your family physician.

## UNITED LODGES OF CLEVELAND

Members of Cleveland Lodges are requested to attend the annual meeting which will be held Saturday, Dec. 21 in Slovenian Workmen's Home on Waterloo Road at 8 p.m.

Election of officers, the coming 15th anniversary of the United Lodges and a campaign for new members are the subjects which the meeting will have to discuss.

And not to forget after the meeting a social and free refreshments.

John J. Kikol, Sec'y

## Fraternality in Action

The SSPZ paid to its members \$4,000,000 in benefits since organization.

## My Dear Adolph!

Chicago, Ill.  
Dec. 13, 1940

My Dear Adolph!

In reply to yours of the 12th I can only say that Mary Lawrence our stenographer must have transcribed my last letter to you.

I want you to know I didn't take none of your El Ropo cigars. I shouldn't be seen smoking them. Dey smell so bad like the garbage dump ven its vun hundred degrees in the shade. It aint enuff I should stand the cigars ven you smoke dem, must I add to the smell wit one myself.

The goat Lord must have punished me for shpeaking ill of your colt becuze I haff a bad vun now myself and am writing you dis letter from my bed ridden. The only consolidashun in having dis colt is it keeps me from shmeeling your cigars. I hope I am better next Saturday nite ven ve haff open house at Saurkraut Inc.

Ven you shpeak of my great ignorance you must remember, as the old filosifers vunce said, that everything great is worth striving for. You — you aint even got a ignorance.

You ask me in your letter vy I did not invite all the peoples from everywhere. Just another proof dot you can't read my writing. In the close of my letter I stated quote (as you will see ven you visit our office on the 21st which you must do) unquote. If dat isn't a cheneral invite den I don't like my partner in bizness, which is you Adolph. After all is sed and dun, I wouldn't change mine partner of Saurkraut Inc. for all the partners vot exists, even tho sometimes you get in my hair.

Since you haff already extended the invitashun to our public I will satisfy your ego no by giffing our public a cheneral discripshun of our employees and associates of Saurkraut Inc. — \* —

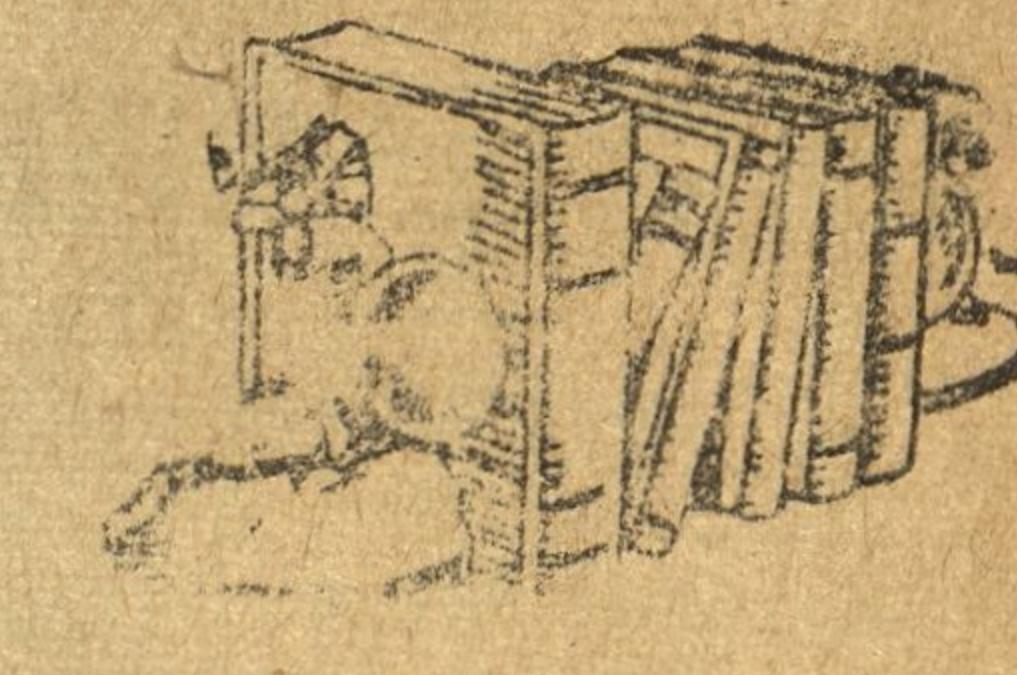
Adolf Krausmiller — One of the owners of Saurkraut Inc. is ably portrayed by Bro. M. Kuhal. His Dutch brogue will be as interesting to listen to as his antics are to see.

## "Dawn Patrol" Members to Participate In Big Amateur Show and Yule Party

GOWANDA, N. Y. — The month of December has at last arrived and our December meeting has passed and with the following officers elected: Ralph Korbar, president; Philip Sever, vice-president; Anne Stibil, secretary; Violet Widgay, treasurer; Henry Oyach, sargeant-at-arms and Rose Korbar will be our new administratrix.

Three of the officers are new. We all had a swell time at the meeting. The attendance was good and we were also glad to see some of the older lodge members present. After the meeting, delicious refreshments were served. Sister Julia Pecnik and Olga Leonard are sure good in preparing refreshments.

On December 22, at 3:30 p.m. at the Slovenian Hall a Christmas party will be held. Six lodges will join together to celebrate this grand affair. They are: Lodge No. 211, SSPZ; Dawn Patrol, 148, SSPZ; Dawn of Liberty, 325, SNPJ; Boosters, 728, SNPJ; St. Joseph's, 89, SSSCU; and the Pathfinders, 222, SSSCU. The first thing on



August Reimenschneider — The other partner in the firm who possesses the growling bear voice as Adolf states in his last letter. Bro. Ladi Tome fills the bill here.

Warren Thomas — The handsome, dashing young sales manager who falls in love with the steno is romantically aspiring for C. Gable honors. Emil Brolick is the man.

Mary Lawrence — The steno with whom Warren falls in love is none other than our own Katherine Zadnik, president of the Trail Blazers, and as industrious and talented as one could hope to be.

J. Wellington Mathews — The crooked, suave promoter is played Bro. Stanley Tome, well chosen to fill the bill because of his forceful, persuasive voice.

Timothy Scrooge — The town shyster and stooge of Mathews can be none other than Bro. Stanley Tisol the "old reliable." Stan assumed this role only three weeks ago and fills his part nobly.

Willie Klotzbach — Frankie Bezljaj one of our juveniles acts as the mischievous office boy who is always cutting capers.

Ada Clock — Another juvenile possessing great talent, Amelia Virant, plays the part of the office clerk.

Nina Clock — Sister of Ada is the hard boiled waitress which Katherine Schweiger another of the juveniles portrays.

Speed Andrews — John Karovich, still another of our juveniles plays the part of the burglar. Adopting the slang of a yegg he is suited to the character very well.

There you have the cast as you will see them on Saturday December 21, at Stancik's Hall, 205 E. 115 St. at 8:00 p.m.

The sacrifice of our time and several months of preparation will be more than compensated by the cooperation of you Slovanes and friends of Chicago and outlying districts thru your presence on this evening.

We will have considered our work a pleasure if you will enjoy the fruits of our labors.

Yours fraternally  
August Reimenschneider himself

After the show, guess what will happen? You guessed it. Dear old Santa will arrive from the North Pole with his bag full of beautiful gifts and delicious candy. After Santa has finished his job (you see, he has plenty of other places to go) a large free luncheon will be served to everyone. So come on everybody, let's all see you at the Christmas party on December 22. Now don't forget as a big treat will be in store for everybody, members or non-members.

I wish all SSPZ members a very Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

## DOPISI ČLANSTVA

(Dalje iz 2. str.)

rati bi delati skupno. Spomnimo se ob praznikih, ko bomo se deli okrog mize pri polnih skledah, na one onkraj morja. Priratgaj si malo, pa pošlji svojim, ki so v večji potrebi kot si ti. Ni mi dala vest miru, da vas ne bi opomnil o božiču na one onkraj morja, kateri božič bo tako žalosten. Spomni se jih s čemurkoli moreš vsaj za praznike!

Citateljem v članom SSPZ želim vesle božične praznike in Srečno Novo leto!

William Candon

## Prireditev naše mladine in drugo

**Sygan, Pa.** — Sygan Juniors, Vrtec št. 72 priredi svojo četrto božično v nedeljo 22. decembra v dvorani društva Bratstvo št. 6 SNPJ. Začetek ob 7:30 zvečer. Vstopnina je prosta za mlade člane kakor tudi za odrasle.

Program, katerega bodo izvajali člani Vrteca, bo zanimiv, a glavna privlačnost bo seveda Miklavž. Ko bo Miklavž odšel, se bo serviralo članom Vrteca jedila, nakar se bomo zabavali stari in mlađi, kajti imeli bomo tudi godbo, brez katere prave zabave ni.

Ker bo prireditev v pobudo aktivnosti naših mladih na druščenem polju, je nas staršev dolžnost, da se vsi udeležimo tega večera, posebno pa še članstvo društva št. 89, pod čigarskim okriljem Vrteca št. 72 posluje. Enako želim, da apelirate tudi na svoje prijatelje in znance, da se udeležijo te božičnice. S tem boste pokazali zanimanje in ljubezen do mladine, ki je naša bodočnost. Vsi delujemo, da se nas čim več udeleži te prirede. S tem bomo dali mladini več navdušenja in veselja, obenem pa ji bomo pokazali, da smo z njimi. Ako bomo šli mladini na roko, sem uverjena, da tudi ona ne bo pozabila na nas kadar bomo mi potrebovali njih pomoč? Na svidenje na Syganu v nedeljo 22. dec. zvečer.

Julia Kramzer,  
upraviteljica Vrteca 72

Pripis: Onim članom društva št. 89, ki niso bili na letni seji, sporočam, da je bil izvoljen ves starci odbor za leto 1941. Seje se bodo vršile kakor po navadi v prostorijah društva Bratstvo št. 6 SNPJ vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu ob 2. popoldne. Sklenjeno je tudi bilo, da plača vsak član vsake tri mesece 25¢ v društveno blagajni, t. j. en dolar za vse leto 1941. Pozdrav!

J. K.

(Opomba uredništva: Radi pomanjkanja prostora v tekočih izdajah Napredka, bo ostali del dopisa, ki je občega značaja, priobčen prihodnjem teden. Pozdrav!)

## Pregled in opomin

**Indianapolis, Ind.** — Ako nekoliko premislimo in pogledamo nazaj, vidimo, da se je v enem letu veliko spremeno. Nekatere naše dobre člane, s katerimi smo si pred letom dni izmenjavali božična voščila in s stiskali roke, že krije danes črno na zemlja. Njih dobra dela in bratsko prijateljstvo ohranimo v spominu. Pozabiti tudi ne smemo takih, ki so bili pred letom dni še trdne korenine, pridno na delu za svojo družino in za Zvezzo, danes pa jih morda muči neozdravljava bolezni. Seveda, gledati ne smemo samo na žalostne slučaje, ampak ozreti se moramo tudi na našo organizacijo, ki je v preteklem letu v vseh ozirih dobro napredovala.

Pred prazniki se pridno pravljamo, kaj bomo kupili in darovali našim sorodnikom, prijeteljem itd. Vse to je lepo in pač sezonska navada. Vsi ljudi bimo naše svojce in sleherni se potrudi, da jim napravi veselje, in spomni se seveda tudi sorod-

nikov in prijateljev. Ampak pozabiti ne bi smeli, da s tem še nismo storili vsega, kar zahteva božična sezona. Imamo še eno dobro prijateljico, in to je naša dobra organizacija SSPZ. Kaj bomo nji darovali, kako bomo njo razveselili za božične praznike? Odgovor je lahak. Moje priporočilo je, da ji vsak član in članica darujemo po enega novega člana, bodisi v odrasli ali mladinski oddelki. Ako storimo to, bomo pomagali sami sebi in dali veselje še ostalim rojakom širom Zed. držav, da stopijo pod okrilje naše dične organizacije.

Želim, da bi ta moj apel zadel vsakega člana in članico SSPZ naravnost v srce. Pridružite se temu pozivu, in pokažite da nismo pozabili obljube, ki smo jo podali ob vstopu v organizacijo.

Vesele božične praznike in srečno Novo leto želim vsem glavnim odbornikom, odbornikom posameznih društev in celokupnemu članstvu. Onim, ki jih muči bolezen, želim, da bi okrevati. Sorodnikom onih, ki so se poslovili od nas, pa izrekam moje globoko sožalje. Dalje želim, da bi prihodnje leto imeli še več uspeha, in uspeh je sigurn, ako se zavzemamo vsi skupaj in gremo na delo kot ena sporazumna in velika družina.

Louis Znidarsich,  
1. gl. porotnik SSPZ

## Božično razmišljjanje

**Bon Air, Pa.** — Bližajo se božični prazniki, ki so simbol "Princu Miru" in ljubezni do bližnjega. Le žal, da človek tega more več verjeti, ker je toliko bede in trpljenja na oni strani oceana, da se lahko počutimo kot v raju napram onim izmučenim narodom. Preti pa tudi nam ta vojna pošast in odpira nenasitno žrelo proti nam. Kaj nam prinese bodočnost, nam niti naši najvišji državniki ne morejo povedati.

Ampak opustimo to žalostno razmišljjanje vsaj sedaj v tej sezoni miru in duhu naš naj nas ponese nazaj v detinska leta, ko je bilo vse tako lepo. Kako smo ubogali mamo, da bi Miklavž več prinesel, obljudili vse naložene narediti, pa komaj smo se okoli obrnili, smo že na vse obljube pozabili. Ampak mama so rekli, da je Miklavž tako dobr, da nam za enkrat odpusti...

Na vse to sem se spomnila na letni seji. In vprašala sem članstvo za skromno vsto, da bi malo pomagali Miklavžu, da bi obiskal tudi naše "Starlighterje." In glej čudo! Zgodilo se je, da je nekaj naših članov pozabilo na mlada leta in nikar si niso dali v glavno zabit, da bi se razveselilo naše malčke. Še vedno se najdejo ljudje, urezani po starem kopitu, ki se nikar ne morejo orientirati na nove ideje. Ampak pregorov se glasi, da ima vsaka stvar dve strani in tako je bilo tudi pri nas. Dobili so se člani, ki se še spominjajo, kako težko so pričakovali Miklavža, in kolikor bo še treba iti spat, predno pride, in nabrali so lepo vsto.

Frank Turšič \$1.00, Louis Skelet \$1.00, Anton Sadar \$1.00, Frank Milavec \$1.00, John Medle \$1.00, John Klajder \$1.00, Lovrenc Krainc \$0.50, Theresa Faust \$0.50, Anton Koren \$1.00, John Kushner \$1.00, Agnes Medle \$1.00 in Sylvia Skedel \$0.50. V imenu Vrteca se vsem prav lepo zahvalim za dar.

Pridružilo se je tudi društvo št. 254 SNPJ in darovalo \$5.00 ter dalo dvorano zastonj na razpolago. Priredili bomo Vrtec Starlighters in društvo št. 254 SNPJ skupno božično na Novega leta dan popoldne. Miklavža torej prosimo, da počaka do omenjenega dneva, predno se poda nazaj na svoj dom na Sveti vernem tečaju.

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## NAPREDEK

7:30 sharp. Be sure to come as there will be an interesting quiz bee after the meeting.

Marge Jeric, Admx.

Vrtec 171

## COMETS' NEWS

(Continued from Vrtec Section)

## NEW CLOTHES

This was the day I had been looking forward to for many a week.

It was two paydays before my fall outfit was completed, but I felt justified as I peered into my mirror for a last look. Yes, my hat was on straight, mycurls at exactly the right angle; no powder marks. I told myself I was dressed fit to kill. (I almost did.)

Every stich I had on was new! I stepped forth into the crisp air, confident that I was well-groomed. I hurried along to catch up with mother and dad, who had gone ahead without me.

Before I had covered the first block I was conscious of many stares of passers-by! The stares didn't bother me! I was sure each starē was a stare of admiration. But were they stares of admiration? I was almost sure that one lady snickered behind her glove! And that man with her—I'm sure he smiled, but not with admiration.

I began to be very self-conscious. What was the matter with me?

My one thought was to reach my mother and dad, who were about a block ahead. As I hurried past the church-going couples, my self-consciousness grew by leaps and bounds. Before I had covered another half a block, I was feeling pretty hot under the collar. Each couple I passed sent a hee-hee or haw-haw after me, making my blood rise higher and higher.

After what seemed an eternity I had caught up with mother ad dad. A critical inspection of my appearance followed. What met their eyes must have been darned funny, for both burst into laughter! Then before my very astonished eyes, mother pulled a price tag from my coat and another from my hat.

So that was the answer to the mystery of the snickers and amused smiles! I felt like hiding in a hole and pulling it in after me.

Jane Gaspersic,

Vrtec 44

## Challenger Juniors

(Continued from Vrtec Section)

## CHRISTMAS MORN

Boys and girls can hardly wait for Santa to come with his sleigh.

He'll bring his bag filled up with toys for all the good little girls and boys.

Can't you see their eager faces? Of course, they're bound for their fireplaces.

The stockings are hanging in a row Filled up with toys from top to toe.

Then, Jingle! Jingle! the sleigh bells tingle.

You've guessed, it was old Criss Cringle. Dorothy Helay

Vrtec 10

Pennsylvania girls take pride, For here each girl can be a bride. That floral emblem, don't you see Make's kissing simple as can be.

But mistletoe up here won't grow, (Shucks! Buy it, girls and get the beau!) When mistletoe is hung up high, Then young men won't be so shy.

Some flowers are, I think, more fair, But mistletoe fine pearls doth wear. The fairest maids, young men should know, Are sometimes like the mistletoe.

On tree's life-blood are daily fed Until at last the tree is dead.

All Pennsylvania maids I've known Are fair and help to make a home.

Yeah! That's right. Why don't I practice what I preach?

Quite often, pleading and encouraging you kiddies to write was my main subject.

Well, well! Look who is here. It's Christmas again, with all the pleasant surprises. Of course you wouldn't think of hanging up that stocking, or would you?

Speaking of Christmas, we've a pleasant surprise in store for you youngsters and parents. Our Sygan Hill Vrtec is holding its annual Christmas party on December 22 at 7 p. m. Do come all and enjoy yourselves with a lovely program, dancing and goodies. Santa will have a gift for each member.

A Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to you all!

John Dolinar, Pres.

Vrtec 72

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Hark! You Vrtec 72 members, this is to remind you of the last and most important meeting of the year. You are all urged to be present at 7 p. m. — B Cing U at 7.

Johnnie

## Cleveland SSPZ Bowling League

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