





# THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

The Council of Lithuania, sole representative of the Lithuanian people, in conformity with the recognized right to national self-determination... hereby proclaims the restitution of the independent State of Lithuania, founded on democratic principles, with Vilnius as its capital, and declares the severance of all ties which formerly bound this State to other nations.

The Council of Lithuania also declares that the foundation of the Lithuanian State and its relations with other nations will be finally normalized by a Seimas (parliament), elected in a democratic way by the people of Lithuania.

Signed by twenty members of the Council (Taryba)

Vilnius, February 16, 1918

On this, the thirty first anniversary of the Lithuanian Declaration of Independence, it is of interest to recall what has happened to the twenty members of the Lithuanian National Council—who affixed their signatures thereon. The Declaration, restoring the independent Lithuanian State, was signed in Vilnius, capital of Lithuania, on February 16, 1918. Some of the signatories died before the outbreak of World War II; several perished as victims of the Soviet invasion of Lithuania; some are living as deportees, exiled to Siberia; others are refugees in the Western world. So far as is known, these are the details:

- S. BANAITIS, deceased
- DR. JONAS BASANAUVIČIUS, died in Vilnius, February 16, 1927
- M. BIRŽISKA, refugee in Western Germany
- KAZYS BIZAUSKAS, reported victim of NKVD at Cherven, June 1941
- PRANAS DOVYDAITIS, Soviet deportee to Siberia
- S. KAIRYS, refugee in Western Europe
- PETRAS KLIMAS, Soviet deportee to Arctic Russia
- DONATAS MALINAUSKAS, deceased
- VLADAS MIRONAS, reported victim of NKVD
- S. NARUTAVIČIUS, deceased
- ALONAS PETRULIS, deceased
- DR. J. SAULYS, deceased
- K. SAULYS, refugee in Western Europe
- J. ŠERNAS, deceased
- A. SMETONA, President of the Republic, died in Cleveland, O., in 1944
- J. SMILGEVIČIUS, (?)
- JUSTINAS STAUGAITIS, bishop of Telšiai, deceased
- A. STULGINSKIS, second President of the Republic, reported to have died while a Soviet deportee in Siberia
- J. VAILOKAITIS, died while a refugee in Western Germany
- J. VILEIŠIS, died in Lithuania during the German occupation

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# EVERY LODGE NEEDS LEAVEN OF YOUTH

Leaven: To make light. To mingle or permeate with a transforming element. Anything that makes a general assimilating change in a mass or aggregate.

Some lodges are very stuffy. They are officered by men who have been in the chairs so long that they seem welded to them. They appear more like graven images than human beings. They are narrow in their views to the point of bigotry. They bitterly oppose any change, regardless as to how advantageous it might be to the lodge. They do not welcome criticism and are deaf to suggestion.

It is often into such a stale, hostile atmosphere that the Junior is graduated, or the new member is inducted. These new members, usually young men, after their initiation are expected to sit on the side lines and listen attentively to the humdrum discourse of their elders. Any interruption to these sage remarks is instantly frowned upon. Any suggestion that some intrepid new member might set forth is either received with a superior smile from the presiding officer, or meets with a silence more potent than the scream of a fire siren.

Is it any wonder that such lodges are slowly expiring from dry-rot? Is it any surprise that the lapstation rate is high in such a district? Can any person give one good reason why a new member should become even remotely interested in such an organization set-up? Yet such a condition prevails in too many of the smaller lodges throughout our land.

There is one fundamental truth that social workers have discovered. It is: Youth Must Be Served. The old idea, carried too far forward in life, that "young people should be seen but not heard," is as antiquated as coppershoes. After two wars, hardly a generation apart, into which youth took the brunt of battle, don't think for one minute that you can brush them aside in the times of comparative peace. It just doesn't make soap!

They believe that they have earned and are entitled to the privilege of a "hand in the game," whatever kind of game it may be. When they "sit in" and call for seats, and are passed by, they are just as entitled to their share of the game as those who have been in the game since its beginning.

and that applies just as fully to the business of fraternal life insurance as any other.

They want to be of service, and they have new ideas, as well as ways to freshen up some of the tried and true old ones. But they expect a voice in the proceedings. If not, they will go where they can be given a hearing and their views considered. These alert, enthusiastic young people—boys and girls—are too self-assured that they believe themselves infallible. They do, however, feel that they should be given the chance to express themselves and that, if wrong, why in logical deduction. They don't like, and will not put up with, the

# REGULAR ARMY COMMISSIONS OFFERED COLLEGE GRADUATE WAR VETERANS

Men who served as commissioned officers in any of the Armed Forces during World War II, and who are graduates of an accredited college or university, may apply for Regular Army commissions as second lieutenants under a plan announced recently by the Department of the Army.

The program calls for appointment of some 400 to 600 second lieutenants in two major increments in March and in August, 1949. Such Regular Army appointments will be in addition to those offered distinguished graduates of senior division ROTC units, successful competitive tour candidates, and critically needed technical specialists.

To be eligible under the new plan, applicants must:

Have at least one year of honorable, active, commissioned service in any component of the Armed Forces between December 7, 1941 and September 2, 1945.

Have graduated from an accredited college or university.

Be between 21 and 27 years of age at the time of appointment. The maximum age limit may in some cases be increased according to the period of commissioned service in the Army subsequent to December 31, 1944.

"old heave ho" or "brush off." And neither would you.

Let's be tolerant of youth and help to guide its manifestations with understanding patience. The happiest, liveliest homes and neighborhoods are those with a good percentage of young people. You members of progressive fraternal benefit societies know their value in its ranks.

"Youth Unlock the future" is more than a slogan. It is a statement of a great truth.  
(The Fraternal Monitor, January, 1949.)

## The Value of Training

If, at the end of his training period, the new man can say: "The biggest thing I got out of my training is confidence, confidence in myself. I feel absolutely sure I can handle any situation that should arise. I feel that I have something wonderfully definite and specific to offer my prospects."

Be physically qualified.  
Be of high moral character and have a record free of conviction by military or civil court for other than minor traffic violations.

Not be a conscientious objector.

Not be or have been a member of any foreign or domestic organization advocating subversive policy or seeking to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means.

If an applicant has not been graduated from college, the estimated graduation date will be given on the application together with a statement of verification by an appropriate official of the school.

Applicants holding commissions in the Officers' Reserve Corps or National Guard are to submit applications through regular channels to the major commander concerned. Other applicants not on active duty will submit applications direct to the major United States Army commander concerned. Those on active duty will apply through command channels to appropriate major commanders.

Applications, forms for which are available at all Army installations, including recruiting stations, offices of the Adjutant General, National Guard and Organized Reserve instructors, must be submitted not later than April 30, 1949.

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## "SENAS, NES 40, 50, 60?"

—ZMOGAU, TU KVAILAS  
Užmirsk savo amžį! Tūkstančiai yra tvirtų sulaukus 70. Mėginak "pepping up" su Ostrex. Turi toniką dėl silpno, slėgiančio jausmo iš priežasčių stokos kūni geležies, ką daugelis vyrų ir moterų vadina "senatve." Mėginak Ostrex Tonic Tabletus dėl stiprybės, jauniesnio jausmo. Naujas "suspažinimui" dydis iki 60c. Pasiūdoma visur ir visose vaistinėse.

kantų viena buvo moteris, o ji karių parade buvo nei šis, nei tas.

Ką daryti? Moterį j karių eilės priimti buvo nepatogu, o be orkestro negali būti parado. Entuziastingi parado rengėjai truputį nusiminė, bet netrukus susigriebė ir surado išeitį: moterį aprenge vyriškai, pakirpo plaukus, ant rankovės uždėjo savanorio ženklą ir baigta.

Žygis į bažnyčią pavyko puikiai. Orkestras taip stipriai drožė maršą, kad net miestelis drebėjo. Po pamaldų savanoriai aikštėje prieš tūkstantinę minią sustojo tiesiomis eilėmis. Orkestrui grojant maršą, eilės pražygiavo darniai, tvirtai, kaip senų kariuvių pulkas. Kad parade dalyvaują moteris, niekam nė į galvę neatėjo.

Tai buvo pats pirmasis Lietuvos kariuomenės paradas ir vieningelis, kuriame dalyvavo moteris. Šiandien to parado dalyviai, kai kurie jau pilkiniai, į prisiminimą su dideliu malonumu. (T. G.)

# KAIP BUVO SUORGANIZUOTAS PIRMASIS LIETUVOS KARIUOMENES PARADAS

Pirmasis Vasario 16-sios metinės sukaktuves lietuviai savo krašte šventė kovos ženkle. Tūkstančiai savanorių tada gynė tėvynę nuo priešių, kurie, keleriojai gauseni ir stipresni, norėjo ją pavergti. Todėl 1919 metų Vasario 16 vieni šventė laisvės būdami, kiti priešū okupuoti, o tretieji kovos lauke.

Štai ką pasakoja mūsų savanoriai apie atšvėstas pirmasias Nepriklausomybės metines sukaktuves ir tuo pat metu surengtą Tauragėje pirmąjį Lietuvos parada: "1919 metų pradžioje visoje Lietuvoje ėjo didelis sąjudis. Kas galėdamas metė kasdieninį darbą ir ėjo ginti tėvynę. Įvairiose vietose buvo sudaryti valstelių ir apskrčių komitetai, kurie rūpinosi tvarkos palaikymu apylinkėse. Kai kuriose vietose grupavosi vyrai apie tokias komitetas, kad į pulkus savanoriais galėtų vykt didesniais būriais, o reikaliu esant sudrausytų vietos išsiškėčius.

Toks apskrities komitetas buvo sudarytas ir Tauragėje. Rinkeši savanoriai apie vasario mėnesio vidurį. Savanorių buvo per šimtą. Tai buvo kaimo vyrai, prastai apsirengę ir apsiavę kas batais, kas klumpėmis, kas vyžomis.

Vasario 16-ajai, Nepriklausomybės paskelbimo metinių sukaktuvių, su savanorių vadovybė—karininkai Kuizimas, Kazlauskas ir kiti—sumanė surengti parada. Kodėl nesutuosti! — galvoja — Žmonių yra, nuotaika gera, ir visuomenė išvydusi ginkluotą pajėgą, kitaip galvos.

Šis sumanymas visiems savanoriams labai patiko, ir visi ėmė laukti su didžiausiu nekantrumu. Vasario 16-sios, su dideliu atsidėjimu ruošiamiesi paradiui. Prieš šventę buvo padarė para repetitijų. Tuos, kurie atėjo su klumpėmis apsiavę, išskyrė, paliko tik turinčius batus. Bet ir čia susidarė marga minia. Eilėse stovėjo kas pitka sėmėgė apsiavilkęs, kas—kailiniais, o kas kas ir pirktiniais apsiavusiu. Uniformu toms dienomis dar nebuvo. Pasiuošimas ėjo gana sklandžiai. Kad žiūrovai parado daly-

Courtesy is the eye which overlooks your friend's broken gateway—but sees the rose which blossoms in his garden. —Today's Woman

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