

MŪSŲ SUSIVIENIJIMAS LAUKIA NAUJŲ NARIŲ!

Laiškai, radijas ir televizija dažnai praneša apie įvairių garsų žmonių mirtį. Miršta ne vien garsūs asmenys. Mirtis niekam nuolaidų nedaro ir retina gyvybę sambūrius visose srityse.

Lietuvių Katalikų Susivienijimo narių eilėse mirtis irgi retkarčiais pasimašo ir griebia vieną ar kitą auką. Kiekviename mūsų Susivienijimo organo GARSŲ numerįje pastebime mirusių narių sąrašą. Kartais tas sąrašas ilgesnis, kartais trumpesnis. Ne mūsų valioje tai pakeisti.

Yra galimybių padėti pagerinti kitu būdu. Tai galima padaryti pritraukiant naujų narių ir Lietuvių Katalikų Susivienijimą. Tad Lietuvių Katalikų Susivienijimo vadovybė pakartoti-

nat skelbia naujų narių vajus, kad organizacija būtų ir būtų kam pasinaudoti sukauptais vaisiais.

Lietuvių Katalikų Susivienijimas yra tvirtas finansiskai, turi modernius apdraudus planus ir patikrina saugią apdraudą, kaip ir pačios didžiausios ir tvirtiausios šios šalies fraternalinės organizacijos ar komercinės apdraudos bendrovės.

Naujų narių vajus įrašyti kuo daugiau asmenų į Lietuvių Katalikų Susivienijimą jau veikia. Už gražią paslaugą Susivienijimui — už naujų narių įrašymą — išmokami reguliariai komisai. Šiomet Susivienijimo vadovybė yra pramačiusi dar geriau atsilyginti uoliam nariam

talkininkam. Kas surinks bent penkis naujus narius nemazė nei kaip 5000 dol. bendrai apdraudos sumai, gaus premiją. Tokie apskriti nariai kito sezono proga Holiday Inn, Rochester, N.Y., viešbuty gaus nakvynes nemokamai trim naktim, gaus dovanai biljetą į banketą ir bus specialiai pagerbti už jų trūšą Lietuvių Katalikų Susivienijimo bendram labui.

Tad jau dabar sukruskmė į bendrą darbą! Tik apsižvalgkim savo aplinkoj ir tikrai greit surasim savo draugų ir pažintųjų tarpe, kurie mielai įsijungs į šią gražią, galingą ir ilgametę organizaciją. Tik truputį geros valios! Tik truputį apskrumo. Tik truputį iniciatyvos!



Lietuvių delegacija Washingtono pas Atstovų Rūmų pirmininką Thomas B. O'Neill, Jr. vasario 13, minint Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atkūrimo 62-ąsias metines. Iš kairės: Vliko vicepirm. dr. Kostas R. Jurgėla, Altos vicepirm. Teodoras Blinstrubas, Vliko vicepirm. dr. Jonas Balys, Altos valdybos narys Stasys Balzekas, kongresmanas Frank Annunzio iš Ill., pirm. O'Neill, kun. Eug. Gerulis, Atstovų Rūmų kapellonas dr. James D. Ford ir Lietuvos atstovas Washingtono dr. Stasys Bačkis.

METAI BE PRELATO JONO F. BOLL-BALTUSEVIČIAUS

Gegužės 2 sueina metai, kaip mirė prel. Jonas Boll-Baltusevičius, uolus Lietuvių Katalikų Susivienijimo veikėjas ir Švč. Trejybės lietuvių parapijos klebonas Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Palaidotas gegužės 4 Švč. Trejybės parapijos kapinėse Bear Creek Township. Laidotuvėm vadovavo Scrantono vyskupas J. Carroll McCormick.

Laidotuvėse pamokslus pasakė kun. Charles W. Heid ir prel. Frank Yaslikas, Šv. Onos parapijos klebonas Luzerne, Pa. Pamoksluose prisiminė jo gyvenimo eigą ir iškelė jo kunigiškas dorybes, kaip jis uoliai atliko savo pareigas.

Liko sesuo Mrs. Fille Budzko, Owego, N.Y., brolis Francis, Endicott, N.Y.

Velionis buvo gimęs 1907 kovo 20 Luzerne, Pa. Jo tėvai buvo Petras Baltusevičius, motina — Katarina Pilvis. Baigė Cherry Township pradžios mokyklą ir aukštesniąją mokyklą. Mokėsi Šv. Bonaventūros kolegijoje New Yorke ir Katalikų Universitete Washingtono, D.C., gavo B.A. ir M.A. laipsnius. Be teologijos dar studijavo architektūrą.

Kunigu įšventintas 1933 birželio 10 Scrantono katedroje. Įšventino vysk. Thomas C. O'Reilly. Trumpą laiką buvo vikaro Mergelės Marijos Gimimo parapijoje Tunkhannock, Pa. 1933 rugsėjo 12 paskirtas Šv. Mykolo lietuvių parapijos administratorium Scrantone.

Cia jis pasizymėjo didele veikla — 1942 pastatė bažnyčią, o 1949 perstatė vienuolyną, kuriame gyvena seselės mokytojos. Šioje parapijoje jis išbuvo net 34 metus.

Cia jo dideli darbus liudija jo pastatyta graži bažnyčia. Tai yra paminklas jo aidielės Dievo meilės ir tos meilės, kuri norėjo patarnauti Dievo žmonėms. Tik tada, kai Dievo namai buvo haigti, jis atremontavo šimtametį seserų vienuolyną. Ir jo parapijinė mokykla buvo pilnai sutvarkyta.

Ir tos Šv. Mykolo parapijos kuri buvo West Scranton, Pa., jis 1957 buvo perkeltas į Švč. Trejybės lietuvių parapiją Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Cia jis ištikimai tarnavo bažnyčiai 12 metų, iki savo mirties.

Nors visa savo siela buvo atsidavęs parapijai ir jos stovy-



Msgr. John F. Boll

bom, jos tobulinimui bei augimui, bet jis dar rado laiko ir visuomeninei veiklai. Jis išėjo ir už savo parapijos ribų. Ta veikla prasidėjo po to, kai jis 1942 baigė bažnyčios statybos darbus. 1944 jis buvo pakviestas Nukryžiuotojo Jėzaus Seserų vienuolyno Elmhurst, Pa., dvasios vadu. Įsitraukė ir į šio vienuolyno statybinius pagerinimus. Vyskupija jam pavedė noviciato statybos rūpesčius ir įpareigojo pagerinti vienuolyno motiniškąjį namą. Jis vadovavo seserų statybos fondams. Ir abu vienuolyno projektai buvo atbaigti.

Uždėjo jam naujų pareigų ir Scrantono vyskupija. 1945 jam buvo pavesta rūpintis Scrantono dekanato Šv. Vado draugija. Vyskupo paskyrimu 1947, po 14 metų kunigavimo, jis buvo paskyrimas į Katalikų Universitetą studijuoti architektūros. Vyskupija norėjo turėti specialistą, kuris mokėtų skaityti planus ir juos suprastų, pažintų statybines medžiagas, žinotų statybos terminologiją, nes vyskupija daug ką statė ir jai tokio žmogaus trūko. Šiam uždaviniui jis buvo gerai parengtas. Tai liudija visi architektai ir rangovai, kurie statė vyskupijai ir kurio dirbo su velioniu.

Vyskupija vis labiau traukė

jį į savo darbus. 1948 jis buvo paskirtas administracinės tarybos sekretoriumi, 1955 — vyskupijos statybos komisijos sekretoriumi. Šiose pareigose jis išbuvo iki mirties.

1957 pakviestas nariu į vyskupijos švietimo tarybą. Už tą plačią ir nuoširdžią veiklą jis buvo įvertintas Bažnyčios hierarchijos, ir popiežius Jonas XXIII 1959 gegužės 23 pakėlė jį į prelatą — monsinjorų. G. vyskupija 1969 jį pakvietė ir į vyskupijos patarėjų tarybą.

Šalia Bažnyčios dar buvo ir kitas civilinis gyvenimas. Ir čia velionis labai gražiai reišėsi, skleidamas artimo ir Dievo meilę. Jis yra buvęs miesto rekreacijos komisijos pirmininkas, Scrantono miesto katalikų ugniagesių kapellonas, Lietuvių Kunigų Vienybės pirmininkas. Labai aktyviai reišėsi Lietuvių Katalikų Susivienijime, buvo to Susivienijimo dvasios vadas ir jėga kitas aukštas ir atsakomingas pareigas.

Kunigu jis išbuvo 46 metus. Ir buvo geras kunigas, labai uolus Dievo tarnas, savo gyvenimą pripildęs gerais darbais, malda ir įvairia veikla. Jis troško, kad visa ta aplinka, kurioje jis gyveno, būtų geresnė. Todėl ir po metų jo visi pasigenda.

VASARIO ŠEŠIOLIKTOJI WASHINGTONE

Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atkūrimo 62-rosios metinės vasario mėnesį gausiai ir įvairiai minėtos daugelyje Amerikos miestų. Šioje apžvalgoje pasitenkinsime tik pažymėdami šios didžios šventės minėjimo renginius šalies sostinėje — Washingtone.

Atstovų Rūmuose

Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos rūpesčiu Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atsteigimo šventė minėta JAV Kongrese jau per metus metus. Atstovų Rūmuose šiemet minėjimas įvyko vasario 13 dieną, Kongresui besirengiant padaryti kelių dienų pertrauką. Tos dienos posėdis pradėtas malda, kurią sukalbėjo Chicago lietuvių reformatų ir liuteronų kunigas Eugenijus Gerulis. Jo maldos žodžiuose buvo ir toks kreipimasis: "Dieve, Lietuva... myli ir garbina Tave. Viešpatie, išgirk mūsų maldas. Savo šventa dvasia sudrebink okupanto širdį, kad vergijos pančiai kristų, kad raudonojo kalėjimo sargai su visais savo namiškais ištiktų ir taptų krikščioniškais broliais, kad Lietuva drauge su visomis kitomis tautomis vėl galėtų džiaugtis laisve ir Tave su meile bei dėkingumu amžinai garbinti".

Vasaruo 16-tos mėnėjimui skirtą darbotvarkę dalį pravedė kongresmanas Frank Annunzio iš Illinois. Jis trumpai supažindino Kongreso narius su lietuvių tautos ir Lietuvos istorija, paryškindamas jos žymesnius laikotarpius. Paliėtė ir skaudžiausius 1940 metų birželio įvykius, kai Lietuvą užgrobė Sovietų Sąjunga. Kalbėjo kongresmanas Annunzio ir apie dabartinę Lietuvos padėtį, pabrėždamas, kad Jungtinės Amerikos Valstybės nepripažįsta prievartinio Lietuvos įjungimo į Sovietų Sąjungą. Po Annunzio kalbos Atstovų Rūmų nariai galėjo padaryti atskirus pareiškimus, kurie skelbiami oficialiuose kongreso užrašuose — Congressional Record.

Tos dienos posėdžiui vadovavo pats Atstovų Rūmų pirmininkas O'Neill. Prie posėdžiui prasidedant, pirm. O'Neill priėmė Lietuvos atstovą dr. Stasį Bačką, iš Chicago atvykusius

Altos atstovus Teodorą Blinstrubą ir Stasį Balzeką, Vliko vicepirmininkus dr. K. Jurgėlą ir dr. Joną Balį ir kun. Eug. Gerulį.

Priėmimas Lietuvos Atstovybėje

Vasaruo 16-tą dieną Lietuvos Pasiuntinybės rūmų priešakyje plevėso Lietuvos trispalvė. Atstovas dr. Stasys Bačkis ir p. Ona Bačkienė susilaukė tą dieną sveikinimų telefonu ir raštu. Gauta ir gėlių puokščių. Vakare Pasiuntinybėje įvyko priėmimas, į kurį atsilankė per 100 asmenų. Tarp atsilankusių buvo Valstybės departamento pareigūnai, užsienio diplomatinio korpuso nariai, įvairių tautinių grupių atstovai, lietuvių visuomenės veikėjai. Valstybės sekretorius Cyrus Vance atsiuntė dr. Bačkui raštą, perduodamas lietuvių tautai ir jam vyriausybės ir amerikiečių/geriausius sveikinimus ir nuoširdžius linkėjimus. Valstybės sekretorius sakė, kad amerikiečiai ypač vertina lietuviams visur būdingas ypatybes — tvirtą valstybinę sąmonę pajutimą ir jų pasišventimą religijos ir žmogaus laisvėms. Tarp svečių Pasiuntinybės priėmimo iš toliau atvykusių buvo Vliko pirm. dr. K. Bobelis, prof. V. Bieliauskas ir kiti.

Pamaldos už Lietuvą

Vasaruo 17 d. Washingtono arkivyskupijos Šv. Mato katedroje buvo aukojamos iškilmingos mišios už Lietuvą. Koncelebravo kun. Ralph Duffy, kun. dr. T. Žitraitis, OP, ir kun. D. Morrow (lietuvių kilmės kunigas iš Michigano). Giedojo katedros choras. Pamokslą sakęs kun. Duffy išsamiai supažindino gausiai katedron atsilankiusius amerikiečius ypač su tikinčiųjų Lietuvoje padėtimi. Pamokslininkas daugiausia rėmėsi Lietuvos Katalikų Bažnyčios Kronikoje paskelbtais duomenimis.

Mišioms pasibaigus katedroje galingai angiedotas Lietuvos himnas. Pamaldų surengimu rūpinosi Lietuvių Bendruomenė ir Lietuvos Vyčiai. Prie didžiojo altoriaus, šalia Amerikos ir Vatikano vėlavų, buvo išstatyta ir Lietuvos trispalvė.

Senatė pagerbta Lietuva Jungtinių Valstybių Senate

Lietuva prisiminta vasario 19. Buvo tai pirmoji Senato darbo diena po kelių dienų pertraukos, kuri buvo padaryta ryšium su pirmojo šalies prezidento George Washingtono gimtadienio švente. Pagal iš anksto sutartą ir patvirtintą darbotvarkę, senatorius Charles Percy, respublikonas iš Illinois, buvo pakviestas vadovauti Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atsteigimo paskelbimo 62-jų metų paminėjimui. Senatorius Percy pareiškė turįs ypatingą malonumą kalbėti apie Lietuvą, nes jis labai gerbia lietuvių tautą. Jis priminė, kad beveik prieš 14 metų jam teko lankytis Vilniuje. Tada jis savo akimis pamatęs lietuvių tautos ryžtą išlikti gyva. Senatorius Percy sakė labai vertinąs Amerikos lietuvių pastangas priminti amerikiečiams Lietuvos likimą ir padėti Sovietų okupacijoje, kurios padarinių — prievartinio įjungimo į Sovietų Sąjungą — Jungtinės Valstybės nepripažino ir nepripažįsta.

Senatorius Percy savo jautriame žodyje priminė, kad visai neseniai Senatas ir Atstovų Rūmai priėmė bendrą rezoliuciją Baltijos valstybių reikalui, kurioje Kongresas pakartojo Jungtinių Valstybių politiką nepripažinti šių trijų valstybių prievartinio laisvės užgniaujimo ir prašė šalies prezidentą kelti jų laisvės bylą tarptautiniuose forumuose. Toji kongreso rezoliucija taip pat prašo prezidentą pavesti Jungtinių Valstybių delegacijai būsimoje Madrido konferencijoje siekti visiško Helsinkio susitarimų vykdymo, tarp kurių yra visų tautų teisių lygybė ir laisvo apsisprendimo teisė.

Senatorius Percy taip pat minėjo sovietinius žmogaus teisių pažeidimus, nuo kurių dabar kenčia Balys Gajauskas, Viktoras Petkus, Nijolė Sadonaitė ir kiti žmogaus teisių gynėjai. Senatorius Percy sveikino lietuvių tautą, turinčią garbingą istoriją ir siekiančią laisvės.

Tą pačią dieną Senate atitinkamus pareiškimus apie Lietuvą padarė senatoriai Levin iš Michigano, Lugar iš Indianos, Bradley iš New Jersey, Japson iš Iowos. Atskirus pareiškimus tuojau padarė senatoriai — Bay iš Indianos ir Schweikeris iš

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Denverio lietuvių tautinių šokių grupė Rūta. Iš k. l-oje eilėje sėdi: Kristina Steikūnaitė, Karen Steikūnaitė, vadovė Antanina Bulotienė, Dalia Pliuškonytė ir Patricia Steikūnaitė. Stovi iš kairės: Kazys Stogis, Leonas Vaitaitis, Monika Steikūnaitė, Rimas Vaitaitis, Andėja Švedaitė, Lina Peckus, Vilija Vaitkutė, Paulius Švedas, tautinių šokių puoselėtojas ir Vilties žurnalo redaktorius-leidėjas Vytautas Beliajus, Algis Liepas, Linda Vaitkutė, Saulius Pliuškonis ir Arvydas Jarašius. Nuotrauka Sauliaus Pliuškonio

AMERIKOS LIETUVIŲ TARYBA INFORMUOJA

(atkelta iš 3 psl.)

nian Church Still Being Persecuted"; "The New Star" vasario 17 d. įdėjo to paties autoriaus: "Moscow's Oppression of the Subjugated Nations"; "Chicago Tribune" vasario 17 išspausdino to paties autoriaus laišką apie Maskvos melus Lietuvos ir ryšium su Artimaisiais Rytai.

Del žustančių lietuvių Afganistane

Californijos laikraštis "Evening Outlook" pasirodžius žiniai, kad Vilniaus geležinkelio stoty buvo iškrauta apie 300 karstų lietuvių, žuvusių Afganistane, Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos pirmininkas dr. Kazys Šidlauskas raštu kreipėsi į JAV Valstybės sekretorių C.R. Vance, atkreipdamas dėmesį, kad Maskva okupuotoje Lietuvoje praveda priverstiną mobilizaciją, kas priešinga tarptautinei teisei. Kadangi JAV nepripažįsta Lietuvos inkorporacijos, Valstybės departamentas prašomas pareikšti protestą, kad vertimas Pabaltiečių tarnauti Sovietų Sąjungos kariuomenėje yra priešingas tarptautinių sutarčių nuostatom.

Prieš siuntimą lietuvių į Afganistaną

Dienraštis "Chicago Sun Times", turįs apie 700,000 skaitytojų, kovo 30 d. išspausdino kun. J. Prunskio Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos vardu laišką, kuriuo informuojama, kad Maskvos

kinti pabaltiečius imperialistiniame Maskvos kare. Pažymėtina, kad dienraštis tam trumpam laišku uždėjo antraštę per visą puslapį: "Lietuviai — patrankų maistas Sovietų atakoje".

Prezidentūros padėka Altai

Specialus prezidento Carterio asistentas etniniam reikalams St. R. Aiello atsuntė padėką Amer. Liet. Tarybos pirmininkui už rodomą paramą JAV politikai Sovietų Sąjungos atžvilgiu, ypač kas liečia olimpiadą. Laiške pažymima, kad Afganistano užpuolimą prezidentas laikė svarbiu tarptautinės teisės nuostatai lauzymu ir labai pavojinga grėsme pasaulio taikai. "Mes privalome aiškiai parodyti Sov. Sąjungai, kad ji negali mindžioti nepriklausomų tautų ir drauge tęsti prekybą ir sportą kaip paprastai."

Radio informacijos pavertimams

JAV-bėms siaurinant biudžetą, susidaro pavojus dėl reikiamos paramos Radio Free Europe ir Radio Liberty stotims, kurios siunčia informacijas už geležinės uždangos. Amer. Liet. Tarybos pirm. dr. K. Šidlauskas pasiuntė raštus sen. Ch. Percy, kongresmanui Frank Annunzio, prašydamas, jog jie panaudotų savo įtaką, siekdami, kad minėtiems radijo siustuvams parama būtų net padidinta, nes yra svarbus reikalas spręsti prieš klaidinančią Maskvos propagandą, radijo bangomis siunčiamą į įvairias tautas.

NAUJAI JAV LB KULTŪROS TARYBAI VEIKLĄ PRADEDANT

Devintosios JAV LB krašto valdybos nare buvo pakviesta ir patvirtinta Igrida Bublėnė iš Clevelando. Jai patikėtos kultūros tarybos pirmininkės pareigos.

Pirmininkė sudarė kultūros tarybą tokios sudėties: Viktoras Marišnas — vicepirmininkas, Rita Balytė — sekretorė, Jurgis Malskis — reikalų vedėjas ir išdirtinkas, Nijolė Palubinskiene — dailės sričiai, dr. Jonas Cadzow — archyvam, dr. Augustinas Idzėlis — ryšiam su mokslo įstaigomis ir mokslininkais, Andrius Kuprevičius — muzikos sričiai, Algis Rukšėnas — spaudos sričiai, Juozas Stempulis — radijo sričiai.

Kultūros taryba reikia padėką buvusiai kultūros tarybai su jos pirmininku Aleksandru Radaičiu už tvarkingą pareigų perdavimą ir už tolimasnet veiklos sugestijas, kurias bus stengiamasi realizuoti.

Suprasdama, kad jos veikla

turėtų būti vienas iš pagrindinių šaltinių tautinei gyvybei išvėjoj įlaikyti, globoti ir ugdyti, kultūros taryba prašo ir tikisi moralinės bei medžiaginės paramos, stulymų ir patarimų iš krašto apygardų ir apylinkių valdybų, iš Lietuvos Fondo, radijo programų ir iš patriotinės spaudos.

Kultūros taryba ieškos konkrečių kelių ir priemonių naujom idėjom bei įmanomiem planam realizuoti, kūrėjų pastangom įvertinti ir kūrybos vaisiam skelsti. Ji bus pasirodusi atėiti į talką pagėdautina informacija ir galima medžiagine parama JAV LB apygardom bei apylinkėm, įgyvendinant jų kultūrinės srities sumanymus. Pastebėjimai bus mielai laukiami.

Konkrečius savo planus ir sprendimus kultūros taryba skelbs spaudoje ir bendrašaukiams.

JAV LB Kultūros Taryba

Lietuvoje mobilizuoti vyrai verčiami raud. armijos daliniuose dalyvauti Maskvos kolonialinėje agresijoje Afganistane. Tai priešinga tarptautinei teisei ir tai vienas iš būdų panai-

Kova dėl "Nežinomo karo"

Filmą "The Unknown War" televizija rodė keletoje JAV miestų. Ją palankiai rekomendavo National Education Assn. mokytojų sąjunga. Tačiau šis filmas paremtas Sov. Sąjungos parpinta medžiaga ir kalba apie "Pabaltijo išlaisvinimą". Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba kreipėsi tiesioginiai į tos mokytojų sąjungos pirmininką ir dar įprašė kongresmaną M. Russo tarpininkauti, kad mokytojų sąjunga to filmo indorsavimą atšauktų. Tuo reikalu stipriai darbuotasi Evanstono aukšt. mo-

ANTRASIS LIETUVOS K. BAŽNYČIOS KRONIKOS TOMAS ITALŲ KALBA

Vatikano radijo centrinė redakcija specialia šešių puslapių studija pristatė įvairių kalbų radijo programom neseniai Italijoje pasirodžiusį Lietuvos Katalikų Bažnyčios Kronikos antrąjį rinkinį italų kalba. Šį rinkinį išleido Matrijonos Namų — La Casa di Matrona — leidykla Milane.

Knyga yra beveik penkių šimtų puslapių. Jų yra pateiktami dešimtys Lietuvos katalikų Bažnyčios Kronikos numerų — nuo vienuoliktojo ligi dvidešimtojo — vertimai į italų kalbą. Šie Kronikos numeriai Lietuvos pasirodė tarp 1974 vasario ir 1976 pavasario. Jie apima įvairius pareiškimus ir protesto raštus prieš Katalikų Bažnyčios Lietuvos ir jos tikinčiųjų teisių bei laisvių varžymus, pranešimus apie Lietuvoje išskeltas teismines bylas sąžinės ir politinio kaliniam, apie tikinčiųjų mokinių persekiojimą Lietuvos mokyklose, apie Lietuvos vykdomą kultūrinį genocidą, įvairias žinias iš vyskupijų, bendras informacijas iš Lietuvos.

Kaip minėta, tai jau antras atskira knyga išleidžiamas Lietuvos Katalikų Bažnyčios Kronikos rinkinio italų kalba. Pirmąjį rinkinį ta pati knygy leidykla Milane išleido 1976. Jis apėmė dešimties pirmųjų Kronikos numerių italiskus vertimus.

Pristatydamą naują Kronikos rinkinio italų kalba tomą, Vatikano radijo centrinė redakcija primena, jog Lietuvos Katalikų Bažnyčios Kronika pirmą kartą Lietuvoje pasirodė prieš aštuonerius metus — 1972. Nuo to laiko atskiri Kronikos sąsiuviniai Lietuvos slaptai pasirodė maždaug kas trys mėnesiai, taip pat slaptai yra siunčiami į užsienį, kur yra verčiami į įvairias kal-

kyklos mok. Ant. J. Van Renan, palaikydamas ryšį su Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba.

Rytų ir Centro Europos tautos Rytų ir Centro Europos tautų draugystės sąjunga, kuriai priklauso rumunai, serbai, slovenai, slovakai, lenkai, čekoslovakai ir kiti, kovo 8 d. Chicagoje turėjo banketą, kur Altos vardu sveikinimo kalbą pasakė kun. J. Prunskis.

Del bylių "karo nusikalteliams"

Į Chicago atvyko naujas Izraelio gen. konsulas Moshe Gilboa, skirtas aptarnauti JAV Vidurvakarius. Anksčiau jis yra buvęs Izraelio diplomatinė tarnyboj Irane. Į jo priėmimą kovo 23 d. buvo sukviesta įvairių tautybių atstovai. Pakviestas ir kun. J. Prunskis jam įteikė knygelę "Lithuania's Jews and the Holocaust" ir priminė, kad Sov. Sąjungos atsiunčiamais liudijimais ir dokumentais negalima pasitikėti; taip pat pabrėžė, kad jokia būdu negalima kaltės mesti visai lietuvių tautai, kam gen. konsulas pritarė.

Lietuvių pareiškimas JAV valdžios organe

Kongresmano Dante B. Fascell rūpesčiu Rytinės Floridos Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos rezolucija, priimta masiniame susirinkime Miami mieste, vasario 22 d. išspausdinta Congressional Record 28 nr. Rezolucijoje reiškiamą padėką Amerikai už rėmimą Lietuvos laisvės reikalų ir reikalaujama, kad būtų sustabdyta Sov. Sąjungos kolonizacija ir vykdomas genocidas Lietuvoje. Kongresmanas Fascell savo kalboje, kuri irgi buvo išspausdinta Congr. Record, kelė reikalavimą, kad Lietuvai būtų atstatytas laisvo apsisprendimo teisės vykdymas. Kongresmanas reikė protestą dėl kalinimų N. Sadnaitės, P. Pliumpos, V. Skuodo, A. Zypres, P. Paulaitio, V. Petkaus, B. Gajausko.

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— Europos Kraštų LB pirminkų ir valdybų suvažiavimas įvyks 1980 m. rugpjūčio 9-16 prie Innsbrucko, Austrijoje. Europos Lietuvių Studijų Savaitės metu. Suvažiavime dalyvaus PLB pirminkas Vytautas Kamantas.

— Lietuvių Fondas 1979 pagau 208 narius ir \$126,658. 1979 gruodžio 31 Lietuvių Fondas turėjo 4,726 narius ir \$1,651, 400 kapitalo. Pelno per 1979 gautą \$123,082. Nuo savo įsisteigimo Lietuvių Fondas įvairiam lietuviškiem reikalams yra paskyręs \$643,819. Visuotinis Lietuvių Fondo narių suvažiavimas įvyks gegužės 3 Chicagoj, Jaušimo Centre.

— Jane Byrne, Chicago burmistrė, kovo 9 atidarė gatvę "Lithuanian Plaza Court", anksčiau buvusią 69 gatvę. Apie tai rašė ir Chicago pietų savaitraštis "Southwest News-Herald" kovo 13.

— Litanus žurnalą dr. Antanas Klimas redagavo 10 metų ir suredagavo 15 numerių. Dr. Jonas Račkauskas, dr. T. Remeikis, dr. Kęstutis Skrupskelis suredagavo po 5 numerius, dr. Br. Vaškevičius — 3 nr., dr. Vyt. Vardys ir dr. Kęst. Girmius — po 2 nr., prof. B. Ciplijauskaitė, dr. J. Zdanys ir Saulius Kuprys — po 1 nr.

— Žmogaus teisėmis pasauly besirūpinanti tarptautinė organizacija "Human Rights Internet" sausio leidiny apžvelgia dr. T. Remeikio ir inž. B. Nainio redaguotą ir JAV LB išleistą leidinį "Violations of Human Rights in Soviet Occupied Lithuania — a Report for 1978". Taip pat praneša apie "Koalicijos išlaisvinti Petkų ir Gajauską" įkurtą, Lietuvos Laisvės lygos deklaraciją. Vardinant Lietuvą liečiančius leidinius, minima Bridges, Litanus, LKB Kronika Nr. 35, Perspektyvos ir kt.

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STATE DEPARTMENT DECLARES POSITION ON LITHUANIAN LEGATION BILL

The State Department has recently declared its view on H.R. 5407, a bill introduced in Congress last year which would appropriate funds for the Lithuanian Legation and would also provide for continuity of Lithuanian diplomatic representation. The Department's opinion was expressed in a letter to Rep. C. Zablocki, Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs to which the bill had been referred.

As the letter points out, the Department for various reasons does not recommend the appropriation of US Government funds to provide relief for the Lithuanian Legation, an objective sought by H.R. 5407. The Department has arrived at a different solution, the details of which "cannot be made public because they involve matters which are protected by diplomatic immunity and confidentiality". Department officials have indicated that the

arrangement involves a reorientation of Baltic legation funds. Given these factors, the Department does not recommend that the Congress enact H.R. 5407.

The Department at this time chose to address the other point of H.R. 5407, on the continuity of diplomatic representation. In the Department's view, that issue was secondary to the more pressing matter of the Lithuanian Legation's financial status. The Department's view was that the issue of diplomatic representation should be addressed separately and on its own merits. Touching on this sensitive issue, the Department writes to Congressman Zablocki that "... the measures we are taking will adequately satisfy the primary purpose of H.R. 5407 in providing for the financial survival of the Lithuanian Legation as long as there are eligible diplomatic representatives to staff it." Together with ongoing discus-

sions this indicates the Department's prevailing opinion that present accreditation requirements for the Baltic diplomatic corps would not be relaxed. It remains the prerogative of the Baltic American community, an effort recognized by the Department, to seek ways to avoid what would be a biological termination of the Baltic diplomatic corps.

Department officials felt that the efforts of the Lithuanian American community in gaining introduction of H.R. 5497 were productive, as this served to focus attention on the Lithuanian Legation's financial status and reinforced the need to achieve a timely solution.

Inquiries on this matter can be addressed to the Baltic Affairs Office, EUR/EE Room 5221, Department of State, 2201 C Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20520; telephone (202) 632-1739.

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FROM LITHUANIA — THOUGHTS ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

February 16th marks the sixty-second anniversary since the restoration of Lithuania's independence in 1918. The following thoughts, expressing the feelings of the majority of the people in Lithuania, are taken from a samizdat history of Independent Lithuania, *Dvidešimt metų* (Twenty Years), Vilnius, 1978.

What would have happened to the Lithuanian nation if the captivity under the tsars would have been immediately succeeded by Bolshevik slavery? All those who tried to awaken our nation ... would have been silenced and replaced by an "international" element, which would have extinguished the recently awakened Lithuanian national consciousness ...

The period (of independence) was brief, but it accomplished its task. Today we have something to look back to, we can draw strength from our past. We have a source of pride: we had our own state, which was economically strong; we

proved that we can govern ourselves and live without foreign guardianship ...

That twenty-year period was a veritable gift from heaven for the Lithuanian nation!

... What is the present status of the issues of Lithuania's freedom and independence? We must know above all that we have the right to have our own state. Nobody, not even decent Russians, dispute that fact. We are a small nation, but ... even smaller nations have their own states ... The case of Lithuania's freedom (independence) is not finished or forgotten. The United States, the mightiest country in the world, has never recognized Lithuania's incorporation into the Soviet Union ... which is constantly raised in international conferences ...

... The guarantee of our freedom and independence are the 100,000 postwar Lithuanian guerrillas, one half of whom have perished. "Ideas die, when nobody is willing to die for them any longer," said Žvirgz-

dinas, an eight-grade student, whom the Bolsheviks massacred in the Grove of Rainiai, in June, 1941.

We still have hope to regain our freedom, because there are still those who want to sacrifice themselves for the homeland. It is the sacrifice of those who sit in prison for the freedom of expression (N. Sadūnaitė, P. Plumpa, V. Petkus, and others.) The life sacrifice of the 11th grader Romas Kalanta and of the young engineer Mindaugas Tamonis is a guarantee of freedom and independence.

As long as the Lithuanian nation is alive and as long as the desire for freedom and independence is not extinguished among us, the idea of Independence will become reality when the circumstances are ripe.

(Elta)

Punishment for Signing Protest Against Hitler-Stalin Pact

Arvydas Čechanavičius, a Lithuanian patriot and human rights activist, has been incarcerated again in a psychiatric hospital according to the Bulletin d'Information (Brussels, No. 22, 1979). He was arrested on November 9, 1979 and taken to the Kaunas psychiatric hospital. Subsequently, he was placed in the psychoneurological hospital of Naujoji Vilnia. It has been reported that legal proceeding have also been initiated against him for allegedly installing a phone illegally in his apartment eight years ago. These measures apparently represent a punishment for Čechanavičius signing a protest against the Hitler-Stalin pact, together with 44 other Balts, on August 23, 1979, in Moscow.

Čechanavičius was released early in 1979 from a psychiatric hospital, where he had been forcibly incarcerated. He immediately wrote a forceful and

THE BALTIC STATES AND AFGHANISTAN — PATTERNS OF AGGRESSION

The tremors generated by Moscow's aggression against Afghanistan are still reverberating around the world. But expressions of "shock" or "surprise" about the Soviet deed simply amount to an admission of failure to consider recent history. Ever since the seizure of power in 1917, the Bolshevik regime has been regularly and consistently practicing overt and covert aggression against the rest of the world, especially against countries bordering Russia. The Lithuanians withstood the first Soviet invasion during the independence wars of 1918-1920, but lost their hard-won freedom following Moscow's aggression of 1940.

The pattern of the Soviet aggression against Afghanistan — and against other countries in the future — was outlined in an authoritative Soviet publication early last year. The leading Soviet theoretical journal *Komunist* (No. 3, February 1979) published a review of a book titled *Socialističeskije revolucii 1940 goda v Litve, Latvii i Estonii. Vostanovlenije sovietskoj vlasti* (The Socialist Revolutions of 1940 in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. Restoration of Soviet Power. Moscow, Nauka, 1978, 532 p.). Although the book announces that it would "finally disprove the distortions by bourgeois historians of the events that took place in the Baltic countries in 1940," it merely rehashes the familiar goebbelsian lies about the "voluntary" merger of the Baltic peoples with the "great" Soviet Union. The Hitler-Stalin pact, the role of Stalin's emissaries and the NKVD; and the terror campaign remain "un-events". To accomplish this "scholarly" feat, a host of officials from the institutes of history of the Soviet Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian Academies of Science, the institutes of history of the central committees of the communist parties, the Institute of Marxism-Leninism of the CC of the CP of the Soviet Union, and the institute of history of the Academy of the Soviet Union, toiled for ten years under the direction of Israel Mints. Never perhaps have so many labored so long to accomplish so little. This stubborn insistence on the "total lie" reaffirms most tellingly the unchanged totalitarian character of the Soviet system, which was amply demonstrated during the UN Security Council debate on the issue of Afghanistan.

But the review of the book goes beyond mere forgery of the past and proclaims the aggression against the Baltic States as a pattern to be followed by the USSR: "The 1940 revolutions ... were the first victorious revolutions in history not accompanied by armed rising or civil war" and confirmed Lenin's predictions of the "possibility for a peaceful yielding of power by the bourgeoisie under circumstances in which its opposition has been doomed to failure in advance". And here *Komunist* makes its most revealing comment, namely, that "under present circumstances such a course of events has become more realistic".

"This course of events," *Komunist* suggests, will be "assisted" by the Red Army (as in Lithuania or in Afghanistan). While falsely asserting that the "domestic forces" provided the main impetus for the installation of the soviet system in the Baltic states, the book is quoted as assigning a decisive, although "peaceful," role to the Soviet armed forces: "The presence of Soviet troops on Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian territory protected the Baltic from the interference of foreign imperialists. This demoralized the forces of the bourgeoisie and inspired the revolutionary masses to this struggle for the overthrow of the fascist dictatorship".

In this manner, the Soviet aggression against the Baltic States and the forcible incorporation of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia in 1940 are now being given a new interpretation by Moscow — they are models for the forthcoming takeover of non-Communist nations around the world. As aptly phrased by the information bulletin *Soviet World Outlook* (Miami, June 15, 1979), "in a striking doctrinal innovation, Moscow is now presenting the forceful takeover of the three Baltic republics ... by the Red Army as a shining example of peaceful revolution".

The message of this authoritative Soviet publication is loud and clear, especially to the independent countries bordering on the Soviet domain. Now entrenched in Afghanistan, the Red Army is ready to play her "peaceful" role in Iran, India, or elsewhere in that region. The "bourgeois" systems of Finland, Austria or Germany, or the "revisionist" system of Yugoslavia are, in this scheme of things, only temporary structures, to be "improved" a la Moscow by "dominating the opposition to failure in advance" and adding the "presence" of the Soviet troops to "demoralize the forces of the bourgeoisie" and to provide "protection from the interference of imperialists".

The Soviet road to Afghanistan leads through Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.



Old monument to Birutė on top of the hill in Palanga, Lithuania.

MONS. BALKŪNAS HONORED BY KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

St. Petersburg, Fla.

The new flag of the Knights of Lithuania in Florida, was blessed on March 2nd, at our mission church — Holy Name of Gulfport. The procession started with members of Šauliai (Lithuanian National Guard) displaying the American and their own flags, followed by our K of L. President, Mr. Anthony Mažeika, carrying the K of L flag, with the officers of the club following. At the altar, surrounded by the officers, Mons. J. Balkūnas, Fr. Kęstutis Butkus, OFM, our pastor, and Fr. J. Gasitnas, our spiritual advisor, officiated at the ceremonies. Anthony Mažeika read the degrees awarded to the deserving members,

and we were honored in having a fourth degree member, decorated at the same time, namely: Mons. J. Balkūnas. Mons. J. Balkūnas, P.A., is the Spiritual advisor of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance.

Some of our women were dressed in Lithuanian native attire, which added to the festivities.

After the ceremonies, we had our annual St. Casimir's day affair at "The Fish House" with almost all members attending, and a great number of guests. Short greetings were extended by Anthony Mažeika, Mr. Gaudonis and Mr. Kalpokas, two of Šaulių Kuopos presidents. Fr. Kęstutis Butkus, OFM, gave the last address.

H. Vilnis

denn the initiators of the most terrible war in all of history.

November 8, 1979

Signed:

Rev. Algirdas Mocius, Mečislovas Jurevičius, Vladas Šakalys, Algirdas Statkevičius, Julius Sasnauskas, Jonas Protusevičius, Kęstutis Subačius, Petras Cidzikas, Zigmantas Širvinskas, Angelė Paškauskienė, Jonas Petkevičius, Jadvyga Petkevičienė, Jonas Volungevičius, Gediminas Rickevičius.

In condemning political reprisals, we support the demand for the unconditional freeing of Antanas Terleckas.

Signed: (seven signatures illegible) and Algimantas Andreika.

Apendix

Julius Sasnauskas was arrested on December 11. In condemning reprisals against individuals because of their views, we demand that Antanas Terleckas and Julius Sasnauskas be released.

Signed:

151 individuals, including Antanas Račas, Zofija Račienė, Henrikas Račas, Veronika Račienė, Gerutė Šakalienė, Rimantas Matulis, Leonora Sasnauskaitė, Vytautas Bogušis, Andrius Tučkus, Algimantas Andreika, Birutė Burauskaitė, Ona Smetonienė, Zita Vanagaitė, Angelė Paškauskienė, Elena Terleckienė, Vilija Terleckaitė, Mart Nikluis, Enn Tarto, Erik Udama, Albertas Žilinskas.

FOUNDER'S DAY COMMEMORATED AT ST. MARY'S VILLA

The Sisters of Jesus Crucified and of the Sorrowful Mother commemorated the 30th anniversary of their founder's entrance into eternity. Rev. Alphonsus Maria Urbanavičius, Passionist of the Eastern Province in the United States, died October 18, 1949. The day is designated as Founder's Day.

The Sisters at St. Mary's Villa commemorated Founder's Day on Saturday, October 13th. Rev. Sylvan Rouse, CP, celebrant of the Liturgy in honor of St. Paul of the Cross, delivered an inspiring homily. Later that afternoon he spoke with stirring eloquence of the charisma of the Founder of the Passionists, St. Paul of the Cross.

In keeping with the topic of the day, Sister Virginia Marie Vytell, CJC, author of the book "Praise the Lord, All You Nations", reminded the assembled Sisters of the exalted ideals which prompted their founder, Rev. Alphonsus Maria Urbanavičius, to seek Rome's permission to establish their unique

congregation, the Sisters of Jesus Crucified and of the Sorrowful Mother. The following is a summary of the presentation.

Father Stephen Sweeney, Passionist of happy memory, had been of invaluable help to me by presenting an insight into the true character of our founder. Among his notes he had written that "Father Alphonsus Maria Urbanavičius had the heart of Christ, a heart filled with compassion for others." There was not an ounce of selfishness in his make-up. He thought only of others and how he can be of help to them, regardless of the cost to him personally.

If you recall, in his letter to Bishop Thomas O'Reilly, Father Alphonsus showed no concern for himself when subjected to unmerited censure and rejection though the misunderstanding brought with it long moments of mental anguish and suffering. His only concern at the time was the fate of his

spiritual daughters, the Sisters of Jesus Crucified and of the Sorrowful Mother.

We, as a community, therefore, are existing today as a result and culmination to the compassionate heart of a follower of Jesus. We were born a community as a manifestation of that heart of compassion.

Charisma, a word of Greek origin, and a word that is being used extensively in this day and age, implies "a divine gift". I am privileged, therefore, to be here to share with you the implications of a divine gift, the charisma of a compassionate heart, which impelled our founder, Father Alphonsus Maria Urbanavičius, to begin our beautiful community of Jesus Crucified and of the Sorrowful Mother. I will begin by recalling what it means to be a founder.

A founder is a person, or a group of people, who have a dream, an undying compulsion, an inspiration to begin an institution, or a working unit, to realize and fulfill that dream. No amount of time, no exhausting effort, no unforeseen obstacles or set-backs, can prevent its attainment.

With due respect we can say that the Founder of Christianity, the Son of God, from all eternity had a dream, a compulsion, to save humanity from sin and to re-open heaven to a fallen race. He came to earth and gave His life to accomplish this dream. His chosen followers who were filled with His Spirit spread the Good News of man's salvation. They endured opposition, suffering, and even martyrdom to spread the teaching of their Lord and Master.

Throughout the centuries men and women of great ideals worked to reach their goals according to the pattern set

by Jesus to make the world a better place in which to live. The founders of the United States of America brought to this continent a new ideal for governing people, a Constitutional Republic, which offered equality, freedom and justice to all segments of society. Soon the poor and oppressed people of the world, seeking a new and better life, flocked to these shores.

Among the people of different nations coming to America were the Baltic people of Lithuania. A peaceful and tolerant race they have been victimized by ambitious and unscrupulous nations. Their beautiful language and culture which had lasted for centuries was being systematically destroyed. Disillusioned, wounded in spirit, they needed help to retain their true self-image and self-esteem as a special people among the family of nations.

Father Alphonsus Maria, as Julius Urbanavičius, had lived in Lithuania at a time when the Czars of Russia did everything in their power to make Orthodox Russians of all Lithuanians. Children were forced to attend Russian schools, Catholic Churches were allowed to deteriorate or were demolished. Lithuanian publications using the Latin alphabet were suppressed so that young Julius joined the Secret Book Smugglers Organization and risked his life to bring Lithuanian books and newspapers from East Prussia to his people.

At the same time the Lithuanians were being colonized through the Catholic Church by their colonized clergy. Bishop Matthew Valančius, realizing that the people were being alienated by both the Russian government and by the colonized church, founded the Underground Press which Julius had joined. He also organized Secret Schools throughout the country. Students met at a variety of locations to avoid the suspicions of the Secret Police, and young mothers, while working at the spinning wheel, taught their children to read and to write, and to worship God in their own tongue.

Having suffered in Lithuania as a rejected people in their own country, those who came to America were free to build their own schools and churches. The Sisters of St. Casimir, founded in St. Clair and transferred to Chicago, and later the Sisters of St. Francis in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania were called upon to teach in Lithuanian Parochial Schools.

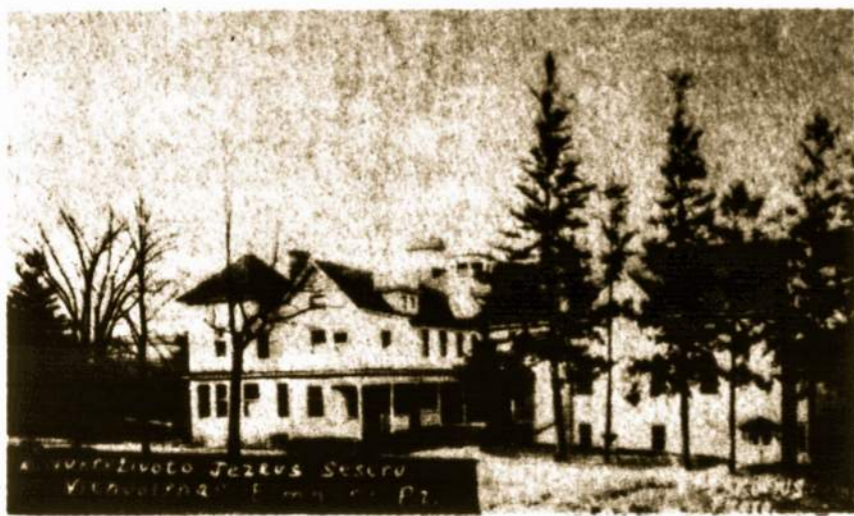
By this time Julius Urbanavičius, having been ordained a Passionist priest of the Eastern Province of St. Paul, May 26, 1915, was prepared for missionary activity among the Lithuanians. While thus engaged he was deeply saddened to learn that the Lithuanians had no institution of their own to care for the many orphans and widows deprived of the breadwinner through unfortunate mining tragedies.

Moved to compassion by the poverty and dire need of the many victims, Father Alphonsus Maria Urbanavičius felt an undying compulsion to come to their aid. His compassionate nature gave him no rest as the patient, long-suffering impoverished people looked to the Church for leadership to remedy their continuing misfortune.

After being tried like gold in the furnace, his efforts were rewarded with Rome's permission to found the Lithuanian Community, the Poor Sisters of Jesus Crucified and of the Sorrowful Mother. Pope Pius XI (reigning from 1922 to 1939) who willingly gave his approbation in 1924 had been Papal Nuncio to Poland until 1921. Here he had learned of the inhuman pressures Lithuanians were forced to endure. His sympathy for them had no bounds.



Rev. Alphonsus Maria Urbanavičius, CP (religious profession December 3, 1907)



First motherhouse of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified and of the Sorrowful Mother in Elmhurst, Pa.

WE LOOK UPON DEATH WITH THE EYES OF FAITH

Funeral Eulogy for Father V. Žemaitis by Msgr. Michael Kennedy at St. Joseph's Lithuanian Church, Scranton, Pa., December 29, 1979.

"The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torments of death shall not touch them." Wisdom III, 1.

How consoling are the words of Wisdom. We are all believers in the Catholic Church and all that she teaches. We look upon with the eyes of faith. We see in it but the ending of a temporal life and the entering into an eternal one. Therefore, these words of Wisdom bring us hope, when otherwise we would have nothing but despair. They tell us that at death all does not end; that then we begin a new life; a life that never ends, and for the just — the true servants of God — a life of joy, of happiness, of never-ending bliss in the possession of God in heaven. "The souls of the just are in the hands of God, and the torments of death shall not touch them." This is our hope! This is our consolation!

Father Vyto Žemaitis has died. Did he fear death? Hardly... How many times did he stand at the altar of God, as a chosen one, an Alter Christus and recite the Creed of Nicea? — concluding with the words — "We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."

This was his faith, this his belief, as Christ died and rose from the dead — so too was his hope of resurrection after death.

Father Žemaitis has died. Like every other mortal he will be mourned by his friends, priests and the people he served. He will be remembered as one consecrated to God, who served the people of St. Mary's, Kingston; St. Casimir's,

Pittston; St. Boniface, Williamsport; St. John Nepomucene, Luzerne, St. John Nepomucene, Freeland and Sts. Peter and Paul, Sugar Notch.

For over thirty years Father Žemaitis, day after day, held up in his consecrated hands the Divine Victim for the sins of men, and through the merits of this holy victim besought God's blessing on all the people among whom he has ever labored. He also performed, with holy interest, the other duties of a priest. He poured the saving waters of Baptism on the heads of many children. Kindly did he welcome the poor wearying, perhaps despairing, penitent in the confessional; advised, consoled, and strengthened him and sent him away with a heart full of gratitude to a merciful God. He called down God's blessing on many a union of hearts and hands in the Sacrament of Matrimony. The balm of consolation he poured out on the poor frightened soul on the verge of eternity. Many he laid away in the grave with reverence and love and asked God to give them rest and peace.

All these works will follow him and will appeal to the God of all mercy to be kind to him.

Knowing human life as we do, we are not disposed to pour out a fulsome eulogy, over our dead brother. Yet we might allude to a few characteristics which bespeak a sensitive soul. He had a great love of music, being an exceptionally fine pianist and organist. His artistic nature was evidenced in his love for flowers and his creative arrangements in decorating Church and Sanctuary in

the Parishes he served. His personal taste in clothes was unsurpassed — this no doubt due to the training by his father who was a master tailor. Always well groomed, to the point of being fastidious. He was generous to a fault, always willing to share what he possessed. Out-going, friendly and kind. He was loved by his people and also his fellow priests.

A few years his health failed — his condition dictated withdrawal from active service in a parish. Wisely he took himself to a place of quiet, peace and solitude in the mountains of New Mexico at Via Coeli Monastery conducted by the Fathers of the Paraclete. Here he had hoped to regain his health and strength and return to active work in the Church. God decreed otherwise — after three years of prayerful life and solitude Father Žemaitis passed away this week.

In his death we are consoled with the words of the Preface of the Mass — Life is changed — not ended. His death is no irremedial severance; it is only a temporary separation. In the hope generated by the Resurrection of Our Lord, the affliction we experience in the presence of death is healed by the consolation of the promised future immortality.

Father Žemaitis is gone, but the effect of his priesthood will last for time and eternity. Yet, who but God can measure the immensity of the spiritual life which exists now in the souls of others because he renewed it there. This life cannot pass with the death of Father Žemaitis but while his body crumbles into dust the effects of his work continue until judgment day and beyond. Many a soul in heaven or purgatory owes its salvation to Father Žemaitis.

His work is finished. The desire of his heart accomplished. He gave up his soul to God. May God reward him for his labors.

Having formed a close friendship with the revere of the Marians, Father George Matulaitis, he appointed him Papal Nuncio to Lithuania with fervent hope that the Lithuanian situation would improve.

In the meantime the newly established community of Jesus Crucified and of the Sorrowful Mother began its apostolate among the Lithuanians who were eager to have them teach their children besides caring for the orphans and aged at St. Mary's Villa. Their schools were located in Lithuanian parishes of Pennsylvania and New England. Before the Founder died October 18, 1949, the number of Sisters had increased to 93. They served in 11 parishes, taught Lithuanian

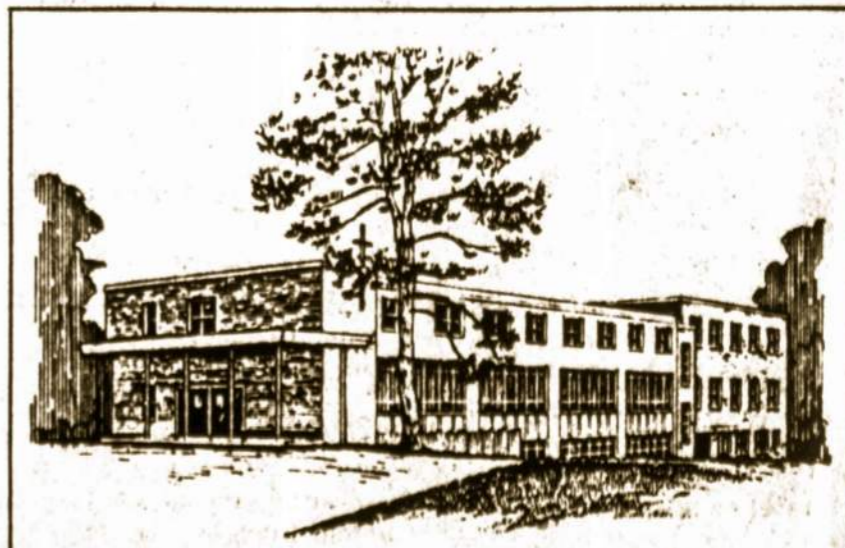
culture and religion in neighboring areas, and sheltered many aged men and women at St. Mary's Villa.

The seed had been sown, the plant took root, it grew through the years. But, as it happens in most communities with the passing of time, the Founder's ideals, his compelling motives, his divine gift of compassion for the Lithuanians, his first love, grew dim and seemed to fade in the distance.

Then came Vatican Council II (1963-1965). Good Pope John XXIII, speaking in the name of Jesus, exhorted religious communities of all nations to return to the inspirations of their Founders, to update their

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Your enrollment in the Lithuanian RC Alliance will be a sound investment. Your payments towards your life insurance are your savings. But your membership with this organization is also important because with it you will belong to a large national American Lithuanian organization which will help you to keep close ties with people of your ethnic origin and cultural heritage.



VACATION IN KENNEBUNKPORT

Lithuanian Franciscans cordially invite you to spend your summer vacation at their own summer resort, Kennebunkport, Maine.

The season begins July 3 and closes September 1.

The Guest House is located on a scenic spot right on the Atlantic coast. The prices for room and board — reasonable.

The address for information:

Franciscan Guest House
Kennebunkport, Maine 04046
Tel. (207) 967-2011

LITHUANIAN DAY — PICNIC — JULY 13

CATHOLIC CHURCH BUILT AS MEMORIAL TO PARENTS

Shoe Run, W. Va. — In a garden in the Potomac Highlands, a tiny church sits all but unseen, the precious offspring of a childless couple who built it to honor their parents and ended up loving and spoiling it like a newborn baby.

"Our Lady of the Pines", one of the smallest churches in the world, measures 16 feet by 11 feet inside. Its carved wooden pews hold 12 worshippers with room for another dozen in the aisles.

The church's tiny domains are watched over by Elizabeth Milkint, whose Lithuanian-born husband, Peter, built the Roman Catholic church by hand in the late 1950s as a memorial to his parents. The Milkints watched as it first was used for services and later for births and christenings, whenever a

priest could be persuaded to come up from a distant town in the valley below.

Mrs. Milkint proudly remembers the day when the fledgling structure was consecrated and what had begun as a simple memorial became a house of worship.

At the age of 77, Mrs. Milkint continues to tend to the church and its garden, sweeping away snow in winter and leaves in fall and tending the wild cherry, dogwood and sarvis trees whose blossoms scent the breeze in spring.

"I run it for him", she sighed, referring to her husband who died in 1979. "He just wanted to do something for his parents. It's a nice pastime for me".

In every detail but size the church mirrors the churches in every town and city — from

the latticed stained-glass windows and resplendent altar to the confessional perched in a corner and the tiny bell whose chimes peel over the hillsides.

Fashioned from dark wooden beams and stone hewn from the surrounding mountains, the church was built in odd moments that Milkint was able to spare from running his nursery, his wife said. With time the church became the main pre-occupation of the aging couple, who lavished it with gifts and finery.

"My husband came to this country when he was 6", she said. "America was good to him and he always felt he wanted to do something for his parents so he thought of the church. The altar cloth was woven in Lithuania 90 years ago by his grandmother.

Over the years word of the little church has spread, carried by passers-by who have paused at its door on their way elsewhere.

Mrs. Valentiejus. She came to America in 1913 and settled in Plains Twp. Mrs. Valesha was a member of St. Francis Church, Miners Mills.

Surviving are daughters, Miss Ann Valesha, at home; Mrs. Agnes Husovski, Plains; sons, Joseph, at home; John, Roselle Park, N.J.; Anthony, Clearfield; brothers, Francis and Vincent, Lithuania; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

Buried March 12 from Simon S. Russin Funeral Home, 136 Maffet St., Plains, with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Francis Church. Interment in parish cemetery, Plains.

Mrs. Agnes Valesha was a member of Lodge 212.

Frank (Olevitch) Ulewicz

Frank (Olevitch) Ulewicz, 69, of 74 Sheridan St., Wilkes-Barre, was found dead in the doorway of a grocery store at East South Street, Wilkes-Barre, Saturday (March 22) morning at 8:20.

The body was discovered by a newspaper carrier. His death was attributed to a heart attack. He had been under a physician's care for some time.

A life-long resident of Wilkes-Barre, he was born on May 10, 1910, a son of the late Jakob and Rose Olevich.

Prior to his retirement, he was employed by the Hazard Wire Rope Company, Wilkes-Barre. He was a member of the Holy Trinity Lithuanian Church, Wilkes-Barre.

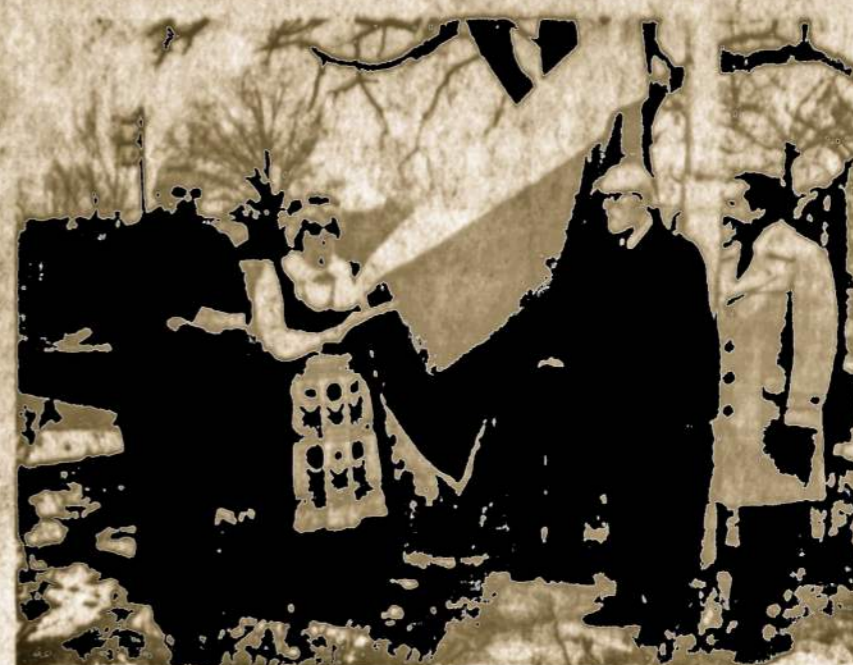
Surviving are his wife, the former Margaret Krakowski; a son, Frank W., Wilkes-Barre; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Ann Falkowski, Latham, N.Y.; Mrs. Rose Columbus, Kingston; a brother, John of Wilkes-Barre; four grandchildren.

Buried March 25 from the Kniffen Funeral Home, 465 South Main Street, with a Mass of Christian Burial in Holy Trinity Church. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

Mrs. Agnes Valesha

Mrs. Agnes Valesha, 77 Helen St., Plains, died March 10 morning at home.

Born in Taurage, Lithuania, Oct. 25, 1893, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and



The 62nd anniversary of Lithuania's independence was observed February 15 with special ceremonies on the lawn of the Luzerne County Courthouse, which included the raising of the Lithuanian flag and the singing of that country's national anthem. A large number of persons gathered for the occasion and prayers were offered for the restoration of freedom for the people of Lithuania. Participating in the program, from the left, were Msgr. Anthony J. Norkunas, pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Wilkes-Barre; Nellie Bayoras, program chairperson; Professor Vaclovas Romanas, director of Lithuanian combined church choirs of Wyoming Valley, and Luzerne County Commissioner chairman Frank Crossin.

PASSES CPA EXAMINATION

Janet E. Mercincavage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Mercincavage, 613 Susquehanna Avenue, Wyoming, was recently notified by the Pa. Board of Examiners that she has successfully passed the Uniform Certified Public Accountant examination. Having met the experience requirements for licensure, she is licensed to practice as a CPA in Pennsylvania.

Miss Mercincavage, a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Wyoming Area High School, received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and Spanish, Magna Cum Laude from Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pa.

While at Juniata, she was a Dean's List student and was a member of the Women's Basketball team.

Student Business Association, Center Board, Fine Arts Committee and the Centennial Observance Committee. She held the Cora Myers Mc.Nay Memorial Scholarship for three years, was elected to the Juniata College, Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society and was the recipient



Janet E. Mercincavage

of the \$100 Rebecca C. Barick Foreign Language Award at Graduation.

Formerly an In-Charge Accountant with the Reading Office of Ernst and Ernst, she is currently employed as assistant to the treasurer of Reading Alloys. In addition she is a member of the evening accounting faculty of Alvernia College in Reading.

Miss Mercincavage's mother is a member of LCA Lodge 183.

as a special people in God's Vineyard. They need our leadership, our love and acceptance, our enthusiastic support not only that they may be good Catholics but also worthwhile and happy Lithuanians, comfortable with their language and culture.

Here is a suitable excerpt from the writings of Pranas Dovydas, founder of the Lithuanian youth Movement, the Futurists, "Ateitininkai", which can be applied to our Founder: "True leaders are not made by force, nor by volunteering, rather, they are chosen from above. They are, in reality, leaders through the grace of God.

They do not boast of this prerogative, nor are they puffed up, since they know they have received this gift from God. They feel impelled to activate one ideal or another. In serving that ideal they become leaders totally independent of being elected or not elected as such. They become more; they remain leaders not only while living on this earth, but also when separated from the midst of the living.

Truly, the leadership of such persons never ends although their visible presence on this earth ends with death. Separated from the living who come after them, they do not cease to lead with their life's impelling ideals, their undying dreams".

Our Founder's undying dream, — to help the suppressed, persecuted, Lithuanian

people, — was never more urgently needed of implementation than it is now. Lithuanians are scattered all over the world as the Jews of old. Those living in their own country are deprived of their human rights. They need our prayers, our unceasing efforts, our cooperation to help them regain what is rightfully theirs, — the right to exist as a free people, the right to worship God, the right to our love and acceptance.

No country, no institution or congregation will survive if the aims of the founding fathers or founders, — their dreams, their undying inspirations, — are disregarded or allowed to perish. America will be great again when the ideals of the founding fathers will be renewed and implemented. Our Community of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified and our Lady of Sorrows will come alive, expand, and grow, as each member accepts in her life the aims and ideals of the founder.

It has been the hope of our Founder, Father Alphonsus Maria Urbanavicius, that we, his spiritual daughters, retain his highest ideals to the best of our abilities, according to our inspirations, and love what he loved as loyal daughters, the Sisters dedicated to Jesus Crucified and to our Mother of Sorrows. It is in this way that we will fulfill the purpose of a distinctive community and grow in works and numbers, with the special blessing of God upon us.

LCA MEMBER'S DEATHS

Lodge 30 — Scranton, Pa. — Ona Gedminiute (Anna Gedman), 4129 "J" Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19124. Died: January 27, 1980. Buried: January 30, 1980 Our Lady of Grace Cemetery, Penned, Pa.

Lodge 95 — Chicago, Ill. — Juozas Grigutis (Joseph Grigutis), 6534 South Sacramento, Chicago, Ill. 60629. Died: February 13, 1980. Buried: February 16, 1980 St. Casimir's Cemetery, Chicago, Ill.

Lodge 30 — Scranton, Pa. — Alger Zilaitis, 133 Burcher Street, Chinchilla, Pa. 18410. Died: February 16, 1980. Buried: February 19, 1980 St. Catherine's Cemetery, Moscow, Pa.

Lodge 212 — Plains, Pa. — Frank Sesock, 53 Mack Street, Plains, Pa. 18705. Died: March 1, 1980.

Lodge 11 — Waterbury, Conn. — Mrs. Marija Knystautas, 19 Oak Ridge Gate, Danbury, Conn. 06810. Died: February 5, 1980. Buried: February 8, 1980 St. Peter's Cemetery, Danbury, Conn.

Lodge 46 — Sugar Notch, Pa. — Petras Maisukas (Peter Machunk), 9 Barnes Street, Edwardsville, Pa. 18704. Died: March 3, 1980. Buried: March 7, 1980 Holy Family Cemetery, Sugar Notch, Pa.

Lodge 24 — Minesville, Pa. — Petras Gelcius (Peter Gelches), 328 High St., Minesville, Pa. 17954. Died: January 22, 1980.

Lodge 33 — Chicago, Ill. — Mrs. Petronella Javra, 6924 Artesian, Chicago, Ill. 60629. Died: September 26, 1979.

Lodge 160 — Chicago, Ill. — Miss Marcelle Rimsa, 8244 S. Kean Ave., Willow Springs, Ill. 60480. Died: February 18, 1980. Buried: February 21, 1980 St. Casimir's Cemetery, Chicago, Ill.

Lodge 78 — Du Bois, Pa. — Jonas Navickas (John Novitsky), 24 1/2 Tozier Ave., Du Bois, Pa. 15801. Died: February 24, 1980. Buried: February 28, 1980 St. Joseph's Cemetery, DuBois, Pa.

Lodge 105 — Braddock, Pa. — Mrs. Nellie Indrunas, 425 Seddon Ave., North Braddock, Pa. Died: March 8, 1980.

Lodge 212 — Plains, Pa. — Agata Valiszeno (Mrs. Agnes Valesha), 77 Helen St., Plains, Pa. 18704. Died: March 9, 1980. Buried: March 12, 1980 St. Francis Cemetery, Plains, Pa.

Lodge 43 — Los Angeles, Calif. — Mrs. Anzlo Sienis, 841 E. Dana St., Mountain View, Calif. 94041. Died: August 29, 1979. Buried: August 29, 1979 Calvary Cemetery, Los Angeles, Calif.

Lodge 11 — Waterbury, Conn. — Mrs. Della Grzeskiewicz Farr, 16 Woodcrest Ave., Wolcott, Conn., 06716. Died:

February 17, 1980. Buried: February 19, 1980 Calvary Cemetery, Waterbury, Conn.

Lodge 128 or 222 — Ignacas Jasionis, 5116 South 33rd St., Omaha, Nebr. 68107. Died: February 7, 1980. Buried: February 11, 1980 Calvary Cemetery, Omaha, Nebr.

Lodge 75 — Wanamie, Pa. — Antanas Sukvietis (Anthony Shukwietis), 34 E. Main St., Wanamie, Pa. 18634. Died: February 28, 1980. Buried: March 3, 1980 St. Mary's Cemetery, Wanamie, Pa.

Lodge 133 — Vandergrift, Pa. — Mrs. Anna M. Karaukas (Karawsky), 521 Jackson Avenue, Vandergrift, Pa. 15690. Died: March 9, 1910. Buried: March 12, 1980 St. Gertrude's Cemetery, Allegheny Twp., Pa.

Lodge 171 — Niagara Falls, N.Y. — Mrs. Anna Kasevicius Walls, 40416 Newport, Plymouth, Mich. 48170. Died: February 26, 1980. Buried: March 1, 1980 Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, Mich.

Lodge 170 — Niagara Falls, N.Y. — Mrs. Jennie Vayksnor, 469 20th Street, Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14303. Died: March 17, 1980. Buried: March 20, 1980 Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Lewiston, N.Y.

OBITUARY

Peter Machunk

Peter (Maisukas) Machunk of 9 Barnes St., Edwardsville, died March 3 evening at Valley Crest.

Born in Lithuania, he resided for many years in Sugar Notch prior to moving to Edwardsville in 1975. He was formerly employed by No. 9 Colliery of Glen Alden Corp., Sugar Notch. Mr. Machunk was a member of St. Hedwig's Church, Kingston.

Surviving are sister-in-laws, Mrs. Helen Chmielewski and Mrs. Constance Swartz, with whom he resided.

Buried March 7 from Kopicki Funeral Home, 63 Zerbey Ave., Kingston, with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Hedwig's Church. Interment in Holy Family Cemetery, Sugar Notch.

P. Machunk was a member of Lodge 46, Sugar Notch, Pa.

Mrs. Fabina Shukwietis

Mrs. Fabina Shukwietis, 72, of 232 Zerbey Ave., Kingston, died March 10 afternoon in Leader Nursing Center-West, Kingston, where she had been a guest for the past four years.

She was the wife of William A. Shukwietis, a retired Kingston funeral director. She was born in Plymouth on January 20, 1908, a daughter of the late Peter J. and Victoria Lukaszewicz Chemelaukas. She was a 1927 graduate of Plymouth Memorial High School and resided in Kingston the past 45 years, assisting her husband in his funeral business. She was

a member of St. Mary's Annunciation Lithuanian Church, Kingston.

Surviving besides her husband, are a daughter, Mrs. Romaine Welch, Baldwinville, N.Y.; two grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Aldona Chemelewski, Harveys Lake; Mrs. Regina Soback, Lehman; Mrs. Matilda Fedor, Dunmore.

Buried March 13 from the Edwards and Russin Funeral Home, 717 Main St., Edwardsville, with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary's Annunciation Church. Interment in St. Casimir's Cemetery, Muhlenburg.

Mrs. Agnes Valesha

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Born in Taurage, Lithuania, Oct. 25, 1893, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and

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pouring in. Bishops, priests, religious men and women, people of many professions and callings, wrote to express their joy and gratitude that their hunger had been mitigated, at least in part. Many people without Lithuanian names wrote that their parents or grandparents came from Lithuania although they themselves had intermarried with people of other languages, and that, after reading about Lithuania's great past, they are very proud to be Lithuanian.

Father Norbert, Passionist, of St. Paul's Monastery at the time, was quick to recognize our Founder's divine gift, his charisma. He wrote in part: "It was a wise decision on your part to place Father Alphonsus' life in the wider ambit of the history of the Lithuanians. It is this particular history and its accompanying rich culture and heritage, despite many setbacks, persecution and crises, that helps to explain and interpret the missionary zeal of Father Alphonsus for the people who stemmed from the same racial origin he did. Father Fidelis Connolly, as Provincial Consultor, had written: "The historical presentation flows into the development of the future Father Alphonsus; Passionist. His personal involvement in and development from the tortuous history of the Lithuanian struggle for freedom is clearly evident."

Following these suggestions and the inspirations of the Holy Spirit I uncovered our Founder's past, learned of the experiences that moulded his character and personality, and understood the need he felt to champion the rights of the Lithuanian people, although he himself had been polonized.

When the book was finally published, a Tea of Appreciation for a local author drew such a large crowd that the Vice President of the Albright Memorial Library was amazed at the turn-out. It was truly a manifestation of the deep hunger in people's hearts to learn about their roots. One speaking engagement followed another. Lithuanian language and culture classes were formed. Letters of gratitude were



The Fourth Annual Communion Breakfast of the Knights of Lithuania Council 143 was held recently at St. Casimir's Church hall, Pittston, Pa. Seated at the table, from left: Helen Butsavage, Leo Butsavage, president; Annmarie Sewatsky, co-chairlady; Rev. Joseph Sibilano, Rev. Peter Alisauskas, pastor and spiritual advisor; Philip Skabelkis, president of Supreme Council of Knights of Lithuania, principal speaker; Nellie Bayoras, co-chairlady and toastmaster. Standing, Alberta Walsh, John Wisnosky, Dorothy Banos, Marie Lauck, Ann Chellan, Ann Walatka, Alice Pus-cavage, John Pus-cavage, Marian Skabelkis.

WYOMING KLONIO ŽINIOS

ANNA VALUNAS HAS LIVED LAST 50 YEARS ON PHILLIPS STREET

In 1910, a 19-year-old Lithuanian girl left her native village of Gudeliai and set forth for America leaving her 11 younger brothers and sisters behind. She settled in Hartford, Conn., and later lived in Illinois, New York and New Jersey before she moved for the last time to Pennsylvania, making her home at 332 Phillips St., Lyndwood.

She has lived in her "new home" 50 years, fulfilling the promise she made when she moved in half a century ago. On that day, Anna Valunas vowed she would live there for the rest of her life.

Now 88, Anna is afflicted with Parkinson's disease... a disease which prevented her from calling for help after she fell

on two separate occasions, one time lying on the floor for two days before help arrived. After that incident, an effort was made to send Anna to a nursing home, but the Lithuanian-born woman was adamant. She would not leave her home.

Since then, Interfaith Friends and a caseworker from the Luzerne County Bureau of the Aging have coordinated provision of services. The caseworker has taken care of Anna's financial matters and other pertinent needs, even going a step further when he provided on-the-spot service when Anna asked to have some storm windows put in.

Interfaith has provided personalized shopping, assistance with bathing, repair of leaky faucets and installation of a toilet facility on the first floor.

To further make it possible for Anna to remain at home, she bought a dialer with an emergency button from Commonwealth Telephone Company of Pennsylvania. This equipment contains a tape which, when activated, rings telephones at up to six different numbers. When a telephone is answered, a pre-re-

corded message of an emergency at Anna's is reported and help can be sent.

She wears a small box around her neck and if help is needed, Anna need only push a button and each of the six numbers is rung in sequence until one is answered. This system therefore eliminates the fear of falling or becoming sick with no help available.

Anna said she feels a special kinship with her neighbors who will come immediately to her need when the dialer is activated.

The Lyndwood resident has crossed the Atlantic three times since she came to America. In 1920, 10 years after she first arrived in the United States, Anna returned to Lithuania where she stayed three months. There were seven brothers and five sisters in her family and she reports there are still three living in her native country.

For years, beautiful rose bushes decorated the Valunas yard and they were tended to faithfully by their owner. Her other hobbies include sewing, crafts and making her own soap, which she still does.

RELIGIOUS ART, EASTER EGG EXHIBIT AT GALLERY IN PITSTON, PA.

The Warehouse Art Gallery, 381 North Main Street, Pittston, officially began its 1980 season on March 15. Featured is the "Religious Easter Exhibit," which includes a variety of contemporary and traditional paintings as well as a vast display of decorated eggs and old Hebrew and Christian religious scriptures.

Themes represented by the paintings reflect the lives of Jesus and the Holy Family, and range from the childhood of Christ to his crucifixion and resurrection. Stylistically they vary. Traditional as well as contemporary paintings are exhibited with the works of Scranton native Frank Wyso representing the later.

Among the paintings is a group of 19th Century icons believed to have been a donation to American Orthodox churches by Alexander III of Russia. Executed on velvet, they reflect the simplicity of the Byzantine style, which dominated European churches prior to the Renaissance. They served as a teaching device and stress humility rather than glorification.

The display of decorated eggs is quite large and diverse, and features the work of local as well as out of state designers. Jeweled Faberge-type ostrich and rhea eggs as well as traditional ethnic techniques are

exhibited.

The religious art exhibit is featured annually by the gallery as a public service on the occasion of the Lenten-Easter and Passover season.

The exhibit continued through April 4.

Dr. Bronis J. Kaslas is director of the Gallery.



Lithuanian Easter eggs, made by carving and scratching, were featured at the Warehouse Art Gallery, Pittston, Pa.

VILLA AUXILIARY SETS CARD PARTY

Elmhurst, Pa. — St. Mary's Villa Nursing Home Auxiliary will hold its 11th annual Card Party on April 27 at the Villa at 2 p.m.

Proceeds will be given to the Sisters of Jesus Crucified to assist in the care of the sick and aged at the home.

Door prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served. Players are requested to bring their own cards. The affair is open to the public.

Mrs. Lloyd Mason is chairman assisted by Mrs. Al Laitanis, co-chairman.

INKERMAN, PA.

Installation of officers was held recently by the Inkerman Lithuanian Men's Club. Attorney R. James Kamage was the installing officer.

Officers: Ignatius Agonis, steward; Jerome Grabosky, recording secretary; John Grabosky, vice president; R. James Kamage, Esq., solicitor; Robert Grabosky, president; Albert Navorosky, financial secretary; Charles Labashosky, treasurer; Nick Tichy, marshal; Robert Kosek, auditor; John Para, Leonard Mudlak, Charles Musloski, Don Grabosky, directors; Walter Sinkavitch, judge.

SVEIKINAME

Norwood, Mass. — Lietuvių Katalikų Susivienijimo 81 kuopa sveikina ir linki Amilijai Cielkionei Dievo palaimos ir stiprios sveikatos. Kuomet ji galėjo, daug pasidaravo ne tik L.K. Susivienijime, bet ir Moterų Sąjungoje bei kitose organizacijose. Atsimindami jos gerus darbus, dabar ją sveikiname gražaus amžiaus sulaukus. — Anna A. Chervockas, L.K. Susivienijimo 81 kuopos sekretorė.

PITSTON, PA.

St. Casimir's women hosted the North End Luzerne Deanery of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women on March 23rd. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament began at 2 p.m. Mrs. William Margalis presided. All women of affiliated parishes were invited. Mrs. Marian Chepalis is president of the host society. Rev. Peter Alisauskas is host pastor.

Mrs. Eleanor Sakalouckas and Mrs. Margaret Vineski, chairmen of the recent card party sponsored by St. Casimir's Christian Mothers, Altar and Rosary Society, thank all members and friends for their donations and support in making the affair a tremendous social and financial success. Winners of the 50-50 club are Linda Porkony, Mrs. Mary Spodi, Mrs. Helen Comfort and Eileen Burms. Mrs. Helen Nagy and Mrs. Mary Gillis, chairmen of awards, congratulated the winners and expressed appreciation to all involved. A special thank you was also extended to Mrs. Mary Burdett for making the coffee.

Officers of the Holy Name Society of St. Casimir's Church were invested on January 13 before the 9 a.m. Mass. Pep Orlando presided at the meeting held after the Mass. George Nagy gave the treasurer's end highlight reports of 1979, and the annual Christmas dinner-dance. A continental breakfast was served immediately following the business session. Officers and trustees were unanimously reelected for the ensuing year.

A special Ethnic Mass for the oppressed and persecuted people of Lithuania was held recently at St. Casimir's Church, Pittston. The Mass was sponsored by the Knights of Lithuania, Council 143, Pittston. Every Lithuanian parish in the free world will have a special day to pray for the oppressed people of Lithuania.

LITHUANIAN WOMEN CONVENE

The Lithuanian Women's Club of Wyoming Valley held its monthly meeting at the Hotel Sterling. In the absence of the president, Mildred Casper, the meeting was opened by the vice-president, Nora Butkus. Mrs. Verne Trusko led the club in prayer. Reading of minutes of the previous meeting were given by Mrs. Stella Kumiega. Correspondence was read by Mrs. Anne Yeager and the financial report was submitted by Miss Anne Grimaila.

A progress report was given by the chairman, Mrs. Verne Trusko, of the forthcoming special project to be held in May.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Anne Yeager and Miss Nora Butkus.

SCRANTON, PA.

The University of Scranton offered a course in Lithuanian language and culture during the second semester of their Adult Continuing Education Program. Beginning February 13, the course has been held every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., for a period of 8 consecutive weeks ending on April 3.

The Lithuanian language is spoken in many parts of the world and is held in high esteem by intellectuals as an indispensable tool for the study and understanding of other languages. Sister Virginia Marie Vytell, C.J.C., author of combined history of Lithuania and the foundation of her order, the Sisters of Jesus Crucified and the Sorrowful Mother, entitled "Praise the Lord, All You Nations", teaches the class.

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