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SUKAKČIŲ IR ĮVYKIŲ APŽVALGA

Pripažinimo metinės

Liepos 28 dieną sukako 58 metai, kai Jungtinės Amerikos Valstybės pripažino atsikūrusios Lietuvos politinę nepriklausomybę. Tuo pat metu Washingtonas pripažino de jure ir Latviją bei Estiją. Šis pripažinimas suteiktas nelengvai, tačiau jis tebegalioja ir šiandien.

Jungtinės Valstybės nesiskubino pripažinti de jure nepriklausomybę atgavusios Lietuvos, nors jos buvo prašytos tai padaryti dar 1918 metų pradžioje, kai tik Amerikoje sužinota apie Vasario 16-tosios akto paskelbimą Vilniuje. Pripažinimui aplinkybės, rodos, buvo palankios. Amerikos prezidentu buvo Woodrow Wilson, pirmojo pasaulinio karo metais paskelbęs garsiuosius 14 punktų, tarp kurių buvo ir pasisakydas už visų tautų laisvo apsisprendimo teisę. Tačiau tuo pat laiku Valstybės departamentų gerokai įtaigojo buvusios caristinės Rusijos ambasadorius, kuris gynė "vieningos, nedalomos" imperijos neliečiamumą, nors Rusijoje ir nebebuvo caro valdžios.

Netrūko Amerikoje tada ir nepalankumo mažoms valstybėms, nors ir labai pritarta Lenkijos ir Čekoslovakijos valstybingumui. Lietuvos valstybingumo reikalus tada labai energingai gynė Amerikos lietuviai. Jiems netrūko nei energijos, nei triūso, nei pasiaukojimo. Jų atstovai be paliovos varė Baltųjų Rūmų, Valstybės departamento ir Kongreso duris. Rinko parašus po petičija, prašė šalis vyriausybę greičiau pripažinti Lietuvą nepriklausoma valstybe.

Prieš 40 metų

Lietuvai patekus į Sovietų Sąjungos karinę okupaciją 1940 m. birželio 15 dieną ir iš ten pradėjus plaukti pranešimams apie smurtu vykdomas staigas permainas visame šalies gyvenime, Jungtinių Valstybių lietuviai neliko neutralūs padėties stebėtojai.

Lietuvos laisvės ir nepriklausomybės teisių gynybion tuo stėjo pagrindines patriotinės organizacijos. Kitaip elgėsi išeivijos mažuma, pasidavusi komunistų vadovavimui. Ši mažuma, besidangstanti įvairiais vardais, nevengiant ir vadinamų pažangiųjų skraistės, savo spaudoje Lietuvos pavergimą vadino tautos išsilaisvinimu.

Nepriklausomai Lietuvai ištikima Amerikos Lietuva iš pat pirmųjų sovietinės okupacijos dienų nesvyravo susidariusią padėtį vadinti tikroju vardu. Iš pradžių Lietuvos laisvės bylos gnyimas vestas spontaniškai, paskirai, be vienos vadovybės. Didelį vaidmenį čia atliko spauda — dienraščiai "Draugas" ir "Naujienos", savaitraščiai "Amerika", "Darbininkas", "Garsas", "Dirva", "Keleivis", "Naujoji Gadynė", "Sandara", "Tėvynė", "Vienybė". Atskirus pareiškimus darė ir masinius susirinkimus ruošė Lietuvos Katalikų Federacija, Tautinė Sąjunga, Tautinė Sąjunga, Socialdemokratai, atskiros lietuvių katalikų parapijos, Lietuvos Vyčiai ir kitos organizuotos grupuotės.

Visas pagrindines katalikų organizacijas jungusios Katalikų

syje turėta organizuota katalikų visuomenė ir lietuvių tautinė srovė — tautininkai ir sandariečiai, tikintis netrukus pakviesti ir socialistus. Nutarimas steigti Lietuvos Gelbėjimo Tarybą priimtas Federacijos suvažiavime visais balsais. Jis ir tuo jau vykdytas.

Rytojau dieną, rugpiūčio 10 d., įvyko bendras pasitarimas tarp katalikų, tautininkų ir sandariečių atstovų. Susitarta veikti lygaus grupių atstovavimo pagrindu. Į pirmą Lietuvai Gelbėti Tarybos valdybą išrinkti Leonardas Šimutis, Petras Pivaronas, Kazys Karpius, kun. Jonas Švagzdys, Juozas Laučka ir Mikas Vaidyla.

Spalio 14-15 Lietuvos Gelbėjimo Taryba praplėsta, jai įsijungus ir socialdemokratams su dr. Pijum Grigaičiu priešaky, Pirmasis praplėstos tarybos žygis buvo apsilankymas Baltuosiuose Rūmuose (1940 m. spalio 15 d.) pas prezidentą Franklin Rooseveltą — padėkoti vyriausybei už nepripažinimą prievartinio Baltijos valstybių įjungimo į Sovietų Sąjungą ir prašyti Jungtinių Valstybių paramos Lietuvai atgauti laisvę ir

Helsinkio akto sukaktis

Rugsėjo 1 d. suėjo penkeri metai, kai Helsinkyje pasirašytas Europos Saugumo ir Bendradarbiavimo aktas, paprastai vadinamas Helsinkio baigiamuoju aktu. Šios sukakties proga Washingtono vyriausybė sukvietė daugelio visuomeninių organizacijų atstovų ir veikėjų pasitarimą, kuriame dalyvavo apie tris šimtus asmenų. Iš lietuvių buvo pakviesta keliolika asmenų.

Atsilankė Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos pirmininkas dr. Kazys Šidlauskas, Jungtinių Amerikos Valstijų Lietuvių Bendruomenės pirmininkas Vytautas Kutkus, Lietuvių Žmogaus teisių komisijos pirmininkas dr. Domas Krivickas, JAV L. Bendruomenės Visuomeninių reikalų tarybos narys Rimas Česonis, Altos atstovas Jungtiniame Baltųjų komitete prof. Jonas Genys, Lietuvos vyčių pirmininkas Pilypas Skabeikis, Jaunimo sąjungos politinės komisijos nariai — Gintė Damušytė ir Viktoras Nakas, "Dirvos" redaktorius Vytautas Gedgaudas, Pasaulio Lietuvių Bendruomenės atstovas Washingtono Algimantas Gureckas, P.L. Bendruomenės Visuomeninių reikalų komisijos narys dr. Kazys Ambrazaitis, Lietuvių

Lietuvos vyčių seimas

Rugpiūčio 6-10 dienomis įvyko Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos 67-tasis seimas. Suvažiavimas sutapo su Bostono miesto 350 metų sukakties minėjimu, kurio įvairių renginių programoje dalyvavo ir Bostono lietuviai. L. Vyčių seimo dalyviai teko įsijungti į Bostono lietuvių renginį sukaktiai paminėti.

Lietuvos vyčiai veikia nuo 1913 metų. Pradžioje ši organizacija buvo skirta vien jaunimui, bet ilgainiui ji išsivystė į platesnės apimties sąjūdį, kuriam visų pirma rūpi lietuviškasis jaunimas, bet prie kurio gali priklausyti ir vyresnio amžiaus žmonės.

L. Vyčiai formaliai įsisteigė 1913 metų balandžio 27 d. Lawrence, Mass., atvykus kelių miestų jaunimo grupuočių atstovams. Sąjūdžio pradininkas ir pirmasis pirmininkas — Mykolas A. Norkūnas, Džukijos stūnas. Vyčių himno žodžius parašė poetas Motiejus Gustaitis, 1914 metais vestėjęs Amerikoje. Himno muzikos kompozitorius — Aleksandras Aleksis. Nors kompozitoriumi Aleksis šių metų spalio mėnesį sukaks 94 metai, bet jis tvirtai laikosi. Šiame vyčių seime Aleksis ne tik at-



Dalis demonstruojančio pabaltiečių jaunimo prie Jungtinių Tautų būstinės New York'e rugsėjo 27. Nuotr. L. Tamošaitis

nepriklausomybę. Keliems mėnesiams praėjus, Lietuvos Gelbėjimo Taryba pasivadino Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba — Alta.

PABALTIEČIAI REIKALAUJA LAISVĖS DABAR!

(atkelta iš 1 psl.)

dar ir Alfonso d'Amaro, kandidatuoja respublikonų sąrašė į New Yorko valstijos senatorius.

Batuno atstovei perskaičius rezoliucijas, susirinkimas 2:15 val. baigtas prel. Jono Balkūno, P.A., malda.

Dalyviai, laikydami vėliavas ir specialius plakatus, stengėsi atkreipti praevių ir televizijos dėmesį. Dalyvavo New Yorko 4-to TV kanalo žurnalistai, kurie protesto susirinkimą pristatė žiūrovams vakarinių žinių metu.

Susirinkimui pasibaigus, visi dalyviai su vėliavomis ir plakatais, policijos lydimi, pajudėjo ilgoj eisenoj link Sovietų Sąjungos ambasados prie JT. Po valandą trukusios eisenos miesto gatvėmis, pusę bloko nuo Sovietų atstovybės žygiuotojai raitosios policijos buvo sulaukyti. Užtvenktoj gatvėj demonstrantai nepagalėjo garsių laisvės šūkių,

sugiedoti JAV, Lietuvos, Latvijos ir Estijos himnai. Dar lietuvių jaunimas sugiedojo Marija, Marija giesmę. Po atskirą dainą ar giesmę sugiedojo ir latvių bei estų jaunimas.

Eisenos metu jaunuoliai praeviam dalino atsiuokimus, išreiškiančius pabaltiečių laisvės troškimą. Panašūs lapukai buvo užkaišiojami ir prie automobilių langų. Sudeginę tris sovietų vėliavas, demonstrantai po valandos išsiskirstė.

Šioj demonstracijoj daugiausia dalyvavo New Yorko ir New Jersey apylinkėse gyvenę pabaltiečiai. Iš Worcesterio buvo atvykusi 45 asmenų ekskursija su specialiu autobusu. Su įvairiom priemonėm atvyko ir Hartfordo, Waterburio, Philadelphijos ir kitų miestų atstovai. 40 okupacijos metų sukaktis paminėta ryžtingai ir uždegančiai. Padėka organizatoriam ir dalyviams.

Pasaulio lietuvių sąskrydžiai

Rugpiūčio 11-17 dienomis suėjo 45 metai, kai Kaune posėdžiavo Pasaulio lietuvių kongresas. Tai buvo pirmasis užsienio lietuvių atstovų susitikimas su Lietuvos visuomenės atstovais. Jį sukvietė tada veikusi Draugija užsienio lietuviams remti, puoselėjusi artimus ryšius su tėvyne ir dariusi pastangų stiprinti lietuvių užsienyje.

Pasaulio lietuvių kongresą atidarė ir jam vadovavo Draugijos užsienio lietuviams remti pirmininkas adv. Rapolas Skipitis, o prezidiume daugiausia buvo atstovai iš Amerikos. Iš viso oficialių atstovų buvo 105, iš kurių 39 buvo Amerikos lietuviai. Kongreso atstovai buvo dar iš Latvijos, Prancūzijos, Estijos, Italijos, Vokietijos, Lenkijos, Argentinos, Brazilijos, Urugvajaus, Kanados, Mandžiūrijos, na, ir iš pačios Lietuvos.

Posėdžiai vyko Valstybės teatre. Kongresą sveikino Respublikos prezidentas Ant. Smetona, ministeris pirmininkas J. Tūbelis, keliolika įžymiųjų kul-

Prof. V. Čepinskiui atminti...

Rugpiūčio 22 dieną suėjo 40 metų, kai Kaune mirė Vincas Čepinskis, mokslininkas, pedagogas, valstybininkas, universiteto rektorius, keliolikos veikalų autorius, mokslinės ir bendrinės spaudos bendradarbis. Vincas Čepinskis buvo gimęs 1871 metų gegužės 3 dieną Šiaulių apskrityje. Iš pat jaunystės dienų domėjosi tiksliniais mokslais. Viliojo jį fizika, chemija, elektrochemija. Baigęs Petrapilio universitetą, Čepinskis studijas dar gilino Ziuiriche, Goettingene ir Leip-

zige. Nesvetima jam buvo ir politinė veikla. Labai anksti buvo įsijungęs į socialdemokratų sąjūdį. Keletą metų gyveno Latvijoje, būdamas Mintaujos komercinės mokyklos mokytoju ir direktorium. Pirmojo pasaulinio karo metais Čepinskis gyveno Maskvoje, tarnaudamas susisiekimo ministerijos institute karo reikalams.

Lietuvon grįžo 1918 metais ir tuoju Vilniuje rūpinosi universiteto atsteigimu. Šį dar-

(nukelta į 3 psl.)

Geras ir žodžio paklauso, pikto né lazda nepataiso.
Liet. liaudies patarlė

Tėsiniai klausimai

TURIMĄ TESTAMENTŲ REIKIA PATIKRINTI

Kai kurie mūsų tautiečiai turi pasidaryti testamentus, kurie neatitinka dabarties. Testatoriaus seniai padarytas testamentas gali būti šiame laikotarpiu netinkamas dėl to, kad pagal aplinkybes keičiasi įstatymai.

Mano patarimas: norint keisti testamentą, reikia nueiti pas savo advokatą ir paprašyti, kad jis patikrintų testamentą tekstą. Jis pasakys, ar tą testamentą pagal sudarysiai padėtį reikia pakeisti, ar tik pataisyti.

Niekada negalima sudaryto testamentą taisyti asmeniškai. Pvz., Petras pasidarė testamentą, kaip jo sąžinė diktavo: išvardino savo gimišes, pažįstamus bei labdarybės įstaigas, bažnyčias, lietuvių spaudą. Po kurio laiko jis supyko ant asmens ar organizacijos, kurie buvo į testamentą įrašyti kaip palikimo dalininkai. Supykęs išbraukė iš testamentą jų vardus. Kai toks testatorius numiršta ir atnešamas jo testamentą originalas advokatai tvarkyti, advokatas

pamato, kad testamentas yra panaikintas, nes subraukytas, tokiu būdu pasidaręs be jokios legalios vertės.

Panašūs įvykiai pasikartoja labai dažnai, ypač mūsų tautiečių tarpe.

Testamentas — tai turto paskirstymas pagal testatoriaus norą. Savo parašu jis tai išreiškia, o liudininkai patvirtina. Taigi testamentas pasidaroma legaliu dokumentu. Turint sudarytą testamentą, asmeniškai negalima jo keisti, išbraukiant ar įrašant kokį sakinį.

Testatorius turi legalią teisę savo testamentą pakeisti, bet turi tai padaryti pagal įstatymų nuostatus. 1) Jis gali sudaryti naują testamentą su naujais pakeitimais. 2) Gali parašyti "codicil" (priedašį), kaip įstatymai nurodo, ir 1 arba 2 lapus prisegti prie originalo. Žinoma, tai turi būti padaryta taip, kad jis pats pasirašytų, kaip originaliame testamente, su kelių liudininkų parašais, pažymint mėnesį, dieną ir metus.

Turint testamentą patartina patikrinti, ar jo turinys atitinka gyvenamą laiką. Dažnai atsitinka, kad testamente nėra datos, kada jis buvo sudarytas.

Testamentas yra testatoriaus legalus dokumentas. Kada testatorius numiršta, tai jo originalus testamentas perduodamas "probate" teismo valdininkui ir pasidaroma viešu dokumentu, t.y. bet kuris asmuo tą testamentą originalą gali pamatyti arba gauti jo fotostatinę kopiją, sumokėjęs nustatytą mokestį. Vaikai, žmona bei giminės gali tą testamentą kontestuoti, jeigu tam yra pagrįstos priežastys. Viena priežastis gali būti, kad testatorius nežinojo ir negalėjo pasirašyti. Antra — kad testatorius

neįrašė savo giminį, bet turtais buvo paliktas sveltiniam žmonėm. Trečia — skolininkas su gerais įrodymais gali pareikšti pretenziją (claim). Ketvirta — jei ligos metu testatoriui kas pataravo, tai su rimtais įrodymais gali gauti apmokejimą už tą patarimą; pretenziją reikia įteikti penkerių metų laikotarpy.

Gydytojai pataria savo pacientams dažnai patikrinti savo sveikatą, o advokatai turi patarti savo klientams, kad jie kartkartėmis peržiūrėtų savo finansinį stovį ir testamentus, ar jie atitinka gyvenamą laikotarpį. Paklause tokiu patarimo, išvesim ateities komplikacijų.

Adv. Charles P. Kal

DR. JUOZAS STANKAITIS — DAUG ŽADANTIS GYDYTOJAS

Dr. Juozas Stankaitis, hartfordiečių Olgos ir dr. Alfonso Stankaičių sūnus, neseniai apsisprendė apsigyventi savo gimtajame mieste — Rochestery, New Yorko valstijoje. Ten jis pradėjo pradžios mokyklą, ten ir pasiryžo pastoviau įsikurti, sėkmingai užbaigęs pasirošimus vidaus ligų specialybei.

Dr. Juozas Stankaitis 1972 baigė Bostono College su magna cum laude pažymėjimu. Tuojau buvo priimtas į Connecticut universiteto medicinos mokyklą, kurią baigė 1976. Iš daugelio pasiūlymų reziduojančio gydytojo statusui atlikti jis pasirinko Rochesterio universiteto medicinos mokyklos Strong Memorial ligoninę. Atlikęs trejų metų stažavimą, pernai buvo pakviestas pasilikti vyresniuoju reziduojančiu gydytoju vidaus ligų skyriui. Netrukus jis išlaikė "American Board of Internal Medicine" egzaminus, įsigydamas vidaus ligų specialybės diplomą. Šių metų vasarą Rochesterio universiteto medicinos mokykla pakvietė dr. Juozą Stankaitį būti Strong Memorial ligoninės gydytoju ir vyresniuoju inžinierium. Drauge jis pakviestas ir Genesee ligoninės vidaus ligų skyriaus kodirektorium. Be to, jis neseniai atidarė savo privačios praktikos kabinetą, esantį Genesee ligoninės patalpose.

Dr. Juozas Stankaitis, kiek



Dr. Juozas Stankaitis

laikas leidžia, dalyvauja ir lietuviškojo veikloje. Priklauso prie ateitininkų sendraugių kuopos, globoja moksleivius ateitininkus, dalyvauja tautinių šokių grupėje, yra L. K. Susivienijimo narys. Š. m. liepos 6 jis šoko tautinių šokių šventėje, kaip savo grupės narys.

Dr. Juozas Stankaitis pažįstami ir draugai, o jų skaičius labai didelis, nuoširdžiai linki šiam jaunam, bet jau susikubusiam pasižymėti gydytojui geriausio pasisekimo.

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ATEITININKŲ PREMIJOS ĮTEIKIMAS

Ateitininkų Federacijos religinės literatūros premija, paskirta kun. Antanui L. Rubšui, Manhattan kolegijos profesoriui, bus įteikta jos laureatui spalio 19 Amerikos Lietuvių Katalikų Federacijos kongreso iškilmingame posėdyje, Detroito lietuvių Kultūros Centro salėje.

Premijos skyrimo komisiją sudarė kun. dr. Valdemaras Cukuras (pirm.), Nina Gailiūnienė (sekr.), Sesuo M. Augusta Sereikytė, dr. Juozas Kriaučiūnas ir Stasys Rudys. Premijos (1,000 dol.) mecenatas — kun. dr. Juozas Prunskis. Premijos komisija, apsvarsčiusi 1978-79 metų laikotarpyje pasirodžiusius religinio turinio veikalus, vieningai pripažino premijuotinu kun. Antano Rubšio dviejų tomų veikalą "Raktas į Naująjį Testamentą".

Kun. A. L. Rubšys sutiko premiją priimti, pareikšdamas savo dėkingumą komisijai ir Ateitininkų Federacijai už dėmesį Sv. Raštui. Premijuojamo veikalo autorius taip pat sutiko asmeniškai dalyvauti premijos įteikime.

Ateitininkų Federacijos valdyba

Melbourne buvo suruoštas iškilmingas Didžiosios Britanijos karalienės Elžbietos II priėmimas, kuriame dalyvavo 3000 svečių. Lietuviam atstovavo LB apylinkės pirmininkas Albinas Pocius su žmona, apsiręgusiais tautiniais drabužiais. Premjeras, pastebėjęs minėtus lietuvius, pristatė juos karalienei, kuri pasidžiaugė gražiais drabužiais ir pateikė keletą klausimų. Šalia stovėję australai klebėjo, kodėl lietuviam buvo padaryta tokia išimtis. Priėmimo buvo ir daugiau lietuvių.

Maria del Carmen Sabalaukaitė, buvusi Argentinijos grožio karalienė, baigė aviacijos kursų ir gavo komercinės aviatorės diplomą. Ji dabar turi teisę vairuoti Aerolineas Argentinas lėktuvus ir kitus didžiulius prekybinius lėktuvus, tačiau Argentinijoje moterim dar sunku gauti darbo aviacijoje.

Lietuvi, Tavęs laukia AMERIKOS LIETUVIŲ KATALIKŲ SUSIVIENIJIMAS... LIFE PAID UP AT AGE 85 — MOKĖJIMAS IKI 85 METŲ... 20 YEAR PAYMENT LIFE — 20 METŲ MOKĖJIMO PLANAS... 20 YEAR ENDOWMENT — 20 METŲ TAUPYMO PLANAS... ENDOWMENT AT AGE 65 — TAUPYMAS IKI 65 METŲ...

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BRIEF RESUME OF ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance was held on July 24, 25, 26, 1980 at the Home Office in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

The meeting was called to order by President Thomas E. Mack, Esq. Reverend Monsignor John Balkūnas, our Spiritual Director, then offered a prayer.

All members of the Board, with the exception of our secretary, Frank Katilus, were present. Mr. Katilus was ill and in the hospital.

It was decided by the Board that a triple dividend will be paid in 1981 and the Executive Committee will decide on all particulars for this payment.

Vice-President Joseph B. Laučka requested recommendations from the Board to aid in the current membership drive. Upon receiving several suggestions, Director Saulius Kuprys, Esq., made a motion to allocate \$3,000.00 to aid in implementing the recommendations and was so approved.

It was authorized to prepare information and have pamphlets and bulletins printed for distribution among members and the Lithuanian community. A benefit to all is: Upon enrolling five (5) new members at a \$1,000.00 certificate each, a candidate's name can be presented for a college scholarship.

As of April 1, 1980, Mr. Frank Katilus resigned as Executive Director of the Alliance, and, as approved by the Board, was replaced by Charles A. Liscosky (Kazys Antanas Liškauskas), an Alliance member already performing these duties. Mr. Frank Katilus continues as Secretary of the Board.

Director Saulius Kuprys reported that the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance Cultural Fund has been incorporated in the State of Illinois on June 4, 1980 and can legally operate as a non-profit organization. The Articles of Corporation were signed by Albina Poška, Vlado Šimaitis, and Joseph B. Laučka. The Fund's five Directors are selected by the L.C.A. Board of Directors. Joseph B. Laučka withdrew his directorship from it, suggesting an Alliance member from Chicago be appointed in his place, which makes the majority of Directors from Chicago. His resignation was accepted. He was replaced by Dr. Pranutė Domanskienė. The other Directors are Msgr. John Balkūnas, Thomas E. Mack, Esq., Dr. Leonardas J. Šimutis, and Saulius Kuprys, Esq. The Alliance has promised an allocation of \$10,000.00 for the projects undertaken and for the coming year up to the 1981 Convention. The Directors of the Fund are allocated \$4,000.00.

It is anticipated that the Alliance Fund will come first from donations from Alliance members, most of which, hopefully, will be from their dividends. Msgr. John Balkūnas, Saulius Kuprys, and Joseph Laučka each donated \$100.00 to the Fund.

Švenčių proga paremk lietuviškas institucijas, kurios rūpinasi Lietuvos išlaisvinimu ir lietuviškos kultūros išlaikymu.

The directors also voted unanimously to send greetings and a monetary gift to the Knights of Lithuania Convention and the L.C.A.F. Congress.

Professor Vlada Sabalienė is in charge of preparations for the coming Alliance Convention on July 12, 13, 14, 1981 in Rochester, New York. The Board of Directors will work closely with the committee which consists of Rochester members. Suggestions from the members benefiting the Alliance are gladly accepted. It is required that the Constitutional resolutions to be acted upon at the Convention must be submitted to the Alliance Directors at least ninety (90) days before the Convention.

It was agreed upon to send greetings to two jubilarian priests, Alliance members Reverend Benjamin Paukštis, who celebrated 65 years in the Priesthood on May 27 and Reverend Vincent Nanorta, who celebrated 60 years in the Priesthood on July 18 of this year.

At the conclusion of the meeting on July 25, 1980, the Directors drove to the Holy Trinity Lithuanian R.C. Cemetery located in Bear Creek, a few miles outside of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. They visited the graves of Msgr. John Boll, our Spiritual Advisor of the Alliance for many years, Rev. John Kasakaitis, a former Spiritual Advisor, and Rev. Joseph Miliauskas, former Pastor of Holy Trinity Lithuanian R.C. Church and founder of this cemetery.

President Thomas E. Mack, Esq. was authorized to send a letter to both President James Carter and Secretary of State, E. Muskie expressing our gratitude for their firm non-recognition of the forceful and illegal annexation of the Baltic States by the Soviet Union and requesting their affirmative support for the continuity of the Baltic Diplomatic representation.

On April 11, 1980, President Thomas Mack and representatives of several other Fraternal organizations in the area visited the White House in Washington and met with President Carter. President Mack also traveled to New York City and met with Republican Presidential Candidate, Ronald Regan. President Mack reported that the financial situation of our Lithuanian Alliance is in good condition. Our main problem is the drop in membership, which is not unique to our organization alone. In 1978, our solvency was 148.32%. At present, it reaches 151.6%. It is President Mack's opinion that the next ten (10) years will be crucial to fraternal organizations depending on economy, investments, technology, etc.

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Leocadia Donarovich, Treasurer and was examined by Trustees Vito Yucius and Dr. Vladas Šimaitis on July 22, 23, 1980. All was found in order. It was noted that from December 1, 1979 to June 30, 1980 Income was \$272,

123.68 and Expenses totaled \$198,798.70 in the report. During this period, membership dues were \$46,000.00; Death Claims \$47,970.00; Mortgages for members on homes purchased \$40,000.00; Garsas publication \$8,588.00; and \$7,700.00 was paid to the Actuary. Numerous members with the matured endowments withdrew their funds, there were several cash surrenders both totaling over \$50,000.00. It was also stated in the report that the largest amounts of moneys are invested in six month's saving certificates which yield the higher interest.

All Director's reports were entered into the minutes.

Charles A. Liscosky



In Marquette Park, in Chicago Lithuanian Day was celebrated July 5th.

THE CHRONICLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LITHUANIA NO. 40

The issue No. 40 of the oldest underground publication in Lithuania is dated October 19, 1980 and contains a wealth of information on the struggle for religious and national freedom in the Soviet-occupied country. There is thoroughly documented data on the recent house-searches and seizures of literature. The trial of Angelė Ramanauskaitė, 24, for teaching religion to children is described in detail. Two members of the Catholic Committee for the Defense of the Rights of Religious Believers provide a comprehensive record of the persecution of religion in Lithuania. A mass procession by young Lithuanians is also described.

HUNGARIAN CARDINAL'S VISIT

Laszlo Cardinal Lekai, the head of the Hungarian Catholic Church, visited Lithuania last October, accompanied by Hungarian clergymen and two Russian orthodox bishops. The description of the visit in the CP daily Tiesa (Vilnius, Oct. 18, 1979) was limited to several sentences. "The Commissioner

of the Council for Religious Affairs, P. Anilionis, gave orders to ensure as good a reception to Cardinal Lekai as that given earlier to the German Cardinal Bensch. Members of the choir of the Kaunas Cathedral were even released from work".

A "huge throng" of believers met the Cardinal at the Kaunas Cathedral on October 12. They sang the hymn "Marija, Marija", (which is associated with deep nationalist sentiments. Ed.). In his welcoming speech Bishop L. Povilonis alluded to the forthcoming 600-year anniversary since the introduction of Christianity in Lithuania. Attempts were made to prevent direct contacts between individual Lithuanian priests and the Cardinal.

Upon leaving the Cathedral, the Cardinal was hailed by large crowds. The song "Dear Lithuania, My Fatherland", which has become the unofficial Lithuanian anthem, was heard.

The purpose of the Soviet government in arranging the Cardinal's visit was to show that "freedom of religion" existed in Lithuania. The two

exiled bishops, Sladkevičius and Statkevičius, did not take part in the reception. The faithful used this opportunity to "demonstrate their religion and patriotism". The Russian Orthodox bishops, who accompanied Cardinal Lekai, saw that even in the Soviet Union it is possible to wage "a successful struggle for more religious freedom, if one only dares to fight".

"It is very unfortunate that the Lithuanian bishops have no right of inviting freely those Catholic dignitaries whom they wish to invite, but must be satisfied with what the Soviet authorities deign to follow. Cardinal Lekai, too, did not come at the invitation of the Lithuanian ordinaries, but as a guest of the Russian Patriarch Pimen..."

FEAR REPLACES HOPE

Dissappointment is expressed in the policies of Bishop Liudas Povilonis who has replaced the late Bishop Juozas Matulaitis-Labukas as the apostolic administrator of the Kaunas archdiocese and the Vilkauskis diocese. The "courageous" sermons of Bishop Povilonis inspired some people with hope that the "capitulationist policy of the ordinaries" might be ending. The Soviet authorities seemed to fear the same thing and initially subjected Bishop Povilonis to extensive blackmail. As a result, he has made "many most painful decisions" during the past several months. Among the many priests promoted recently are "some open collaborators with the KGB" as well as those who have "compromised themselves morally in the eyes of the people". This clearly amounts to a "capitulation before the KGB and the Council of Religious Affairs". The Chronicle stops short of condemnation because it is aware of the conditions surrounding Lithuanian bishops, but regrets the absence of strong personalities, especially since "circumstances have never been more propitious" for obtaining "minimal rights for the Church". There is fear that the Lithuanian bishops will continue the "policy of fear and concessions", practiced by Canon J. Steponavičius and Bishop J. Labukas.

The Chronicle is "most reluctant" to expose the "painful facts" concerning the Lithuanian Catholic Church, but considers such exposure an "imperative, although painful surgery". Some say that in this manner the Chronicle "lowers the authority of the clergy" and thus "harms the Church". The Chronicle regards this argument as "short-sighted", in view of what happened to the Russian Orthodox Church: "In becoming collaborators of the Soviet government, the Orthodox clergymen have lost their authority and influence. Must the Catholic Church of Lithuania also become an obedient maid-servant of the Soviets?"

NEW ISSUE OF UNDERGROUND JOURNAL "AUŠRA", NO. 19

The new issue of *Aušra*, dated November, 1979, contains an appeal to Secretary General Waldheim, asking for the help of the United Nations to stem the tide of Russification, or "spiritual genocide", in Lithuania. Another appeal to Waldheim, the signatories of the Helsinki Final Act, and Amnesty International asks for the release of Antanas Terleckas, arrested on October 30, 1979. KGB case no. 58, designed to destroy the widespread resistance movement in Lithuania, is described. There is a report on the attempt of the authorities to sabotage the temperance movement which is trying to stem the rising tide of alcoholism, generated by the Soviet occupation regime. The Soviet system, a "perfected tsarist oppression", is subjected to a scathing critique in two articles. A former participant reminisces about the anti-Soviet guerilla movement in Lithuania.

TO THE HON. KURT WALDHEIM, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE U.N.

During the 34 years of its activity, the United Nations Organization has accomplished much in promoting and accelerating the liberation process of the enslaved nations, in defending the rights of the weaker ones. This noble mission of the UN is well-known to the Lithuanian nation as well. It is with sincere gratitude and a feeling of solidarity that the Lithu-

anian people follow the efforts of the UN to realize peace, equality and fraternity in the entire world, to improve the economic and cultural standards of nations and to ensure their rights to national and political self-determination. However, as much as Lithuanians rejoice in the restoration of other countries' independence and their manifold progress, they cannot help feeling a certain bitterness and pain. Why, they ask themselves, is it taking so long for the UN to notice Lithuania's bleeding wounds, why the continuing indifference to the tragic destiny of the nations enslaved by the USSR? The hundreds of thousands of Lithuania's sons and daughters, who have perished during the recent decades in the struggle against the red occupying power, aren't they a sufficient cause for raising the case of the restoration of national independence? And a nation that never fell to its knees during 40 difficult years of captivity, that has withstood physical and spiritual genocide, and that keeps courageously resisting the enslavers — does it not deserve liberty? Why then is its sacred right to freedom and independence not defended in this distinguished international forum?

This is the question each decent Lithuanian asks himself, when he hears the name of the United Nations. How can one explain the UN's exclusive view of Lithuania and the other So-

viet-oppressed nations? What may be the motives behind it?

Some people in the West maintain that Soviet imperialism is ferocious and disregards everything, that no speeches or arguments will convince them to retreat from their colonies as a goodwill gesture. Negotiations with democratic states are a different matter, because they do react to criticism and sooner or later bow to public opinion. Some even try to prove that various protests addressed to the Soviet Union merely serve to make the situation worse for the Soviet-oppressed nations and that silence is considerably more useful. In other words, one must wait until the USSR becomes democratic and until, in some distant future, the circumstances will become more favorable, and then it will be possible to say a good word on behalf of the nations smarting under Soviet imperialism.

A genuine ethical commitment, however, requires that evil must be fought even if an easy and quick victory is not expected. We know from our own painful experience how pernicious silence can be.

When thousands of Lithuanians in our native land were being murdered and deported to Siberia, the legal institutions of the world were silent. When that was followed by the mass colonization of Lithuania, they kept their silence. Today our beautiful landscape and natural

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NEW ISSUE OF "AUŠRA"

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of its fields, the originality of its clothes, the beauty of its landscape, or the strength of its castles, but mostly by the way it preserves and uses its language."

The nation is today robbed of what in the 16th century was considered its greatest treasure. We believe that the period of silence must be ended. If the silence over the problems of Lithuania and of the other Soviet-enslaved nations continues any longer, further debates may prove to be meaningless.

Today we are asking for help in the defense of our native language, which is our greatest treasure and the foundation of our national culture. If this treasure is lost, it is possible that in the next decades several more nations will be erased from world history and culture.

On September 4, one of the organizers was urged by Communist Party officials to cancel the conference. The next day, however, the Vilnius party secretary declared that the conference would not be cancelled, since too many distinguished individuals had been invited to attend.

LET US SAVE OURSELVES AND OUR NATION

The threat of alcoholism in Lithuania is very real, as evident from statistical data revealed at the first conference of temperance activists in September, 1979, in Vilnius. Some 300,000 people "abuse" alcohol daily, i.e., every eleventh inhabitant of Lithuania has become an alcoholic.

The Communist Party and the government are not supporting the struggle against alcoholism. State income from the sale of alcoholic beverages comes to 600 million rubles a year, or one fifth of the total turnover of goods in the republic.

The roots of alcoholism in Lithuania are in the Communist system — the "constant humiliation of the people, neglect of their spiritual needs, their transformation into plain beasts of burden".

If you, Hon. Secretary General, would require more comprehensive information about the May, 1979, conference and other facts about the Russification of the union republics, such data could be supplied by Lithuanian exile organizations, which, we believe, will be glad to oblige.

In expressing our profound respects, we sincerely thank for the efforts and the solicitude, which we expect from the United Nations Organization in the defense of the rights of our nation.

Since the Initiative Group for the Defense of the Lithuanian Language is active in the underground, we refrain from publishing our names.

Lithuania, Oct. 31, 1979

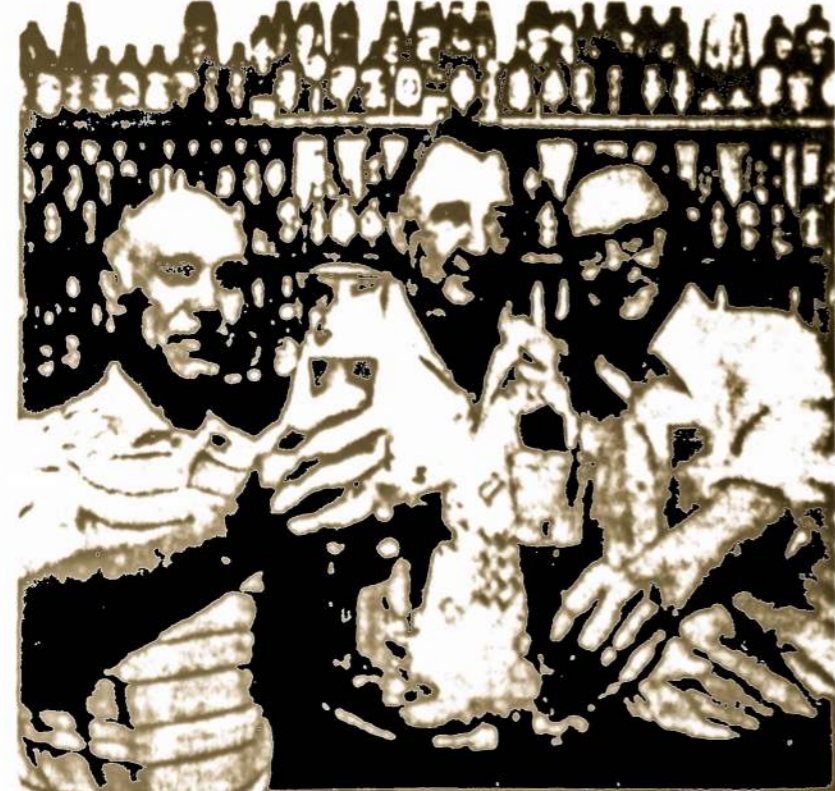
The Initiative Group for the Defense of the Lithuanian Language

IMPRESSIONS FROM THE FIRST TEMPERANCE CONFERENCE

The first official conference of Lithuanian temperance activists took place in Vilnius on September 8, 1979. Its purpose was to launch a massive campaign against alcoholism.

TSARIST OPPRESSION "PERFECTED"

"History repeats itself. Russian imperialism is again strangling our nation... The only difference is that now everything is done in a more modern, more refined, broader and crueller fashion".



Eddie Budelis, left, Gordon Matulonis, center, and Casimir Razulis, right, who have nicknamed themselves Gulp, Sip and Evaluate respectively, get ready for another night of beer tasting. The three men, from Eldersburg, Md., say their quest is to circle the globe tasting all the world's beers.

dependent thought from penetrating through their filters. Even the old literature, the historic heritage of our nation, is often considered dangerous by the contemporary occupying power. What irony of fate: writings and literary creations suppressed by tsarist censorship, persecuted by the tsarist gendarmes, appear to be dangerous to those, too, who pose as the overthrowers of the tsars and fighters against the tsarist system and oppression.

"...If the enemy will succeed in undermining our roots, that link us with the nation's past, with the layers of our fathers' and forefathers' spiritual and cultural heritage, if we will be impeded in the transmission of the inherited and renewed values to our children, then we shall perish as a nation, as many nations in the world have perished".

"The regime concentrates all its efforts on turning the young generation into atheists. This

THREE BREWERY BUFFS HOPE TO PUT DOWN 2,000 BEERS

Eldersburg, Md. — Three Maryland men — 53-year-old childhood friends — spend every Tuesday night inside a cozy den, trying to circle the globe by sipping from all the world's beers.

So far they have tasted 1,244 beers from 62 countries. Their aim is to taste 2,000 beers, from 100 nations.

For the most part, tasting brews from far and wide is a pleasant pastime. "It has become an obsession", said Gordon Matulonis.

But not always. Often Matulonis and his buddies — Eddie Budelis and Casimir Razulis — pause to reflect when they hear that another brewery has closed.

"We stand and we salute another brewery gone," said Matulonis.

"It's sad", said Budelis. "We keep a book of obits," added Razulis.

With rare exception, the trio assembles in Matulonis's den every Tuesday for what they view as a scholarly study of the golden beverage.

"We hate to see someone in our family ill or in the hospital on a Tuesday night," said Matulonis, who once started passersby in Toronto, Canada, when he got down on hands and knees to pay homage outside the Molson brewery.

The men carefully log their evaluations of each sip in notebooks and index all the beers they taste.

"We keep good records because some of this stuff you don't want to drink twice", said Razulis.

They have tasted Stork beer from Senegal, Beer Sheba from Israel, Marathon from Greece, Prestige from Haiti and Rosy Pelican from India as well as brews from Fiji, Gambia and the Azores.

The walls of Matulonis's den are lined from floor to ceiling with empty reminders of their thirsty work. But Matulonis, Budelis and Razulis stress that they are not beer-can collectors.

"We collect beers, not junk", said Razulis.

At 7 p.m. sharp, and rarely a minute before, Matulonis calls the meeting to order at the bar in his den.

His wife, Elinor, who serves as bartender and referee when the scholarly discussion becomes heated, produces three

is not accidental... the enemy wants to become the master of the situation and to control the destiny of the Lithuanian nation. To deprive the parents of the right to educate their children and to form their world view is the same as depriving the nation of the right to its future.

"The unusual coincidence between the 19th century and the present situation in Lithuania reveals — the terrible backwardness of the stagnant, calcified Russian empire... But the reactionaries of the Kremlin are helpless before the laws of human progress..."

"Believing as we do in the ultimate victory of truth, liberty and justice, we cannot for a moment forget the danger threatening the very existence of our nation..."

FROM THE HISTORY OF THE GUERRILLA WAR IN LITHUANIA

A pseudonymous author "Amiko" reminisces about the postwar guerilla struggle in Lithuania and sketches the profile of Kalpokas, a guerilla leader in northern Lithuania. When

the Red Army occupied Lithuania in 1944, the Soviet authorities ordered all Lithuanian men between 18 and 55 years of age to register for military service. Two draft calls ended in a complete failure and the Lithuanian Communist leaders were afraid to break the news to Moscow.

Kalpokas, former officer in the Lithuanian army, became the leader of the guerilla units in northern Lithuania. The guerillas received much support from the farmers, who supplied them with food, foot-wear, clothing, shelter and information on Soviet troop movements.

On Stalin's order, large punitive detachments of the Red Army were sent to Lithuania's forests in February, 1945. Despite severe losses, the guerillas survived the assault. In the winter of 1946, the guerillas were able to paralyze the "elections" to the first "Lithuanian Supreme Soviet".

In 1958, Kalpokas managed to escape to Sweden. His relatives later received a letter from him, written in West Germany. "Guerilla warfare in Lithuania lasted until 1957, in some areas even longer".

Knygnešiai nešė knygas slapta į Lietuvą, juvo rusų valdžios persekiojami, tremiami į Sibirą. Mūsų dabar niekas nepersekiuoja už lietuvišką raštą, tai pasi-neškime daugiau knygų į savo namus. Pirkime naujus lietuviškus leidinius!



The former "Boston Gob", Jack Sharkey, will observe his 78th birthday on October 26th in Epping, New Hampshire. He defeated Max Schmeling in 1932, gaining the title of World's Heavyweight Boxing Champion. Since he has hung up his boxing gloves Jack has made numerous appearances on radio, TV and at sports events throughout the country.

MISS JANET MERCINCAVAGE WILL TEACH AT KING'S COLLEGE

Miss Janet Mercincavage, daughter of Ann and George Mercincavage, 613 Susquehanna Avenue, Wyoming, Penna., has joined the faculty at King's College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., as Instructor in Accounting.

Miss Mercincavage received her bachelor of science degree in business administration and

Spanish, Magna cum Laude, from Juniata College, Huntingdon, Penna. She is a Certified Public Accountant and came to King's College from Reading Alloys Company where she served as Assistant to the Treasurer. In addition, she was a member of the evening faculty of Alvernia College, Reading.

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SISTERS OBSERVE GOLDEN JUBILEES



Four Sister of Jesus Crucified recently celebrated their Golden Jubilees in the religious life at Our Lady of Sorrows Convent, Brockton, Massachusetts. From left, are: Sister M. Annunciata, C.J.C., superior general; Sister Mary Magdalen Kaditus, C.J.C., Sister Gabriel Marie Zaharauskas, C.J.C., and Sister Dolora Marie Kolnoskas, C.J.C.

Brockton, Mass. — Four Poor Sisters of Jesus Crucified and the Sorrowful Mother recently participated in a solemn celebration of their Golden Jubilees in the religious life, at Our Lady of Sorrows Convent, Brockton, Massachusetts.

Sister M. Annuciata, C.J.C., superior general, of Philadelphia, received her bachelor's degree from Marywood College and master's from Boston College. She has taught mostly in Massachusetts schools.

Sister Mary Magdalen, C.J.C., of Scranton, received her bachelor's degree from Marywood College and master's with a major in Russian from Emmanuel College in Boston. She has taught in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania and been mistress of novices for six years.

Sister Gabriel Marie, C.J.C., of Dalton, received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Marywood, then spent two years in Lithuanian studies at the University of Vytautas the Great in Kaunas, Lithuania. A number of years later she studied science at Boston College, Boston University and Bridgewater State College.

She has taught languages and science to the postulants and novices of the Community and later full time at Mater Dei Academy in Brockton. Her latest assignment has been Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Carbondale.

Sister Dolora Marie, C.J.C., a native of Kingston, received

her bachelor's degree from College Misericordia, Dallas, and has taught in numerous Massachusetts and Pennsylvania schools. Presently she is librarian at St. Peter's School in South Boston, Mass.

A Golden Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Casimir's Church, Pittston, on June 1 marked the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Sister Mariel Vitcavage as a Maryknoll Sister.

The mass was concelebrated by Rev. Peter Ališauskas, pastor and Rev. John Savakinas. Lectors were Joseph Shultz Jr., Nunda, N.Y., grand nephew of Sister Mariel, and Frank Gerosky of the parish. Thomas Shultz, great grand nephew of Sister Mariel and Joseph Rybitski were altar boys. Thomas Wierbowski, cousin of Sister Mariel, played the organ and selections on the harp.

Sister Mariel received the Apostolic Blessing from Pope John Paul II on this happy occasion. Following Mass a reception was held in the church hall.

The Maryknoll Sisters community to which Sister Mariel belongs, does mission work in many countries throughout the world.

Sister Dolores, a member of the Sisters of St. Casimir's Community was honored by her Community in Chicago, Ill., as a Golden Jubilariam of her pro-

mately 40 years. She was a member of the Church of the Holy Redeemer, Harding; a charter member of the Falls Senior Citizens; former secretary of Falls Township and a member of Holy Redeemer Altar and Rosary Society.

Surviving in addition to her husband are a daughter, Mrs. Jeanne Dorr, Riverton, N.J.; a brother, Joseph Miles, Scranton; four sisters, Mrs. Cecelia Barechio, Mrs. Marian Sellitto, both of Susquehanna; Mrs. Veronica Kuchinsky and Mrs. Altona Bagniewski, both of Harrison, N.J.; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Buried September 9 with a Mass of Christian Burial in Church of the Holy Redeemer. Interment, Cathedral Cemetery, Scranton.

Jean Shalna was a member of L.C.A. Lodge 7, Pittston, Pa.

CATHERINE STREIMIKIS
Mrs. Catherine Streimikis, 82, of Fair Lane, Sheatown Township, died September 10 in Nanticoke State General Hospital.

Mrs. Streimikis was born in Wanamie, daughter of the late Frank and Anna Kunsavage Linkowski. She resided in Sheatown the past 19 years and was a member of St. Mary's Church, Wanamie and its Christian Mothers.

Her son William died 1955

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New Chaplain At Mount St. Mary's

Rev. Paul F. Gerosky has been appointed Chaplain of Mount Saint Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland, according to an announcement by Dr. Robert J. Wickenheiser, president of the college. Father Gerosky began his duties on July 1.

Mount Saint Mary's, the oldest independent Catholic College in America, was founded in 1808 by Father John Dubois, a French emigre priest who later became the third bishop of New York. A strictly male institution for most of its history, the Mount began accepting women students in 1972 and today has a coed enrollment of nearly 1500.

Mount Saint Mary's College offers courses of undergraduate study in a wide variety of fields in the liberal arts tradition and also grants the Master of Business Administration degree. The college is located on a 1200-acre campus at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains approximately twelve miles south of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Father Gerosky was ordained to the priesthood on May 1, 1976, by Most Rev. J. Carroll McCormick, D.D., Bishop of Scranton. His most recent assignment was as professor at St. Pius X Seminary in Dalton, and he previously served as assistant pastor of St. Peter's Cathedral and St. Pauls Church in Scranton.

He was also a faculty member at Bishop Hannan High School. A graduate of the University of Scranton and St. Pius X Seminary, Father Gerosky completed his theological studies at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary where he received a Master of Arts degree in Theology. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gerosky who reside at 58 Tenth Street,



Rev. Paul F. Gerosky

Wyoming.

Father Gerosky is a graduate of Pittston Area High School, Class of 1968.

Father Gerosky's mother is a member of L.C.A. Lodge 7, Pittston, his uncle, Rev. Victor Simkonis, a member of Lodge 1, Kingston.

PLYMOUTH MAN

Leonard J. Pallis of 352 West Main St., Plymouth, has been elected president of the Advisory Council to the Veterans' Home in Erie.

Pallis, National Service Officer of AMVETS and head of its office in Wilkes-Barre, will preside over all meetings, appoint committees and supervise the functions of the council.

Pallis' office is located in the Veterans Administration building on North Main Street, for the processing of veterans' claims. He also processes claims on the second and last Thursday of each month in the Tunkhannock Courthouse.

In addition to his other duties, he is post service officer of the American Legion Post 609 and the VFW Post 1425.

Pallis recently received a commendation for his work with veterans and their families through AMVETS.

Mr. Pallis is a member of L.C.A. Lodge 222.

PARA TO ATTEND SCRANTON U

Rich Para, a three-year letterman and first-team All Conference basketball player at Pittston Area High School, will attend the University of Scranton next fall.

The 6-4, 205 pound forward was a tower of strength for Pittston Area this past season, averaging 20 points and 10 rebounds per game. He earned a berth on the Wyoming Valley All Star team and was a standout performer on the "Loyalist" All Star Squad this spring.

Para averaged 13.6 points per game as a junior and, in a reserve role in 1978, contributed five points per game toward Pittston Area's Wyoming Valley Conference and District 2 championships.

Commenting on Para, Scranton Coach Bob Bessoir said, "I'm happy to see local players are still interested in playing here at Scranton. I've seen Rich play quite a few times and he is a strong player inside with a very aggressive attitude".

Rich, the son of Mrs. Frances Para of 62 Union St., Inkerman, will major in Business Management at the University.

Rich is a member of St. Casimir's Church, Pittston.

ADDITIONAL ARRESTS AND HOUSE SEARCHES

According to reliable information, Jasmantas, 50, a former correspondent for *Komсомolskaya Pravda*, was arrested in Vilnius on April 25 or 26. He was seized in connection with the case of Vytautas Skuodis, arrested on January 9, 1980.

The home of Vitas Abrutis in Vilnius was searched twice, on April 9 and 17. The KGB confiscated a manuscript critical of the Soviet regime. Abrutis has not been linked with any other Lithuanian activists but has allegedly voiced criticism of the Soviet system.

K. OF C. OFFICERS INSTALLED

Recently elected officers of Wilkes-Barre Council 302, Knights of Columbus were installed officially September 13 in St. Aloysius Church by District Deputy Charles A. Lisosky, assisted by District Warden Alfred A. Carpi.

Mass was celebrated by Msgr. Joseph W. Paddon. Council 302's choir under the direction of Gerard Morrissey sang during the Liturgy.

The following were the elected officers:

Grand Knight, Thomas A. Devine; deputy grand knight, Francis T. Rothenbecker, Sr., chancellor, Patrick F. Jordan, recorder, John G. Casey; treasurer, Raymond F. Kownacki; lecturer, Francis J. Barry, Sr.; advocate, Michael C. McHugh, II; sr. warden, Ronald J. Villano; inside guard, Paul A. Devine, Sr.; outside guard, Kevin X. Welsh; organist Joseph D. Lisosky; trustees, William B. Shergalis, John F. Moore, Stanley R. Zenda, Sr.; financial secretary, Michael S. Yanulus.

tember 12, 1980 Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville, Ind.

Lodge 7 — Mrs. Julia Forgasch, 5 Tunkhannock Ave., West Pittston, Pa. 18643 or 42 Milbre St., Swoyersville, Pa. Died: September 12, 1980. Buried: September 15, 1980 St. John's Cemetery, Courtdale, Pa.

Lodge 18 — Tamaqua, Pa. — Mrs. Julia M. Abromaitis, 113 Patterson St., Tamaqua, Pa. 18252. Died: September 16, 1980.

Lodge 15 — Chicago, Ill. — Vladas Novikas, 8001 S. Le Claire, Burbank, Ill. 60459. Died: September 20, 1980. Buried: September 24, 1980 St. Casimir's Cemetery, Chicago, Ill.

Lodge 7 — Pittston, Pa. — Casimir A. Sieminski, Jr., 80 Watkins St., Swoyersville, Pa. 18704. Died: September 24, 1980. Buried: September 27, 1980 Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Carverton, Pa.

Lodge 212 — Plains, Pa. — Antonina Antanavičienė (Anna Antonovitch), 14 Amesbury St., Plains, Pa. 18704. Died: September 29, 1980. Buried: October 3, 1980 St. Francis Cemetery, Plains, Pa.

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OBITUARIES

VICTORIA BRAUKUS

Victoria C. Braukus, 225 N. Everett Ave., died June 11, 1980 at home after a lengthy illness. Her husband is Michael Braukus.

Born in Pittston, she resided in Scranton most of her adult life. She was the daughter of the late Stanley and Catherine Petraska and was a member of St. Michael's Church and its Altar and Rosary Society. She was a retired salesperson of the Globe Store.

Also surviving are three brothers, John, Salt Lake City, Utah; Frank, Rochester, N.Y.; and Peter, Pittston; two sisters, Mrs. Anna Hagan, Jacksonville, Fla.; and Mrs. Magdalene Senuta, Pittston, and several nieces and nephews.

Buried June 14 with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Michael's Church. Interment in Cathedral Cemetery.

Victoria Braukus was a member of L.C.A. Lodge 155, Scranton.

JEAN SHALNA

Jean M. Shalna, R.D. 1, Harding, passed away September 5 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital after a brief illness.

Born in Forest City, she was the daughter of the late William and Michaelena Obelenas Miliauskas. A graduate of Bloomsburg State College, she was a teacher in the Duryea School District for approxi-

WYOMING KLONIO ŽINIOS

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Father Vincent Nanorta, pastor emeritus of the Church of St. Mary Annunciation, Kingston, observed his Diamond Jubilee (60 years) in the priesthood on July 18.

Father Nanorta has opted for a quiet family celebration of his anniversary with a private Mass attended by his family, with whom he makes his residence, friends, and priest confreres.

Father Nanorta was born on January 21, 1893, the son of Joseph and Josephine Brukas Nanorta. A native of Nanticoke, where he currently lives in retirement, he completed his high school studies at Archard Lake, Michigan. He continued his collegiate studies at St. John's College, Philadelphia, before entering SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary at Orchard Lake where he completed his philosophical and theological preparations for the priesthood.

He was ordained on July 18, 1920, in St. Peter's Cath-

edral by Bishop Michael J. Hoban. His first assignment was at St. Michael's, Scranton, where he served as an assistant pastor from August 1, 1920 until May 1 of the following year when he was assigned to Holy Trinity, Wilkes-Barre.

His first pastoral appointment came on May 26, 1923, when he was appointed to the Church of St. Francis, Miners Mills. Some six years later, on November 21, 1929, he was given the charge of the church of SS. Peter and Paul's in Hazleton. Assigned to the Church of St. Mary's Annunciation, Kingston, on October 3, 1955, he served with distinction until his retirement from the active priestly ministry on January 25, 1967, as pastor emeritus. During his almost 12-year tenure as pastor at St. Mary's, Father Nanorta saw to the refurbishment of the church property and installed a new electrical system. He also purchased land adjacent to the parish cemetery



Father Vincent Nanorta

to allow for needed expansion.

Father Nanorta is a member of Lithuanian Catholic Alliance Lodge 1 in Kingston, Pennsylvania.

OBITUARIES

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and husband in 1949.

Surviving are daughter Mrs. Dorothy Skalla, with whom she resided; grandson, William.

Buried September 13 with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary's Church, Wanamie. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

Mrs. Streimikis was a member of L.C.A. Lodge 75, Wanamie, Pa.

JULIA FORGASH

Mrs. Julia Forgash, formerly of 42 Milbre St., Swoyersville, died September 12 at St. Mary's Villa, Elmhurst, where she had been a guest the past two years.

She was born in West Pittston, daughter of the late Peter and Victoria Zagarauskas Vitcavage. She was formerly employed as a weaver. Mrs. Forgash was a member of St. John's Church, Luzerne.

Surviving is her husband, Michael; brother, Joseph Vitcavage, West Pittston; sisters, Sister Mariel Vitcavage, Maryknoll Convent, New York; Anna Zarzecki, West Pittston; two nephews.

Buried September 15 with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. John's Church. Interment in Parish Cemetery, Court-dale.

Mrs. Forgash was a member of L.C.A. Lodge 7, Pittston.

CASIMIR A. SIEMINSKI, JR.

Casimir A. Sieminski Jr., 80 Watkins St., Swoyersville, died suddenly September 24 morning at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital shortly after he was admitted.

Mr. Sieminski was a lifelong resident of Swoyersville, where he was a member of St. Mary's Church. He was self-employed as a certified public accountant, and owned the C.A. Sieminski Jr. and Son accounting and insurance firm in Kingston.

He was a member of the Board of Directors of the United Penn Bank, Forty Fort branch, and held membership in the American Institute of CPAs, the Pennsylvania Institute of CPAs, and the Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of CPAs. He was an Army veteran of World War II, and was a member of the Catholic War Veterans' Memorial Post 1601 of Swoyersville.

Surviving are: his wife, the former Hedwig Poliwater; children, attorney John D. Sieminski, of Forty Fort, and Mrs.

Prof. Voveris, formerly of Brockton, Massachusetts, is organist and choir director of St. Nicholas Church, Wilkes-Barre, and retired director of King's College Glee Club with whom he has traveled extensively through the Eastern coast of U.S., Canada and Europe. He received his formal education in Kaunas Conservatory, Lithuania. The Voveris' have resided in Pittston since 1941.

The couple has seven children: Joan, chairman of the music department in the Berwick Area Schools; Rovald, carrier for the Pittston Post Office; Paulyna Nutaitis, violinist for the Little Theatre, Phoenix, Ariz.; Angela Walsh, musician, Rome, N.Y.; Roberta, R.N., clinical resource person, Mercy Hospital; Francis, assistant vice president and manager of Office Services Department, Sylvania Saving Bank Co., Toledo, Ohio; 1st Lt. Bronis Jr., in the Air Force, stationed in Germany.

There are also four grandsons: Richard and Bradley Walsh, children of Sgt. and Mrs. Richard Walsh, Rome, N.Y.; David Nutaitis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Nutaitis, Temple, Ariz.; and Christopher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Voveris, Yatesville.

A Mass of Thanksgiving was offered in St. Casimir's Church, Pittston.

Marie Summers, of Morgantown, W. Va.; three grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Isabelle Costic, of Denville, N.J., Mrs. Eva Kolesar, of Swoyersville, and Mrs. Irene Williams, of Royal Oak, Md., and a brother, Adam, of Williamsport.

Buried with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary's Church. Interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carverton.

Mr. Sieminski was a member of L.C.A. Lodge 7.

ANNA ANTONOVICH

Mrs. Anna Antonovich, 14 Amesbury St., Plains, died September 29 night in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Lithuania, she lived most of her life in Plains Township. She was a member of St. Francis Church, Miners Mills.

She is survived by daughters, Mrs. Stanley Klecha, Plains; Mrs. Michael Switlavitch, at home; sons, Bernard and Joseph, both of Plains; Charles, Panorama City, Calif.; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

Buried October 3 with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Francis Church. Interment in parish cemetery, Plains.

Mrs. Antonovich was a member of L.C.A. Lodge 212, Plains.

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr and Mrs. William G. Baltuskonis, 111 Darling Street, Wilkes-Barre, observed their 50th wedding anniversary on October 1st.

They were married October 1, 1930, by the Rev. P.B. Paukštis in Holy Trinity Church, Wilkes-Barre. Their attendants were Mrs. Anna Baloga Wender and John Kozerski, and Mrs. Antoinette Volingavage Regna, and John Javage.

Mrs. Baltuskonis, the former Anna Volingavage, was last employed at the General Cigar Co., Kingston, and prior to retirement, Mr. Baltuskonis was employed at Chase Correctional Institution, Dallas.

The couple has two children: Mrs. John Baran, Wilkes-Barre, and William, Pringle, and six grandchildren, Keith, Jeffrey, Eileen and Sherri Baran, and Mark and Matthew Baltuskonis.

Mrs. Baltuskonis is the sister of Mrs. John Kozerski, President of Lodge 212, Plains, Pa.



Mr. and Mrs. William G. Baltuskonis

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Shergalis of 173 South Meade St., observed their 50th wedding anniversary on August 13. A Mass of Thanksgiving was held in Holy Trinity Church. Msgr. Anthony J. Norkunas bestowed the Papal Blessing on the couple.



Mr. and Mrs. William B. Shergalis

They were married in Holy Trinity Church by Rev. Benjamin Paukštis.

Mrs. Shergalis is the former Eleanor Dalton, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dalton. She was employed by Bell Telephone Company.

Mr. Shergalis, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Shergalis Sr., retired from Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company after 52

years of service.

The couple has three children: William, Nutley, Nj.; Mrs. Eleanor Malia, Forty Fort; Mrs. Betty Lou Reese, Glen Ellyn, Ill. They also gave 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The children entertained at a family dinner in Woodlands Inn.

40th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Prof. Bronis and Frances Voveris, of 10 Center Street, Pittston, observed their 40th wedding anniversary with a family gathering at the Top of the 80's in Hazleton recently.

They were married September 1, 1940 in St. Casimir's Church, Paterson, N.J., by the Rev. John Kinta. Their attendants were Mrs. Anne Baltuska Adams, the late Irene Stanulis, the late Edward Lapinskas and Constance Condon.

Mrs. Voveris is the former Frances Baltuska, formerly of Paterson, N.J. She was employed by the Equitable Life, New York City, N.Y.



Prof. and Mrs. Bronis Voveris