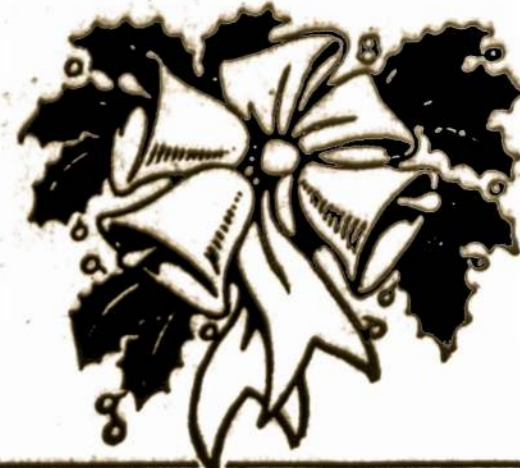


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## PO VLIKO SEIMO

1985 gruodžio 6 - 8 VLIKO seimas posėdžiavo St. Petersburg, Floridoje. Seimui rengti komiteto pirmininkė dr. Irena Mačionienė pasveikino dalyvius ir pakvietė VLIKO pirmininką dr. Kazį Bobelį atidaryti seimą. Į seimo prezidiumą buvo pakviesti: pirmininku — A. Misiūnas, ir vicepirmininkais — dr. L. Kriaučeliūnas ir dr. St. Kuzmickas (iš Anglijos); sekretoriata — dr. J. A. Stiklorius, M. Pranevičius ir A. Skirius. Invokaciją sukalbėjo kun. V. Zakaras, OFM.

Seimą sveikino žodžiu: vyskupas Paulius Baltakis, OFM, ALTOs pirmininkas T. Blinstrubas, Kanados Tautos Fondo atstovybės pirm. A. Firavičius, VLIKO įgaliotinis Venecueloje ir Venecuelos L.B. Krašto valdybos pirm. H. Gavorskas, D. Britanijos Liet. S-gos atstovas dr. S. Kuzminskas, Amerikos Liet. Tautinės S-gos pirm. dr. L. Kriaučeliūnas, Lietuvių Socialdemokratų Partijos pirm. M. Pranevičius (atvežęs VLIKO seimui ir \$300 auką), Lietuvos Darbo Federacijos atstovas dr. V. Šimaitis (įteikė VLIKO seimui Federacijos vardu \$500), Reorg. Lietuvių Bendruomenės atstovė p. Kačinskienė, Amerikos Liet. Tautinės S-gos St. Petersburgo skyr. pirm. V. Gruzdis, ir kiti. Raštu sveikino Lietuvos Diplomatinės Tarnybos Šefas dr. Stasys A. Bačkis, ir diplomatinės bei konsularinės tarnybos atstovai: A. Simutis, dr. J. Žmuidzinas, J. Daužvardienė, V. Balickas, V. Čekanauskas ir prof. J. Baltrušaitis; vysk. Vincentas Brizgys ir vysk. Antanas Deksnys; Pasaulio Liet. Bendruomenės pirm. V. Kamantas, JAV, Kanados, V. Vokietijos ir Šveicarijos Liet. Bendruomenės, VLIKO garbės pirm. dr. K. Valitinas, keliasdešimt lietuvių organizacijų ir pavienių asmenų. Korpl Neo-Lithuania pirmininkė K. Brazdžionytė su sveikinimais atsiuntė \$100 auką.

VLIKO seimui rengti komitetas išleido gražų specialų leidimą.

su nuotraukomis ir sveikinimais.

Pranešimus apie VLIKO veiklą padarė: VLIKO tarybos pirm. V. Šoliūnas, VLIKO valdybos pirm. dr. K. Bobelis, ir vicepirm. V. Jokūbaitis. Tautos Fondo vardu pranešimus davė T. F. tarybos pirm. J. Valaitis, T. F. valdybos pirm. J. Giedraitis ir Kanados T. F. atstovybės vardu — A. Firavičius, kuris įteikė seimui \$100,000 Kanados lietuvių auką. A. Firavičius už jo nuopelnus išrinktas VLIKO garbės nariu.

Simpoziumo "Kopenhagos Tribunolo, Baltijos Taikos ir Laisvės Žygio atgarsiai besikeičiančioje Europos politikoje" dalyvių pranešimai — dr. K. Bobelio, dr. D. Krivicko, dr. J. Stikloriaus ir inž. L. Griniaus — buvo sekami su dideliu susidomėjimu. Jie buvo pajaurinti vokiečių filmu apie Taikos ir Laisvės Žygį. Diskusijų metu buvo ypatingai atkreiptas dėmesys į 1986 m. Vienoje įvyksiantį Europos Saugumo ir Bendradarbiavimo Konferencijos peržiūros suvažiavimą.

Su dideliu pasisekimu praėjo iškilmingas banketas, kuriame dalyvavo per 300 svečių. Solistė Roma Mastienė savo maloniu ir skambiu balsu žavėjo banketo dalyvius.

Gruodžio 8, sekmadienį, vyko VLIKO seimo uždromasis posėdis, kurio metu buvo gyvai diskutuoti okupuotos Lietuvos reikalus liečiantys klausimai. Po to buvo priimtos rezoliucijos. Seimas baigtas Lietuvos himnu. 1 val. p.p. iškilmingas pamaldas aukojo ir pamokslą pasakė vysk. Paulius Baltakis, OFM, taipgi pamokslą pasakė evangelikų kun. E. Gerulis. Vėliau Lietuvių Klube papietavus, trumpai apie VLIKO darbus kalbėjo dr. K. Bobelis, dr. D. Krivickas ir inž. L. Grinius. Apie ALTOs veiklą kalbėjo jos pirmininkas T. Blinstrubas ir buvęs pirm. dr. K. Šidlauskas.

VLIKO seimas praėjo darbinėje ir pakilioje nuotaikoje.

(Elta)

## LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC ALLIANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING JULY 25 - 26, 1985

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance was called to order by President Thomas E. Mack on July 25, 1985 at 10:07 a. m. at the Home Office, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Treasurer Leocadia Donarovich offered the opening prayer and upon its completion, our Spiritual Advisor, Monsignor Frank L. Yeshkas, joined the meeting.

Roll call was made by the Secretary. The following officers and directors were present: Spiritual Director — Msgr. Frank L. Yashkas, President — Thomas E. Mack, Esq., Vice-President — Frank J. Katilus, Secretary/Executive Director — Charles A. Lisosky, Treasurer — Leocadia Donarovich, Trustee — George Sadauckas, Director — Leonard Mikelonis, Director — Jonas Vainius.

Trustee Rosalie Kizis and Director Albina Poska sent notice that they were very disappointed they could not attend the meetings due to pressing previous commitments.

Dr. Joseph A. Stankaitis, our Medical Examiner, also mailed a note of regret in not being able to attend the meetings. His plans to leave Rochester created a backlog of duties that had to be completed before he left the city to attend Hartford University School of Public Health in the Health Policy Management Program. Dr. Stankaitis received a Fellowship from the Kellogg Foundation to undertake current health studies in the School of Public Health. President Thomas Mack requested that the Secretary send a message of congratulations on behalf of the Board.

Vice-President Frank Katilus made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were mailed to all officers and directors shortly after the last meeting for corrections, if any. Trustee George Sadauckas offered the second and the motion was approved.

Reports of the officers and directors as presented are:

### SPIRITUAL ADVISOR MSGR. FRANK YASHKAS

It is a privilege and a challenge to succeed Msgr. John Balkunas, P.A. as the Spiritual Director of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance. Since my acceptance of this high office at the 69th National Convention at White Haven, Pa. on June 27, 1984, I have been made aware of the many accomplishments of my predecessor on behalf of the membership of this fraternity. His understanding and dedication to the goals of this organization will be missed greatly by all. His continuous espousal of the religious traditions and convictions of our Lithuanian forefathers always challenged us to be proud of our ethnic roots and heritage.

I am pleased to report that I have received no complaints of misconduct on the part of any officer or member of the Alliance which would have required action under Article 7 of our Constitution. The spiritual goals of this fraternity are being attained. Excellent support is being received from Father Cornelius Bučmys, O.F.M., editor of our official publication, the *Garsas*.

I represented the Alliance at the annual raising of the Lithuanian flag at the Luzerne County Courthouse on February 16, 1985 and at the ceremonies in the Wilkes-Barre City Hall. We received

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## AMERIKOS LIETUVIŲ TARYBA INFORMUOJA

**ALT valdyba perrinkta naujai dvejų metų kadencijai**  
Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos 45-me suvažiavime sudarytoji valdyba lapkričio 8 susirinkusi posėdžio į savo būstinę Chicagoje pasiskirstė pareigomis. Vieningai nutarta, kad ligšiolinė valdyba pasiliks savo pareigose ir naujam terminui, kuris, suvažiavimo nutarimu, bus dvejų metų.

Tokiu būdu per ateinančius dvejus metus Amer. Lietuvių tarybos pirmininku bus Teodoras Blinstrubas, pirmininko pavaduotojas — dr. Jonas Valaitis, vicepirmininkai: Stanley Balzekas, Jr., Povilas Dargis, dr. Leonas Kriaučeliūnas, inž. Viktoras Naudžius, dr. Vladas Šimaitis, inž. Jonas Talandis, sekr. inž. Grožvydas Lazauskas, protokolų sekr. dr. Vytautas Dargis, išdėninkas Mykolas Pranevičius, išdėninkas sekretorius Petras Bučas, nariai: adv. Aleksandras Domanskis, inž. Stasys Dubauskas, Daina Danilevičiūtė-Dumbrienė, Vanda Gasparienė, Jonas Šiaučiūnas, Ramunė Tričytė.

### Žydų įstaiga užtaria lietuvius

Chicagoje veikianti The National Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry savo biuleteniuose dažnai primena kalinamus lietuvius ir tikinčiųjų priešpaudą Lietuvoje. Pvz. viename iš savo biuletenių, pavadintų "Lifeline Letters", rašo apie B. Gajauską, kun. Alf. Svarinską, kun. S. Tamkevičių. Duodami jų kalėjimų adresai.

### Ryšiai su mylinčiais Lietuvą

Į Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos centrą Chicagoje dažnai telefonais, laiškais iš įvairių JAV vietų, o net ir iš kitų kraštų kreipiasi, prašydami informacijų apie Lietuvą. Pvz. šiomis dienomis gautas laiškas iš Cincinnati, Ohio, rašo Linda Amy

kaip ji susirūpinusi komunistų prispaustais krikščionimis, kasdien ji juos lanko savo malda. Sakosi, kad ji pradėjo studijuoti apie Lietuvą. "Tas taip įdomu ir aš taip myliu šiuos žmones, šitaip pamilusius laisvę". Amer. Lietuvių Taryba taip susiinteresavusiems žmonėms perteikia informacijų apie Lietuvą ir lietuvius.

### Jauniausia politinė kalinė

Jungtinio Pabaltiečių Amerikiečių Komiteto vardu pirm. Ojars Kalnins ir ryšių direktorius Algis Šilas pasiuntė prez. Reaganui raštą, kuriuo pažymi, kad pabaltiečiai remia jo politiką. Toliau laiške primena jauniausią politinę kalinę — dvejų metų estę Kaisą Randpere, kuri dabar laikoma įkaitu, kai

jos tėvai iš Estijos pabėgo į laisvąjį pasaulį. Prašo paveikti Sovietų užsienio reikalų ministrį ir Gorbačiovą, kad ta mažytė būtų išleista pas tėvus.

### Budapešte priminė lietuvių kalinį

Ambasadoriaus Stoesselio patvarkymu Valstybės departamentas atsiunčia Amer. Lietuvių Tarybai amerikiečių delegacijos narių kalbas, pasakytas Budapešto konferencijoje. Iš jų matyti, kad William Least Heat-Moon toje konferencijoje užklausė Sovietų delegaciją, kodėl Gintautas Iešmantis nuteistas šešeriems metams kalėti darbo lageriuose už rašymą lietuviškų eilėraščių, kuriuose atsispindi jo tautiniai jausmai. Nancy Coolidge išskėlė, kodėl Sovietų Sąjunga Lietuvoje, Latvijoje, Estijoje naikina religinius ir tiems kraštams istorinės vertės turinčius paminklus.

### LB sveikinimas Am. Liet. Tarybai

JAV LB Krašto valdybos pirm. Algimantas S. Gečys atsiuntė sveikinimus naujai perrinktai Amer. Lietuvių Tarybos valdybai, drauge džiaugdamašis spalio 19 įvykiu abiejų vadovybių pasitarimu ir reikšdamas pageidavimą, kad tokie pasitarimai būtų šaukiami ir ateityje, o laisvinimo darbo pastangos būtų tarpusavy koordinuojamos.

### Priglausti politinius pabėgėlius

Sen. Gordon J. Humphrey pasiūlė JAV senate sudaryti spe-

cialią komisiją ištirti dabartinę procedūrą sprendžiant politinių pabėgėlių įleidimą į JAV. Norima, kad nepasikartotų tokie įvykiai, kaip su ukrainiečiu Miroslovu Medvid, kuris buvo prievarta grąžintas į Sovietų laivą. Patyrusi apie šį pasiūlymą senate, Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba telegrama kreipėsi į sen. Richard G. Lugar, kad padėtų šį pasiūlymą pravesti.

### Plečia Amerikos Balsą

Amerikos Balso direktorius Morton Smith atsiuntė Amer. Liet. Tarybai smulkų pranešimą apie planus padidinti trumpų ir vidutinių bangų siųstuvų skaičių ir galingumą Afrikoje, Artimuosiuose Rytuose, Centro Amerikoje, Karibų jūros srityje. Modernizuojami iki šiol naudoti įrenginiai, priimami nauji inžinieriai, plečiamas korespondentų tinklas, prailginamos programos.

### Neįteisina užgrobimo

Šveicarijos užsienio reikalų ministerija pranešė, kad Maskva praeitais metais stengėsi pasiekti, kad valstybiniuose nuosavybės registravimo dokumentuose Lietuvos, Latvijos ir Estijos nuosavybės būtų įrašytos Sovietų Sąjungai. Šveicarija tą prašymą atmetė, motyvuodama, kad Šveicarija nepripažįsta šių Pabaltijo valstybių inkorporacijos. Šveicarija toleruoja tų nuosavybių dabartinį naudojimą sovietinių įstaigų, bet jau nuo

(nukelta į 3 psl.)



Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos suvažiavimas Chicagoje. Kalba inž. Gr. Lazauskas. Prezidiume iš k. T. Blinstrubas — pirmininkas, kun. A. Stašys, inž. V. Naudžius, M. Pranevičius, P. Dargis. Nuotr. C. Genučio



## AMERIKOS LIETUVIŲ TARYBA INFORMUOJA

(atkelta iš 2 psl.)

1946 m. jas laiko savo globoje, kol bus atstatyta tų valstybių teisė veikti tarptautinių įstatymų plotmėje ar kol įsiteisins jas paveldinti valstybė. Tokį paaiškinimą davęs Šveicarijos vyriausybės atstovas Stephan Nellen. Sovietų įstaigoms buvo leista nuosavybė panaudoti su žinia, kad tai nereiškia aneksijos pripažinimo. Išskyrus Naująją Zelandiją, nė viena vakarų valstybė formaliai nėra pripažinusi Maskvos suverenumo Lietuvos, Latvijos, Estijos valstybėse.

### Komunistų genocido aukos Holocaust muziejuje

Plačiai skaitomas dienraštis "Chicago Sun-Times" gruodžio 2 išspausdino kun. Juozo Prunskio laišką, kad su JAV moraline ir materialine parama Washingtono organizuojamas Holocaust muziejus, kur bus dokumentuotai atžymėtos nacių vykdyto genocido aukos. Laiške reikalaujama, kad tame pat muziejuje būtų reikiamai pagerbtos ir sovietinio genocido aukos, kurių nebuvo mažiau, kaip nacių nužudytųjų, juo labiau, kad Sovietai ir dabar vykdo genocidą Afganistane ir kitur.

Šis reikalavimas svarbus ir jį reikėtų kelti spaudoje bei ryšiuose su Washingtono vyriausybės ir kongreso žmonėmis.

### Ukrainiečiai primena lietuvių kančias

Chicagoje leidžiamas ukrainiečių laikraštis "Nova Zoria" (The New Star — Naujoji žvaigždė) lapkr. 10 išspausdino kun. J. Prunskio straipsnį "Message from the Underground Paper", kur perteikiamos Liet. K. Bažnyčios Kronikos žinios. Šis ukrainiečių laikraštis labai palankus lietuviams ir pastoviai spausdina jiems iš Amer. Liet. Tarybos nusiunčiamus straipsnius.

### Baltųjų Rūmų sušauktoj konferencijoj

Baltieji Rūmai gruodžio 3 buvo sukvietę vadovaujančių visuomenės veikėjų konferenciją, kuri buvo sušaukta informuoti ryšium su praėjusiu prez. Reagano pasitarimu su Gorbačiovu. Toje konferencijoje Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybai atstovaujamas dalyvavo dr. Jonas Genys.

Gausiai dalyvavo Vliko seime St. Petersburge sušauktame Vyr. Liet. Išlaisvinti Komiteto

seime dalyvavo Amer. Lietuvių Tarybos valdybos nariai: pirm. Teodoras Blinstrubas, pirm. pavad. dr. Jonas Valaitis, dr. Leonas Kriaučeliūnas, dr. Vladas Šimaitis, Mykolas Pranevičius.

### Premijas laimėjusieji moksleiviai

"Kodėl aš turiu priklausyti lietuviškoms organizacijoms?" šitokia tema lituanistinių mokyklų auklėtiniais Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba buvo paskelbusi rašinių konkursą. Vertinimo komisija, susidedanti iš Juozo Plačo, Indrės Tijūnelienės, Gailutės Valiulienės, Nijolės Nausėdienės ir Marijos Smilgaitės premijas paskyrė: po 100 dol.: Aidai Bublytei ir Aldonai Bobelytei, po 75 dol. Rimai Ješmantaitėi ir Juozui Vilučiu, 50 dol. Dailei Grigaitytei, po 25 dol.: Inai Šilgalytei, Elenai Tijūnelytei, Vaivai Vygantaitėi ir Gyčiui Vygantui.

Premijų mecenatas — ALT informacijos direkt. kun. dr. Juozas Prunskis. Premijas laimėję moksleiviai lanko šias lituanistines mokyklas: Šv. Kazimiero mok. Clevelande, vedėja Stefanija Stasienė, Dariaus Girė-

no mokyklą Chicagoje, vedėjas Juozas Plačas, Chicagos aukštesniąją mokyklą, direktorius Juozas Masilionis, Saulės mokyklą St. Petersburge, vedėja Marija Pėteraitienė, Donelaičio mokyklą Chicagoje, vedėjas Julius Širka.

### Pakvietė kalbėt žydų sinagogoje

Chicagos žydų rabinas dr. Arnold Kaiman pakvietė kun. Juozą Prunskį laikyti paskaitą apie lietuvių ir žydų santykius jo vadovaujamoje sinagogoje Chicagos miesto centre. Paskaita bus vasario mėnesį.

### Čekai prielankūs lietuviams

Čekų laikraštis "Nedelni Hlasatel" savo lapkričio 24 d. numery įsidėjo Amer. Liet. Tarybos Informacijos direktoriaus kun. J. Prunskio biografinį aprašymą su nuotrauka, pabrėždamas turimus glaudžius ryšius su čekais.

### Vasario 16 d. medžiaga radijo valandėlėms

Vasario 16 d. proga radijo valandėlėms medžiagą ruošia Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba. Į juosteles lietuviškai įkalbės ALTO pirm. Teodoras Blinstrubas ir neseniai iš Lietuvos pasitraukęs dr. Kazys Eringis. Angliškai įkalbės adv. dr. Saulius Kuprys ir jauna visuomeni-

ninkė Vilija Kerelytė. Radijo valandėlių vedėjai, kurie norėtų šią medžiagą gauti, prašomi nedelsiant pranešti Amer. Liet. Tarybai, 2606 West 63rd Street, Chicago, IL 60629.

### Lietuviai talkina ukrainiečiams

Plačiai skaitomas ukrainiečių laikraštis "Ukrainian Weekly" gruodžio 8 d. numeryje išspausdino Algio Šilo straipsnį: "Balts, Ukrainians must demand investigation of Medvid Incident". Primindamas S. Kudirkos atvejį. A. Šilas pabaltiečius skatina imtis akcijos, ypač rašyti laiškus senatoriams, kongresmenams, kad būtų ištirtas jūrininko Medvid grąžinimas į Sovietų laivą ir nubausti kalti pareigūnai, net juos pašalinant iš pareigų už tokį nusikaltimą.



## LIETUVIAI VOKIETIJOJE

Federacinėje Vokietijoje tebeveikia nemažai lietuvių kultūrinių, visuomeninių, religinių ar labdaros organizacijų bei įstaigų. Jų tarpe paminėtinos: Vasario 16-osios lietuvių gimnazija, vienintelė lietuvių vidurinė mokykla laisvame pasaulyje, 1981 m. įkurtas Lietuvių Kultūros Institutas, kuriame yra centrinė lituanistinė biblioteka, lietuvių archyvas. 1975 įkurta Lietuvių Kultūros Draugija, siekianti ugdyti ir puoselėti lietuvių kultūrą ne tik lietuvių, bet ir kitataučių tarpe. 1955 įkurta Baltų Draugija, besirūpinanti pabaltiečių bendradarbiavimo plėtimu su vokiečiais. Draugijai dabar pirmininkauja dr. Jonas Norkaitis.

1957 įkurta Lietuvių Moterų Klubų Federacija, aktyviai besireiškianti tautinėje ir kultūrinėje plotmėje, "Labdaros" draugija šelpianti pagalbos reikalingus lietuvius, ypač moksleivius, taip pat lietuvius Suvalkų krašte.

Vokietijos ateitininkų sąjunga jungia šios organizacijos sen draugius, studentus ir mokslei-

vius. Pabaltiečių krikščionių studentų sąjungos rėmuose, Annaberge, netoli Bonnos, veikia lietuvių skyrius. Čia rengiami ekumeniniai suvažiavimai, literatūros vakarai, įvairūs kultūriniai renginiai.

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Europos lietuvių katalikų sielovados centras. Organizuotai veikia taip pat lietuviai evangelikai-liuteronai.

Pagrindinis Vakarų Vokietijos lietuvių gyvenimo žinių šaltinis yra periodinis leidinys "Vokietijos Lietuvių Bendruomenės valdybos informacijos", išeinantis kas du mėnesiai. Išėina ir kiti įvairūs smulkesni leidiniai.



Vysk. P. Baltakio, OFM, sutikimas Memmingene, Vokietijoje. Prie garbės stalo iš k. kun. Vasiliauskas, prel. P. Jatulis, vysk. A. Deksnys, vysk. P. Baltakis, OFM, kun. A. Bunga, LB Memmingeno apylinkės pirmininkas Kasparas Radzevičius





## LIETUVOS PASIUNTINYBĖJE WASHINGTON, D.C.

Baltijos valstybių diplomati-  
nių atstovų dėtmaršas Valstybės  
departamente

1985.XI.8 Lietuvos, Latvijos  
ir Estijos atstovai: S.A. Bačkis,  
A. Dinbergs ir E. Jaakson lan-  
kėsi Valstybės departamente,  
kur juos priėmė Roland K. Ku-  
chel, Rytų Europos ir Jugoslavi-  
jos reikalų skyriaus direktorius.  
Kartu dalyvavo ir Terry Snell,  
Baltijos biuro vedėjas. Baltijos  
valstybių atstovai painformavo  
direktorių apie jų tautiečių re-  
zistencijos veiksmus prieš Sovie-  
tų priespaudą, kovą dėl žmo-  
gaus teisių ir pagrindinių lais-  
vių. Ryšium su prezidento Rea-  
gano ir Gorbačiovo susitikimu  
Ženevoje lapkričio 19 - 20, jie  
įteikė raštą, skirtą Valstybės  
sekretoriui, ir pažymėjo, jog  
pabaltiečiai yra dėkingi JAV už  
nepripažinimą Estijos, Latvijos  
ir Lietuvos prievartinės inkor-  
poracijos į Sovietų Sąjungą ir  
tikisi, kad reikalai, susiję su  
Baltijos valstybėmis bus turimi  
omenyje įvykstančiose derybose.

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1985.X.9 Valstybės sekreto-  
riaus kvietimu Lietuvos atsto-  
vas S.A. Bačkis dalyvavo JAV  
Kongreso jungtinėje sesijoje,  
kur kalbą pasakė Singaporo mi-  
nisteris pirmininkas.

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1985.X.19 Lietuvos atstovas  
kartu su Ona Bačkienė dalyva-  
vo ordinacijoje Msgr. Eugenio  
Sbarbaro ryšium su jo pasky-  
rimu arkivyskupu St. Matthew  
katedroje. Ordinatorius buvo  
Vatikano valstybės sekretorius  
kardinolas A. Casaroli su koor-  
dinatoriais arkivysk. Pio Laghi  
ir arkivysk. James Hickey.

Po ordinacijos iškilnių O. ir  
S. Bačkiai dalyvavo nunciatū-  
roje priėmimo, kur pasveikino  
naują arkivyskupą ir turėjo  
progos susitikti su kardinolu  
A. Casaroli ir pronuncijum ar-  
kivysk. Pio Laghi.

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1985.X.22 Lietuvos atstovas  
su Ona Bačkienė dalyvavo pro-  
nuncijaus arkivysk. Pio Laghi  
priėmimo Nunciatūroje minint  
Popiežiaus Jono Pauliaus II-jo  
pareigų perėmimo septintąją  
sukaktį.

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1985.X.26 Valstybės Sekreto-  
riaus ir ponios Shultz kvietimu  
Lietuvos atstovas ir Ona Bač-  
kienė dalyvavo 25 metiniame  
Jungtinių Tautų koncerte Ken-  
nedy Center ir bankete Wash-  
ington Hilton viešbutyje rengto-

se iškilnėse diplomatiinių misi-  
jų šefų ir jų žmonių garbei mi-  
nint 40 metų Jungtinių Tautų  
ir Pasaulinio Banko sukaktis.  
Iškilmes globoja prezidentas ir  
ponia Reagan ir viceprezidentas  
ir ponias Bush.

Nacionaliniam simfoniniam  
orkestrui koncerte vadovavo  
Mstislaw Rostropovich. Buvo  
pagroti Beethoveno ir Šostakovi-  
čiaus kūriniai.

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1985.X.29 Lietuvos atstovas  
S.A. Bačkis dalyvavo Turkijos  
ambasadoriaus ir ponios Elek-  
dag priėmimo Turkijos amba-  
sadoje minint Turkijos respubli-  
kos 62 metų sukaktį.

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1985.IX.22 pasiuntinybę apl-  
ankė 45 Pittsburgho lietuviai.  
Jiem vadovavo Lithuanian  
Class of Pittsburgh vedėja  
Margaret Z. Turner ir vietos  
ALT skyriaus pirm. Vito A. Yu-  
cius. Jie paliko dovanėlę pasiun-  
tynbei.

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1985.X.12 pasiuntinybę aplan-  
kė 85 lietuviai iš Naujosios  
Anglijos — Bostono, Brockto-  
no, Worcesterio ir Hartfordo,  
vadovaujami Dr. Vinco Kudir-  
kos šaulių kuopos pirm. A. Zen-  
kaus. Ta proga jis įteikė Lietu-  
vos atstovui šaulių vardu gra-  
žią dovaną.

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1985.X.13 po iškilmingų pa-  
maldų National Shrine, BALFO  
seimo dalyviai, apie 200 asmenų,  
svečiavosi Lietuvos pasiuntiny-  
bėje.

— Linas Kojelis, iki šiol buvęs  
Baltųjų Rūmų ryšiam su etni-  
nėmis grupėmis direktorius,  
nuo lapkričio pradžios yra pa-  
keltas į specialų prezidento  
asistentą, pavedant jam užsienio  
reikalų sritį. Šiom pareigom Li-  
nas buvo rekomenduotas prezi-  
dentui visais Valstybės saugu-  
mo tarybos narių balsais.

— Lietuvos Fondas dabar turi  
5,669 narius. Fondas dabar tu-  
ri 3,267,777 dol. Jau yra išdali-  
nės finansinės paramos  
1,537,586 dol.

— Vasario 16 gimnazijoje šiais  
mokslo metais mokosi 93 moki-  
niai. Mokiniai yra suvažiavę iš  
įvairių laisvojo pasaulio kraštų:  
iš Vokietijos 54, iš JAV 29, iš  
Australijos 4, iš Urugvajaus 1,  
iš Dominikonų respublikos 1, iš  
Mali valstybės Afrikoje 1, iš Ka-  
nados 1.

## AMERIKOS VYSKUPAI UŽ OKUPUOTĄ LIETUVĄ

Jungtinių Amerikos Valstybių  
Vyskupų Konferencija generali-  
nėje asamblėjoje priėmė atskirą  
rezoliuciją, kurioje kviečia so-  
vietinę vyriausybę pripažinti  
Lietuvos katalikų religines teis-  
es ir grąžinti Klaipėdos "Tai-  
kos Karalienės" bažnyčią.

Rezoliuciją pasiūlė lietuvių  
išseivų vyskupas Paulius Baltakis,  
OFM, kuris yra pilnateisis  
Amerikos Vyskupų Konferen-  
cijos narys.

Rezoliucijoje Amerikos vys-  
kupai rašo: Mes protestuojame  
prieš besitęsiantį neteisingumą  
Lietuvoje ir kviečiame sovieti-  
nę vyriausybę laikytis Helsinkio  
nutarimų, kurie garantuoja lie-  
tuvių tautai teisę laisvai prak-  
tikuoti savo tikėjimą.

Toliau Jungtinių Amerikos  
Valstybių vyskupai prašo, kad  
sovietai nelegaliai atimtą Klai-  
pėdos "Taikos Karalienės" baž-  
nyčią grąžintų tikintiesiems iki  
1987 metų, kai visa lietuvių  
tauta minės krikščionybės įve-

dimo Lietuvoje 600 metų su-  
kaktį.

Vysk. P. Baltakis, supažindin-  
damas su rezoliucija Amerikos  
Vyskupų Konferencijos asam-  
blėją, kad visame pasaulyje pa-  
reiškimus, reikalaujančius grą-  
žinti koncertų sale paverstą ka-  
talikų bažnyčią, yra pasirašę  
daugiau kaip 25 milijonai žmo-  
nių.

Sovietai Lietuvoje yra uždrau-  
dę, tęsė vysk. P. Baltakis, bet  
kokį Bažnyčios dalyvavimą švie-  
timo, socialinės pagalbos ir  
spaudos veikloje, yra uždarę  
vienuolynus ir įkalinę uolius  
Bažnyčios vadovus.

Rezoliucijos klausimu taip pat  
kalbėjo Oklahoma City arkivys-  
kupas Karolis Salatka. Jis pa-  
žymėjo, kad jei sovietai pajėgtų  
nutildyti Bažnyčią, jie sužlugdy-  
tų stipriausią dvasinio pasiprie-  
šinimo jėgą Lietuvoje.

Vysk. Paulius Baltakis, OFM,  
amerikiečiam vyskupam prisi-  
statė kaip vyskupas, kurio pas-  
kirtis — būti bebalsės tautos  
balsu.



Rašytojo Jono Biliūno gimtieji namai, iš Algimanto Kezio  
knogos "Lithuania through the Wall", psl. 15.





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a great amount of publicity during the *Graudus Verksmai* Pilgrimage which was held during Lent of this year in St. Casimir's Church, Pittston, Holy Trinity Church, Wilkes-Barre, and St. Ann's Church, Luzerne. This revival of a traditional Lithuanian devotion stirred up a lot of enthusiasm of our ethnic origins and gave me the opportunity to speak to many people about our organization. Several of the priests in this area indicated a receptiveness to the publication of current news about their local lodges.

Since the 100th Anniversary Convention of the Alliance will be held in Wilkes-Barre on August 14-15-16 & 17, 1986, I have made contacts with the office of His Excellency, Bishop Paul A. Baltakis, D.D.; O.F.M., assigned by His Holiness, Pope Paul II, as the Ordinary for all Lithuanian Catholics outside of Lithuania; in the hope of inviting him to take part in our celebration. As soon as I receive the approval of the Board of Directors, I will proceed with this undertaking.

May Almighty God, through the intercession of St. Casimir, Patron of Lithuania, continue to bless the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance as it serves its members with dedication.

Respectfully submitted on this date;

*Msgr. Frank L. Yashkas*, Spiritual Director

Vice-President Frank Katilus made a motion to accept the report as read. Seconded by Director Leonard Mikelonis and was approved.

### PRESIDENT' REPORT

Dear members of the Board of Directors:

#### General Matters

There are no legal actions pending against us, that we know of. Mrs. Donar's motion to send Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars to the Statue of Liberty Committee has been fulfilled; yet the Committee believes that we have pledged Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars or that we have pledged to raise Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars. The office continues to maintain an efficient operation and we endeavor to aid the staff with whatever legal questions arise.

I've sent our best wishes and greetings to the K. of L. who will meet on August 8th to the 11th, 1985.

#### Tax Reform

The White House Tax Reform Program announced by President Reagan at the end of May, lets stand the existing Fraternal Tax Exemption which really is of great aid to us in the fraternal work that we do. There had been the danger of an earlier Treasury Department recommendation that the Fraternal Tax Exemption be abolished as a way of decreasing federal revenue.

Mrs. Poška attended the Americana Lithuanian Congress last fall and extended our greetings to them. For that we thank her.

George Sadauckas had an operation on his knee in June and we send him best wishes for a speedy recovery with a case of Chivas Regal, that good Lithuanian boilu.

### Convention

Our Convention plans have already been started, some plans have been made, and have already been changed.

We have a "gentlemen's agreement" to arrange with the Greater Lithuanian Day Committee of the Schuylkill County area to have a joint Lithuanian Day next August immediately following our 100th Convention. We feel this would be beneficial for the Lithuanian Day committee which met for approximately seventy (70) years in Barnesville, Pa. and will be meeting for the second year in Rocky Glen Park, Lackewanna County, Pa. We have with the President Ann Wargo a general agreement to do something jointly although we do not have the details finalized.

Monsignor Yashkas will give you an account of masses to be held during the period from Thursday through Sunday and tell you of plans to have one or more of our Lithuanian Bishops present. Our plan is to have the Convention Thursday and Friday at Genetti's Hotel, with a banquet Friday night. Saturday was to be a day of fun and games, and possibly a trip to Atlantic City which might prove interesting to those people further west who normally do not have a chance to visit. Sunday, of course, would be a day we would more or less observe jointly with the Schuylkill County group in observing our 100th Anniversary and Annual Lithuanian Day at Rocky Glen Park. The Events of time and festivities there have not been finalized. We will, none of us ever see another 100th so we are hoping to make this a grand one. We welcome your suggestions and support.

Mrs. Mack and I attended a beautiful affair in Scranton recently which commemorated the 50th Anniversary of one of our long time supporters, Vice-President Katilus and his wife, Frances. It was a beautiful mass and a beautiful affair. We congratulate you on behalf of the Board. There are many items on the agenda prepared by Mr. Liscosky and he will surely have comments on many of them.

My personal best wishes for a successful and productive meeting.

Cordially,

*Thomas E. Mack*, Esquire

Motion by Trustsee George Sadauckas to accept President's report, seconded by Director Mikelonis. Motion was approved.

### VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Msgr. Yashkas, President Thomas E. Mack, Esq., and members of the Board:

Indeed it is a pleasure and a duty to attend this meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance and to welcome you to the City of Wilkes-Barre, where you will be spending the next few days.

As Vice-President of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance, I didn't have too much to do because our energetic President Atty. Mack was always on the job and ready to go.

I did attend several meetings of the Executive Committee, at which time plans were being made for the 100th year celebration of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance which will take place in 1986.

I attended the Penna. Fraternal Congress in October of last year, which was very interesting, it seems that all Fraternal Societies are having the same problem, getting new memberships for their Societies.

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I represented the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance at the flag raising ceremonies in Scranton on February 16, which was sponsored by the Knights of Lithuania Scranton Council No. 74.

I also represented the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance at Congressman McDade Park in Lackawanna County at the dedication of the Lithuanian Wayside Cross, commissioned by Knights of Lithuania, Scranton Council No. 74, which is on display at the Scranton Anthracite Museum; Bald Mountain, R.D. No. 1, and will be on display at the Museum through the 1987 exhibit on regional history. After the exhibit, the Cross will be moved to St. Mary's Villa Nursing Home, Elmhurst, Pa. and will be on display permanently. Incidentally, the Executive Committee voted a donation of \$200.00 to purchase this Cross.

In closing I wish all the members of the Board good health and clear minds to discuss all important issues at this meeting for the betterment of our organization.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank J. Katilus, Vice-President

Director Leonard Mikelonis made a motion to accept the Vice-President's report. Trustee George Sadauckas offered the second and it was accepted by the Board.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Total Checking Account Balance, January 1, 1984 — \$56,006.14.  
Receipts: \$483,036.00.  
Disbursements: \$483,036.00.  
Total Checking Accounts Balance, December 31, 1984 — \$425,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leocadia Donarovich, Treasurer.

A motion was made by Vice-President Katilus and seconded by Director Mikelonis to accept the report. It was so approved.

### TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Monsignor Yashkas and Members of the Board:

First I wish to say it is nice to meet again after a very successful convention at Holiday Inn, Pocono Lake Harmony, White Haven, Pa. on June 24-27, 1985.

Here we are again on July 17 and 18, Rosalie Kizis and I met at the Home Office, made a complete examination of the records of our Executive Director and Treasurer, cancelled checks, bank books and bank statements, mortgages, bond securities, etc. from January 1 to December 31, 1984.

We wish to especially thank the Executive Officer and the Office Personnel for their kind cooperation, and a special thanks to our Treasurer, who took time to be with us the two days.

Nothing new and exciting, just can't wait for our 100th year celebration.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rosalie Kizis, Trustee  
George Sadauckas, Trustee

### MEDICAL EXAMINER'S REPORT

Best wishes and greetings to all on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance. I regret that I am unable to attend this meeting, however

I trust that all will go well. I am submitting this report as Medical Director of the Alliance.

Since July 1984 to the present, the Medical Director has approved twenty six (26) memberships, rejected none, and processed twenty five (25) disability claim forms.

As we all recognize, the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance continues to face a serious problem of a dwindling membership. I would most emphatically encourage the directorship to implement and enact the recommendations as voted by the 69th Convention for the development of new and innovative incentives for membership, especially of younger people. I feel that continued inactivity on our part may lead to disastrous results.

I extend my warmest wishes for an enjoyable and productive meeting and anxiously look forward to the upcoming Centennial of 1986.

Fraternaly yours,  
Joseph A. Stankaitis, M.D.  
Medical Director

Trustee Sadauckas made a motion to accept the report. The second was made by Vice-President Katilus and was approved.

### DIRECTORS' REPORTS — ALBINA POSKA

Dear Board Members:

This, our first board meeting since the 69th convention, I hoped very much to attend it, but because of some unfinished business I am unable to be with you. Hope my report reflects some of my activities since the convention.

1. By the authorization of our President attorney Thomas E. Mack, I represented our President as a delegate from our organization at the American Lithuanian Council's annual convention on October 26, 1984 in Chicago's Quality Inn. At election time, I successfully nominated our delegates Dr. Vladas Simaitis and Mr. Vito Yucius to the offices of council board.

2. Accepted our Board's assignment to represent our Alliance at the American Lithuanian 10th Quinquennial Congress on October 27 and 28, 1984 at Quality Inn. Greeted this congress and extended to its delegates an invitation to attend our convention in 1986, at which time we will be commemorating our centennial anniversary of existence. This greeting was published in our *Garsas*. *Draugas* also mentioned it, as well as *The Women's Field* editor Mrs. Dale Murray, who is our Alliance member.

3. Got involved with our 69th convention's 3rd and 4th session minutes regarding the omission of Lithuanian Catholic Women's Alliance merger and the \$100 greeting to be given not to Federation, but to the American Lithuanian 10th Quinquennial Congress. Compliments and plaudits to Mrs. Leocadia Donarovich for so well written convention's minutes.

4. In the time that has lapsed since convention, I had a number of telephone calls, like: inquiries about cash surrender values and dividends; some inquired about exemption of premium payments to members at age 82; few have asked what to do when changing a beneficiary; and others wanted information about acquiring a mortgage. Oh yes, some lodge secretaries wanted confirmation of motion regarding the increase in secretary's collection fees. To some, I was able to give answers on the spot, to others, I either suggested to the caller to get in touch with the Home Office, or I contracted the office myself, and when doing so, I found the Home Office personnel always courteous and helpful and never was I cut short or denied the assistance I sought. I do appreciate their cooperation.

5. When our former Vice-President Mr. Joseph B. Laucka was appointed a Knight of Order of Pope Sylvester by our Holy Father, on this occasion (10-6-84) I sent Mr. Laucka a congratulatory message. Also, in the fraternal spirit I sent to our members some "sympathy" cards, a few "get well" wishes and Congratulatory messages.

6. Wrote a letter to Mrs. Julia Mack, the president of Lithuanian Catholic Women's Alliance member when her article appeared in *Draugas*. The writer, when naming the organization of Women's Alliance possible merger to — mentioned the name of our organization. To set the record straight, I informed Mrs. J. Mack the Women's Alliance merger was on our convention's agenda, and of

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decision made to further correspond with their officers. In answering me, Mrs. J. Mack extended an invitation to attend their board meeting on Aug. 11, 1984 and report to them what took place at the convention regarding the merger. Because of a previous commitment I declined the invitation, and at the same time extolled our organization and mentioned some benefits that are available to our members. I also mentioned that in 1986 at our 70th convention, we will be commemorating a Centennial Anniversary of our existence and suggested that it would be memorable if we could crown this merger before then, so that we all in one spirit would be celebrating this once in a life time event.

7. Our President Thomas E. Mack, Esquire, after receiving my copy of Mrs. J. Mack's letter, stated that he wished for me to attend this Women's Alliance meeting. I forwarded to Mrs. Mack of changes in my plans, it being that I intend to be present at their meeting and to please put me on the meeting's agenda. I did attend this meeting and reported to our president of their desire to contact the Illinois Insurance Department about some questions to be clarified before any kind of commitment is made by them.

May you at this meeting be favorably inspired with beneficial decisions for our organization's future, and may God bless you with safe journey to your beloved homes. I miss you all, and I wish I was in Wilkes-Barre.

Respectfully submitted,  
Albina Poska, Director

### Addendum:

The post convention board meeting appointed me to Alliance's Foundation Committee. In March of '85 Dr. Leonard Simutis called regarding a meeting that was planned shortly, but since I didn't think I would be available, I authorized Dr. Simutis to discreetly use my vote.

Motion to accept the report by Vice-President Katilus and seconded by Trustsee Sadauckas and approved.

### DIRECTOR LEONARD MIKELONIS' REPORT

Monsignor, Members of the Board of Directors:  
My personal greetings to you all.

During the past year I represented our Alliance at the Annual two day Baltimore Lithuanian festival.

I attended the funeral of one of our members, also was asked to visit a member who was ill. I sent a get well card to the ailing member.

A member phoned asking for information on her policy which would mature in five months. The policy was for \$1,000.00 endowment at age 65. With the excellent help of our Home Office, I believe she chose the split option, a cash payment of \$277.00 and the balance of \$723.00 left with the Alliance, for a \$1,000.00 paid up policy, which means a continuous membership plus dividends.

I will end this report by expressing sincere thanks to the Home Office for their assistance.

Respectfully,  
Leonard J. Mikelonis — Director

### DIRECTOR JONAS VAINIUS' REPORT

Dear Members of the Board of Directors:

Greetings and best wishes to the Board of Directors of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance at this annual Board meeting July 25th here in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Since the Alliance's 69th Convention, which was held during July 1984, I focused my attention on the issue of bolstering our membership. I met with Mr. Bronius Bobelis, secretary of Lodge 112 and 135, and with Mr. Stasys Lukosevičius, secretary of Lodge 134. Our discussions focused on the issues prevailing within the geographic area of the lodges which is predominantly the New York Metropolitan area. We discussed and agreed that our efforts to increase enrollments should apply to all age groups, however we felt that special focus should be given to adolescents as well as candidates in the older age brackets. Several new enrollments were made by Mr. Bobelis. Our efforts will continue as we will strive to enroll new members.

Also, I had met with Father Kornelijus Bučmys, OFM, editor of the Alliance newspaper, *Garsas*. We discussed issues pertaining to *Garsas* particularly on the positive reception of the new format by the membership and new ways to continue the improvement of *Garsas*' appeal to the membership.

One year from today, the Alliance will be celebrating its 100th anniversary, an event marking the continuing active and productive role of one of the oldest, existing Lithuanian - American organizations in the United States. All Americans of Lithuanian descent can be proud of this event as the Alliance's fraternal service has played important role to Lithuanian-Americans, who over the past century have continuously and steadfastly contributed to the economic, social and political development of this great country and leading democracy, — the United States of America.

I believe that during the commemoration of our organization's centennial anniversary, that the commemoration reflect upon the accomplishments, productivity and positive impact on the development of America by the Alliance's founding fathers and our past members. I strongly believe that the dedication, integrity and applied labor of Lithuanian - Americans played an important role in the successful economic and political growth of this great country of America.

I extend my best wishes for a productive and successful meeting.

Respectfully,  
Jonas A. Vainius — Director

The motion to accept was made by Vice-President Katilus, seconded by Director Mikelonis and was approved.

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Clevelande buvo surengta dail. Prano Domšaičio kūrinių paroda. Vieną vertingą paveikslą įsigijo I. Vencloviėnė. Iš k. dr. G. Balukas, I. Vencloviėnė, M. Lenkauskienė ir L. Avizienis. Nuotr. V. Bacevičius





## JUBILEE OF THE CHRISTIANIZATION OF LITHUANIA

The Lithuanian nation was one of the last European nations to receive baptism. This event occurred during three different intervals 1261 — King Mindaugas with his household; — 1387 — Aukštaičiai (Highlanders); and, finally, in 1413 — Žemaičiai (Lowlanders).

130 years passed between the first baptism of Mindaugas and the one initiated by Jogaila-Vytautas. Even a much longer period of time elapsed before the whole nation was eventually permeated by the spirit of Christianity.

Because of political motives on the part of neighboring states, the road to Christianity was long and difficult; but once Christianity took a stronghold, it became the nation's source of strength and vitality. Strengthened by the Christian-Catholic faith, the Lithuanian nation for more than 120 years courageously endured Czarist Russian genocidal slavery and religious persecution. To this day, Atheistic Communism fails to suppress the firm spirit of the nation.

The vast Tundras of Siberia, slave concentration camps, and the blood shed by the partisans, call forth not senseless revenge; but foster instead the noble sentiments of Christian love as testified by the words of Nijolė Sadūnaitė to the judges condemning her. "We should condemn the evil, but love the evil doer."

We will be celebrating the 600th Jubilee of the Christianization of Lithuania in 1987, because in 1387 the Baptism of Lithuania was of decisive importance in regard to its religious, national, cultural and political life; with the Baptism of 1387, Lithuania successfully severed herself from Slavic cultures and the political influence of Moscow, finally forming closer contact with Western Europe.

No matter how greatly the Baptism of 1387 remains of political, national or cultural significance, the Celebration of the Jubilee of the Christianization of Lithuania in 1987 will be primarily of a religious nature and only as such it should be celebrated!

Public and solemn celebrations are necessary and important, especially now, in the present state of Lithuanian nation, yet the success of this celebration will depend on how each

one of us becomes a more conscientious Christian.

The Central Jubilee Committee consisting of representatives from all the Lithuanian organizations in the free world, has authorized the Executive Committee to plan and prepare for this celebration.

The Priests' League Pastoral Centers, the Lithuanian Community in different countries are all invited to organize their own local committees to discuss plans for fittingly celebrating the Jubilee in their respective Cathedrals, parishes, organizations and families

Paulius A. Baltakis, O.F.M.

### THEME OF THE 600TH JUBILEE OF THE CHRISTIANIZATION OF LITHUANIA

With gratitude to God for this great grace, the Lithuanian nation baptized in three stages (1251, 1387 and 1413); in 1987, celebrates in Soviet-occupied Lithuania and world wide, its 600th year of Christianity:

1. To acknowledge Christianity as the great spiritual treasure, its decisive role in Lithuanian history, its influence on the culture, learning and morals of the nation, and its development into the nation's main bulwark during the darkest times.

2. To stimulate a spiritual renewal, to deepen our Christian Faith, and to strengthen the spiritual resources of the Lithuanian people.

3. To foster a strong bond with the faithful of Lithuania, struggling for their religion and their freedom, to call the attention of the free world to their plight, and by greater moral support to bolster their hope.

### THE COMMITTEE FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF LITHUANIA'S CHRISTIANIZATION



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# LETTERS FROM "PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE"

(Excerpts from a letter by the Rev. Sigitas Tamkevičius to his housekeeper, dated May 6, 1984. Rev. Tamkevičius was sentenced on December 2, 1983, to six years of strict regime camps and four years of internal exile on trumped-up charges).

"Today, on the first Sunday in May... it is 33 years since my good mother departed to join the Lord, and it is only in prayer that I can greet her. Through the 22 years of my priesthood, the Divine Providence has allowed me to have more than one mother, who gave me profound love and care for me, helping me in various matters and making my cares lighter. I remember them all, I pray for them, and I greet them. For many years you had replaced my earthly mother (and you are still doing this to this very day), therefore today I pray to the Creator... to grant you good health and, in particular, a rich spiritual life...

... Please write more frequently and in each letter include as many good thoughts as possible... April 18th was very precious to me — I thanked the Lord for the gift of priesthood. It was 22 years ago, on a Wednesday before Easter (just as today) that we, ten deacons, stepped to the great altar, our hearts trembling, and, prostrated, we prayed to the martyrs and the saints for succor; thereupon, the Bishop of Telšiai, Petras Maželis, ordained us as priests... I am infinitely grateful to the Lord for my priesthood and for the road I have travelled so far. I have constantly felt the protective hand of Providence, and only supported by that hand I was able to preserve the ideal of priesthood like a precious pearl... May the Lord have pity on me if I succumbed to laxness or failed to do my duty. My present life may fill those gaps that appeared in my pastoral work.

"The Holy Easter brought much joy. Wherever one might be, Christ, who has conquered death, is able to reach and to revive us. How sad would life be if one did not know the suffering, dying and resurrecting Lord. My heart is seized with a holy tremor when I remember those precious mornings of the Holy Easter, when I would take the monstrance from Christ's tomb and would start chanting:

"A joyful day has dawned for us! and thousands, their hearts filled with joy, would continue the Holy Easter hymn with the inimitable beautiful "Hallelujah!" in my life. I continue working in the factory, where I'm responsible for cleanliness and order. The days are flying with incredible speed. Today it is already one year since I've left my beloved people of Kybartai and all those with whom the Providence had linked me. If only I knew how to fill my present days with meaning! Help me with your prayer!"

(from *Aušra*, The Dawn, No. 43, June 1984)

(Excerpts from a letter by the Rev. Sigitas Tamkevičius, which was published in the 65th issue of the Lithuanian underground journal, *The Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania*, January 6, 1985).

"Thanks for your greetings, best wishes and prayers. Thanks to all who greet me and who pray for me. How priceless precious is this spiritual communication. I constantly feel that invisible, but most dear support, which is not impeded by distances and roadblocks. The month of September reminds me of those very precious moments, when we used to visit the Virgin Mary at Šiluva (the site of the traditional annual religious festivals, which attract large crowds of Catholics, not only from Lithuania, but also from the other Soviet republics; the participants are usually subjected to harassment and maltreatment by the authorities. Ed). How good it used to be to spend a half day at Šiluva. We used to return a little tired, but spiritually enriched, having breathed in that atmosphere which elevates us and makes us human in accordance with Jesus' thought and Heart. It is two years now that I visit the Virgin Mary of Šiluva in my thoughts and in my heart. I place at Her feet the same cares and joys as in those days. And just as then I do feel Her hand blessing me.

"May the Lord JESUS CHRIST, who constantly fills me with strength, also be your strongest support. At his side, one can traverse one's life's path serenely and feel that the mortal man within us is daily fading

away and that we are approaching the goal of our journey — eternity."

(The Rev. S. Tamkevičius' most recent address is: Permskaja obl., Chusovskoy r-n, st. Polovinka, uchr. VS — 389/37.)

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(Excerpts from a letter by the Rev. Alfonsas Svarinskas, dated November 1984, which was published in the 65th issue of the Lithuanian underground journal, *The Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania*, January 6, 1985):

"I thank all of you who remember me. I very much need the Lord's support, because human strength is very limited.

"... I work on a construction site, out in the open. It is not easy! I'm already sixty years old, my work glasses are 5.5, and I have never had an axe in my hands... But I gladly accept the new cross — the greater will be my offering to God. My health is reasonably good, only my heart rebels against lifting weights. Whenever it gets very tired (which does not happen every day), I cannot sleep at night... I do a lot of walking and exercising... I have broken my lower dentures and for two years now I cannot get them fixed. But this is tolerable... Send me eyeglasses.

"Otherwise, I'm in a good mood. I'm reading, I'm learning languages and I firmly believe in God's Providence. Forgive me for this emphasis on material

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## LETTERS FROM "PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE"

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needs in my letters and for the absence of spiritual subjects. My heart is filled with spiritual matters, but I want at least one of my letters to reach you every month.

I have one more request. On November 2, I was told that I have been deprived of my right to see a visitor in December. I had already written to my brother on the 1st, and therefore I can inform him only through you — he should not take that trip. I thank him very much for his brotherly love and Christian sense of duty. May the Lord reward him. Most likely, we shall not meet soon. We ought to live in a way that we could meet in eternity, and that is most important of all! — Fraternal greetings to all my colleagues and parishioners."

(The Rev. Svarinskas was sentenced on May 6, 1983, to seven years in strict regime camps and three years in internal exile.)

### The Rev. Alfonsas Svarinskas

"...On the whole, I am still in decent physical and spiritual shape... Let us firmly believe that God will help us. I would like to tell you about many things, but paper does not allow this. (The prison censors won't let it through. Ed.).

"...It is only in my spirit that I will hear the joyful Easter Hallelujah, but there won't be any sadness and despondency in my heart. On the contrary, I know that I am fulfilling His will, and for me that is of the greatest importance.

"...I am praying for all and for the Fatherland."  
March 3, 1985

(The Rev. Svarinskas was sentenced on May 6, 1983, in a mock-trial, to seven years in strict-regime camps and three years of internal exile.)

### Asst. Professor Vytautas Skuodis

"On this Holy Night... I gratefully remember you all and am with you in my spirit... Let us trust God, and He won't disappoint us."

December 24, 1984

(Skuodis, who was born in Chicago, was sentenced on De-

ember 27, 1980, to seven years in strict-regime camps and five years of internal exile. His main "transgression" was the writing of a factual study, *Spiritual Genocide in Lithuania*.)

### Povilas Pečeliūnas (from internal exile)

"I have not asked anybody for help. And yet there are always people... (who send) packages. I have been writing to all that they should not send anything, but they pay no attention... There are many who need such support much worse than I. I still get around, and am able to earn a little money... Such an attitude makes it much easier to bear all kinds of misfortunes. Meat gives my stomach the biggest trouble, not because it

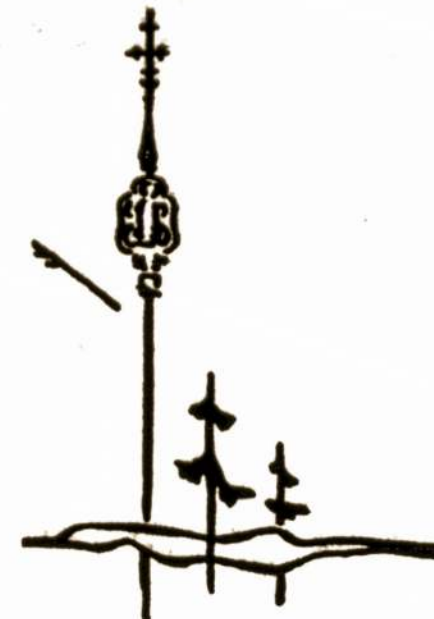
is meat but since I have no more teeth (not as much because of my age, but owing to periodontal disease). By the way, Ingrim has not only a polyclinic, but also a hospital and even a dentist, however... (Pečeliūnas seems to suggest that the dentist's services are unavailable to him. Ed.). I'm lucky that I have not fallen seriously ill. This would be tragical; because, unlike other people, I could not go elsewhere and take a cure.

"...Nobody will be able to send me what I don't have here: my Fatherland and the most elementary item — AIR. The Igrim climate affects me very negatively, it makes me feel lazy, saps my strength, and aggravates all previous ailments... But why should I go on about such trivial! Fatherland is what

matters! Everything else is trifling."

March 4, 1985

(Povilas Pečeliūnas was sentenced on December 22, 1980, to three years in strict-regime camps and five years of exile). (From *The Chronicle of the Lithuanian Catholic Church*, Nr. 66, April 7, 1985)



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## HEALTH HINTS

### FIBER IS NOT A SIMPLE ISSUE

Because of possible health implications, the role of fiber in the diet has become an issue. But, like to many other food and nutrition-related topics, definitive answers to the questions about the effects of fiber in the diet are not available. While fiber is alleged to have benefits, extensive clinical research remains to be done to validate some theories.

Fiber is a complex mixture of substances; there are different types of fiber and a wide variety of food sources for it. The amount of fiber from a given source varies from one kind of plant to another and can even vary within a species (apples for example). Also, different types of fiber have an impact on the function of the body in different ways. For example, the effects of wheat fiber are manifested largely in the colon, affecting transit time and microbes; the effects of oat fiber are manifested in the stomach, affecting the absorption of nutrients into the bloodstream.

#### CRUDE FIBER COMPARED TO DIETARY FIBER

The difference between crude fiber and dietary fiber is described partially by their names. Crude fiber is the remaining substance after food material is treated by laboratory process that is more harsh on the food than the human digestive enzyme system is. But, the crude fiber measurement test is still the method most used to calculate the fiber quantity of foods shown in many food charts. This fiber measurement may represent one quarter but as little as one-seventh of the total fiber available to the body.

**Dietary fiber**, commonly referred to as roughage, is the fiber the body cannot digest with its enzyme system and that which the body passes through in human waste.

The methods used to calculate dietary fiber simulate the digestive tract. Dietary fiber is made up of chemical compounds found mostly in the cell walls of plant tissues. Fibers in food are classified into five types: cellulose and hemicellulose (which are prominent in bran), pectin (which jam-makers use), gums (used as thickeners in ice cream and salad dressing), and lignin

(the substance that creates woodiness in plants, like over-ripe carrots.)

#### Alleged Benefits

According to reports from the Institute of Food Technologists, dietary fiber has definite value in relieving human constipation problems.

Dietary fiber has probable value in treating or preventing diverticular disease, a condition of outpouching of weak areas in the intestinal wall. Recent treatments for this disease have included increasing fiber content of the diet. Results of these treatments have been favorable and support the theory that the condition results from a dietary deficiency. But, this does not prove the theory.

The medical and scientific communities also say that dietary fiber may have possible value in lowering blood cholesterol levels. It may also help regulate blood sugar levels of certain diabetics. Some studies indicate that high-fiber consumption may also be beneficial in promoting weight loss and may offer protection from cancer of the colon and rectum. Medical researchers have some data linking low fiber consumption to appendicitis, but other data does not support that theory.

Nutritionist Peter Van Soest at Cornell University says cooking food can boost the fiber content. Toasting, broiling, sauteeing, and frying foods, such as vegetables and bread, increases fiber content because of the browning that occurs. Van Soest says, "While it is true that the browning of foods can destroy small amounts of essential amino acids, the browning process creates molecules in the food which very closely resemble some other fibers found naturally in plant foods."

#### How much is Enough... Too Much?

Dietary fiber may be important to health, but it is still hard to get professional recommendations for specific levels of intake.

Reports from Cornell University Division of Nutritional Sciences and the Institute of Food Technologists recommend variety and moderation in the search

for fiber sources and amounts. Both groups encourage consumption of a variety of whole grain products, fruits and vegetables.

Some British scientists recommend 30 grams of dietary fiber per person per day as an adequate level, presumably for adults; others recommend 30-40 grams of dietary fiber per day. The average American intake is around 20 grams of dietary fiber a day.

Eating too much fiber may cause problems. Some fibers can increase the excretion of some vitamins and minerals. Excesses therefore could cause depletion

of those nutrients. "Abrupt intakes of large amounts of some fibers may cause diarrhea and other digestive problems and complaints," reports Professor Van Soest. "It is best to start with smaller amounts and gradually increase fiber intake to the levels that feel comfortable. The amount of fiber an individual can tolerate varies from person to person." Some foods to consider as good fiber sources are cabbage, carrots, peas, apples, bananas, prunes. Grains such as wheat, oats and corn as well as legumes such as dried peas and peanuts are also good fiber sources.

### BIELIAUSKIENĖ IN COURT—

#### "Can belief in God be a threat to the State?"

(Following is an excerpt from Jadvyga Bieliauskienė's speech in her own defense during her trial on May 16, 1983, as reported by the underground Lithuanian Chronicle (November 1, 1983):

"I am being tried in accordance with part I of Article 68 of the Penal Code ("anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda." Ed.). I am being told that I sought to weaken the Soviet Union. Could it be that the Soviet Union's power lies in its striving to denationalize and to destroy the small nations through atheism and dehumanization?!

If one presents the question in this manner, then it becomes understandable, why the freedoms of religion, conscience and criticism — the rights that are guaranteed by the (Soviet) Constitution — are being crudely violated and why people are being constantly tried.

The young generation practices religion, because it seeks perfection and wants to develop an authentic personality. For this it is crudely persecuted. Statements protesting persecution, which are signed by the faithful, were sent to the Secretary of the Lithuanian CP from all over Lithuania. But the facts of persecution recorded in those protests are considered slanderous and weakening the Soviet Union.

The signatories of such complaints are being interrogated and branded as criminals... An individual nation does not even have the right to seek its moral well-being, to heal itself from spiritual leprosy, paralysis and pestilence. Can the expression

of a belief in God be a threat to the State?!

The moral decay of people — this is where the real threat lies! And why, in view of such threat, are we not allowed to save ourselves?!

### LONDON "TIMES" — WHERE IS PETKUS?

In the *London Times* "Prisoners of Conscience" column of June 25, 1985, Caroline Moorehead reports about "urgent appeals" for the International Red Cross to find out the "whereabouts and health of the jailed Lithuanian dissident Viktoras Petkus. His family has had no news of him for many months and in recent years he has undergone two operations to remove a cancerous growth from his face."

According to Moorehead, Petkus was last heard of in Kuchino camp in the Perm region of the Ural Mountains. He is known to have lost a lot of weight during three years under the severe regime of Chistopol prison, and to be suffering from increasingly poor eyesight.

The writer describes Petkus as an expert on Lithuanian history and poetry, who has translated at least part of the Bible into Lithuanian. In November 1976, in Vilnius, he helped form the Lithuanian Helsinki Monitoring Group. In July 1978, he was sentenced to 10 years' hard labor and five years enforced exile from Lithuania, the third in a series of lengthy prison sentences on a variety of charges that began in 1947.