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120 Million Soviets Hear Hoyer

Live Satellite Broadcast Beamed To U.S.S.R.

A live satellite broadcast between the United States and the Soviet Union allowed Helsinki Commission Chairman Steny H. Hoyer to bring the Commission's human rights concerns directly to more than 120 million Soviet citizens. Hoyer appeared as a panelist on a special ABC Nightline broadcast on October 14 which linked members of the U.S. Congress with deputies of the Supreme Soviet in an open and candid discussion on the topic of human rights.

Known as *Capital-to-Capital*, the two hour and ten minute show featured Hoyer and Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan as the two American representatives. Vadim Zagladin, first deputy chief of the International Department of the CPSU Central Committee, and Ivan Laptev, chief editor of *Izvestiya*, were the Soviet participants. Peter Jennings from ABC moderated the show from a congressional hearing room on Capitol Hill.

The fact that the show aired at all is evidence of the new Soviet policy of glasnost. Rarely does the Soviet Union allow live, uncensored debate with Americans on most subjects — let alone on human rights. Yet more than 120 million Soviet citizens reportedly tuned into the early morning dialogue between the two countries.

The American officials targeted several key human rights issues related to the Helsinki Final Act, including Soviet restrictions on emigration, religious freedom and political participation. They also raised a number of outstanding Soviet human rights cases.

What follows are excerpts from the discussion:

On Human Rights

Senator Moynihan: I want to agree with you, Mr. Zagladin, that there is no ideal situation with respect to human rights in your country, ours, or any, but there are better and there are worse. And the plain fact, and all of you know it, it's been part of your agony as a people, that through most of this century, the

Soviet Union has been a hell for human rights ...

Mr. Zagladin: ... From your words, I see a confirmation of the obvious fact that in the discussions of human rights, we run into necessarily one big problem, the problem which I would call a difference of views, the different systems. And the concepts of human rights are different. And many of the things which we understand one way, you understand in another. Many of the rights of man which exist in both countries, so to speak, are interpreted completely different.

Chairman Hoyer: ... I would suggest to you that really, our understanding of human rights is really not so much different. In the Helsinki Final Act, we said that these rights emanated from the dignity of the human person — Soviet citizens, Ukrainians, Lithuanians, Estonians, Latvians, U.S. citizens, citizens of Great Britain. Their dignity as persons are what their rights are based upon, and we in the United States believe that ... if there is to be better understanding between us, if there is to be better cooperation, we need to rely on the promise of Helsinki, which really said to us all that how we treat our own citizens is going to be a test of how well we can be trusted. And Mr. Gorbachev has talked about trust, he has talked about cooperation and partnership. I think the American public wants that. They want a more peaceful, more secure world, which was the objective of Helsinki.

Mr. Laptev: ... The question was asked earlier about glasnost, about how seriously we take it, and whether it provides any guarantees ... I would like the other panel to understand what glasnost means. It is not just sending out information about whether the president sneezed or not. It's not going to change the world very much anyway to know that. There is a forum for this society to monitor itself, and we are trying to broaden this as far as we can and to encompass as many spheres of our life as pos-

sible. We don't always succeed in doing this. You can't do everything overnight. Fighting bureaucratism, excessive bureaucracy or inadequacies, fighting for human rights, glasnost — public disclosure — has become an important tool, an important instrument which is constantly improving itself.

On Emigration

Chairman Hoyer: ... We hope that you will let people go who simply ask for the right to come to be with their wives, to be with their families, to be in a country of their choice, wherever that country is in the world.

Mr. Zagladin: In the filmclip you showed, there was an interesting phrase, the United States is a nation of immigrants, ... and this is really so. And this explains a great deal your attitude toward the problem of emigration as a whole. Our nation is not a nation of immigrants, and historically in our country, we have a specific relation to the problem of emigration, because we had two big waves of emigration after the revolution and after the Second World War. And both times, we were talking on the one hand about people who were against the revolution and, secondly, those who were supporting the Hitlerites, so the relation of the people towards the emigrants was negative. This is changing, ... and I honestly want to say that as a deputy, I have met situations where those local authorities refuse an exit visa to a certain person although there is no reason for it. And they refuse because the local population is very hostile to this, very negative to it, and we're correcting these cases, but you must understand the psychological aspect of this.

Chairman Hoyer: ... Mr. Gorbachev said in 1985 in France that state security or a security risk would occur for five years and in very unusual cases, ten years. All of the cases that have been mentioned here are either certainly more than five years. Many are more than ten years ... Clearly, with the technol-

ogy, that we have today ... sometimes if you're away for a year, you're not current with secrets. We would, frankly, in the United States believe that [the secrecy argument] doesn't hold weight. If Mr. Gorbachev is correct, and five years is the limit, we'd be very pleased. ...

Mr. Zagladin: ... Mr. Hoyer is both right and not right at the same time. He's not right in the sense that every country has its laws which it abides by, and we can't change these laws as we wish or as any person wishes. And, by the way, the citation from General Secretary Gorbachev was not exact. He said five, ten years, and sometimes more ... [We have a new process in which we are reducing] some of our timeframes, and he who has been refused in our country knows for how long. And the timeframe can be limited, can be shortened, if, for example, the secretness of the facility can be reviewed.

On Political Rights

Mr. Zagladin: ... Let's talk political rights, elections. In your country, everyone can participate and in our country everyone can participate. But in your country, a person who wants to be elected or should be elected must spend hundreds of thousands or millions of dollars on it, to collect it or use his own personal money. This already puts people in an unequal situation, so you have the right but it really doesn't exist for the majority. In our case, the deputies when they are elected, the society takes upon itself all expenses. ...

Senator Moynihan: ... I'm glad you raised the question of our respective parliaments, as you say, our Congress, your Supreme Soviet. Your Supreme Soviet meets four days a year. We meet almost every week of the year. ... You contrasted the condition of someone running for office in the United States, where you have to raise money and go out there and win elections, whereas you don't have

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Sadauckas Heads Lithuanians for 15th Year

George Sadauckas, a member of the Board of Directors of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance was reelected President of the Lithuanian Beneficial Association for the 15th consecutive year. He has served as an officer of the association for 34 years.

Other officers elected included two more members of our Alliance. Charles Gedman, Jr., was elected Treasurer and Charles Gedman, Sr., was elected as an auditor.

Sadauckas was also named Executive Secretary of the Lackawanna Home Builders Association for the second year. Besides being a trustee on the board of the Alliance he is also Secretary-Treasurer of Lodge 155.

His other affiliations include,



Elks Lodge 123, Taurus, Keyser Valley Social, AmVets, Liederkrantz, Treasurer Lithuanian Political Club. Sadauckas served as chairman of the United Way Major Employees Sector and is a retiree of Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company.

Keep Tabs on Social Security Record

From time to time we have suggested checking up on those old, decrepit computers of the Social Security Administration (now replaced, finally) to make sure they had your earnings record and FICA tax payments listed correctly.

Confirmation that this was — and probably still is — a good idea comes in the findings of a Congressional investigation of the SSA. In 1983, it shows, 840,000 recipients of benefits were shortchanged — paid less than they were entitled to get — \$32.50 per month, on the

average.

Even with the new computers in place, it's not doubt worth the 22-cent investment every three years to send the SSA one of its preprinted inquiries — Form 7004 — asking for a readout of your earnings over the years. They say, errors may become irreversible.

Con artists have sought to capitalize on the fact that Social Security records can be wrong by offering to check on them — for a fee. No fee is needed, of course — just the price of a stamp.

Tax Law Change Requires Social Security Number For Dependents

Just a reminder about a change in the tax laws if you plan to claim dependent children on your 1987 federal return. Taxpayers claiming dependents must, for the first time, supply the Social Security number for each dependent.

If you do not have a Social Security number for your dependents, you should contact the local Social Security office for an application. It is a simple form

to fill out. There is no charge for obtaining a Social Security number and card.

If you forget or fail to provide this information on your 9178 federal income tax form, you will not be penalized. However, it will take the Internal Revenue Service longer to process your return and for you to receive any refund.

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FLORENCE ECKERT/A New Year's Fairy Tale

Once upon a time, there was an old man with a long white beard and a bouncy little baby boy in a diaper. The old man was known as "Father Time" and the little boy as the "new Year Baby."

The time was December 31, in an average home, occupied by average people. The main character in our story is *YOU*.

We never met *YOU*, but *YOU* is a very important person. Father Time knows *YOU* very well. He spent one whole year with *YOU*.

The hour is fast approaching for Father Time to say good-bye to *YOU*. He completes the last sentence on page 365 in the Volume he holds in his lap, closes it, takes one last parting look at *YOU* and slowly walks away.

As *YOU* watches Father Time leave, he wonders — Where is he taking that book? Who is going to see it? Why couldn't I look it over before he left? Maybe there are a few pages I'd like to tear out. I'd better hurry and catch up with him. There are a few pages in there I'd rather have no one see.

Like the time I told Aunt Mary I had a sore throat just so I didn't have to drive her to visit Uncle Al in the intensive care

unit of the hospital. My sore throat and me went dancing at the lounge that night with a bunch of my friends. Poor loving Aunt Mary, she never once doubted my story.

Then there was the day I promised to sit with the Martins' six little ones so that they might celebrate their tenth anniversary. I remember how I just couldn't muster up the courage to call them and tell them something awfully important had come up and I'd have to disappoint them. That awfully important something was a phone call from the girls who decided to go to see a movie in town that night. Poor Jean and Dan, they must have been so disappointed. They were really looking forward to that night.

Then there was the day I was going to join the Hospital Auxiliary but decided against it for fear it might cut into some of my own weekly plans. I was going to choose my own free time instead to visit the school for the retarded and take them for a ride to town or just read to them. But that never materialized either because one just doesn't ever find that kind of free time—does one?

How proud I would have been of those pages! They would have been the Golden ones! Well, I

must have at least a few that could be labeled Silver. Let's see ... Last year I promised to be the first Zone up every morning to get breakfast for the bunch. Well Joe ruined that one by keeping the alarm on his side of the bed. Well, he won't bother waking me, he knows I stayed up late watching that special on TV.

How about that promise I made that Sunday would be family day? We had 52 Sundays last year and I can only remember three family days.

Where is the man with the beard? I've got to find him! I hear footsteps just around the corner. He can't be very far. Who's this little baby? He must be abandoned. — Who are you? Where did you come from? Did you see an old man with a big book in his hand?

Don't you recognize me, *YOU*? I'm the little New Year Baby. You remember me — I come back to you every year after the old man leaves and I bring a brand new book to fill — It's too late to think about the old book. Father Time took that away for his files. This is the one you should be concerned with. Maybe you don't even have to fill ALL the pages, so make the best of the ones that are yours. Forget your past, *YOU* — and

get busy with the present and the future.

Be careful *YOU* — don't rate yourself too high. Remember what happened last year. You're a human being on the planet Earth and not some super-human being somewhere in the Heavens. Set a goal that you can keep up with. One or two good "I wills" are much better than ten weak "I won't's" — don't try to be heroic, just try to be good. One "Golden Day" a month gives you twelve for the year. Believe it or not, that's a tremendous accomplishment!

Ten — nine — eight — seven — six — five — four — three — two — one — there go the whistles, *YOU*. You're on your own. Good Luck!

Yes, you're on your own and I'd like to ask one little New Year favor. If you enjoy this monthly column, let me know and I'll keep them coming. If you really want to do me a real big favor for the New Year, let me know what you think of the whole publication. If you still want to do something extra special for your pages in that new book that Father Time will be taking with him at the close of 1988, send me some interesting news and pictures!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Two Women Outlive Mortality Table

Mrs. Anna Sutkus of Waukegan, Illinois, and Mrs. Annie Rukas of East Hartford, Connecticut, have outlived the Table of Mortality on which Whole Life Insurance was computed.

Mrs. Sutkus reached her 95th Birthday in May of 1978. She has an Ordinary Life Certificate which means that when she reaches the certificate anniversary date nearest her 96th Birthday the proceeds of her policy are paid to her as an endowment.

When a member of the office staff spoke with her, Mrs. Sutkus

noted she recalled her date of enrollment which was July 15, 1914 and she stated, "I wish you every success in the future."

Mrs. Annie Rukas reached 96 in December of 1978 having become a member of the Alliance in January of 1920.

Like Mrs. Sutkus, she also received the proceeds of her Ordinary Life Certificate as an endowment.

Congratulations to both Mrs. Anna Sutkus and Mrs. Annie Rukas.

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to raise money in the Soviet Union. Well, the reason you don't is you don't have opponents in the Soviet Union. ... The point is that the Soviet Union — the constitutional setup — is that of a single-party dictatorship. ...

Mr. Zagladin: ... You say that we have a one party system. ... But, Mr. Senator, there are countries in which there are 25 parties. We can't say that just because we have two in America and they have 25, [that] they have twelve-and-a-half times greater democracy there. ... And it's not the number of parties, but in the policies, in the politics

which they have. Our policies have led to the fact that over 70 years a country which was backwards, which was agrarian, turned into a modern state. ... This is the result of the work of our party and our un-free government, as you call us. And our people value this appropriately.

Chairman Hoyer: ... You mentioned internal legal statutes and constitutions. ... It would be ironic if we allowed statutes to, in effect, negate the promises that we made to one another in the Helsinki Final Act, in the U.N. Charter, and other human rights documents.

—C.S.C.E. Digest, Nov., 1987

Annual Board Meeting

Pictured here is a summary of some of the business transacted at the recent annual board meeting.

There were seven members present on the opening day of the annual Board of Directors meeting held at the Home Office in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., recently. Msgr. Frank Yashkas was excused due to the passing of his mother, Mrs. Agnes Yashkas. Albina Poska was excused due to her having suffered a fall resulting in a broken wrist and Dr. Joseph Stankaitis had an unavoidable scheduling conflict. Leocadia Donarovich missed the first day due to her heavy schedule at work during this time of the year but was present for the second day's session.

President, Thomas E. Mack greeted the Board noting this was the first annual meeting of the second century of existence of the Alliance and submitted a brief account of operations from July 17, to the present.

Looking back on the Centennial Celebration he pointed out that everyone he talks with tells him it was a smashing success and that it was done with "a touch of class."

President Mack complimented Mr. Liscosky and his staff at the Home Office for maintaining commendable office procedures.

He reported that the GARSAS is becoming more readable and more interesting and noted Mrs. Eckert would be giving a report and recommendations regarding the publication later in the meeting.

Commenting on the trip to Rome for the 600th Jubilee of the Christianization of Lithuania Mr. Mack noted their group of pilgrims had an audience with Pope John Paul II and were given choice seats for the Mass in St. Peter's Basilica for the beatification ceremonies for Archbishop George Matulaitis.

They were also in attendance at the Solemn Tridium of Thanksgiving at Saint Mary Major Basilica where Bishop Baltakis, Cardinal Palazizni and Cardinal Gulbinowicz participated. He was happy to report that they were present to witness a former member of the Board of Directors, Anthony Rudis, become Knight of Malta.

Attorney Mack noted Msgr. Yashkas would be furnishing the Board with more details on the trip since he was the individual who organized this very special pilgrimage.

Anthony Snipas generated a bit of excitement while in Rome by notifying the Sisters of Christian Charity that he had the corner stone of the first convent of that order set up in the United States. (See October GARSAS for details.)

President Mack reported the ratio of surplus to liabilities for the year 1986 was 67.57% as indicated by CPS actuaries.

Mr. Mack noted he was saddened to report the passing of a good friend of the society and a very dear close personal friend, Caz Kizis. He extended heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Kizis's widow, Board Member Rosalie Kizis.

The President noted he is hopeful that the coming year will see new ideas on Fraternalism generated during this meeting stating we have the means and motivation to do so and hopefully will.

The President reviewed the communication which the entire board received from the Executive Director, a copy of recommendations and needed changes submitted by our Actuaries and another from our Accountant.

Both communications were similar, spelling out the many mandated changes that the Board of Directors should consider carefully so that the Alliance may continue its business in the future. The President noted

that we must comply with the recommendations.

Vice President, Frank J. Katilus called for a motion that the Executive Committee be directed by the Board to meet with our Actuaries to discuss these matters, and take the necessary action needed to comply with the mandated regulations of the Federal and State governments. Seconded by Charles A. Liscosky and approved.

Jonas Vainius questioned a statement made by our accountant regarding continuing business in New York State. President Mack noted the Executive Committee would evaluate all the problems and make the proper decisions and noted that with all the mandated changes being taken care of, there would be no reason to discontinue business in that state.

The President's report was

accepted and approved.

Vice-President Frank J. Katilus presented his report to the Board noting as did Attorney Mack that people are still talking about the Centennial Celebration and the fine time had by all who attended.

He extended greetings to the board and expressed hope that the society would be successful in creating ideas to continue growth within the organization's membership rolls.

Mr. Katilus noted his duties were few due to the capable and energetic leadership of Attorney Thomas E. Mack. He noted however that he did serve the society well by performing his duty of attending all meetings called and taking part in all business pertaining to the Alliance.

Some of the meetings he attended were the annual meeting

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Pictured above are members of the Board attending the meeting: Seated left to right; Mrs. Rosalie Kizis, Trustee; Attorney Thomas E. Mack, President; Mrs. Leocadia Donarovich, Treasurer; Standing left to right; Mr. Frank J. Katilus, Vice-President; Mr. Charles A. Liscosky, Secretary/Executive Director; Mr. Leonard J. Mikelonis, Director; Mr. George F. Sadauckas, Trustee; and Mr. Jonas A. Vainius, Director. Absent from photo; Mrs. Albina Poska, Director; Joseph A. Stankaitis, M.D., Medical Examiner and Msgr. Frank L. Yashkas, Spiritual Advisor.

Points Of Interest

of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress; the signing of the Proclamation by the Governor in Harrisburg designating February 16 as Lithuanian Day which was also commemorated in Wilkes-Barre and Scranton. He also attended monthly meetings of the Northeastern Fraternal Association. The most enjoyable event he attended last year was undoubtedly the trip to Rome for the 600th anniversary of the Christianization of Lithuania where he was also present for the beatification of Archbishop George Matulaitis.

Mr. Katilus noted he will long remember his trip to Rome and his privilege to have an audience with Pope John Paul II.

He expressed thanks to the office personnel for their fine cooperation in anything requested of them.

It was moved by Leonard Mikelonis and properly seconded to accept the Vice-President's report. Motion carried.

Secretary and Executive Director Charles A. Liscosky gave a report covering activities at the Home Office and suggestions from our Actuary and Accountant.

Mr. Liscosky noted that our Actuaries suggested updating some of our certificates to be more in line with the needs of the present time.

He noted that Massachusetts and New York State approved the use of the 1980 CSO Mortality tables and these tables must be used in these states by the end of 1988.

The following recommendations were made by the Pennsylvania Department of Insurance:

1. That the Alliance increase the Fidelity Bond to \$50,000.00 which is in accordance with NAIC Standards. This was so increased by our bonding company.

2. That the Executive

Committee must meet at least four times a year as required by the By-Laws. This was attended to during the June 24-27, 1984 Convention when the following was approved: Article 8, Section 2A is to be changed to read "Regular meetings of the Board of Directors or the Executive Body shall be held regularly at least once each calendar year and other times when necessary."

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania gave notice on May 28, 1987, that a Pennsylvania State Committee approved legislation that would require contracts to be written in easy to read language. The so-called language rule now moves to the house for consideration. It states, "Legal agreements must be written in a simple, clear, understandable and easily readable way." The bill would cover loans, credit, and insurance contracts.

A report from the CPS Actuaries listed a valuation of the outstanding certificates as of December 31, 1986 according to the schedules of insurance in force submitted to them. The Society's valuation indicated that based on the American Experience, 1941 Standard Industrial and American Men Ultimate Tables of Mortality with interest at 3%, the future assessments of the Society at the net rates then being collected, together with the admitted assets as they appeared in the Society's 1986 Annual Statement, were sufficient to meet all certificates as they mature by their terms with a margin of safety of \$959,404 (or 67.57%) above the statutory standards.

Ratio of assets to liabilities:	
1986	167.57%
1985	164.36%
1984	165.83%
1983	163.88%
1982	159.64%



Pictured busy at work are seated clockwise: President Thomas E. Mack, Jonas A. Vainius, Leonard J. Mikelonis, George F. Sadauckas and to Mr. Mack's left, partially hidden from view, is Frank J. Katilus.

The Alliance sponsored the following three children to Camp Ausra, Elmhurst, PA this past summer at a total cost to the Alliance of \$580.00:

Nicholas Timinskas, Scranton, PA; and Angela and Elizabeth Krispin of Edwardsville, PA.

Mr. Liscosky reported he represented the Alliance at the following functions during the year: Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress, picture taking session and proclamation signings at both Wilkes-Barre City Hall with the Mayor and at Harrisburg with the governor, Ceremonies at the Luzerne County Court House commemorating Lithuanian Independence Day, Attendance at the Second Annual Banquet of the Pennsylvania Northeast Fraternal and attendance and participation in Lithuanian Day held at Rocky Glen Park in Moosic, PA which is sponsored by the Knights of Lithuania and is known to be the oldest continuous Ethnic Celebration in the U.S.A.

Mr. Liscosky reported satisfaction with completion of all Alliance business at the Home Office and continued prompt service to Alliance members. He noted that many members were still listed in our records under

the Lithuanian version of their names which many had now Americanized. To avoid the problems facing beneficiaries and to cut down on much paperwork at the office, steps were taken through the lodge secretaries to update these files. The office staff had a great deal of correspondence in making the necessary changes which are not yet fully completed.

In addition to routine office work there are many little day to day happenings experienced by the girls in the office like the coping with transients seeking aid by mistaking our offices as social agencies. Then there are the walk-ins seeking bathroom privileges, use of telephone, change for parking meters, directions to various Lithuanian churches and much information regarding background and location of towns in Lithuania from people seeking their "roots," sale of books on Lithuania and even seeking translation of letters from Lithuania.

Mr. Liscosky reported that Florence Sutkus Eckert took over the English section of the Garsas and spent the first few months of her employment sorting out the storerooms and back office of years of accumulated materials left behind after the

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death of Mr. Zujus and following the Agnes disaster.

Mrs. Eckert sent Centennial Booklets to Public Libraries, Public Officials and Secretaries of all lodges. Back date issues of the Garsas are presently being copied on microfilm with a set already completed from 1917 to 1946. The Lithuanian Catholic Alliance has been kept in the public eye through articles and photographs in the newspapers from time to time and many hours were spent in updating the mailing lists of the Garsas. A study is being done on the feasibility of publishing the paper locally rather than in Brooklyn.

Mr. Liscosky expressed his thanks for the cooperation he has received through the past year.

It was properly moved by Frank Katilus and seconded to accept the report of the Secretary/Executive Director. Motion carried.

The Trustees report was submitted by George Sadauckas and Rosalie Kizis.

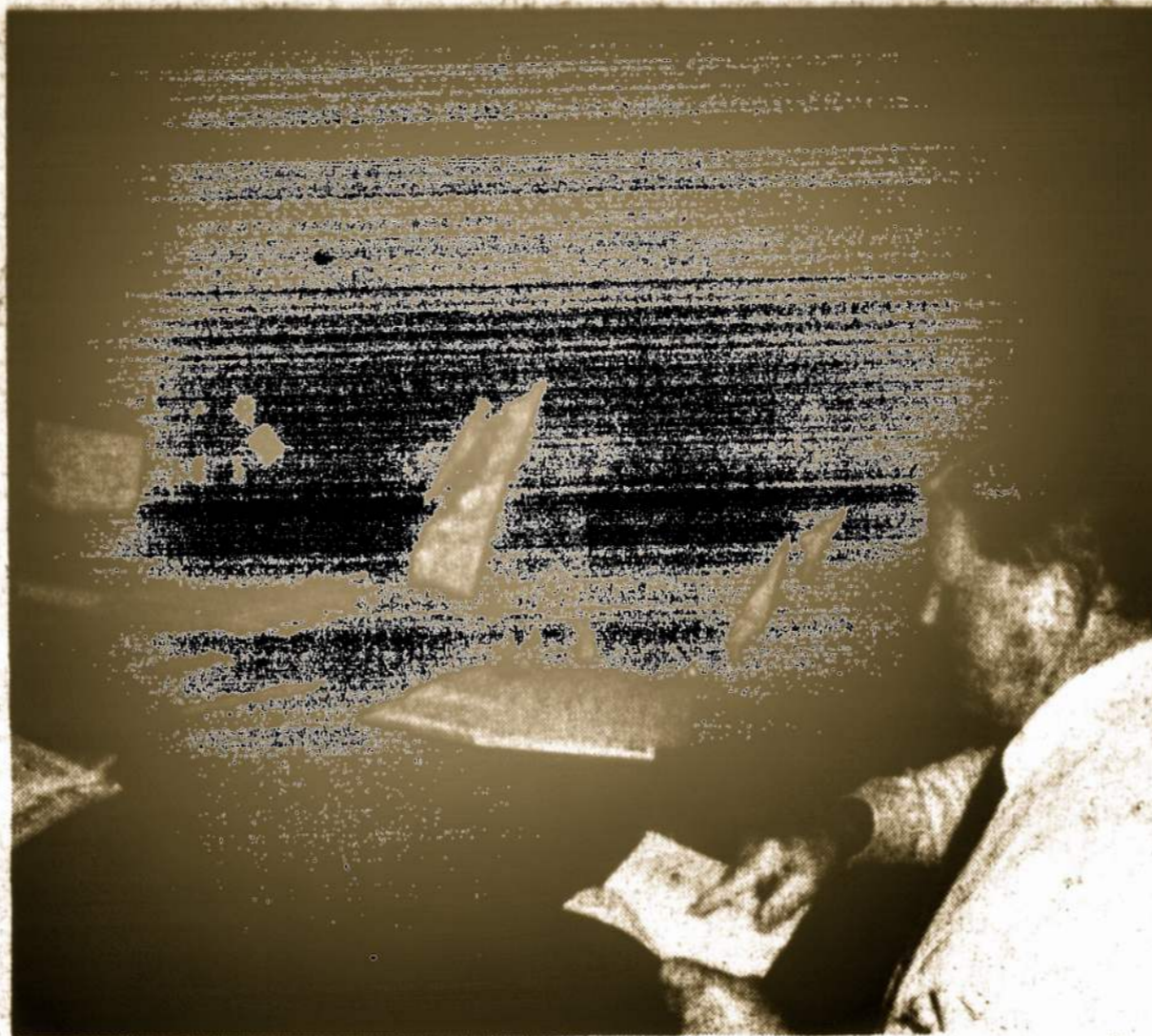
They reported one delinquent mortgage with only one payment a year of \$500.00 which covers part of the interest and nothing on the principal. The trustees noted that we pay the insurance on the property and do not know if the taxes are being paid.

The trustees extended their thanks to the Executive Director, the Treasurer and office personnel for their time and cooperation in compiling their report. Mr. Sadauckas commented on his recent emergency operation noting this was his first day out after a five week confinement. He noted he had signed up a few new members and also noted the various meetings and ceremonies he attended involving the Alliance.

It was moved by Frank Katilus and properly seconded to accept the report of the Trustees. Motion carried.

Although Dr. Joseph A. Stankaitis was not present for the meeting, he submitted the following report:

There were 23 membership



Pictured somewhat relaxed during a work session are: seated left to right; Leocadia Donarovich, Charles A. Liscosky, Frank J. Katilus and President Thomas E. Mack.

applications approved with no denials. There were 22 sick benefit forms approved with 1 denied.

Dr. Stankaitis expressed his thanks to the Home Office for their efficiency in assisting him and wishes their efforts to be recognized.

It was properly moved by George Sadauckas and seconded to accept the report of the Medical Examiner. Motion carried.

Director Leonard J. Mikelonis's opening remarks were centered on the Centennial Celebration. He noted it was the best and largest he had ever attended. He noted that 50 years had gone by since he had visited his "old stomping grounds," Rocky Glen Park so this was another treat for him. He reported that he represented the Alliance at the Annual Two-Day Lithuanian Festival held in Baltimore, Maryland. He also attended a concelebrated Mass with Archbishop William Borders and Father "Tony" Dranginis celebrating the 600th anniversary of Christianity in Lithuania.

It was properly moved by Frank Katilus and seconded to accept the report of Director Mikelonis. Motion carried.

Director Jonas Vainius re-

ported his activities of the past year which included participating at the 100th Anniversary Convention at which time he served as the Convention's Secretary and prepared the minutes which were published in the GARSAS. He noted that he had discussed issues relating to the GARSAS with Father Bucmys pointing out that the boards' guidelines which were implemented last year were favorably reviewed.

Mr. Vainius noted that Florence Eckert's assistance in Garsas related matters has been very helpful.

He pointed out that he is currently exploring an opportunity to increase the Alliance's membership.

It was properly moved by Director Mikelonis to accept the report of Director Vainius. Motion carried.

The GARSAS report was given by English Editor and PR person Florence Eckert.

In her report she noted that she had reviewed the files of the Garsas and found that in annual checks from the Postal Service there were many discrepancies as to which members were receiving the Garsas and which members were not. In the report that came during her employ-

ment she had a list of 100 names furnished by the Post Office which they take at random to be verified and out of these 100 names she found almost half (41) had to be eliminated for reasons such as death, lapsed policy or cash surrender.

She noted this prompted her to make a thorough check of the mailing list which she requested from the Brooklyn Office. The end result showed an updating of our mailing list was urgently needed. Florence noted considerable time went into this complete check and she presented her findings and recommendations to the Board.

Following her presentation she noted most fraternal have a Newsletter or Newspaper which serves as a vital part of the organization. She pointed out that it is through this publication that members are kept up to date on activities of the organization, board meetings, news from Lithuania and articles of interest submitted by members.

Florence noted the GARSAS is our best means of communicating with our membership and should be treated as a very important arm of our fraternal organization.

She responded to numerous questions from the board dealing with many current difficulties encountered with an office of publication so far out of reach.

Mr. Liscosky made a motion that Mrs. Eckert's report be accepted and that we put out two English issues of the Garsas locally and also notify Father Bucmys to see if he would be willing to supply us with four Lithuanian pages for future issues. The motion was carried.

Frank Katilus moved that the recommendations made by Mrs. Eckert to have the updated mailing list computerized locally be accepted. The motion was seconded and carried.

In old business, Frank Katilus made a motion that the Executive Committee make a study of a Scholarship Program and arrive at a decision. Motion was

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seconded and carried.

The following were named as delegates to the Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress in Pittsburgh for October 25-27, 1978: Frank Katilus, Charles Liscosky, George Sadauckas and Leocadia Donarovich.

The Secretary reported the final S.B.A. Loan payment will be made in the amount of \$184.64.

The remaining Centennial Booklets are to be distributed to the members who have not received one.

It was moved by George Sadauckas and seconded that a donation of \$1,000.00 be made to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops to help support the upcoming visit of Pope John Paul II to the United States. Motion carried.

It was moved by Leonard Mikelonis and seconded that a donation of \$1,000.00 be sent to the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, Brooklyn, NY. Motion carried.

The afternoon session was recessed in order to allow all the members of the board to attend the wake of Mrs. Agnes Yashkas, mother of our Spiritual Director Msgr. Frank Yashkas who died at the age of 95.

The first order of business on the opening session of the second day was a review by President Thomas Mack of the many

important issues discussed during the first day's sessions. Treasurer Leocadia Donarovich was present for the second day's session and questioned what actions were taken by the board regarding letters received from our actuary and our accountant. She noted that it was her opinion that the board should consider a dividend for the membership this year.

Mrs. Donarovich will look into the matter of purchasing some of Dr. Leonard Simutis' books of poems and donating them to members as suggested.

There was a discussion on the project of purchasing a recreational facility for the use of members of the Alliance as was approved at the Seventieth Convention. Jonas Vainius and Mr. Liscosky gave reports on their findings and it appears the board now favors the South New Jersey Shores for this project and President Mack and Mr. Vainius plan to meet in the near future to further check out this area. It was moved by Mr. Vainius and seconded that a special building fund be set up in the amount of \$350,000.00 for the purchase of this building.

The question presented by Msgr. Yashkas regarding the need of new members was discussed. Reference was made to the membership drive at the Lithuanian Day Picnic at Rocky Glen when a table was set up

with young girls passing out literature and a few give-a-ways to attract new applicants. Mr. Liscosky recalls only two new members from this effort but notes it was difficult to evaluate.

There were 55 new members that signed up during the 100th Anniversary Year.

It was the opinion of Msgr. Yashkas that we continue being a part of the Lithuanian Day Picnic each year and that we have a table for our brochures and give-a-ways. His report was accepted.

It was moved by Mr. Mikelonis and properly seconded that the per diem allowance for board members be increased to \$100.00 per day to adjust to the present cost of motel-hotel rooms and meals. Three applications are being reviewed at this time that require some adjustments before they are accepted.

Following a review of our mortgage situation it was moved by Mrs. Donarovich and properly seconded that Mr. Liscosky

take the actions necessary to correct an outstanding delinquent mortgage. It was noted that if the mortgagee does not comply with the directives from Mr. Liscosky action of foreclosure must be taken. Motion carried.

Director Vainius is checking into the possibility of the Alliance co-operating with the Lithuanian Credit Union offering certificates to their members. It was moved by Mr. Katilus and properly seconded that Mr. Vainius continue exploring the idea and possibly have a meeting set up with both parties. Motion carried.

Merchants Bank submitted a proposal to change the method of handling our Stock Certificates. The Board did not agree and notes if the bank will not continue the present method of service we will take this business elsewhere.

With no further business the meeting was closed on a motion from Frank Katilus, seconded and carried.

Great Bear Continues to be Pestered

Washington, DC: Seven hundred demonstrators gathered at 6 p.m., December 8, in Lafayette Park, to expose Soviet human rights violations in the Baltic States. Over 500 people holding candles, lanterns and flashlights called upon Gorbachev to "See the light" and let our countries GO!

No doubt, if the KGB were present, they would have found this rally alarming, since it was predominantly comprised of active, enraged and informed, American born, first, second and even third generation Balts fluent in their native languages. And despite demands by the Soviets that the United States not interfere in the Baltic/Soviet conflict, a number of Congressional representatives joined the rally to remind Moscow that Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and other Soviet nationalities would not be abandoned or forgotten in their vigorous fight for freedom and self-determination.

Organized groups from Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cleveland, and New York cheered Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ), Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Congressman John Miller (R-WA) and a representative from Congresswoman Connie Morella's (R-MD) office for joining in solidarity with the Baltic cry for freedom. The local Baltic community was proud to welcome and thank the many other groups in attendance. Representatives from the Ukrainian (largest non-Baltic nationality present), Polish, Russian, Hungarian, Romanian, Vietnamese, Laotian, and local Conservative organizations addressed the crowd as well.

As the presentation portion of the rally (held near the center of Lafayette Park) came to a close, large numbers of individuals began to gather and chant "Go home Gorbby," "Nyet, Nyet Soviet," "Freedom for the Baltic States," directly across from the White House. The "Washington Post" reported that the chanting demonstrators could be heard at the White House.

"Stomp Out Communism," "Stomp Out Communism" echoed through the streets as hundreds of the demonstrators encircled and trampled a Soviet flag just before it was ignited and tossed into the street to burn!

Mr. Gorbachev can no longer ignore the Baltic States and other captive Nations. We have united and the "bear" will fall!



Pictured above, Leonard Mikelonis gives his report while George Sadauckas listens intently.



Popiežius Jonas Paulius II laiko mišias lietuvių koplyčioje Šv. Petro bazilikoje š.m. lapkričio 16. Jis taip pat pasakė ir pamokslą lietuvių kalba. Drauge su popiežium mišias koncelebruoja iš k. prel. A. Bartkus, diakonas P. Mališka, italas monsinjoras — ceremonijų vedėjas ir prel. Audrys Bačkis. Nuotr. Arturo Mari

Spauda — mūsų stiprybė

JAV LB Kultūros Taryba štai ėmė ir paskelbė lietuviškos spaudos mėnesį. Tokiu mėnesiu parinktas gruodis.

Kodėl tai skelbiama, kodėl visur daugiau rašoma apie spaudos problemas ir jos reikšmę bendruomenei arba tautai?

Tokie mėnesiai nori atkreipti visuomenės dėmesį į tas problemas, kurios mum svarbios, išaiškinti degantį reikalą. Visi, kas šiek tiek seka spaudą, pastebėjo, kad laikraščiai nusiskundžia dabartine padėtimi — per maža pajamų, kad galėtų laikraštį ne tik išlaikyti, bet ir jį tobulinti.

Per paskutinius kokius 15–20 metų pradėjo brangti popierius, spaudos reikmenys. Pabrango ir darbas. Svarbiausia — pasikeitė mašinos — spausdinimo būdas. Visa lietuviška spauda, kuri pradėjo eiti dar prieš Pirmąjį pasaulinį karą, po jo, naudojosi tuo pačiu būdu — rinko linotipais ir spausdino plokščia mašina. Laikraščiai buvo įsigiję linotipus ir spausdinimo mašinas.

Dabar spaudos technika ieš-

kojo naujų būdų, kad būtų greičiau, švariau, kad nereikėtų naudoti švino. Ir tokį būdą surado. Tada senųjų mašinų nebeteisė, nebegamino dalių. Viskas turėjo sugriūti. Sugriuvo ir senosios lietuviškų spaustuvių mašinos. Reikėjo pereiti į naują sistemą, kur panaudoti kompiuteriai, kur nebėra švino. Spausdinama ofsetu.

Perėjimas pareikalavo nemažų išlaidų. Laikraščiai ir skelbė vėjus naujom mašinom įsigyti. Ir tų mašinų vis negana, — vis tobulėja spaudos technika.

Sumažėja ir skaitytojai. Gyvenimas juk eina, keičiasi. Iš gyvųjų tarpo pasitraukia spaudos pionieriai, leidėjai, redaktoriai, žurnalistai, skaitytojai. Tad ir reikia rūpintis, kaip praplėsti skaitytojų skaičių, kaip įjungti jaunimą, kad jis pamėgtų lietuviškąją spaudą.

Zinomė iš istorijos, koks didelis yra spaudos vaidmuo. Napoleonas ją vadino bene penktąja pasaulio galybe. Mūsų tautos gyvenime spauda suvaidino nepaprastą vaidmenį. Tik lietuviška

spauda padėjo mum išugdyti tautinę sąmonę ir susiformuoti kaip naujai tautai, kuri nori gyventi savarankiškai, be jokių unijų su lenkais. Nepriklausomos Lietuvos laikais spauda ne tik informavo, bet ir ugdė, lavino, cementavo tautą. "Laikraščiai tai ir tai rašė" — tuo ir gyveno tauta. Gyveno ir laikraščio skelbiamomis idėjomis. O tos idėjos stiprino Lietuvą.

Ir dabar okupuotoje Lietuvoje pagrindžio spauda atliko ir atlieka nepaprastai svarbų vaidmenį — išsaugoja tautos charakterį, išugdo joje jėgą kovoti dėl savo teisių.

Nepaprastą vaidmenį atliko spauda ir lietuvių išeivijoje. Ji palaikė lietuviškas nuotaikas, informavo ir apie Lietuvą ir apie Ameriką, kėlė svarbiausius laiko klausimus. Svarbiausia, ta spauda palaikė lietuviškumą, subūrė mases, kai buvo sprendžiami svarbūs tautos reikalai. Spauda ir buvo tas visada gyvas, visada visus uždegęs lietuviškas žodis.

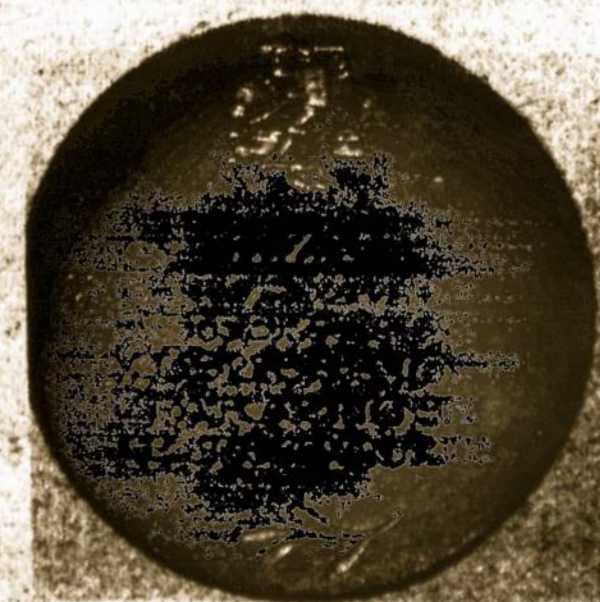
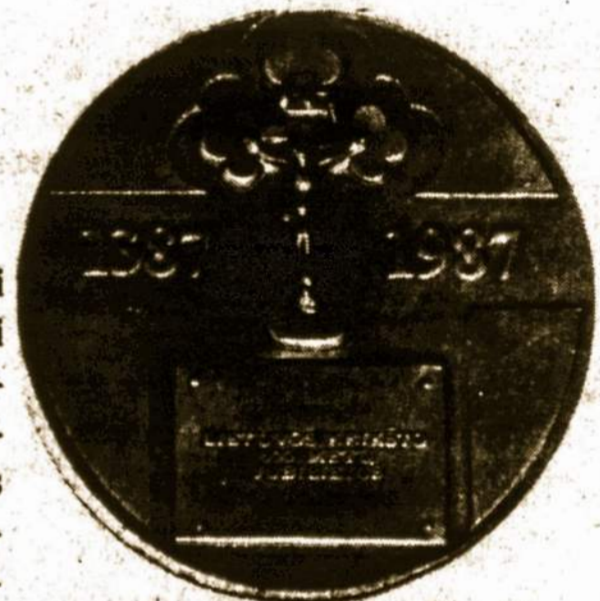
Ir mūsų laikais, kai suskato spauda rašyti vienu ar kitu klausimu, tuoj turėjo reaguoti kiekiausiai Maskvos valdovai. Tik

spaudos, tik nuolatinio klausimo kėlimo ir šaukimo dėka grąžinama Klaipėdos bažnyčia. Tik spauda ir mus visus jungia į lietuvišką bendruomenę ir mus palaiko.

Kiekvienas įsipareigokime savaip paremti lietuvišką spaudą. Paremkime stambesnę auką. Tai tikrai įmanoma. Palyginkime, kiek mes išleidžiame pramogoms, pasisvečiavimams. Nors mažą dalelę to biudžeto atiduokime spaudai.

Būkime nauji spaudos platinotojai, knygnešiai, nes tik mūsų triūsu, mūsų pasiaukojimu ta spauda laikysis ir mus drauge palaikys. Remkime lietuvišką spausdintą žodį, nes jis mūsų stiprybė!

— "Pasaulio Lietuvis" žurnalo redagavimui ir leidimui palengvinti PLB valdyba nutarė įsigyti kompiuterį. Numatyta sistema su priedais kainuos apie 15,000 dol. skaitytojai ir rėmėjai kviečiami prisidėti savo aukomis.



Lietuvos Krikšto sukakties proga Lietuvoje pagamintas specialus medalis. Viršuje sudėti metrikiniai įrašai: 1387 - 1987, po kryžiumi įrašyta: Lietuvos krikšto 600 metų jubiliejus. Apačioje po vytimi įrašyta: Jėzau, Visatos valdove, viešpatauk mūsų šeimose, parapijose ir tėvynėje.

47-sis AMERIKOS LIETUVIŲ TARYBOS SUVAŽIAVIMAS

Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba įsteigė 1940 spalio 15 kai lietuvių tarpsrovinė delegacija, po istorinio vizito pas prezidentą Roosevelt nuvyko į Lietuvos atstovybę ir sudarė tarpsrovinį komitetą — Lietuvai gelbėti tarybą. Kitais metais ta organizacija pasivadino Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba, arba ALT. Keturiasdešimt septynerius metus Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba dirbo ir kovojo, kad priartintų Lietuvos išlaisvinimą.

47-sis metinis suvažiavimas įvyko š.m. spalio 17 Chicagoje, Tautiniuose Namuose. Dalyvavo 44 tarybos nariai, 22 organizacijų atstovai, 10 skyrių atstovų, 8 spaudos atstovai ir 37 svečiai — iš viso — 121. Vadovavo pirmininkas dr. Jonas Valaitis, vicepirmininkai ir iš skyrių — A. Čaplikas (Bostonas), Alg. Pautienis (Clevelandas) ir A. Mažeika (Los Angeles).

Suvažiavimą sveikino VLIKO pirm. dr. K. Bobelis, gen. kons. V. Kleiza (vysk. P. Baltakio sveikinimą perdavė P. Ažuolas) ir eilė organizacijų atstovų. Raštu: Lietuvos atstovas dr. St. Bačkis, vysk. V. Brizgys, PLB pirm. V. Kamantas, JAV LB pirm. V. Volertas, vyčių pirm. Pr. Petrauskas ir kitos organizacijos.

ALTO valdybos nariai, ir skyrių atstovai padarė pranešimus, buvo sudaryta nauja taryba ir valdyba dvejiems metams ir priimta eilė nutarimų. Suvažiavimas prasidėjo 9 v. r. ir baigėsi 5 v. p. p. Vakare buvo banketas.

ALTO tarybą sudaro 14-os organizacijų išrinkti atstovai po septynis iš A. L. R. Katalikų Federacijos, A. L. Socialistų S-gos, A. L. Tautinės S-gos ir A. L. Tautinės Sandaros, po tris iš kitų organizacijų ir po vieną iš kiekvieno skyriaus.

Iš paskirtųjų į tarybą, organizacija taip pat parenka į valdybą po du iš ideologinių organizacijų ir po vieną iš kitų centrinių lietuvių organizacijų. Pareigomis pasiskirsto patys įgalotiniai. Didžiąją darbo našumą neša valdyba. Taryba gi renkasi kartą metuose metiniam suvažiavime. (Priklašama, kad tarybos nariams pavedama per mažai pareigų).

Į naująją 1986 - 89 metų Valdybą įeina: dr. Jonas Valaitis (numatomas pirmininkas), Viktoras Naudzius, Gražvydas Lazauskas (sekr.), dr. Vyt. Dargis, Petras

Bučas, Aleksandras Domanskis, Stasys Dubauskas, Daina Danilevičiūtė-Dumbrienė (ižd.), Vanda Gasparienė, Kazimieras Oksas ir Jonas Šiaučiūnas. Iždo globėjai (kontrolės komisija) Vyt. Abraitis, dr. Algirdas Budreckis, Birutė Skorubskienė ir Vyt. Yucius. ALTO sekretorius G. Lazauskas pranešė, kad iš pareigų pasitraukus pirm. Teodoras Blinstrubui, ižd. M. Pranevičiui ir įstaigos vedėjai I. Blinstrubienei, jų vieton buvo išrinkti dr. Jonas Valaitis, Daina Danilevičiūtė-Dumbrienė ir N. Gerštikienė.

Lėšų klausimas. Iš ižd. D. Dumbrienės ir iždo glob. V. Abraičio pranešimų pasirodė, kad pereinamais metais (1986.X.1 - 1987.IX.30) ALTAS turėjo pajamų 59,314 dol., išlaidų 65,517 dol., kasos balansas 50,624 dol. (sumažėjo 6,203 dol.). Pajamos sumažėjo apie 5,000 dol., o išlaidos padidėjo 2,000 dol. Ieškoma išieities. Yra paruoštas savo fondo projektas. Taip pat pasigendama atitinkamos informacijos ir reklamos. Tuo atžvilgiu kitos organizacijos ALTĄ toli pralenkia. Suvažiavę atstovai iš skyrių kasą papildė 13,000 dol. (New Yorkas atvežė 1,000, o vėliau dar pasiuntė 500 dol.) Stebėtina, kad maži skyriai, IL. — aukoja žymiai daugiau, pav., Rockford, IL atvežė 1,300 dol.

Žvilgsnis į ALTO veiklą. ALTO informacijos vedėjas prel. dr. J. Prunskis redagavo ALTO Informacijos biuletinį, paruošė įvairius memorandumus anglų kalba, parašė daug straipsnių Chicagos didžiuosiuose laikraščiuose, atstovavo etninių grupių sambūriuose, spaudos konferencijose, televizijos programoje ir k.

Sekretorius G. Lazauskas kalbėjo apie išsiųstus tūkstančius laiškų, ir apie Lietuvių Teisėms Ginti Fondą, kurio vedėjas jis yra. Fondas gelbsti nekaltai apkaltintus lietuvius asmeniškai.

ALTO atstovas Washington, dr. Jonas Genys, painformavo apie pačią Jungtinio Pabaltiečių Komiteto (JBANK) veiklą. Tai bendras lietuvių, latvių ir estų komitetas, kuris turi savo įstaigą Washington. Dabar ten dirba dvi nuolatines tarnautojas latvaitė ir lietuvaitė Ginta Palubin-

skaitė. Komitetas dažnai susirenka (20 posėdžių per mestus) pasifarti. Nuolat beldžiamasi į įvairių įstaigų duris, siuntinėjami laiškai, atstovaujama įvairiuose reikaluose, ypač kur liečia visiems pabaltiečiams bendrus reikalus.

JBANK įstaiga persikėlė į naujas patalpas netoli Baltųjų Rūmų kartu su ukrainiečiais. Vasarą čia praktikuoja internistai-studentai. Altas trečdali savo biudžeto, apie 20,000 dol., skiria šiai įstaigai, nors įgalotiniai dr. J. Genys ir G. Vaivadienė dirba be jokio atlyginimo.

Pirmininkas dr. J. Valaitis perėmė pareigas iš T. Blinstrubo kelis mėnesius prieš jo kadencijos pabaigą. Dirbęs 25 m. Alti ir buvęs vicepirmininkas galėjo tęsti darbą be sunkumų. Tarp kitų atliktų darbų dr. J. Valaitis pranešė apie naujo skyriaus Madison, Wisc. įsteigimą, kuris sėkmingai sustabdė Madison ir Vilniaus miestų suporavimą. Altas griežtai priešinas prieš įtraukimą į šį sovietų žaidimą miestų, kurie Sovietams nepriklauso. Apie Madison lietuvių kovą vaizdžiai papasakojo inž. Alg. Čeplėnas, naujojo skyriaus pirmininkas.

Pirmininkas pranešė apie kartu su VLIKU ir JAV LB įsteigtą akcijos komitetą OSI bylų reikalui, kuriam vadovauti pakviestas Ant. Mažeika. Santykiai su VLIKU buvo labai geri, pagerėjo bendravimas ir su JAV L. Bendruomenės valdyba.

ALTAS kaip iki šiol per 47 metus, taip ir toliau budės, reaguos į iškilančias problemas, išlaikys Lietuvos laisvės bylą gyvą ir visiems žinoma (Nepriklausomybės minėjimas JAV Kongrese ir įvairiose vietovėse, Amerikos spaudoje) iki galutinės pergalės.

Visi skyrių atstovai padarė pranešimus. Tikrai įdomūs buvo

tie pranešimai, bet viena yra aišku, kad negalima visos programos sugrūsti į vieną dieną. Po skyrių pranešimų nebeliko laiko svarstymams įvairių aktualių klausimų, pagalvoti ir paieškoti naujų kelių, net mesti platesnį ir gilesnį žvilgsnį į pasaulio politinę padėtį ir Lietuvos vietą.

Baigiant suvažiavimą Teodoras Blinstrubas ir Vladas Šimaitis buvo pakelti į garbės narius.

Rezoliucijų komisija — Ona

Jokubaitienė, Juozas Jurkus ir Stasys Dubauskas, pasiūlė priimti eilę nutarimų. Jie buvo išdiskutuoti ir priimti. Štai pora jų:

Bendravimai su okupuotos Lietuvos pareigūnais yra nepateisinami... ryšio palaikymas bei ekonominė pagalba giminėms ir kovojančiai rezistencijai yra labai svarbi ir reikalinga. Mūsų pareiga padėti kovojančiai tautai. Suvažiavimas, kreipiasi į prezidentą Ronald Reagan, kad jis paskirtų ypatingą komisiją ir kad būtų ištirta kodėl vyksta glaudus bendradarbiavimas tarp OSI ir KGB.

Vakare toje pačioje Tautinių Namų salėje įvyko banketas prel. dr. Juozui Prunskui pagerbti jo 80 metų sukakties ir į prelatus pakėlimo proga. Jubilato gyvenimą gražiai apibūdino J. Jurkūnas. Jo straipsniai sudarytų 25 storus tomus, parašė 36 knygas. Jis mūsų žurnalistų dekanas, šviesus, taktiškas niekada nepailstantis gyvenimą paskyręs Lietuvai ir Bažnyčiai. Programai vadovavo M. Marcinkienė. Buvo daug sveikinimų. Dainavo olistė A. Gaižiūnienė, fortrepijonu palydint R. Mockui. Svečių buvo pilnutėlė salė — apie 300.

Petras Ažuolas

— Vytauto Beliajaus 80 metų amžiaus sukaktį plačiai paminėjo dienraštis "Denver Post", straipsnį užvardindamas "Mr. Folk Dance USA". Pažymėtina, kad V. Beliajus jau daugelį metų leidžia anglų kalboje tautinių šokių žurnalą "Viltis", kuriame apibūdinami įvairių tautų tautiniai šokiai ir šokėjai.

— Kun. Aleksandras Goldikovskis pakeltas į prelatus. Jis yra Clevelando latvių katalikų dvasinis vadovas, jiems aukojas mišias kiekvieną mėnesį Dievo Motinos bažnyčioje.

— Margučio radijo pakviesti muz. Arvydas Paltinas ir sol. Nelė Paltinienė ir šiemet sėkmingai atliko JAV lietuvių kolonijose pramoginių dainų programas. Jie koncertavo Bostone, Baltimorėje, Omahoje, Chicagoje ir Detroite. Ateinančiais metais Margutis vėl planuoja Paltinų pasikviesti iš Vakarų Vokietijos ir jų koncertus surengti Kanados miestuose, Chicagoje ir kitur.



Vliko seimas įvyko spalio 9 - 11 Montrealyje. Nuotrauka iš spalio 10 darbo posėdžio. Darbo prezidiume: iš k. kalba Vliko pirmininkas dr. K. Bobelis, prie stalo sėdi: K. Burba, St. Jakaitis, V. Šauliūnas, P. Narutis. Sekretariate sėdi: O. Jokūbaitienė, M. Prancevičius, L. Girinis-Norvaiša, dr. J. Stiklorius. Nuotr. Liudo Tamošaičio

NAUJA REZOLIUCIJA PABALTĖJO REIKALU EUROPOS PARLAMENTE

Spalio 15 d. Europos Parlamentas Stasburge vieningai priėmė Pasaulio Pabaltiečių Santalkos iniciatyva įvestą rezoliuciją dėl "Pabaltijo valstybių situacijos". Už rezoliuciją balsavo 151 atstovas, o susilaikė 15.

Rezoliucijoje kreipiamasi į Sovietų Sąjungą, kad ji labiau gerbtų laisvą apsisprendimą ir žmogaus teises Pabaltijo kraštuose. Pagrindą rezoliucijai davė š.m. rugpjūčio 23 dienos demonstracijos Vilniuje, Rygoje ir Taline. Šį kartą ir socialistų frakcija pilnai rėmė rezoliuciją. Rezoliucijoje Europos Parlamentas reikalauja, kad Europos Bendruomenės užsienio reikalų ministrai dėtų visas pastangas, kad Baltų klausimas būtų keliamas šiuo metu Vienoje vykstančioje CSCE Konferencijoje, ir abišaliuose pasitarimuose su Sovietų Sąjunga vyriausybe. Parlamento priimtoji rezoliucija taip pat reikalauja, kad Europos Bendruomenės masinės spaudos, televizijos ir kt. tarnybos atkreiptų daugiau dėmesio į Pabaltijo klausimą, kad Pabaltijo

kraštų likimas ir jų pagrįsti laisvės reikalavimai nebūtų užmiršti.

Si rezoliucija yra Pasaulio Pabaltiečių Santalkos Europos biuro iniciatyvos vaisius. Ji Parlamentui pristatė Olandijos delegatė, Mrs. Elise Boot. Rezoliucijos tekstas buvo suformuluotas įvairių frakcijų pasitarimų

— Dailininkas Vladas Meiškenas, gyvenantis Australijoje, yra pagarsėjęs portretistas. Šiuo metu tapo aktorės Sue Cruikshank portretą, kuris konkurencinėje "Doug Moran" portretų parodoje rungtyniaus su kitų dailininkų sukurtais portretais. Jis 1953 yra laimėjęs pirmąją premiją už "Tapytojo šeima", 1958 religinio meno parodoje "Blake Prize" jo kūrinys "Kristaus galva" atžymėtas "Highly commended" žymeniu, o šiais metais už Donald Fried portretą "Daily Telegraph" kritikas pavadino jį genijum.

— Dr. Pr. Budininkas, chemikas, buvo plačiai paminėtas Cicero "Life" biznio - industrijos skyriuje, kaip išradėjas. Jo septintasis užpatentuotas išradimas — kaip išmetamas benzinių, dyzelinių ir turbininių mašinų dujas paversti geriamu vandeniu. Šį procesą paruošė drauge su savo bendradarbiu Gard of Niles kompanijai, Chamberlain Mfg. Corp. of Elmhurst, kur jis dirbo kaip cheminio ir aplinkos apsaugos skyriaus vedėjas. Dabar jau pensininkas, bet vis dar talkina taršos ir aplinkos apsaugos srityje, kaip konsultantas.

metu. Šiuo keliu eidama Pasaulio Pabaltiečių Santalkos atstovybė susilaukė tokio vieningo atgarsio ir tokių teigiamų rezultatų.

(Elta)



Amerikos jungtinės tautinių šokių grupės mergaitės atlieka Blezdingėlę Šv. Petro aikštėje Romoje krikščionybės jubiliejaus minėjimo proga.



Dr. Stasys A. Bačkis š.m. lapkričio mėn. 15 d. dėl ne sveikatos pasitraukė iš Lietuvos atstovo pareigų Washingtono. Jis lieka ir toliau Lietuvos pasiuntinybės sąrašė su diplomatinėmis privilegijomis.



Stasys Lozoraitis, Jr., š.m. lapkričio 15 perėmė Lietuvos atstovo pareigas Washingtono, iš tų pareigų pasitraukus dr. S. A. Bačkiiui. St. Lozoraitis lieka ir toliau Lietuvos atstovu ir prie Šv. Sosto.

—LIETUVIŲ DOVANA POPIEŽIUI PRIEŠ ŠEŠIASDEŠIMT METŲ

Šiomet popiežius Jonas Paulius II iš lietuvių gavo visokiausių dovanų. Dovanų dekoratyvines žvakes, tautines juostas, paveikslus, knygas. Įdomu, kur visa tai paskui sudeda. Dalis jų tikriausiai patenka į Vatikano muziejų, kitos dovanos išskirstomos Vatikano rūmų platybėse.

Vatikano muziejuje yra keleta eksponatų, patekusių anksčiau. 1927 metais, tai yra, prieš 60 metų, iš Lietuvos į Romą nuvyko tretininkų ekskursija. Jai vadovavo tėv. Pranciškus Bizauskas, OFM. Jie ten lankė bazilikas, bažnyčias, katakombas, šventas vietas. Lankė ir Vatikaną, matė

MAIRONIO MINĖJIMAS VILNIUJE

Spalio 26 Lietuvos valstybinėje akademinėje dramos teatre įvyko iškilmingas didžiojo lietuvių poeto Maironio gimimo 125-ųjų metų minėjimas. Dainiaus atminimo pagerbimui susirinko rašytojai, mokslininkai, pedagogai, darbininkai ir jaunimas.

Minėjimą atvyko aukštieji Lietuvos komunistų partijos pareigūnai ir darbuotojai, kultūros veikėjai, svečiai iš Maskvos ir kitų respublikų, dvasiškijos ir vi-suomenės atstovai.

— Jolanta Janavičienė menininkė — keramikė, gyvenanti Sydney, Australijoje, savo paskutiniųjų metų darbus buvo išstaciūsi parodai Melbourne The Craft Center populiaroje meno galerijoms vietoje.

ir popiežių Pijų XI.

Iš Lietuvos jie vežėsi dovaną, kurią buvo parengę tretininkai. Tai buvo pačių tretininkų rankomis pagamintas albumas. Raidės buvo išaustos lietuviškų audinių fone, aplinkui lietuviškos juostos, lietuviškas įrišimas.

Albumo viršuje lotynu kalba įrašyta dedikacija, to įrašo mintis tokia: "Šventajam Tėvui Pijui XI — meilės rankdarbėlis, padarytas Lietuvos tretininkų rankomis 1927".

Šioje nuotraukoje ir matome to albumo viršelį su dedikacijos įrašu.

Minėjimą pradėjo Lietuvos rašytojų sąjungos valdybos pirmininkas A. Maldonis. Kalbėjo Maironio kūrybos tyrinėtoja dr. prof. Vanda Zobarskaitė apie Maironį kaip menininką, suėmusį epochos dvasią ir nepaprastą meninę jėgą išsakyti, kas buvo gyvybingiausia tuo metu. Dar kalbėjo poetas S. Geda, Lietuvos literatūros tarybos prie TSRS rašytojų sąjungos pirm. prof. L. Ozerov, latvių rašytoja M. Svirė, Raseinių rajono Betygalos Maironio vardo vidurinės mokyklos mokytojas A. Juška, svečias iš Kijevo, Maironio paminėjimo Ukrainoje komisijos pirmininkas, poetas ir kritikas D. Belous.

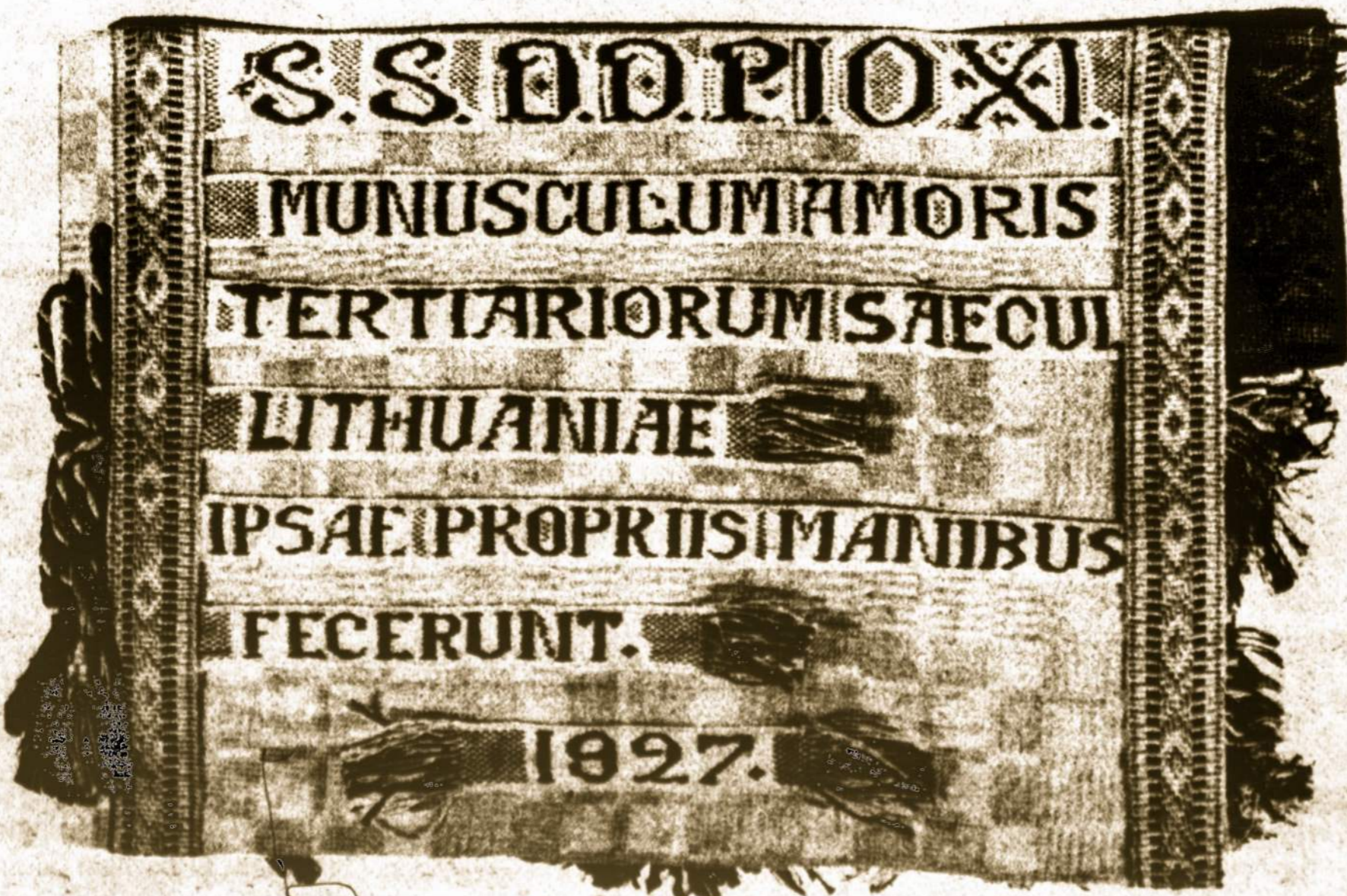
Liaudies poetas Justinas Marcinkevičius perskaitė ciklą eilėraščių "Pavasario balsai Pasandravy", kurį sukūrė Maironio jubiliejui.

Po iškilmingos dalies įvyko koncertas. Dalyvavo M. K. Čiurlionio meno mokyklos jaunųjų smuikininkų ansamblis, vadovaujamas nusipelnusio mokytojo A. Šerno, valstybinis Kauno choras, vadovaujamas nusipelnusio meno veikėjo P. Bingelio, TSRS liaudies artistas solistas E. Kaniava, Maironio eilėraščių skaitė dramos nusipelnę artistai D. Kazragytė, R. Butkevičius, T. Vaisieta ir aktoriai G. Storpirstis ir P. Venslovas, Lietuvos kamerinis orkestras, vadovaujamas TSRS liaudies artisto S. Sondeckio. Vilniaus universiteto folklorinis ansamblis "Ratilis", liaudies dainų atlikėja nusipelnusi artistė V. Pavilionienė, baleto solistai Lietuvos nusipelnę artistai L. Bartusevičytė ir J. Katakinas, liaudies artistas Ch. Potašinskas, nusipelnusi artistė S. Trimakaitė ir nusipelnęs kolektyvas "Lietuva" ansamblis, vadovaujamas liaudies artisto P. Budriaus.

Koncertą režisavo nusipelnusi artistė N. Krotkutė, dailininkė — V. Idzelytė.

Maironio jubiliejiniai minėjimai numatyti Kaune, Kijeve ir dar keliose vietose. Vilniuje bus viena gatvė pavadinta jo vardu.

Maironio minėjimas plačiai aprašytas straipsniu "Pagerbtas didžiojo poeto atminimas" Vilniaus "Tiesoje" spalio 27 dienos laidoje.



Lietuvos tretininkų 1927 metais popiežiui Pijui XI dovanotas albumas.

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One Resolution At A Time

Ring out the old and ring in the new,
But don't make too many resolutions whatever you do.
They're easy to make and much easier to break,
So resolve very carefully and don't make a mistake.

The soul is willing, but the flesh is weak,
Words come too easily, so be a little meek.
You should make but one, and make it last
For temptation steps in awfully fast.

Watching others smoke when you've resolved you're through
Can give you more pain than a very tight shoe.
You had your last drink, you'll take no more,
But beware of the devil behind the door.

He'll push and he'll shove and he won't give in
'Til he sees you pick up that first glass of gin.
He'll twirl his tail and his eyes will shine bright
When your very first cigarette he watches you light.
The gooey dessert and the luscious cream pie
Are something he knows you'll never pass by.

When all are asleep and snug in bed
He knows what thoughts run through your head.
Into the kitchen you so softly creep
The others may — but the devil doesn't sleep.
He helps you so carefully to open the door
Of that big 'lectric box loaded with goodies galore.

As you down the pie, the ice cream and Coke
And sit back in your chair and light up a smoke
The sound of laughter fills your ears
Who can it be — they're all upstairs?

You can't see his smile, you can't see his face
But you sense that the devil is in this place
You blow out the match and crush that weed
Just one resolution is all you need.

One battle at a time is all you can win
Let this year be cigarettes, next year gin.
Don't take on more than you can chew
Or Satan will surely win over you.

—*Florence Eckert*

Obituaries

Justinas Jasmantas - Lge 48

(1508 S. 49th Ave.)

(Cicero, Ill.)

5103 W. 23rd St.

Chicago, Ill. 60650

Died: 11-21-87

Buried: 11-25-87

St. Casimir's Cemetery

Petrone Malaskeviciene

(Della Malesky) - Lge. 222

136 Walden Ave.

Buffalo, NY 14211

Died: 10-21-87

Buried: 10-24-87

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

Cheektowaaga, NY

Janina Sestakauskas - Lge 85

4543 S. Fairfield Ave.

Chicago, Ill. 60632

Died: 11-26-87

Buried: 11-30-87

St. Casimir's Cemetery

Chicago, Ill.

Anthony Gelwich - Lge 54

1343 Quarry N.W.

Grand Rapids, Mich. 49504

Died: 11-17-87

Buried: 11-20-87

SS. Peter and Paul Cemetery

Grand Rapids, MI

Ursule Suopys - Lge 10

729 Kings Highway

Moorestown, NJ

Died: 11-21-87

Buried: 11-24-87

Ressurrection Cemetery

Bensalem, PA

Mildred Ciupinski - Lge 17

R.D. #1, Coolidge, Box 205-B

Pittston, PA 18643

Died: 12-12-87

Buried: 12-15-87

Holy Trinity Cemetery

Bear Creek, PA.

Letters

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find my payment of my premium dues for one year, January 1, 1988, to December.

I want to thank you for the paper "GARSAS" that you send me. I am Lithuanian by birth. Interesting reading.

Sincerely, Anna Dunn, Arlington, Mass.

Dear Editor:

Thank you very much for the article in the September issue of Garsas regarding our search for names of Lithuanians who arrived in the United States before World War I.

The response has been most gratifying.

Again, thank you for your generous uspoort.

Sincerely, Mildred Kletz (Genealogist)
Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture