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Four LCA Family Members Attain Eagle Status with Scouts



NEIL MacDONALD

Thomas MacDonald, 18 of West Scranton PA recently became an Eagle Scout during a ceremony at the Jackson Street Baptist Church.

Tom follows in the footsteps of his three older brothers, Neil, Greg and Brian all of whom won this coveted rank during the time of their scouting days.

The four boys are the only children of Neil and Dorothy MacDonald, Filmore Ave. Scranton, PA.

Tom, a 1988 graduate of Scranton Preparatory School, was approved for Eagle Scout by BSA's national headquarters in May. He entered Cub Pack 4 in 1978 and Boy Scout Troop 4 in 1981.

He earned the mile swim award as well as 12 skill awards and 24 merit badges as a Boy Scout. He also served as assistant patrol leader, patrol leader and assistant senior patrol



BRIAN MacDONALD

leader.

At Prep, he lettered in football for three years, played on the school's baseball team for two years and participated in track in his senior year.

An altar boy for 10 years at St. Michael's Church he will enter Wilkes College this fall, will major in business, and play on the school's football team.

His oldest brother, Neil, 22, was a 1984 honors graduate at Prep, where he played varsity football and earned a listing in "Who's Who Among American High School Students".

He entered Cub Pack 4 in 1977 and became Eagle Scout in 1983. He earned 31 merit badges and nine skill awards as a scout, including the mile swim award. He also earned the Ad Altare Dei religious award and belonged to the Amah'hai Lodge 542, Order of the Arrow.

He graduated in 1988 from



GREG MacDONALD

the University of Scranton with a bachelor's degree in political science. He is due to enter the University of Miami Law School, Coral Gables, Fla., in August.

Greg, 21, is a JUNIOR at Drexel University in Philadelphia, where he majors in mechanical engineering. A member of the school's cross-country track team, he works at RCA Corporation in Camden, NJ.

A 1985 Prep graduate he lettered four years in cross-country and track and worked with underprivileged children in West Virginia as part of the school summer service program.

He joined Cub Pack 4 in 1975 and Boy scout Troop 4 in 1978. He earned Eagle Scout designation in 1985, having earned 26 merit badges and nine skill awards. He also earned the Ad Altare Dei award and belonged to the Amah'hai Lodge.



THOMAS MacDONALD

Brian, 19, graduated from Prep in 1987. He was a member of the National Honor Society and recipient of the Cavalier Award in both cross-country and track, serving as co-captain of both teams in his senior year.

He also received the Presidential Academic fitness Award while at Prep and earned a listing in "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

He is presently a sophomore at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, where he majors in materials engineering and where he earned a Trustee's Scholarship.

He joined Cub Pack 4 in 1977, Boy scout Troop 4 in 1980 and became an Eagle Scout in 1987. He earned 12 skill awards and 27 merit badges and was a member of the Amah'hai Lodge.

The MacDonalds are members of Lodge 155, Scranton, George Sadauckas, Secretary-Treasurer.

Most Rev. Vincentas Sladkevicius

Pope Names New Lithuanian Cardinal

Undoubtedly the most dramatic appointment among the twenty-five new Cardinals designated May 30 by Pope John Paul is the Most Rev. Vincentas Sladkevicius Apostolic Administrator of Kaisiadorys, in Soviet-Occupied Lithuania.

Why was this obscure prelate named to the highest honors in the Roman Catholic Church, under the Pope himself?

Usually named to receive the red hat are the spiritual heads of significant dioceses, (like Archbishop James A. Hickey of Washington, D.C.), or high Vatican officials (such as Achille Silvestrini, Vatican "foreign minister").

Ordained as Auxiliary to the Bishop of Kaisiadorys in 1957, Bishop Sladkevicius was immediately impeded by the Soviet government from performing his duties, and in 1959 banished

to virtual house arrest in an obscure village outside his diocese.

Only in 1982, after long negotiations between the Holy See and the Kremlin, was Sladkevicius allowed by the Soviet government to resume his office.

Sladkevicius, 67, is Lithuania's first known Cardinal in modern times. There were three others, in the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries.

Bishop Vincentas Sladkevicius, is the second Cardinal known to be named for the Soviet Union. The Most Rev. Julijans Vaivods, Apostolic Administrator of Riga Latvia, was elevated by John Paul in 1983. A secret Cardinal (in pectore) is widely rumored to be Lithuanian Bishop Julijonas Steponavicius, Apostolic Administrator of Vilnius Lithuania.

The title of Apostolic Administrator is indicative of the

strained relations between Church and state in the U.S.S.R. It places the diocese more directly under papal authority than the appointment of a resident Ordinary, the arrangement under normal conditions.

Even though exiled, like Bishop Sladkevicius, from his Archdiocese of Vilnius for 27 years, Bishop Steponavicius is considered by many to be the greatest moral authority in the Church of Lithuania today.

According to the Lithuanian Information Center, Lithuanian Catholics world-wide are acclaiming the choice of Bishop Sladkevicius. The newly appointed Sladkevicius is a humble man in frail health. He is reportedly fluent in Latin German, English, Italian, Russian, Polish and Latvian.

(Photo Lithuanian section page 8,) (Lith. Info. Center)

6000 Demonstrators Mark Deportations

About 6,000 demonstrators gathered peacefully at a main square in the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius to mark the mass deportations of 1941, when an estimated 36,000 Lithuanians were deported during June 14-21.

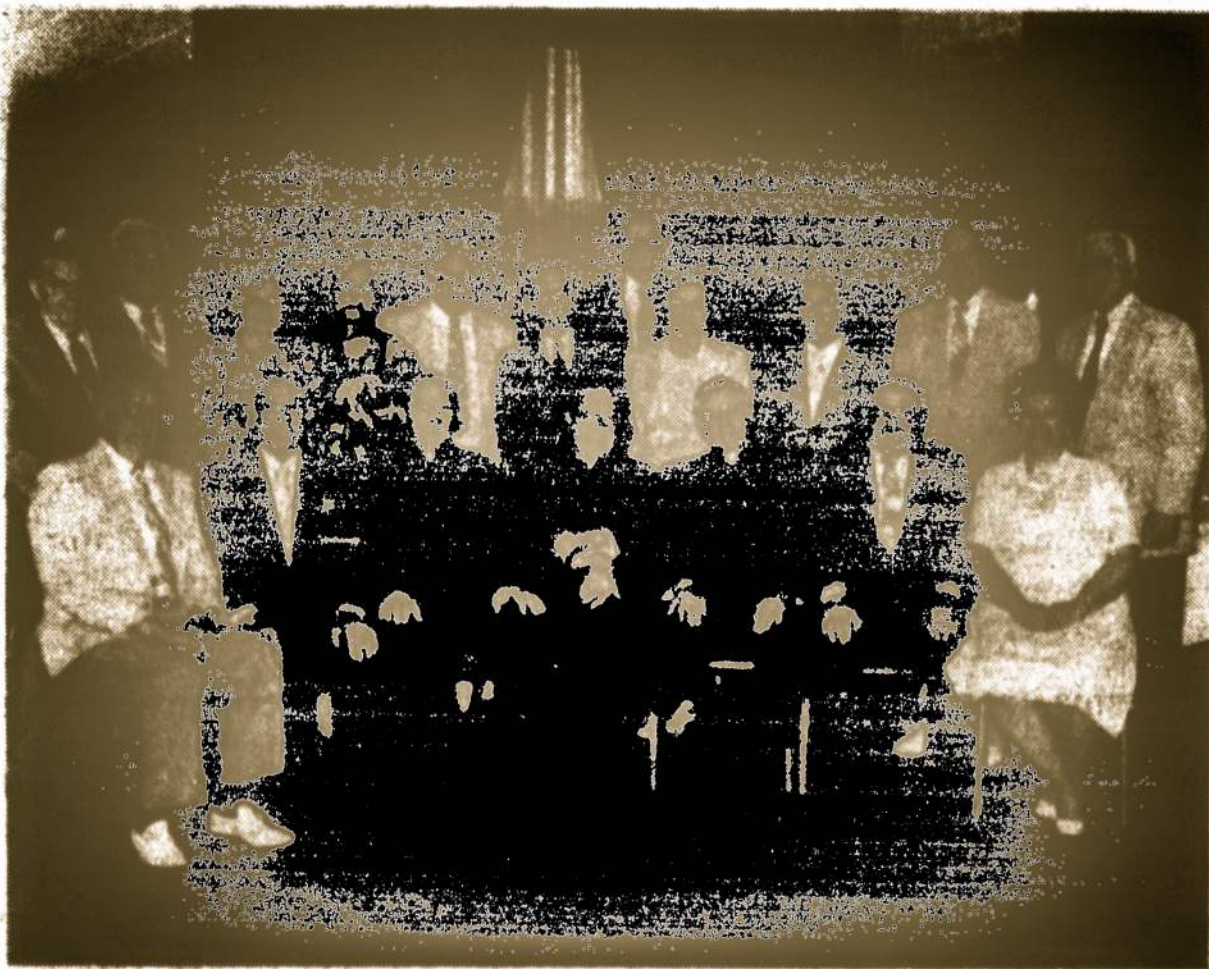
One of the rally organizers Mr. Antanas Terleckas, told Lithuanian Information Center by phone today that the demonstrators crossed police lines to hear speeches on the steps of the Vilnius Cathedral condemning the Stalinist deportations. Unlike at previous demonstrations organized by Mr. Terleckas and other dissidents, the organizers were neither placed under house arrest nor detained at KGB headquarters. Telephone communications with the West were, however blocked. Demonstrators were also filmed and photographed by Soviet security agents.

At least eight speakers addressed the crowd, heatedly relaying their personal deportation experiences and demanding that those who participated in them be brought to justice. One speaker, Fr. Rokas Puzonas, called for the return of the Vilnius Cathedral, converted by the Soviets into an art museum. The hour-and-a-half long program was peppered with denunciations of the Soviet occupation of Lithuania, anti-Soviet poetry, religious hymns, patriotic songs and chants of "Freedom, Freedom, Freedom".

At one point the tri-color flag of independent Lithuania was prominently displayed on the speaker's platform for a half-hour, but removed, against the wishes of the crowd, by KGB agents. Two people involved in the flag-raising, Mr. Leonas Laurinskas and Mrs. Genute Sakaliene, were detained but released a few hours later. (L.I.C.)

Edmund G. Godek, Pres., Polish National Union of America; Henry J. Dende, Pres., Polish Union of USA; Jerry Pronko, Vice-Pres., Ukrainian Fraternal Association.

Fraternals Week Celebrated With Dinner



Principals who attended the Fraternal Week Dinner: Seated left to right: George Sadauckas, Trustee, Lithuanian Catholic Alliance; Stephen J. Kavulich, PA. Slovak Catholic Union; Rev. John L. Fabian, Chaplain PAS. Slovak Catholic Union Rev. J.A. Panuska, S.J. Pres University of Scranton Guest Speaker; Rev John Swantek, Polish National Union of America; Milan Krupa, National Slovak Society & Pres. Fraternal of N.E. PA.; Charlotte L. Androckitis, Gen. Sec., Polish Union U.S.A. & Secretary-Treasurer Fraternal of N.E. PA.

Standing Left To Right: Frank Katilus, 1st Vice-Pres. Lithuanian Catholic Alliance; Charles Lisosky, Executive Director Lithuanian Catholic Alliance; Cecelia Sarocky, Pres., Ladies PA. Slovak Catholic Union; Terri Rumensky, Director & Fraternal activities Coordinator Polish Union of U.S.A.; Bernard Golubiewski, Secretary, Russian Orthodox Catholic Mutual Aid Society; Joseph A. Zak, 1st Vice-Pres Polish Union of USA; Andrew Dennis, Pres., Russian Orthodox Catholic Mutual Aid Society; Cecelia Wysocki, Ladies PA. Slovak Catholic Union;

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Bush Urges Release of Political Prisoner, Grazulis

In a July 10 speech, Vice President George Bush urged that political prisoner, Petras Grazulis be released. Letters signed by 34 U.S. Senators and 51 Congressmen have been sent to Soviet officials. Human rights groups such as Amnesty International, Helsinki Watch, Coalition for Solidarity with Christians in the U.S.S.R. and Christian Solidarity International have also taken up Grazulis's defense.

Grazulis has been serving a 10 month term in labor camp according to the Lithuanian Information Center and has been transferred from Lithuania to

Lithuanian Flag May Be Granted Official Status

100,000 people gathered in Vilnius' Virgis Park recently to meet with XIX party delegates, according to official sources in Lithuania.

Citizens from around the country attended the open meeting called by the initiative Group in Support of Perestroika, a group of leading intellectuals, who support Gorbachev's reform drive. Even though the initiative Group includes party members, the demonstration was not announced in advance in the Soviet press as planned, the New York-based Lithuanian Information Center has learned. In Lithuania, party leaders have been less active in promoting economic and political autonomy than in Estonia and Latvia. The initiative Group has call for Lithuanian autonomy over its internal affairs.

Standing in front of a banner baring national symbols and

Soviet News Agency Criticized

Shouting "Lies, lies" and "For shame, for shame", about 1,500 Lithuanians staged a demonstration outside the Vilnius offices of ELTA on June 29 to protest the Lithuanian/Soviet news agency's biased coverage of a rally held in Gedimas Square. According to independent sources, the June 24 send-off rally for 19th Soviet party conference delegates was attended

Mordovia.

In a July 28 statement to the U.S.S.R. Procurator General, a committee established to defend Petras Grazulis reported that the 29-year-old Lithuanian was sent from Pravieniskes labor camp, near Kaunas, Lithuania, to a camp in Mordovia, the location of which Lithuanian camp officials refused to disclose.

Grazulis was tried in February for declining to report for military reserve duty on the grounds that his Roman Catholic faith was persecuted and because he considered his country, Lithuania, to be under foreign occupation. He spent approxi-

proclaiming the "Movement to Support Perestroika", Lithuanian Central Committee member and delegate Algirdas Brazauskas said the Supreme Soviet Presidium is considering granting official status to the Lithuanian flag which flew over the Baltic state before its incorporation into the Soviet Union in 1940. As Brazauskas made the announcement, a giant Lithuanian flag of three broad stripes of yellow, green and scarlet, was unfurled behind him on the speaker's platform, to the rear of the crowd. The Estonian national flag was granted official status on June 25.

Brazauskas reportedly announced that persons unknown has severed the lines of three flagpoles which were to bear the flags of independent Lithuania, the Soviet Lithuanian flag and the flag of the Soviet Union.

(L.I.C.)

by about 50,000. ELTA and TASS said only 10,000 attended the gathering.

The crowd broke into wild applause when musicologist Vytautas Landsbergis, one of the most respected leaders in the Movement, suggested that ELTA change its name from "the telegraph agency" to the "liars' agency".

(L.I.C.)

mately five months in the Pravienskis labor camp during which time according to the defense committee statement, he endured threats of violence from camp officials and was forced to spend one month in solitary confinement.

"Having failed to break Petras Grazulis through the inhumane conditions of solitary confinement, (the authorities) hope to crush his spirit by removing him from his homeland..." says the statement signed by Nijole Sadunaite, Robertas Grigas, Fr. Kazmieras Grazulis, Valery Senderov, and Alexander Ogorodnikov, "We protest the

transfer of this prisoner of conscience from Lithuania and consider it to be one more means by the regime to impose severity" on Grazulis.

A reliable source in Lithuania reports that Grazulis's friends believe his transfer to Mordovia was an act of revenge by Soviet officials who have come under fire from the West for their treatment of him.

The case of Grazulis, whose political trial was the first one known to have occurred in Lithuania since the onset of Mikhail Gorbachev's glasnost policy has attracted considerable attention. (L.I.C.)

Father Tamkevicius Sent Into Exile Father Svarinkas Freed

Leading Lithuanian Catholic priest Father Sigitas Tamkevicius was sent into exile from labor camp last month, reports Lithuanian Information Center. He is now living at 636310 Tomskaya oblast, Krivosheinsky rajon, p-o Volodino, der Starosainakova.

The 49 year old priest was in transit for close to a month; he left the Urals on May 18 and arrived in Volvocino on June 13. There he was taken to Starosainakova village, where he now reportedly works on a pig farm. According to his letter, just received in Lithuania, Tamkevicius has been assigned to room with two drunkards in unsanitary living accommodations. On June 20, he underwent a hernia operation.

The former pastor of Kybartai parish in Lithuania was sentenced to 6 years strict regime labor camp and 4 years exile in December 1983 for his part as a founding member of the Catholic Committee for the Defense of Believer's Rights in Lithuania, an unofficial group which documented Soviet violations of religious rights in Lithuania. Among the charges filed against him..."inciting young people to take part in anti-social acts", this in reference to a Christmas party Tamkevicius organized for par-

ish youth.

Fr. Tamkevicius' sentence was reduced last year and he is now due to be released in May 1990. Twice brought to Vilnius during his imprisonment to sign a confession, he steadfastly refused on grounds of innocence.

Fellow Lithuanian Catholic priest Father Alfonsas Svarinkas was unexpectedly freed from Perm 35 camp and returned to Lithuania on July 15. Svarinkas was conditionally released after agreeing to emigrate to West Germany.

He expects to leave Lithuania for the Federal Republic of Germany within the next few weeks. The 63 year old Roman Catholic priest recieved his visa on August 1 and plans to arrive in Frankfurt, W. Germany on Aug. 23 through the courtesy of the West German Foreign Ministry the Lithuanian Information center in New York has learned from Father Antanas Bunga, Director of the Lithuanian Apostolate in West Germany.

Father Svarinkas was released after serving half of a 10 year sentence, on the condition that he emigrate to the West. Due to failing health he agreed to move to West Germany as the guest of the Bishop of Augsburg Josef Stimpfle.

(Lith. Info. Center)

M.E. Donar Receives National, International Honors

(Editors note)

The following article was taken from the ALPHA NU'S NEWS, Published by the Alpha Nu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, National Honor Society of Nursing.

We are proud to print such a notable account of one of the members of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance. Congratulations Mary Elizabeth Donar!

Member Profile: Mary Elizabeth Donar, RN, BSN, written by an educator of the Villanova Graduate Department. She Quotes, "The joys of teaching include not only being a part of the student's learning process, but also following her progress as a graduate. You soon realize that the characteristics of the individual student propel her to become an accomplished and respected professional."

Since graduating in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Mary Elizabeth has made a significant contribution to the nursing profession. Her multi-paged curriculum vitae enumerates experience as teacher, provider of care, case finder and leader.

While progressing from associate to primary to head nurse in the Intermediate Pediatric Care Unit of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Mary's interest focused on those with respiratory problems. Mary's knowledge and skills as a nursing specialist with hospital-based-ventilator-dependent children was expanded to include caring for those children at home, as well as counseling of parents of critically and chronically ill children. From 1985-1987 she was administrator, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Ventilator-Assisted children-Home Program, and Nurse Clinician, Department of Anesthesia and Critical Care, CHOP. While in these positions Mary was a frequent presenter at conferences and lectures. Mary's current position is Administrative Director, Division of Critical Services, Alfred A. DuPont Institute, Wilmington, Delaware.

Beyond providing direct care, counseling, and education to these patients and their families, Mary has presented 80 lectures



Pictured above is a representative of the Medical Society of Poland presenting Mary Elizabeth with the Nicholas Copernicus Medal at a special meeting in Poland.

and/or seminars in Philadelphia and 12 states. She has served as a consultant/site visitor to numerous institutions, programs and individuals on hospital-based and home care programs for ventilator-dependant children and their families. Other professional activities include membership in the Pediatric Lung Disease Committee of the American Lung Association, advisory committee of SKIP (Sick Kids Need Involved People), and participant by invitation to various task forces and workshops.

On the international front, Mary has been actively involved with project Hope. "One of the most exciting nursing experiences I have ever had was the three day nursing conference I co-ordinated in Poland in 1987." One hundred and sixty nurses from throughout Poland attended presentations and workshops on the latest techniques in providing nursing care to hospitalized infants and children. As the first nursing conference of its kind in Poland, Mary believes, "We made a significant contribution to the development and history of nursing in Poland." Mary plans to return to Poland in the Fall, which will be her 10th trip to follow up the procedures.

While an undergraduate student Mary was named in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and was inducted into the Alpha Nu Chapter of STT. Mary has served the Chapter as representative to the 1979

Biennial Convention in Seattle and as chairperson of the Awards and Scholarship Committee. In 1987 she received the Chapter's Award for Excellence in Nursing Practice.

Other honors awarded in 1986 were the mention in Who's Who in American Nursing and a Medal commemorating the 55th Anniversary of the Birth of Nicholas Copernicus in honor of the contribution to the development of pediatric critical care education in Poland.

An avid Villanova basket ball fan, Mary holds a season ticket, traveling to many games. Traveling for fun and work, skiing and attending concerts fill her rare spare moments.

Mary's beliefs about nursing have certainly been reflected in her activities up to this point: "I'm excited about nursing. I think nursing practice is growing, expanding and developing in many positive ways. Nurses have contribution to make in so many areas.... nurses are integral members of multidisciplinary health care."

Mary Elizabeth Donar is the daughter of Leocadia Donoravich, Treasurer of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance. Mary herself is a member of the Alliance and has attended many of the Conventions, and served on the Youth Committee. Other family members having memberships in the Alliance include her Dad, Frank; Grandma, Clementine Zemaitis; brother David; and aunt, Sister Marie Elizabeth the Sisters of St. Ann's Convent, Scranton PA.



Pictured is Mary Elizabeth Donar with her Mother and Dad at the 100th Anniversary Dinner of the LCA held in 1986 at the Gus Gennetti Motor Inn in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Kozerski's Celebrate 55th Anniversary . . .



Mr. and Mrs. John Kozerski

Mr. and Mrs. John Kozerski, 35 Hildale Ave., Plains, PA will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 2.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered on Saturday, October 1 at St. Francis Church, Miners Mills where the couple were united in marriage. Reverend John J. Kazlauskas will be celebrant.

The couple has three children, William, Plains, PA.; Leonard, Westchester, Ohio; and John Jr. Plains, PA. They have eleven grandchildren and 4 great-grand children with another great-grandchild due in September and one due in November.

We Get Visitors

From time to time we get visitors at the home office who are vacationing in the area and stop by for information on Lithuania or to pick up Lithuanian Books.

This past month we were visited by three very attractive young ladies. One gal was local and the two others were from Topeka, Kansas.

The local girl, Julie Ireland moved to this area two years ago when her husband David who works for the Post Office was transferred to Wilkes-Barre.

Mary and Kathleen Masi-lonis, cousins of Julie still live in Kansas in the neighborhood where they and Julie grew up together. Julie misses Kansas

Mr. and Mrs. Kozerski recently visited their grandson, Bruce offensive lineman currently playing center for the Cincinnati Bengals.

The visit marked a special occasion for the Kozerski family. Bruce and his wife presented them with their fifth great-grandson, Matthew Bruce, making it four generations of boys for the Kozerskis.

A stop was made in Winchester, Ohio to visit another son, Leonard and his family.

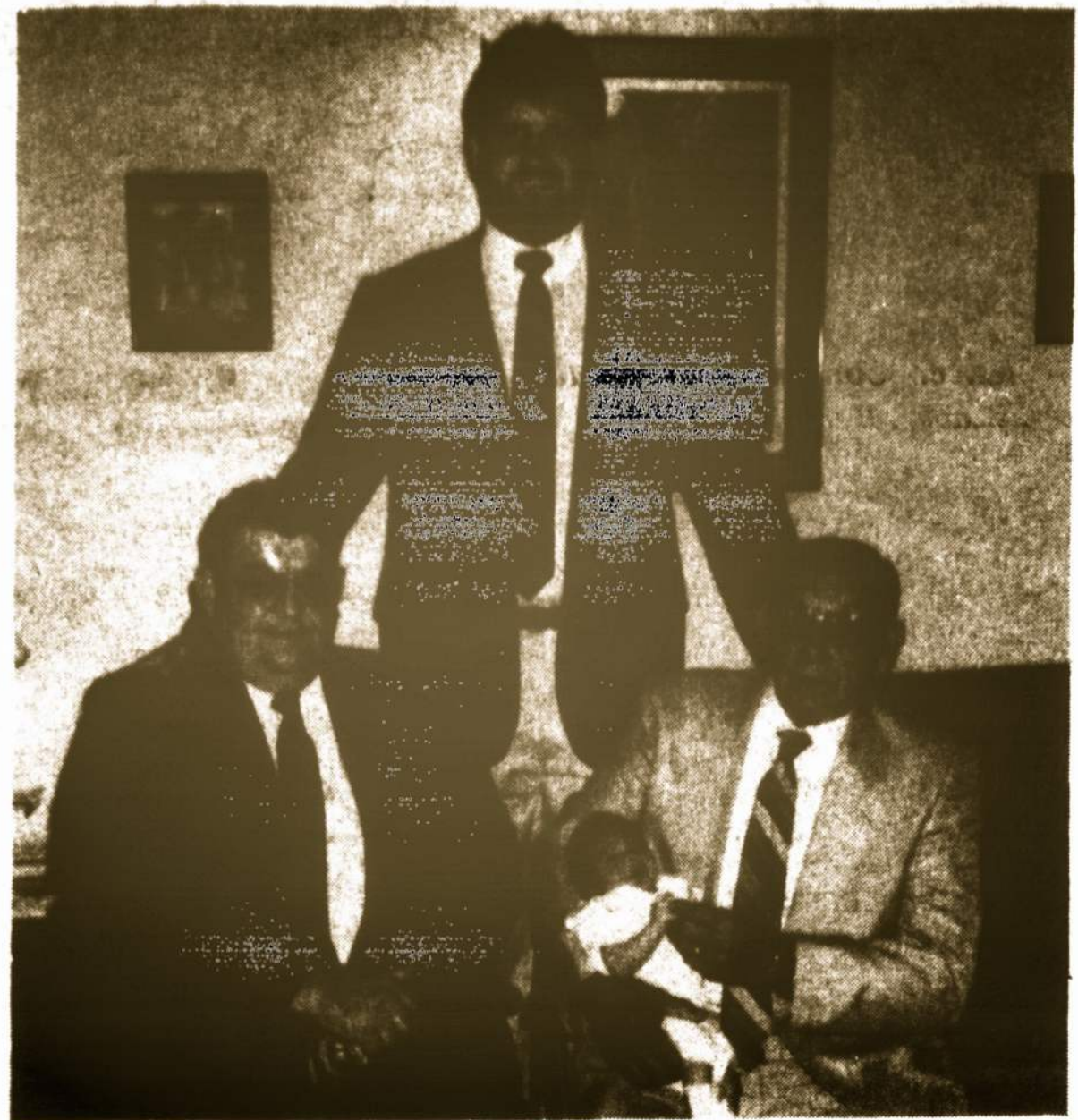
William Kozerski, son of the anniversary couple accompanied them on the trip along with his wife Shirley.

very much so the girls come to visit her when they have time off from work. Mary teaches Junior High School; Kathleen works for an Insurance Company.

Julie Ireland was first attracted to the Alliance offices while passing one day. The word "Lithuanian" caught her eye and she immediately thought of her Uncle Leonard who is Lithuanian. perhaps she could find a gift for him at this place—and she did. She bought him several items that were available at the time due to the Centennial Celebration.

When her cousins, Mary and Kathleen came to visit Julie this summer, she brought them in to

. . . And Welcome 4th Great Grandchild



Shown are four generations of the Kozerski family. Seated left to right: William Kozerski, grandfather; and John W. Kozerski Sr., great-grandfather, holding his great-grandson, Matthew Bruce Kozerski.

Standing is the father, Bruce Kozerski, an offensive lineman for the Cincinnati Bengals.

The baby is the first child for Bruce and Elizabeth Kozerski, Edgewood, KY; the fourth grandchild for William and Shirley Kozerski, and the fourth great-grandchild for John and Mary Kozerski.

Garsas Loses a Friend

In February of this year we heard from a man in Tunkhannock, PA who told us he was snow bound in the mountains of that beautiful country area. John immediately became our friend when he took a two year subscription to the Garsas. He looked forward to receiving his copy each month and his recipe for ham hocks and sauerkraut can be found in the April issue.

From time to time he would send us little humorous notes and tales about the past. We were planning on publishing some of his stories about Lithuania when he would get them to us but unfortunately we won't have that privilege for we received news today from his daughters their dad, John Sincavage was found

dead in his home apparently the victim of a heart attack.

John Sincavage, 76 was born and reared in Edwardsville, PA. He was an athlete and a scholar. The son of Agatha and Constantine Sincavage he boxed locally in his youth under the name "Kid Sharkey".

A decedent of Nobel prize winning author Henry Sienkiewicz ("Quo Vadis"), Mr. Sincavage himself was a writer and illustrator. A mythology scholar, he completed his eight-volume masterwork, "Gods, Monsters and Mortals", in 1962.

A memorial service was held at the United First Parish Church of Quincy, Mass. Internment was private.

the Home Office. We gave them a few back-date copies for their father, Leonard Masi-lonis; and Julie took a two year subscription to be sent to her uncle.

Mary who is a History teacher was very excited with the GARSAS and noted her history students are in for an education on Lithuanian.

Krista Zoka Joins Wilkes College Team

Krista Zoka, recently announced her intentions to continue her athletic and academic career at Wilkes College in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

She comes from Bishop Hoban High School where she was an outstanding cager. Six foot one Zoka didn't pick up a basketball until her sophomore year and last season averaged 17 points and 15 rebounds per game.

Krista attended the Cathy Rush Basketball Camp in Doylestown the last two summers and was named to the camp all-star team in 1987.

For the second consecutive year she has been nominated to have her biography published in "WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS" an honor given to less than 1/2 of 1% of our

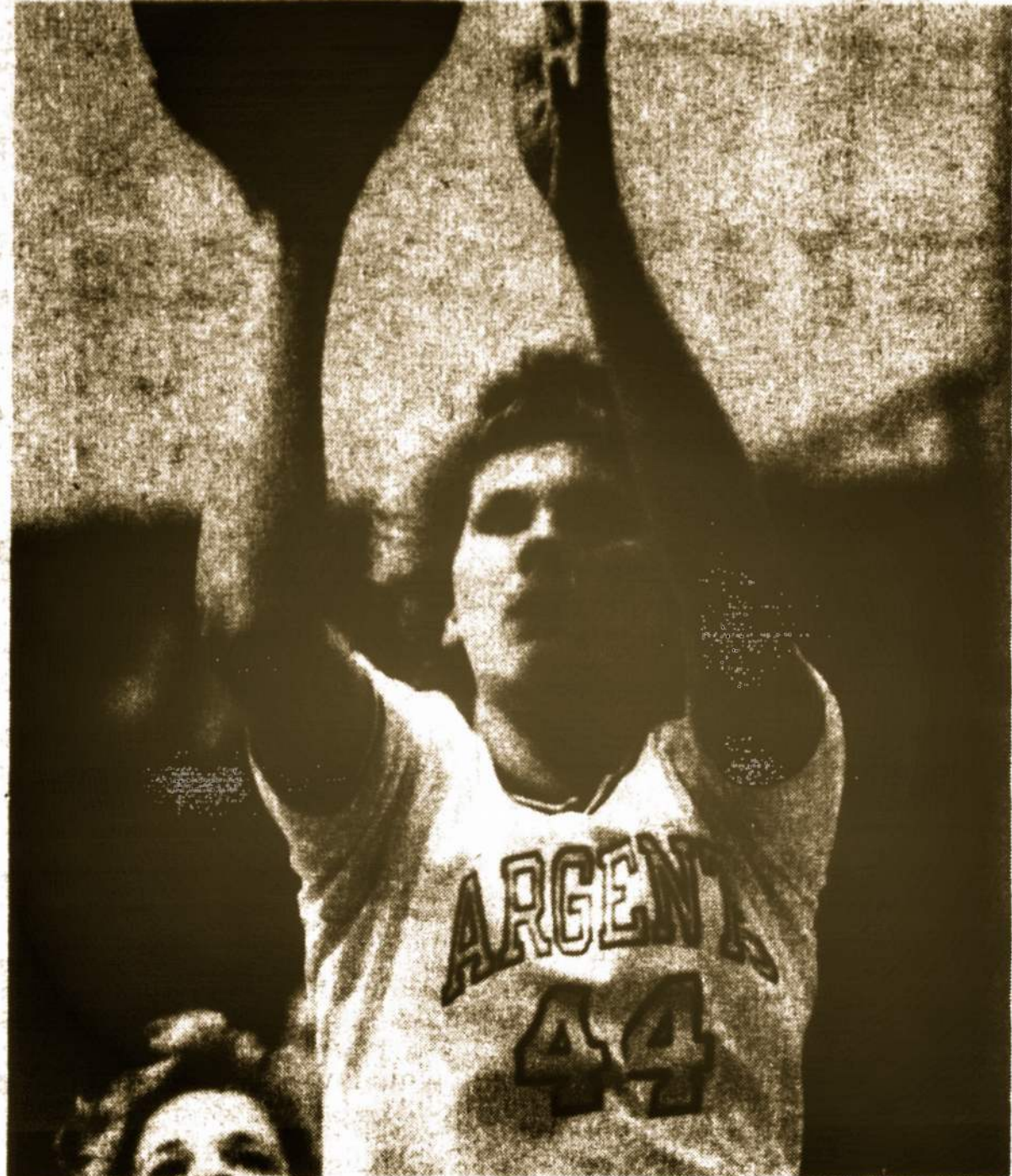
nation's high school students.

Krista was awarded an Achievement Scholarship from Wilkes College.

Some of her other achievements are: National Honor Society, Mu Alpha theta (National Mathematic Society); U.S. Academy of Achievement; Paramedical Chemistry award from Bishop Hoban; 19th out of Class of 192; Student Council 4 years; V.P. of Senior Class; Tri-Captain Girl's Basketball Team.

Krista plans to study nursing and joins her sister Kim a pre-med major at Wilkes College. Her younger sister, Katherine, is a Junior at Bishop Hoban. Krista is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zoka, Kingston PA. Mr. Zoka is a member of Lodge 222.

Pictured at right: Krista shoots for the basket.



Double Celebration for Dedinas Family



On Sunday, August 28, Andrew Dedinas celebrated his 81st birthday, and on September 2, he and his wife Annie celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Dedinas loves to work in his garden and is said to have the "greenest of thumbs".

Although he retired some time ago from the University of Mass where he was a chef for 20 some years he continued to cater parties and buffets for many

organizations in the Tunkhannock area until last year.

He loves people and has always been especially proud of his Lithuanian heritage. Both he and his wife have made trips to Lithuania.

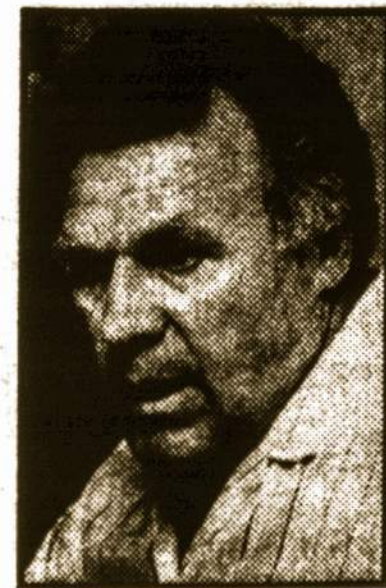
Mr. Dedinas has one daughter Birute Hanley and three grandchildren: Sean, Kelly and Colin.

Mr. Dedinas and his grandchildren are all members of Lodge 246

LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS

Anthony Douglas of Mountaintop, PA was recently honored by the First Lady, Nancy Reagan who presented him with "Pharmacist of the Year" award during a 15 minute White House Ceremony.

He has been lecturing on the subject of drug abuse for the past 26 years and speaks to college students and various clubs such as Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis. Mr. Douglas is the proprietor of the Medicine Shoppe, Nanticoke, PA. He is the recipient of



Tony Douglas

many other outstanding awards and is one of the most sought after speakers nationally.

Listed in Who's Who



Leigh Ann Ceklosky

Leigh Ann Ceklosky, 109 W. Dorrance St., Kingston, PA, is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. A student at Wyoming Valley West High School, Kingston, PA, Leigh Ann is a member of the Key Club, Latin Club, National Honor Society.

She plans on pursuing a career in teaching. Her grade point average is 3,4071 ranked 30/436.

Leigh Ann is a member of Lodge 7. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Ceklosky, 109 W. Dorrance St., Kingston.

50th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. William Lutkoski

Mr. and Mrs. William Lutkoski, 754 Lehigh St., Wilkes-Barre, Twp., PA, observed their 50th wedding anniversary, recently.

The couple was married in Holy Trinity Church, Wilkes-Barre, PA, June 23, 1938.

They are the parents of three Children: Marian, Wilkes-Barre; Barbara, California; and John, Virginia. They have seven grandchildren: Susan, Judy, Albert, Jeanine, Brian Corrine

and Debbie.

Mr. and Mrs. Lutkoski renewed their marriage vows at a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Msgr. Anthony Norkunas in Holy Trinity Church.

A dinner reception in their honor was hosted by the children at the Spinning Wheel, Wilkes-Barre, which was attended by family and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lutkoski are members of Lodge 17.

Butsavages' 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Butsavage, West Pittston, PA celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary August 27.

They were married in St. Casimir's Church by the late Rev. Victor Kupstas. Attendants were Miss Ann Lenkaitis and the

late Thomas Kisis.

The couple has two children: Anthony of Forty Fort and Barbara Samsel of Laflin. They also have four grandchildren.

Mrs. Butsavage is the sister of Anne Lenkaitis, Secretary of LCA Lodge 183.

Get Well Wishes

Rev. Victor Dabuis, member of Lodge 65 recently underwent heart surgery.

Father lives at 11202 90th Terr., N. Seminole, Florida 34642

Sally Rash Honored



Sally Marie Rash

Sally Marie Rash daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene E. Rash, 1901 Scarboro Ave., Exeter, PA, a student at Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, has been selected as one of the country's most outstanding campus leaders by the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and College editorial staff.

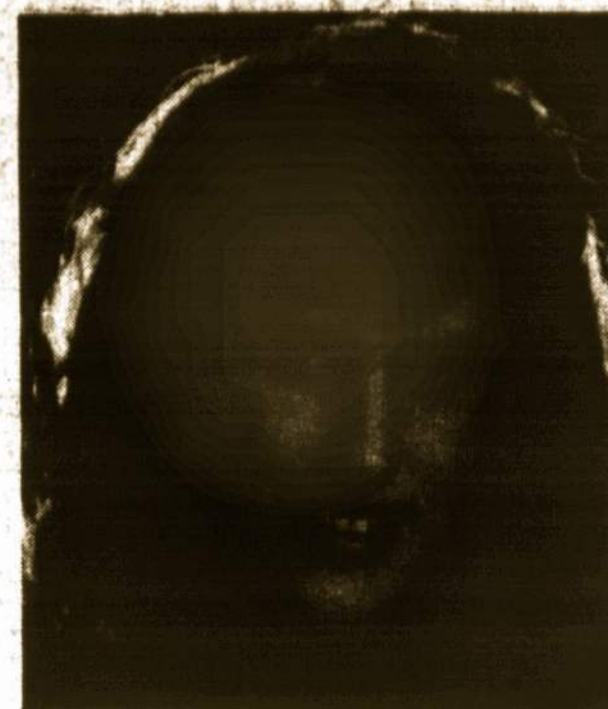
Sally, her brother and parents are all members of the LCA.

Scholarship Recipient

Jennifer Ann Kizis, daughter of Casimir and Carole Kizis, Linden St. Exeter, PA has been awarded a 1988 President's Freshmen Scholarship to attend Drexel University.

She graduated from Wyoming Area High School, Summa Cum Laude fishing at the top of her class. Jennifer is a member of the National Honor Society.

In addition to her academic accomplishments, Jennifer was a standout volleyball player and swimmer for WA this year. She achieved All-Scholastic status in volleyball. Her other extracurricular activities include participating in the Key Club and Art Club.



Jennifer Ann Kizis

Jennifer is the granddaughter of Rosalie Kizis Trustee of the LCA. Her parents, Carole and Casimir are members of Lodge 7.

83rd Birthday Celebrated

Mrs. Jule Lelokas, 24 Penn St., Kingston, PA recently celebrated her 83rd birthday anniversary.

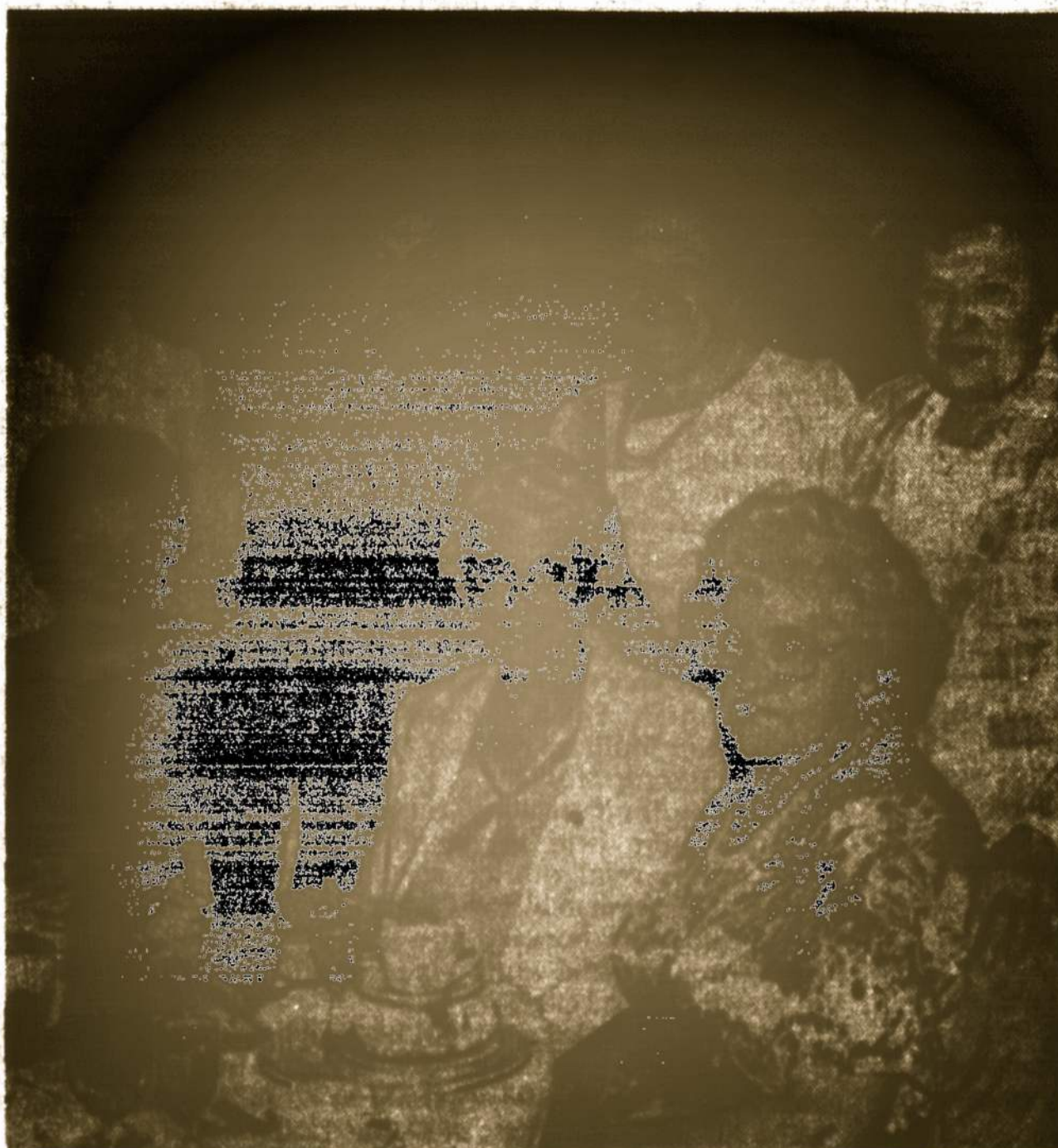
Mrs. Lelokas has two daughters, Mrs. Bette Vonsavage and Mrs. Bette Vonsavage and Mrs.

Loretta Kolaski of Kingston. She also has eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A family dinner was held at her home.

Mrs. Lelokas is a member of Lodge 209.

Lithuanian Women's Club



The Lithuanian Women's Club of Wyoming Valley, celebrated its 60th anniversary with a dinner at Gus Gennett's Motor Inn, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Approximated 100 guest attended. Shown from left, sitting: Marion Banos; Dolores Lisosky, wife of LCA Executive Director, Charles Lisosky; Alena Miskinis, LCA Office. Standing: Mary Timek, Anna Walatka, Dorothy Banos, Rosalie Kizis, LCA Trustee.

VYSK. VINCENTAS SLADKEVIČIUS PASKIRTAS KARDINOLU

Gegužės 29 popiežius Jonas Paulius II paskyrė naujus 25 kardinolus, jų tarpe ir lietuvi — Kaišiadorių vyskupą Vincentą Sladkevičių. Paskirtųjų skaičiuje taip pat yra ir du amerikiečiai.

Amerikos didžioji spauda daug dėmesio skyrė naujam lietuviui kardinolui. Drauge priminė, kad esąs ir arkivysk. Justinas Steponavičius paskirtas kar-

dinolu slaptai 1979 m.

Naujasis kardinolas Vincentas Sladkevičius yra gimęs 1920 rugpjūčio 20 Kuronių kaime, Žaslių valsčiuje neturtingų žemdirbių šeimoje. Tėvai neįstengė jo leisti mokytis, bet, Žaslių parapijos klebono kun. Mato Cijūnaičio remiamas, mokėsi Kaišiadorių vidurinėje mokykloje ir vėliau jėzuitų gimnazijoje Kaune. Ją

baigė 1939 ir įstojo į Kauno kunigų seminariją. Kunigū išventintas 1944 kovo 25.

Keliose vietose buvo vikaru, paskui Inturkės klebonu, 1952-1957 profesoriavo Kauno kunigų seminarijoje.

Vysk. T. Matulioniui jį pristatė Šv. Tėvas 1957 lapkričio 14 paskyrė titulinium Aboros vyskupu ir Kaišiadorių vyskupo pa-

gelbininku. Vyskupas T. Matulionis 1957 Kalėdų naktį privačioje savo koplyčioje Birštone kun. V. Sladkevičių konsekrovo vyskupu.

Valdžiai naujam vyskupui neleido eiti pareigų, išsiuntė į Nemunėlio Radviliškį prie Latvijos sienos, vėliau buvo perkeltas į Pabiržę. Pagaliau Maskvai sutikus, 1982 liepos mėnesį popiežius jį paskyrė Kaišiadorių vyskupijos apaštališkuoju administratoriumi.

Naujasis kardinolas yra mažo ūgio, gerai moka lotynų, italų, vokiečių, anglų, rusų lenkų ir, žinoma, lietuvių kalbas. Šiaip esąs nestiprios sveikatos.

Šį pavasarį, kai Lietuvos vyskupai lankėsi pas popiežių, jis buvo paskirtas Lietuvos vyskupų konferencijos pirmininku.

Lietuviams tai tikrai didelė ir džiugi žinia, kad galų gale ir Lietuva turi savo oficialų kardinolą!

PREL. A. BAČKIS — ARKIVYSKUPAS

New Yorką rugpjūčio 5 d. vakare pasiekė žinia, kad popiežius Jonas Paulius II prel. Audrį Bačką paskyrė arkivyskupu. Jį konsekruos pats Šv. Tėvas spalio pradžioje Romoje, kai ten spalio 3-5 vyks Lietuvių Katalikų Mokslo Akademijos suvažiavimas.

Vėliau naujasis arkivyskupas vyks į Olandiją, kur eis Šv. Sosto atstovo — nuncijaus pareigas. Šalia Prancūzijos ir Ispanijos Olandija yra žinoma kaip labai svarbi ir atsakinga vieta santykiuose su Apaštala Sostu.

Nuo Popiežiaus Jono Pauliaus II pontifikato pradžios prel. A. Bačkis buvo atsakingose diplomatinėse pareigose Vatikane — Bažnyčios Viešųjų Reikalų Tarybos sekretoriaus pavaduotoju.

— Šv. Kazimiero seserų vienuolijos generaline viršininke liepos 2, dalyvaujant Chicagos arkivyskupui Joseph L. Cardinal Bernardin, penkeriems metams buvo išrinkta Sesuo Marilyn Kuzmickus. Kaip pirmoji patarėja ir generolės pavaduotoja išrinkta Sesuo Mary DeSales Sokol. Patarėja perrinkta Sesuo Margaret Petcavage. Patarėjomis išrinktos: Sesuo Margaret Zalot ir Sesuo Teresita Mikšis. Generaline išdininke perrinkta Sesuo M. Immaculata Wendt.



Kardinolas Vincentas Sladkevičius Romoje, Lietuvių Šv. Kazimiero kolegijos balkone.
Nuotr. prel. V. Mincevičiaus

PIRMIEJI NAUJOJO LIETUVIO KARDINOLO PAMOKSLAI ROMOJE

Sekmadienį, liepos 3, naujasis Lietuvos kardinolas Vincentas Sladkevičius Vatikaną radijo koplečioje aukojo mišias, kurios buvo tiesioginiai transliuojamos į Lietuvą. Drauge su kardinolu mišias koncelebravo vysk. Vladas Michelevičius ir Bažnyčios Viešųjų Reikalų Tarybos sekretoriaus pavaduotojas prel. Audrys Bačkis. Mišių metu kardinolas pasakė tokio turinio pamokslą:

Mylimieji Broliai Seserys Kristuje!

Kai popiežius Jonas Paulius II trečiadienį Šv. Petro aikštėje kardinolų, vyskupų ir didelės maldininkų minios akivaizdoje man užmovė kardinolišką žiedą, vaizduotėje savaime iškilo neužmirštama Evangelijos Scena, kurioje matome Zachiejų, besistengiantį koku nors būdu pamatyti Jėzų.

Evangelistas Lukas rašo: Zachiejus "troško pamatyti Jėzų, koks jis esąs bet negalėjo per minią, nes pats buvo žemo ūgio. Zachiejus užbėgo priekin ir įlipo į šilkmedį, kad galėtų jį pamatyti, nes Jėzus turėjo praeiti pro tą medį. Atėjęs į tą vietą ir pažvelgęs aukštyn, Jėzus tarė: "Zachiejau, greit lipk žemyn! Man reikia šiandien apsilankyti tavo namuose..." (Lk 19, 1-5).

Šitas Evangelijos vaizdas nuostabiai atsispindi visos lietuvių tautos istorijoje.

Lietuvių tauta per daugelį amžių troško pamatyti Jėzų. Pagoniškoji lietuvių religija liudija, kad lietuviai ieškojo Dievo, ilgėjosi tikrojo Dievo, garbino Dievą gamtos paslapyse, kuriose atsispindi Dievo grožis, Dievo visagalybė ir išmintis. Per ilgus šimtmečius lietuviai — patys to net nežinodami — ilgėjosi, troško pamatyti tą, kuris — apaštalo Pauliaus žodžiais tariant — yra "neregiamoji Dievo Atvaizdas", kuris yra "Dievo šlovės atšvaitas ir jo esybės paveikslas" (Žyd 1,3), ilgėjosi, troško pamatyti Jėzų. Deja, ano meto krikščioniškos tautos lietuviams ne tik nepagelbėjo atrasti Jėzų, bet priešingai net trukdė, užstojo Jėzų panašiai kaip toji triukšmaujanti Jericho minia Zachiejui.

Štai ką apie ano meto padėtį rašo popiežius Jonas Paulius II savo apaštaliniajame laiške, švenčiant lietuvių tautos "Krikšto" 600 metų jubiliejų:

"Patekę tarytum tarp dviejų varžtų — tarp Rytų, iš kur spaudė slavų tautos, ir tarp Vakarų, iš kur veržėsi bauginantis Kryžiuočių Ordinas — jūsų protėviai jau XIII amžiaus pradžioje sukūrė nepriklausomą valstybę, kuri ryžtingai gynė savo nepriklausomybę ir savo laisvę. Šios ypatingos politinės ir geografinės aplinkybės leidžia suprasti, kodėl lietuviai ilgą laiką priešinosi priimti Kryžių iš tų, kurie prieš juos ėjo su iškeltu kardu ir grąsino juos pavergti" (5 psl.).

Tiktai XIV šimtmetyje Dievo Apvaizdos lėmimu lietuvių tauta pasiekė tokias aukštumas, iš kurių galėjo Jėzų ne tik pamatyti, bet ir išgirsti jo balsą, džiaugsmingą išganymo naujieną: "Man reikia šiandien apsilankyti tavo namuose" (Lk 19,5). Tada per Krikšto Sakramento malonę lietuvių tauta su džiaugsmu priėmė Jėzų į savo namus. Lietuvių tautos gyvenime Jėzus pasiliko tarytum savo namuose. Šiuose savo namuose Jėzus gyvena jau šešis šimtmečius sklaidamas juose savo palaimą, gausiai dalindamas jiems savo malones.

Kaip Senajame Testamente Viešpaties sandoros skrynia, patatyta Obededom namuose, juos pripildė palaimos, taip juo labiau Dievo palaimos gausybė lydi lietuvių tautą nuo tos dienos, kai pats pasaulio Viešpats ir Atpirkėjas per mūsų šventą katalikišką ir apaštališką tikėjimą apsigyveno joje tarytum savo namuose.

Mūsų šventieji, kuriuos garbiname, sekame ir mylime, kaip šv. Kazimieras, palaimintas arkivyskupas Jurgis Matulaitis, nesuskaityti kančiniai, mirė už tikėjimą, kuriuos minime su nuostaba ir pasiryžimu jais pasekti, visa tikinčioji tauta, kuri visuomet yra pasižymėjusi savo paprastumu ir ištvėringu tikėjimu, jau šešis šimtmečius visiem aiškiai liudija, kad Dievas mūsų tautą lydi savo ypatinga malone.

Naują šios palaimos ženklą katalikiškoji mūsų tauta įžvelgia ir vieno jos stūnų pakėlime į kardinolo garbę bei pareigas. Jis yra žemo ūgio kaip Zachiejus. Jaučiasi mažiausias ir visais atžvilgiais iš visų, nes yra kilęs iš neturtingų žmonių, per 24 metus buvo išstremtas iš savo vyskupijos ir neturėjo ryšių su kitų vyskupijų bei kitų kraštų vyskupais.

Visai su pagrindu visi mūsų taūtiečiai lietuvių kardinolo paskyrimą laiko pačios lietuvių tautos pagerbimu ir iškėlimu. Lietuvių kardinolo paskyrimas, be to, mums yra ženklas ypatingos Šv. Tėvo meilės bei palankumo Lietuvai. Tai mus visus giliai jaudina, guodžia ir stiprina.

Gera supranta, kokia didelė atsakomybė ir kokie sunkumai manęs laukia. Matau savo silpnumą ir pajėgų ribotumą, kuris visiems yra žinomas. Tačiau pilnai pasitikiu, kaip kadaise Dovydas, ne ginklais, ne savo jėgomis, o Viešpačiu, nes Dievas man yra "uola ir tvirtovė" (Ps 30,4).

Mane stiprina ir tie Dievo žodžiai, kuriuos girdėjome šio sekmadienio Mišių antrajame skaitinyje: "Gana tau mano malonės, nes mano galybė geriausiai pasireiškia silpnume" (2 Kor 12,8). Tad galiu tarti su apaštalu šv. Paulium: "Džiaugiuosi silpnumu, paniekinimais, nemalonusiais, persekiojimais ir priešpauža dėl Kristaus, nes būdamas silpnas, esu galingas" (2 Kor 12,9).

Šaukiuosi visagalio Viešpaties Dievo: Viešpatie, nežiūrint ir mano tautos menkumo, padaryk mus palaimos ženklą visiems, kad "mane tu globoji" ir vedi į gera visur ir visada (Plg. Ps 85, 17).

Pavedu save ir mažąją tautą Lietuvą Dangiškosios Motinos globai. Jos užtarimu anuomet Galilėjos Kanoje įvyko didis pasikeitimo stebuklas, apie kurį su nusistebėjimu pasakytą: "Tu palaikėi, kas geriausia, iki dabar."

Pasikeitimų ženklai jau reiškiasi ir mūsų aplinkoje. Tik pasitikime Dangiškosios Motinos užtarimu. Kaip Ji mus skatina, visuomet darykime visa tai, ką Jėzus įsako. Tuomet neužilgo džiaugsimės ir mes pasikeitimo stebuklu, apie kurį galėsime pasakyti: "Tu palaikėi, kas geriausia, iki dabar."

Tad jau dabar mūsų širdys teprisipildo Dangiškosios Motinos džiaugsmu ir tešlovina Viešpatį Jos žodžiais: "Mano siela šlovina Viešpatį ir mano dvasia džiaugiasi Dievu, savo Gelbėtoju, nes didžiųjų dalykų padarė man Visagalis ir šventas yra Jo vardas. Jis nuvertė galiūnus nuo sostų ir išaukština mažuosius."

N. SADŪNAITEI — ŠV. RITOS DIPLOMAS

Cancia miesto, centrinėje Italijoje, savivaldybė drauge su šv. Ritos vienuolija ir turistine šio regiono organizacija paskyrė Nijolei Sadūnaitei "tarptautinio pripažinimo šv. Ritos diplomą".

Diplomo paskyrimas buvo iškilmingai paskelbtas Cascia šv. Ritos bazilikoje gegužės 22 d., dalyvaujant didelei miniai maldininkų. Kartu su Nijole Sadūnaite "Tarptautinio pripažinimo šv. Ritos diplomu" buvo įvertintos ir pagerbtos kitos keturios tarptautinėje plotmėje šv. Ritos dorybėmis pasižymėjusios moterys.

Visoje Italijoje ir pasaulyje plačiai žinoma šventoji Rita yra gyvenusi penkioliktojo šimtmečio. Kaip šeimos motina, o vėliau kaip vienuolė, šventei. Rita yra nesenstantis heroiškos ištikimybės moters misijai pasaulyje pavyzdys.

Nijolei Sadūnaitei paskirtame "tarptautinio pripažinimo šv. Ritos" diplome yra rašoma: "Nijolė Sadūnaite yra moteris, kuri idėjų ir religijos laisvę gynė, rizikuodama savo pačios laisve, savo veiklą prieš elementariausių žmogaus teisių pažeidimus ir prieš visokią diskriminaciją remdama vien teisingumu, savo argumentų jėga pakildama virš siaurų dalinių interesų ir atmesdama bet kokią prievartą".

Pripažinimo diplomą yra išrašytas ant pergamento ir išpuoštas vieno žinomo italų dailininko.

— Prel. Petras Butkus, M. B. E., Sydnėjaus lietuvių parapijos ilgametis klebonas ir Australijos lietuvių sielovados vadovas, balandžio 17 atšventė kunigystės 50 metų sukaktį.

PERSITVARKYMO SAJŪDŽIO MITINGAS VINGIO PARKE

(New Yorkas, liepos 11. LIC) Lietuvių Informacijos Centras praneša, kad šeštadienį, liepos 9, Vilniaus Vingio parke Lietuvos persitvarkymo sąjūdžio iniciatyvinė grupė suruošė masinį susitikimą su Lietuvos delegatais, sugrįžusiais iš XIX partinės konferencijos Maskvoje.

"Tokios šventės dar nesame matę"! Taip kalbėjo ten dalyvavę žmonės. Žinių agentūrų ir liudininkų nuomone, jame dalyvavo apie 100,000 žmonių. Demonstracijos tikslas buvo išgirsti, ką Lietuvos delegatai nuveikė Partijos konferencijoje Maskvoje. Bet susitikimas virto daug platesnio masto įvykiu, apie kurį Lietuvių Informacijos Centrai New Yorke telefonu papasakojo keli dalyviai. Vienas iš jų — Vytautas Bogušis, kalbėjęs ir su Reuterio žinių agentūra, kiti du — prašę pavardžių neskelbti. Glauštai susumuojam jų išpuodžius.

Nors spaudoje apie šį viešą mitingą nieko nebuvo skelbiama, jį suvažiavo žmonės iš visos Lietuvos. Tribūnoje kabojo didelis užrašas: "Lietuvos persitvarkymo sąjūdis" iš abiejų pusių įrėmintas Gedimino stulpų ženklų. Demonstraciją kurios oficialioji dalis tęsėsi pusketvirtos valandos, atidarė filosofas Arvydas Juozaitis, Lietuvos mokslų akademijos mokslinis bendradarbis, pirmininkavo rašytojas Vytautas Petkevičius. Abu jie Lietuvos persitvarkymo sąjūdžio iniciatyvinės grupės nariai.

Vienas iš pirmųjų kalbėjo Lietuvos komunistų partijos centro komiteto sekretorius ir konferencijos delegatas Algirdas Brazauskas. Anot ten dalyvavu-

sių, jis itin įspūdingai kalbėjo. Pasak jo, Lietuvos vadovybė padariusi sprendimą nutraukti Ignalinos trečiojo bloko statybos finansavimą. Taip pat respublikos vadovybė siūlyms įteisinti tautinę trispalvę. Brazauskas nusiškundė, kad nežinomi asmenys nuplovė netoli tribūnos esančius vėliavų stiebus trosus, ant kurių turėjo būti iškeltos trispalvė, Lietuvos sovietinė ir Sovietų Sąjungos vėliavos.

Kaip pranešama, mimioje siūbavo daugybė trispalvių. Matyti buvo ir estų, latvių, baltarusių vėliavos. Brazausko kalbos metu tribūnoje nuleido didžiulę 6 metrų trispalvę.

Mitingo metu vieningai buvo priimta rezoliucija Kalnų Karabachijos klausimu; ją perskaitė žurnalistas Algimantas Čekuolis; pasisakyta, kad šis reikalas turėtų būti sprendžiamas referendumu. Mitingo dalyviai taip pat reikalavo, kad Lietuva turėtų savo kariuomenę, kad lietuviai atliktų karinę prievolę Lietuvos teritorijoje, kad lietuvių kalba būtų paskelbta Lietuvos valstybine kalba.

Mitinge dalyvavo Armėnijos ir Baltarusijos atstovai — pastarasis su senąja Baltarusijos vėliava — ir Estijos liaudies fronto narys, kuris apie šios grupės veiklą papasakojęs puikia lietuvių kalba.

Taip pat kalbėjo partinės konferencijos delegatai — Lietuvos rašytojų sąjungos pirmininkas Vytautas Martinkus ir Zapiškio kolūkio pirmininkas Miškinis, dalyvavo, bet nekalbėjo partijos Vilniaus miesto komiteto pirmasis sekretorius Kęstutis Zalec-

kas. Pasak dalyvių, minia geriausiai priėmė poeto Sigito Gėdos kalbą, daugeliui patiko rašytojo Vytauto Petkevičiaus ir filosofo Jokūbo Minkevičiaus pasisakymai. Kalbėjo šie persitvarkymo sąjūdžio nariai: muzikologas Vytautas Landsbergis, ekonomistė Kazimiera Prunskienė, dailininkas Arvydas Šaltenis, žurnalistas Vytautas Tomkus, fizikas-matematikas Žemynos ekologinio klubo tarybos pirmininko pavaduotojas Zigmas Vaišvila ir kiti.

Filosofas Arvydas Juozaitis kalbėjo apie Artūrą Sakalauską, kuris dabar uždarytas į psichiatrinę ligoninę Černiachovske. Kai jis tarnavo kariuomenėje, kiti kareiviai bandė jį išprievartauti, baisiai sumušė. Tada jis tuos kelis kareivius nušovė, ir jam buvo iškelta baudžiamoji byla. Nors psichiatrinė ekspertizė pripažino jį sveiku, jis tebe laikomas psichiatrinėje. Vytautas Landsbergis pranešė, kad po mitingo buvo renkami parašai po įvairiomis peticijomis, viena jų — prašant grąžinti Artūrą Sakalauską į Lietuvą.

Vienas dalyvis sakė, kad mitingą kalbėjo ir antrasis sekretorius Nikolajus Mitkinas, bet minia sutartinai ėmė skanduoti "Generalgubernatoriaus jau nebereikia — tegu eina namo!", švilpė, plojo ir neleido jam baigti kalbos.

Persitvarkymo sąjūdžio narys Raimundas Ozolas pareiškė, kad Lietuvai persitvarkant, neberekalingas kompartijos antrasis sekretorius. Kaip žinia, persitvarkymo sąjūdžio mininge išlydint Lietuvos delegatus į partinę konferenciją, buvo ir ten išreikštas nepasitikėjimas antrajam sekretoriui Mitkinui, pareikalauta jį pašalinti.

Transparentuose, iškeltuose mitingą, buvo reiškiamas nepasitenkinimas, ir kitais Lietuvos kompartijos vadovais. Viename buvo užrašyta "Songaila — tautos gėda". Kituose: "Sąjūdžio priešai — liaudies priešai!" "KGB — stalinistų užtuovėja," "Kompartija vykde represijas, vadovavo stagnacijai," "Lietuvai ekonominį suverenitetą," "Leiskite atvykti Šv. Tėvui," "Šalin funkcionierių privilegija," "Nacionalizmui — ne, suverenitetui — taip," "Be sąžinės laisvės nėra laisvės," "Tikintiesiems ir ateistams lygios teisės," "Gražinkite katedrą tikintiesiems", kartojant prancūzų revoliucijos lozungą "Laisvė, lygybė, brolybė" ir "Liepos 12-tą 18-tą valandą — visi į Gedimino aikštę!"

Šis paskutinis šūkis — tai užuomina apie liepos 18 Gedimino aikštėje Blaivybės sąjūdžio rengiamą Lietuvos ir Sovietinės Rusijos Taikos sustarties, sudarytos 1920 metais, pasirašymo paminėjimą. Šia sutartim, Leninas pripažino Lietuvą nepriklausoma valstybe ir atsisakė teisių į jos teritoriją. Vytautas Bogušis pranešė, kad Blaivybės sąjūdžio pirmininkas Juozas Kančys ir keli kiti asmenys praeitą savaitę buvo iškviesti pas Vilniaus miesto prokurorą, kuris perspėjęs minėjimo neorganizuoti. Persitvarkymo sąjūdžio mitingo metu apie rengiamą paminėjimą buvo užklaustas rašytojas Vytautas Petkevičius. Jis pareiškė, kad Persitvarkymo sąjūdis jo neorganizuoja. Iniciatyvinė grupė neturi nieko bendro su organizatoriais ir minėjime nedalyvaus.

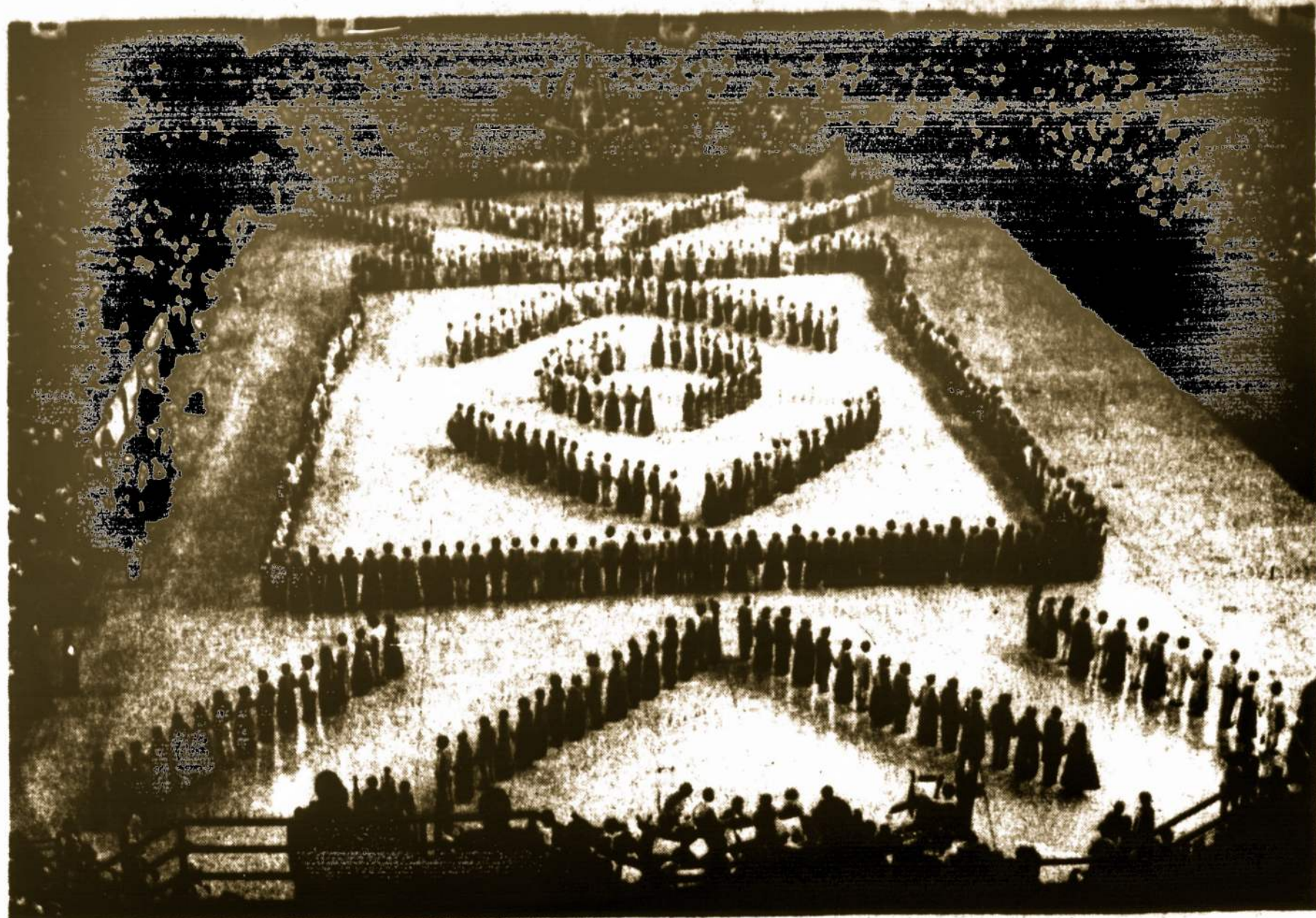
Vingio parko mitingas vyko entuziastingai, bet jokių nesklandumų nebuvo. Uniformuotų milicininkų aplink nebuvo matyti — žmonių nepiktino: viską tvarkė Persitvarkymo sąjūdžio nariai su žaliais raiščiais ant rankovių. Toliau miškelyje stovėjo gaisrinės ir pasislėpusi milicija.

Vytautas Bogušis papasakojo, kad mitingą filmavo Masl televizija. Ją itin domino Lietuvos Laisvės Lyga, Televizij tervju davė Terleckas, Šakalienė, dar keli žmonės ir pats Bogušis, kuris papasakojo apie nepriklausomą leidinį "Vytis". Anot Bogušio, Maskvos televizija stato dokumentinį filmą ir



Demonstracijos Vilniuje liepos 9 Vingio parke. Nuotrauka paimta iš Tiesos laikraščio liepos 12.

(nukelta į 11 psl.)



Tautinių šokių šventė Hamiltone. Nuotr. J. Garlos

Ar užtenka "persitvarkymo"?

Visą pasaulį stebina įvykiai Sovietų Sąjungoje. Dar niekada didžioji spauda tiek nerašė apie Pabaltijo kraštus, kaip ten vyksta staigios permainos.

Net pačių komunistų leidžiama spauda araso taip, kad net sunku patikėti. New Yorke svečiavosi studentė iš Lietuvos. Kai ji pamatė dabar leidžiamą "Tiesą", tiesiog išsigando, nes nebežinojo, kaip visa suprasti. Anksčiau jų spauda vertėsi propaganda, melu. Tik kažkur buvo paslėpta tiesa. Reikėjo pačiam ją surasti arba tik nujausti, kad yra kitaip. Dabar ji paskaitė pranešimus apie liepos 9 d. demonstracijas ir nebežinojo, ką sakyti, kaip tai suprasti. Nejaugi ten taip viskas pasikeitė?

Tie klausimai kyla visiems, kurie bent kiek seka visuomeninį gyvenimą. Anksčiau už lietuvišką vėliavą buvo baudžiami, kalinami, tremiami į Sibirą. Kartą Vasario 16 proga mokykloje mokinukas prie lentos pastatė tris knygas, kurios buvo aplenktos geltonu, žaliu, raudonu popieriumi. Ir koks kilo skandalas! Mokinuką ne tik išmetė iš mokyklos, bet ir nubaudė.

Dabar mitinguose naudoja daugybę lietuviškų vėliavų. Ir jos jaudina ten gyvenančius lietuvius, jaudina ir mus. Ir mes džiaugiamės, kad tai didelis laimėjimas.

Anksčiau buvo lietuviškasis Vytis draudžiamas, naikinamas. Dabar leidžiamas naudoti. Buvo

uždraustas ir himnas, dabar leidžiama jį giedoti. Pavadinta ne himnu, bet tautos giesme.

Visa tai ir verčia susimąstyti. Kaip visa tai priimti ir suprasti?

Priimame su džiaugsmu, nes tai neša mūsų pavergtiems broliams šiek tiek geresnes dienas. Lietuviai buvo kaip šuniukai kietai priišti. Dabar šiek tiek atlei-

do kaklo dirželį ir šiek tiek pailgino virvę, kuria jis yra priištas. Po daugel metų priespaudos tai tiesiog svaigina ir džiugina, kad ateina geresnės dienos.

Atkreipkime dėmesį į tą faktą, kad liepos 9 demonstracijas organizavo valdžios patikėtiniai, tie patys, kurie sugebėjo ištikimai atsiklaupyti prieš Maskvos diktatorių, kurie visokiais būdais norėjo komunizmą įtvirtinti tautoje. Argi galima tais žmonėmis patikėti? Vargiai!

Tie komunistų veikėjai gal pajuto, kad dega padai. Tai ir skuba vėl būti pirmose vietose, kad niekas jiems neatsitiktų. Štai liepos 9 mitingui Vingio parke Vilniuje vadovavo rašytojas Vytautas Petkevičius, aukšto rango komunistas, dirbęs tik KGB naudai, buvęs ištribitelis, su ginklu kovojęs prieš Lietuvos laisvės gynėjus partizanus, su ginklu padėjęs įsitvirtinti komunizmui. Argi jis gali taip per mėnesį atsiversti ir kalbėti apie "persitvarkymų"? Vargiai!

Rusų poetas, važinėdamas po Ameriką, pasakė, kad niekas dabar nežino, kas dės rytoj Sovietų Sąjungoje. Taip, niekas nežino, bet pavergti kraštai gali nujausti tik vieną, kad rusiškasis imperializmas niekada staiga neišblės. Jis turi šimtmetines tradicijas. Tai ir pasako, kad jie taip savo grobio lengvai nepaleis.

Liepos 23 "The New York Times" rašė, kad Lietuvoje gyvenę rusai baiminasi, kuo tas viskas baigsis. Visi tokie sąjūdžiai veda į nepriklausomybę. O tai jau rusus baimina. Vadinas, užimtieji kraštai turi būti Rusijos kolonijos.

Todėl ir reikia labai rimtai vertinti visus įvykius, atsargiai juos vertinti. Visa tai, kas dabar vyksta, — lietuviškos vėliavos, himnas, — ar tai nėra tik vaikiški žaislai, kad žmonės galėtų tuo pasidžiaugti ir nutilti. Vergija liks kaip likusi.

Neužmirškime tik vieno: tai, kas dabar vyksta, tai dabar nėra nepriklausomybė. Mūsų visų tikslas — nepriklausoma Lietuva! Ir visus sąjūdžius reikia taip vertinti, kad jie turi vesti į vieną mūsų tikslą — Laisva Lietuva Europos tautų šeimoje.

Sekame įvykius su meile savo tautai, sekame su reikiamu dėmesiu, kad tai nebūtų apgaulė ir dar didesnės vergijos pradžia!

— Neseniai pravestuose rinkimuose į JAV LB XII-ją Tarybą balsavo 6,546 asmenys. Balsuojama buvo dešimtyje rinkiminių apygardų. Buvo išrinkta 60 Tarybos narių, iš kurių 50 atstovavo JAV-ių LB-nei birželio 28-30 Toronte įvyksiančiame PLB VII-me Seime. Per rinkimus balsuotojų skaičius pakilo Floridos, Michigano, New Yorko, Pietryčių ir Vakarų rinkiminėse apygardose. Balsų skaičius kiek nukrito Bostono, Connecticuto, New Jersey, Ohio ir Vidurio Vakarų rinkiminėse apygardose. 1985 metais renkant JAV LB XI-ją tarybą balsavo 6,801 asmuo.

— Rita Bureikaitė, dirbanti nuo 1986 m. Baltuosiuose Rūmuose, Washington, D.C., birželio mėn. buvo paauskštinta tarnyboje, pakeliant ją į Deputy Associate direktores. Jos žinioje yra Vakarų Europos ir Azijos etninių grupių reikalai santykiuose su JAV prezidentu.

PERSITVARKYMO SĄJŪDŽIO MITINGAS VINGIO PARKE

(atkelta iš 10 psl.)

žadėjo viską objektyviai parodyti.

Kiti liudininkai praneša, kad mitingo dalyviai suaukojo daug pinigų persitvarkymo sąjūdžiui paremti. Sąjūdis liepos 26-tą skelbia dviračių žygį per Lietuvą — rinkti duomenis apie gamtos užteršimą bei apie bendrą Lietuvos ekologinį stovį. Tuo pačiu

tikslu kviečiama plaukti laivais Nemunu.

Kita vilnietė praneša, kad penktadienį, liepos 8 d. Vilniuje, Stiklių gatvėje prie buvusio geto įvyko žydų demonstracija.

Be to, pranešama, kad išėjo 7 Persitvarkymo sąjūdžio biuletenio "Sąjūdžio žinios" numeriai. Biuletėnį leidžia Arvydas Juozaitis ir Artūras Skučas.

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OBITUARIES

KALE, Ernest J. Sr. ... Lge. 209
119 Roosevelt St.
Edwardsville, PA 18704
Died: 6/5/88
Buried 6/9/88

St. Mary's Cemetery, Pringle, PA
SAMPSON, Alex ... Lge 180
1541 Stark Ave (last known add)
Canton, OH 44706
Died 12/28/87
Buried: 12/31/87
Calvary Cemetery, Stark Co., Ohio

BERULIS, Stanley ... Lge 7
325 Damon St.
West Pittston, PA 18643 or
514 E. Winding Hill Rd.
Mechanicsburg, PA
Died: 6/19/88
Buried: 6/23/88
St. Casimir's Cemetery Pittson, PA

CHESNALAVAGE, Mrs. Mary ...
Lodge 222
Box 145 Gilbertton, PA 17934
Died: 6/15/88

VITONIS, Anthony... Lge. 142
1425 E. 176th St.
Cleveland, OH 44110
Died: 2/14/88
Buried: 2/17/88
All Souls Cemetery Chardon, OH

DUMCHUS, Anthony...Lge. 8
4455 Fulton Rd.
Cleveland, OH 44144
Died: 6/26/88
Buried: 6/29/88
Calvary Cemetery Cleveland OH

GREBLICK, Anna ... Lge. 270
c/o Marie Sands
4 Cobblestone Court
Binghamton, NY 13903
Died: 7/7/88
Buried: 7/11/88
Calvary Cemetery
Johnson City, NY

ZARANKA, Edward ... Lge 222
c/o Kirk 810 SE Pecan Cir.
Barefoot Bay, FL 32958-7344 or
Rt. #5 Box, 387
Detroit Lakes, MN
Died: 4/3/88
Buried: 5/3/88
St. Mary of the Lakes Cemetery
Beckert Co., MN

VAILLANCOURT, Mrs. Veronica
... Lge 119
175 Chestnut St., Apt. #901
Manchester, NH 03103
Died: 6/2/88
Buried: 6/4/88
St. Joseph's Cemetery
Bedford, NH

ABALTRAMITIS, Casimir ... Lge.
222
907 Prospekt Ave.
Willow Springs IL 60480
Died: 4/22/88
Cremated: 4/23/88
Bedford Crematory
Elmhurst, IL

MAZEIKA, Joseph ... Lge 153
93 Oxford St.
Lee Park, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

Died 6/10/88
Buried: 6/13/88
St. Mary's Cemetery
Hamover Twp., PA

UMBRASAS ... Lge. 115
1871 Coney Island Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11230
Died: 7/20/88
Buried: 7/25/88
Cypress Hills
Wookhaven, NY

SNIECKAS, Kazimiera ... Lge 142
2084 West Blvd.
Cleveland, OH 44102
Died: 5/23/88
Buried: 5/27/88
All Souls Cemetery
Chardon, OH

GAILIUNAS, Peter ... Lge 89
(27 Donna Ave.)
(Osterville, MA 02655)
95 Mayapple Rd.
Stamford, CT 06903
Died: 1/14/88
Buried: Gate of Heaven Cemetery
Putnam, CT

ZUCOSKY, Joseph V ... Lge 89
315 E. River St.,
Plymouth, PA 18651
Died: 8/18/88
Buried 8/22/88
St. Casimir's Cemetery,
Muhlenburg, PA.

MICKUNAS, Anthony ... Lge 81
30 Robeson St.
Boston, MA 02130
Died: 11/6/87
Buried: 11/10/87
Highland Cemetery
Norwood, MA

Rev. B. J. Kazlauskas

Rev. Bernard J
Kazlauskas, a priest of the
Diocese of Scranton, PA.,
died August 9, 1988. Born in
Plymouth, PA, Nov. 25,
1923, he was the son of Nel-
lie Zubris Kazlauskas and
the late William Kazlauskas.

He was buried in St.
Casimir's Cemetery,
Muhlenberg.

Mother Maria Concepta, SSC, Dies

Mother Maria Concepta Un-
guaraitis, SSC, Co-foundress of
the sisters of St. Casimir died
July 18, 1988

Born in Lithuania September
2, 1887 Antanina Unguraitias
came to America in 1905 with

We received several letters
and appreciate hearing from all
of you. Unfortunately we are
short space this month to print
them all, but we do want you to
know we appreciate each and
every one and ask that you keep
them coming to let us know what
you think of our publication and
to add your ideas and sugges-
tions to those of other members.

Irene Mikulewicz from
Arizona visited friends in the
area and saw a copy of the Garsas
while here. "It brought back a lot
of nice memories" Irene said,
and she subscribed for one year.

Josephine Sanults of New
Jersey thanks us for the Garsas
she receives noting, "One of my
parents came to America from
Vilnius in 1900, so you see why
I'm interested in reading about
Lithuania."

Nancy Barlow, from Spring-
field, PA learned of the Garsas
through the Philadelphia In-
quirer. Her interest lies in the
fact, "My mother and father
were Lithuanian and my
husband's mother was Lithu-
anian."

John Kevett, NJ wants us to
correct our June recipes for Chili
Sauce and Bread and Butter
pickles nothing we put "tropical
fruit" (mangoes) in them.

Sorry, John, but we did that
intentionally as most people of
this area and our readership
commonly refer to the word
mangoe for pepper and I'm
afraid I would have caused more
confusion with pepper than
mangoe. Too many would have
wound up with Hot Sauce not

Chili Sauce.

Apologies to you if it caused
you a problem. Next time we'll
include the word "pepper" along
with mangoe.

A real nice letter came to us
from *Lillian Owen* in Georgia,
formerly from Wilkes-Barre,
PA.

Lillian was sent a copy of the
column, "Where Are all the
Carnations" included in a Birth-
day card from Bea Noyalis of
Wilkes-Barre

"It was with interest and an-
ticipation that I read your article
Where are all the Carnations,"
Lillian wrote, "The article cer-
tainly was a trip back in time and
triggered feelings of nostalgia
for the way it used to be."

Lillian noted she gave the
article to her 26-year-old son to
read who noted he had never
heard of the tradition but now he
understands the real meaning of
the pink and white.

Ann Lenkaitis forwarded us a
letter she received as secretary of
Lodge 183 from one of her
members, *Vincent Petrosky* of
North Carolina, noting he really
enjoys the issues of Garsas he
receives.

Mrs. Aklonis from New Jer-
sey is pleased with the dictionary
she purchased for her son. He
lives in Calif. and named his
newly purchased sailboat
"SILKE" and wanted to be sure
he spelled it correctly.

Mrs. Aklonis especially en-
joyed the Mother's Day column,
"It certainly brought back so
many many pleasant memories",
she noted.

Casimira Kaupas and Judith
Dvaranauskas the three were
admitted to the novitiate at
Mount St. Mary's, Scranton PA.
August 30, 1909 the three were
professed and the sisters were to
be known as the Sisters of St.

Casimir, in honor of the saintly
prince St. Casimir of Lithuania.

Mass of Christian Burial was
celebrated in the Chapel of the
Mothergouse on July 22, intern-
ment in Saint Casimir's Ceme-
tery, Chicago.