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'Lithuania Won't Stay Suppressed'



TAKE
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By VITALIS BUKŠNAITIS

Sunday, February sixteenth we celebrated the twenty-first birthday of the independence of the land of our fathers. That's what we've been doing for the last twenty years. But this year, when we gathered in every city, town and village in this nation, we did not gather to celebrate or to commemorate, but to commemorate. And, for the first time in twenty one years we're plenty good and mad about everything which led to the present ignominious status of the land of our forefathers. We are sure as would be the parents of a boy, who on the verge of attaining his majority, is kidnapped.

And why shouldn't we feel this way? The idea of an independent, autonomous State of Lithuania was conceived, financed and established by Lithuanians in the United States. Young and old, we all took part. How many of you retain the same vague, youthful memories, as I do, of cold days when we stood on street corners, together with our parents, collecting nickels, dimes and quarters in every city, town, village and hamlet, in order that Lithuania's independence might be assured? Our greatest fault was in the fact that, once Lithuania's independence was assured, we lost all further interest in the land of our forefathers, except in an abstract sort of fashion.

There's no point in weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. The all-important question before the house is: where do we from here? Do we throw up our hands in resignation? Do we say "tokia Dievo valia?" Do we merely shrug our shoulders, remarking, "Tegul ordinuoti kavalieriai parodo visuomenei, kam jie tais ordinais buvo apkarstyti?" Of course, we will do none of these things. They're too petty too much beneath the notice of those of us who are sincerely concerned about the ultimate fate of the Land of Our Fathers. We don't care a whoop.

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Lithuania Will Be Reborn, Declares Former Envoy

BELFAST, Maine — Lithuanians may suffer misfortune, but can never die, declared Robert P. Skinner, former American Minister to Lithuania, in a prepared statement which he issued to the press on the eve of Lithuanian Independence Day. Skinner, who served in Lithuania during the early years of young republic of Lithuania, is now retired from diplomatic service.

The full text of Skinner's statements is as follows:

"The tragedy of Lithuania, and, indeed, of all the Baltic States, has been somewhat obscured by the even greater tragedy of the war, otherwise, especially in America, people would cry out in horror against the ruthless and unnecessary sacrifice.

Ruthless because so cruel, unnecessary because both Russia and Germany would be far better off with buffer states between them than as immediate neighbors.

"Nor has the American public adequately realized that while this is a celebration of the 23rd anniversary of Lithuania's declaration of independence, the roots of the Lithuanian nation must be sought for in a remote antiquity, that the Lithuanians as a nation have survived a thousand vicissitudes as they will survive the present disaster.

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Russ Army Ordered To Lithuania Long Before Ultimatum

KAUNAS — Russian soldiers in Lithuania admit that the division which was stationed in Irkutsk, Siberia, received orders to march to Lithuania on May 11 last year. The Russian "ultimatum" was sent to the Lithuanian government on June 12.

Vic Sholis Chooses Radio, To Manage Station in Capitol

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Victor Sholis, who on February 1 resigned from his duties as special assistant to the Secretary of Commerce, accepted a position to manage a radio station here. After signing the new contract, Sholis left for a rest in Florida.

Refugee From Soviets



refugee from the Soviets, Madame Jadvyga Tubeliene, widow of a Lithuanian Prime Minister, and sister-in-law of President Smetona, is pictured above upon her arrival in Baltimore, Md., where she addressed an Independence Day rally (Baltimore American Photo)

Inside Story of Red Treachery In Occupation of Lithuania

Lithuanian Official Reveals What Went on Behind Scenes in Kremlin

By EDUARDAS TURAUSKAS

It was in October, 1939 that Moscow suddenly decided upon a "betterment of relations" policy with Estonia and Latvia, and forced these two countries to sign a mutual assistance pact with her, and to allow the entrance of thousands of Red soldiers into Latvian and Estonian territory.

Kaunas, watching with bated breath, and reason to believe that when Lithuania's turn came, she would be treated with much more consideration and greater leniency. For twenty years the relations between Lithuania and the Soviet Union had been of the friendliest; for two decades there had been the close cooperation between these two countries in the field of foreign relations.

First To Sign Pact.

Lithuania was the first European country to sign a

mutual assistance pact with the Soviet Union in 1926. And notwithstanding the intense criticism and opposition to her policy from the Western European powers, Lithuania steadfastly and loyally stuck to her friendship with the Soviets.

On the other hand, Moscow on a number of occasions had supported Lithuania, particularly in the case of the conflict with Poland over Vilnius. All these were hopes gleaned from the past.

Better Treatment Expected.

But there was also strong encouragement for Lithuania to expect better treatment than Latvia and Estonia had received, from the new trend in European politics. Russia feared Germany. And it was only reasonably to expect that she would not openly reveal her distrust of Hitler.

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"But Your Help Needed" - Envoy Tells Liths Here

Owen J. C. Norem, U. S. minister to Lithuania, told Chicago Lithuanians that the land of their parents and brothers will be free again.

"It will call for endurance of faith and strength of hearth...and that the Lithuanians have" said Norem, who stayed on job at the American Legation in Kaunas for three months after the Russian invasion and left only at the insistence of the Moscow government.

Lithuanians Suffered Before

He said that "Lithuania has known suffering before" and urged Lithuanians here to unite to help their "afflicted" fatherland.

(Full text of Mr. Norem's speech follows this story)

Norem spoke before Chicago

Two thousand Lithuanians who packed the Oriental Auditorium at 32 W. Randolph street last Sunday to commemorate the 23rd anniversary of declaration of Lithuania's Independence.

Other speakers included Dr. Petras Dauzvardis, Lithuanian Consul in Chicago, editor Pius Grigaitis of Naujienos, editor Mikas Vaidyla of Sandara, and Frank Mast-Mastauskas, well known Lithuanian Catholic leader, who addressed the audience in English.

Support Democracies

"In supporting the fight for Lithuania's independence we are also supporting the fight that the democracies of the world are waging against the dictators", declared Grigaitis. He urged Lithuanian Americans to be alert and on guard against the fifth column activities in this country.

Frank Mast, former state's attorney in Chicago, directed his talk against the Lithuanians here who for "unexplainable reasons" have sold their bodies and souls to the Moscow imperialists.

"They enjoy laughing at the tragedy of Lithuania," he said.

\$1,000 For Refugees

The musical portion of the program featured Barbara Darlys as a soloist and the K. of L. and Birute choruses. The crowd donated more than one thousand dollars to aid Lithuanian refugees now scattered in the few remaining neutral European countries.

THE TEXT OF LON. OWEN J. C. NOREM'S SPEECH

"I salute you on a day set

aside to commemorate the re-establishment of Lithuanian liberty some three and a score years ago. It is quite fitting and proper that we should continue to elaborate this day since it marked the termination of a long period of bondage through which the Lithuanian people passed without losing a single iota of their national personality or character. It takes on an even greater significance in these troubled days when the world is sadly upset by the warlike plotting and preparing and plundering of nations gone berserk after leaders with fanatical and foolish ideas.

"This day is set aside for sober thought for there is much work to do; work of a humanitarian nature, of taking stock and planning future action and of steadily sustaining the lives and hopes of those less fortunate than ourselves.

"Help Our President"

"In one of my campaign speeches delivered in Chicago, I asked that you vote as a body for our present President. I am proud that you did. I ask that you continue to support him for he needs the support of loyal Americans now more than ever. It is in times of trouble that friends have a greater value.

"I know that you will not let him down. Urge the passage of the Lend-Lease measure and keep right in there battling for a President that ranks with our truly American leaders' two years ago. We honor this month of February.

"I mention these things because I sincerely believe that though we meet to honor the home country of Lietuva and to think of her as the place from which Lithuanian culture, religion and other blessings emanate, yet we are Americans first, last and always. To those Lithuanians who are at present only visiting, we wish for you an early change to the status of being really an American.

"Blood Ties Strong"

"But rightly enough, many are called Lithuanian Americans. By this term is meant

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Refugees reaching Lisbon, Portugal, from Lithuania reported that Dr. Leonas Bistras, (above) one time prime minister, editor and Catholic statesman, met his death at the hands of Russian OGPU in Kaunas prison where he was taken several days after the Russian invasion. These reports also say that Rev. Bruzikas, S. J., missionary well known to American Lithuanians also "died" while in prison.

that a change has been brought about in their nationality. They have become truly Americans but remain of Lithuanian blood and have ties to Lietuva that remain strong. Perhaps relatives live abroad. In some instances, there are families who have found it necessary to remain in Lithuania for the time being. Some people find that it is extremely difficult to communicate with them or to aid them in adjusting the "red tape" necessary to fit all requirements for coming over etc. and so on.

"Bear in mind that all difficulties are the result of certain rules imposed by the Russian government of occupation and of Moscow. We are allowed only one Embassy and Consulate in Russia and the Russians see to it that we remain quite cramped in Moscow. In turn, they refuse exit visas to persons now in Lithuania so that a journey to Moscow is impossible.

"The distance is considerable from Moscow to Lietuva which hampers every kind of intercourse at the present time. My advice to those of

you who have such problems today and are seeking to help your loved ones, it is better to have patience and refuse to give up hope. Keep working, but don't expect immediate results.

"Help From State Dep't."

"In the course of the past few weeks, I have received many letters from individuals throughout the East and mid-western states asking that I intervene and help them in their exigency. This is very difficult but I continue to place their requests before the proper officials and get these petitions started along the channels. More than that I cannot do.

"I would also like to say that your State department officials are striving desperately to do everything in their power to aid the solution of your problem. Bear in mind that most of them have become difficult because they were left for such a late hour.

"No One Believes"

"It would have been good to have sent a word of cheer to those who remained in Lietuva to face the ancient foe, to feel the cruel blasts of his new arms and to be forced to sign over their independence according to his new designs of government.

"No one in America was, in the slightest affected or impressed with the reports that it was voluntary or in any way free. Least of all impressed was President Roosevelt who spoke words that even the Russian could understand when he denounced the changes wrought by force or the show of force.

"Greatest of all friends today is our President who is fittingly joined by that great leader of Britain, Mr. Churchill now serving on the front lines and facing the forces of oppression.

"Alignment of Forces"

"There is one lesson to draw from all the varied accounts to which we are being treated today, on the air and in the press and the commentators even on the street, the lesson that democracy is fighting a battle and into this battle are being drawn all peoples who love freedom. There is a subtle alignment of forces throughout the world and no choice is being given.

"Bills of Destruction Terrific"

"The two Baltic States to the north of Lithuania are also faced with the same dangers of Communism since they are trapped in the orbit of the late imperialistic move of Russia. Finland will be shortly faced with grave decisions. The Germans and Italians with their present systems which work in such a similar way as the Communist system, will shortly be forced to make grave decisions or die.

"The heyday of the dictator is short but the bills that accumulate in days of war and destruction are terrific. None of us today can foresee exactly in what manner the solutions will finally work out, but we can rest assured that though the mills of God grind slowly, they grind exceedingly fine.

"February 16th will come to mean a day of victory for Lithuania. I do not doubt

that this year will bring news of new attempts to disarm and enslave peoples. We can see the present trend. New developments may be expected as early as March, since Herr Hitler has shown a preference for this month.

"Dark Days Ahead"

"There are dark days ahead. There are perhaps days of trouble for America. Shall we fear to stand militant for our rights as a sovereign nation? I have often, during these days of war and commotion, thought on the words of that great patriot Patrick Henry who said: "Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God, I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death." These words were spoken during that formative period of the revolution.

What is your answer? Will you sit supinely by and prefer to think that we cannot lose what we have so long enjoyed? Will you prefer to say that your present commitments think of establishing some new order in this country and that therefore you will not align yourself with any movement for justice and liberty? Will you say that we live in a world of our own and should have no dealings with others in it?

Decisive Action Needed

I believe that there are times when we should merely think within the scope of our immediate being and follow a live and let live policy. I am convinced that we now are living in times when decisive action must be taken. On the answer that America will give to the world, rests many hopes and prayers. On this answer rests the ultimate peace and security of the world. The answer has been given and we are even now preparing for any and all eventualities that might arise.

"That preparedness must be augmented by a preparedness of our spirit and inner being. The world needs a diplomacy of the Word of God today and let it be our prayer, that we be prepared to think and act as Christians defending what we firmly believe to be our inalienable right and what we know is God's will.

"Right Will Conquer"

"I refer to the world need for a diplomacy of God's Word in a reverent sense. When the forces of right shall ultimately conquer, there should be a truly Christian peace which gives promise of better things to come. We know that many will scoff and say: this can never be for men have ever acted otherwise.

"Is it too much that we hope for peace that can be more enduring than the last? Is it necessary to assume that wars will always break out periodically?

"Is it too much to assume that separate nations even though small in size and number have a right to carry on as individual and separate entities, to worship God as they see fit and to give wholesome national aspect to their homes and institutions?

"Lessons From Past"

"The peace of the last world war held certain germs that worked against the hopes

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of treaty signers. Animosity was allowed to increase in fervor and hopeless people turned to political orators for new hope. We have no guarantee that a new treaty will not be equally as bad, but we have lessons from the past and, if we choose to think in Christian terms rather than in terms of accentuated nationalities, there is a brighter hope for the future.

"We realize that Lithuania must face a future undaunted. We realize that in us she must find faith in her, and readiness to cooperate effectively in many ways so that the breath of liberty shall be kept alive. Let us not be afraid of the immensity of the task nor the length of time that might be demanded for the realization of freedom's goal.

"Mankind has suffered before. Lietuva has known years of suffering. She has interpreted Christian courage, strength and fortitude in terms of the suffering Saviour. Is it a time now to say that all is lost irretrievably so, I answer No.

"Keep Heads High"

"Keep your heads high as befits Americans. Keep your minds clear and your hearts clean as befits the Christian. But remember that above all is charity and for us in the present moment, charity towards afflicted Lithuania must be translated into effective action.

"It has not been idly proposed that we formulate conditions for a united effort for Lithuania. I trust that such proposed unity of action will become fast and solid verity. I caution only one thing. The race to be run is not for weaklings, it is not for those who run short of breath at the turn of the first lap. It will call for continued effort over many years perhaps.

"Strength of Vytautas Needed"

It will call for endurance of faith, strength of heart and steadfastness of purpose. I call to Lithuanians of the breed of Gediminas and Vytautas. It has always been said that Lietuva was a country of strong men and strong women, of heroic fighters.

"Are you worthy of being called a son of the patriotic Lithuanian? If so you will do your bit willingly, you will carefully and painstakingly plot the course so that the ultimate end, namely the restoration of liberty, will be achieved.

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RESOLUTION

Adopted at The Commemoration of Lithuanian Independence, Held in Oriental Hall, 32 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois, on Sunday, February 16th, 1941.

WHEREAS on February 16th, 1918, the Lithuanians through their chosen representatives unanimously declared that Lithuania is a free and independent State, and

WHEREAS by treaty of peace signed on July 12th, 1920, the Russian Government solemnly declared and renounced all rights in Lithuania in favor of the Republic of Lithuania and recognized its sovereignty and territorial integrity, the Republic of Lithuania exercised its independence and its sovereignty and was recognized by the United States of America on July 27th, 1922, as a de facto and de jure government, and is now so treated, and

WHEREAS by treaty entered into between the Republic of Lithuania and the U. S. S. R. on September 28th, 1926, it was mutually agreed that neither government would take any aggressive action against the other, on June 15th, 1940, without any provocation on the part of Lithuania, the U. S. S. R. invaded the territory of the Lithuania Republic and destroyed the sovereignty of Lithuania, and

WHEREAS under the occupation of the invaders, the Lithuanian people are being enslaved bringing imprisonment, death and desolation to free people, their property destroyed and confiscated and their civil liberties annihilated, the oppressed people of Lithuania have appealed to the world and humanity to free them from the shackles of enslavement by the aggressors, and

WHEREAS the United States of America has always upheld and defended liberty and democracy as against tyranny, and

WHEREAS the government of the United States has refused to recognize the invasion of Lithuania and all subsequent acts of the aggressors in Lithuania.

NOW THEREFORE be it RESOLVED by Americans of Lithuanian ancestry that we abhor the actions of the invaders and denounce the U. S. S. R. of its occupation of Lithuania,

Be it further RESOLVED that this assembly expresses its appreciation and thanks of the action taken by the Government of the United States in continuing to recognize the sovereignty of the Republic of Lithuania,

Be it further RESOLVED that all possible help, aid and assistance be given to the liberty-loving people of Lithuania in order that they may regain their liberties and their sovereignty as a free and independent State.

Be it further RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States through the Honorable Cordell Hull, Secretary of State;

Inside Story of Red Treachery

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and thrust a fist under his nose by any pretensions to a neighbor state through military occupation.

Finally, occupation of Lithuania by the Soviets would have been of no commercial value to them, since the only harbor, Klaipėda, had already been returned to Germany.

Hopes Collapse.

But all these built-up hopes collapsed like a house of cards when the Foreign Minister Urbšys was called to Moscow, and there in the presence of Stalin and Molotov, the terms of the Communist government were read to him: "A mutual assistance pact between Lithuania and the Soviet and... the admittance of 50,000 Red soldiers into Lithuanian territory."

For her unselfish and unhesitating loyalty to Moscow throughout two decades, Lithuania's chalice of gall was sweetened somewhat by a promise of the return of Vilnius with a narrow strip of surrounding territory.

Urbšys Reasons With Stalin.

Minister Urbšys, a great patriot and statesman, attempted desperately, in his first conference with the Communist lords, to defend Lithuania's right to neutrality. He tried to convince Stalin that it was to the best interests of the Soviet Union itself to leave Lithuania unmolested, or at least to be much more lenient with her.

He pointed out that the Lithuanian nation had unceasingly fought against the erstwhile Czarist regime's attempt to denationalize it; that Lithuania had always been intensely proud of her ancient traditions of independence and of her heroic and victory-studded past.

Argues In Vain.

The installation of foreign garrisons within Lithuania's boundaries, he told them, would be interpreted in suspicious terms by the Lithuanian people themselves and

to the Honorable Scott M. Lucas and Honorable C. Wayland Brooks, United States Senators from Illinois; and to the American Press.

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would undermine their confidence in their powerful neighbors; that other foreign powers would look upon such a move as the preliminaries to the enslavement of a small, peaceful nation, and by Soviet Russia's immediate neighbors as a reason to suspect her good intentions.

"For Your Protection".

But all these arguments—logical, deeply sincere, clothed in tactful, diplomatic—form left the Soviet leaders unmoved. They were unable to refute the reasonableness of the Lithuanian Minister's arguments, and could only repeat: "Your own best interests demand that you accept our terms, for, with our garrisons protecting you, if any other power dared molest you, it would step on the tail of your Lithuanian watch-dog," or: "The Minister (i. e. Urbšys) closes his eyes to the fact that this continent is engaged in a death-struggle, a disastrous merciless war."

Leaves Kremlin.

With a foreboding of evil in his heart, but unable to accept the Moscow-dictated terms, Minister Urbšys flew back to Kaunas on October 4 to confer with his government.

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Lithuania Will Be Reborn

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"Spirit More Alive"

"Perhaps it is not much to say that the Lithuanian spirit is more alive today than ever before because living men and women for a generation have tasted the sweets of liberty, of an ordered existence, coupled with material comforts and a substantial prosperity based upon labor and intelligence.

"The suggestion that in the Europe of today there is no place for the smaller states is complete nonsense arising out of the predatory instincts of those who make it. As well might we Americans say that we no longer need our Rhode Islands and our Delawares.

"Can Never Die"

"A homogeneous nation like Lithuania, a nation with a history, language, religion and culture of its own may suffer misfortune but can never die.

"In this hour of confusion it may be unprofitable to discuss the modalities by which Lithuania will be reborn but

it is an hour when her people, wherever they are, should keep their hopes and expectations high and demand unceasingly a return to their former independent condition.

"It is much to be doubted whether any of the English speaking countries will ever recognize the annexation of the Baltic Republics by Russia, and it is quite certain that the United States never will do so.

"Let the Lithuanians then, be of good courage; let them, as Lincoln said, 'have faith that right makes might.'"

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Kas Gali Juos Užmiršti?

Mums tėvų šalies likimas stovi prieš akis kiekvieną dienos minutę, kiekvieną sekundę.

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Prisieina reikalas nusipirkti rubas ar avalinę — Lietuvos žmonės vėl prieš akis — okupanto siautimas priedė prie to, kad žmonės negali tų reikalingųjų gyvenimo reikmenų nusipirkti.

Net kada atsisėdame valgyti, mes matome skurstančius lietuvius nelaimingoje tėvynėje, kur šiandien ir duonos jiems ima stigti.

Jauni žmonės, seni žmonės, kiekvienas susikaupęs ateities kurimu. Kiekvienas stengiasi prakusti, įsigyti ką nors, kad gyvenimą ir senatvę pasiengvinti. Dažnai ir nemenkų pašvenčių padarome, kad tik galėtume savo pastogę ar savo ukelį susikurti. Vėl Lietuva akyse — ten krauju apkrautus okupanto rankos ATĖMĖ tas pastoges ir tuos ukelius kurių įsigijimui ištisos gentkartės kartais šimtmečius vargo ir dirbo.

Atsisėdame rašyti savo artimam laiską. Jokios baimės, jokio rūpesčio, kad turi savo žodžius ir sakinius kapoti, kad per daug apie ką neįsirašytum. Prisimena Lietuva — nei mes negalime atvirų laiskų broliams ten rašyti, nes okupantai gali dėl to nubausiti gavėjus, net tie gali mums pasiguosti

ir pasipasakoti, kas jų širdy. Jei sugautų — galas.

Naktis, einam lovon pasilsėti. Ir vėl Lietuvos žmonės vaizduotė vargina ten naktis klaiki ir varginanti, gula žmogus lovon, bet nežino kurią nakties valandą ištrauks jį iš lovos okupantas ir išves, kad daugiau savo krašto ir savo artimųjų nepamatyti.

Ir taip su kiekvienu nors ir kaip menku gyvenimo dalykėliu, visi jie mums tik labiau paryškina tą siaurą likimą, kuris šiandien užgriuvęs ant Lietuvos žmonių. Kas gali juos užmiršti?

Spaudos Laisvės Išnaudotojai

Už šėšių mėnesių Brazilijoje neliks nei vieno laikraščio svetima kalba. Tokį tai dekretą išleido tos šalies valdžia po to kaip fašistų ir komunistų agentai naudodamiesi spaudos laisve nesiliovė net ir po kelių perspėjimų spaudos darbą, kuris nesiderino su šalies interesais.

Amerikoj pakol kas dar nesimato pavojaus, kad toki drastiškai užsimojimai būtų taikomi svetimų kalbų spaudai, bet jei toki svetimiems interesams pasidavę agentai kaip, kad ir lietuviškieji komunistai, patys nesusivaldys ir nenustos visą šalies atmosferą dergę kaip kad daro dabar, tai labai galimas daiktas, kad ir čia gali kas nors panašaus į Brazilijos dekretą įvykti.

Spaudos laisvė tai laisvė, bet čia juk yra AMERIKA, o ne Rusija ar na — Vokietija.

Gauname Teisingų Žinių

Nors Lietuvoj dabar vyrauja tokia cenzūra prieš kurią greičiausia ir Hitlerio, pasauliui žinoma kaip viena iš griežtųjų, neatsilaikytų, žinių apie Lietuvos padėtį Amerikos lietuviai turi pakankamai. Vienas dalykas aišku — turime tų žinių daugiau negu Maskva norėtų. Bet mažai ką tie okupantai gali padaryti, nes žinias iš smaugiamos Lietuvos išveža Amerikos piliečiai prieš kuriuos, nors ir kaip trokštų, ruskiai dar bijo rankas pakelti.

Vos prieš kelias dienas pro Chicago pravažiavo jauna pora, Augustas ir Valentina Tranauskai, išvykę iš Lietuvos Gruodžio 15 d. Tranauskai daug ko baisaus apie Lietuvos padėtį papasakojo, bet tos žinios Amerikos lietuviams nebuvo naujos. Kada Tranauskai pamatė nuolat telpančias žinias iš Lietuvos gyvenimo Amerikos lietuvių spaudoje pripažino, kad ŽINIOS TEISINGOS. LIETUVOJE ŽMONĖS DABAR PEKLIŠKĄ GYVENIMĄ TURI GYVENTI.

Komunistai kuris laikas bandė sukiršinti visuomenę bei veikėjus "išskeldami" faktą, kad Lietuvos konsulas New Yorke pernai turėjo keletą tukstančių dolerių kuriuos suaukavo Amerikos lietuviai vilniečiams sušelpiti ir, kad tuos pinigus konsulas į Lietuvą neišsiuntė.

Lietuvos pasiuntinybė Washingtone pereitą savaitę paskelbė, kad tie pinigai kaip ir visi kiti Lietuvai priklausantieji kreditai yra Amerikos išdo departamento "užšaldyti".

Massachusetts valstijos legislatura gavo billų kuriuo norima įvesti lietuvių kalbos pamokas į kiekvieną viešąją aukštesnę mokyklą — jeigu joje atsiras bent 15 mokinių norinčių klasėje dalyvauti. Švietimo komiteto apklausinėjimas ryšy su šiuo billu turėjo įvykti kaip Vasario 18 d. ir einant šiam numeriui spaudon dar nesame gavę žinių apie to apklausinėjimo rezultatus, bet reikia tikėtis, kad jie bus palankūs lietuviams.

Chicagoje, ana, jau dvidešimt su viršum metų kaip "dirbama" įvedimui lietuvių kalbos į viešąsias mokyklas, bet iki šiol anei bubt. O čia turime nepalyginamai daugiau lietuvių negu visoje Massachusetts valstijoje,

Voice of the Reader

This Department Is Readers Forum.

Letters Are Welcome.

APIE L. U. C.

Gera! padarėte išskeldami Lithuanian University Club meilikavimąsi komunistams. Lietuviams nedaro jokios garbės turėti inteligentiškus jaunuolius kurie vienok neturi užtektinai išminties pamatyti tikrąjį komunistų veidą ir jo vertę. Aš noriu manyti, kad ne visi LUC nariai pritaria bendradarbiavimui su tais kurie pardavė mūsų tėvų žemės laisvę. Esu keliais atvejais susijęs su jaunais studentais kurie yra "komunistinio judėjimo rėmėjai" už tai, kad paskaitė brošiūrėlę kurią parašė Stalinas ar kuris nors jo apmokamas gizelis. Jei LUC yra tokių "rėmėjų" tai juos reiktų izoliuoti nuo tikrojo lietuviško darbo, ir pasiųsti ten kur ras daugiau panašiai protaujančių (nors gyvenimas parodo, kad komunistai sau pasekėjus suranda tik tarp tų kurie PRO-TAUTI NEMOKA).

VETERANAS

Chicago, Ill.

(LUC kažkokiais dideliais darbais nėra pasižymėjęs. Ir "meilikavimesi" su komunistais tie studentai nėra nieko stambiau apčiuopamo padarę. Bet lietuviai negali suprasti kokiais sumetimais LUC tebeveda savo veikimo kolumną komunistinėje spaudoje. Ar gi jie nežino, kad tie komunistai čia yra tik apendiksas tų kurie pereitų metų Birželio 15 d. ĮSIBRIOVĖ Į LIETUVĄ IR JĄ UŽĖMĖ?)

MUSŲ ŠEIMA AUGA

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Mahanoy City, Pa.

(Patyrimas rodo, kad daugelis jaunųjų lietuvių, jei tik turi progos susipažinti su JAUNIMU, panori užsirašyti. Tą turi atsiminti mūsų gerieji bendradarbiai laike dabar vykstančio naujų skaitytojų vajaus. Geriausias būdas gauti naujų skaitytojų — paplatinti JAUNIMO susipažinimui.)

CORRESPONDENCE

Good idea—that of Mr. Paul Ruditis in your last issue—for young Lithuanians to correspond with each other.

Please print my name and address. I should like especially to correspond with people interested in Lithuanian history, ethnography and linguistics.

Jos. J. Raymond.

Box 44

Thompson, Conn.

(Readers of JAUNIMAS who are interested in corresponding with Mr. Raymond are urged to do so without much delay. And if you want somebody else to write to you, please send us your name and address for publication in the next issue).

LEARNS ABOUT HOME

We like the Getting Personal column because thru it we often learn of new Lithuanian people in Los Angeles that we didn't know of before.

P. ZOUNES

Huntington Pk., Cal.

Our Mother Tongue

By VYTAUTAS SIRVYDAS

The Names of the Months

Vasaris is February to Lithuanians, and this reminds us that the names of the months in Lithuanian have a different origin than those in English. The names for the months in English have been borrowed, as is well known, from the ancient Roman civilization. Our forefathers lived so far away from ancient Roman influences (which was a pity), or they were too proud to borrow, therefore we have names for our months which are all our own.

Christian Influence

Our venerable though sometimes quite romantic historian, Simanas Daukantas (Vol. I, pg. 68) says that our ancestors had this order of the months: Sausis, Kovas, Balandis, (also called Karvelis), Gegužis, Birželis (also called Kirmėšius), Liepa, Rugpjūtis, Šilas, Spalis, Lapkritis, Gruodis and Siekis. Compared with our present system we see that Sausis was January to our forefathers, but Kovas was February, and Gruodis was November, whereas now

Kovas is March, and Gruodis is December

Siekis was dropped and Vasaris inserted between Sausis and Kovas when our forefathers became acquainted with the Christian religion and its calendar. Šilas was changed to Rugsėjis. It would be interesting to know what reasons induced our ancestors to choose the above names. We can guess at some (like Lapkritis, the month when the leaves fall which was October then), but Balandis, Kirmėšius, Siekis elude us.

9 Day Weeks

Clocks and hours were unknown to our ancestors whose week consisted of nine days (Daukantas does not give us their names). The 24 hour day (para) was divided, according to our historian, into aušra (dawn), prosvita (light), vokesnis (getting up time), saulėtekis (sunrise), pusrytėlis, pusrytis (breakfast), priešpietis (luncheon), pietus (dinner), pokaitis (noon), popakai-

Getting Personal

Engagements: Two in New Britain, Conn.: Miss Doris Mack (Maksimavičius) and Algert Zalnieraitis... Miss Sue Zapatka and Vytautas Degutis...

Miss Genevieve Kupris, United Airlines stewardess, and **Dr. John Gapšis**, Brighton Park dentist... Friends say that the couple is planning a June wedding...

Third Generation: A son was born January 29 to **George and Antoinette Stephens** at Fort Lauderdale, Florida... He was named **William George... Stephens**, former director of Naujos Gadyne's chorus, is now music director at a night club in Miami and according to friends, return to Chicago is out of consideration...

March Militaire: **Dr. P. Zilytis** was named the medical examiner with the local board Nr. 98 in Bridgeport... Other Lithuanian physicians examining draftees are **Dr. I. E. Makkar**, **Dr. S. Nares** and **Dr. W. Eisin**... **Dr. Peter Beinarauskas** was accepted in the army air corps... **Dr. George Wiltrakis**, now on duty at Camp Grant, Ill., is not the only one in the Wiltrakis family to taste army life... Four of his five brothers will be in uniforms by March 5... Two are going to the Army, and two to the Navy...

Darius-Girėnas Legion Post members last week visited their Lithuanian buddies at the Hines veteran hospital and distributed 2,000 packages of cigarettes which were raised in a special campaign by the D-G Post...

All his life **Wasco E. Gudjunis**, 25, of Manchester, Conn., wanted to fly for Uncle Sam... He even went to a private aviation school to learn as much as he could—just in case... And—next week young **Gudjunis** is leaving for Kelly Field, Texas, a proud and a happy citizen...

Music: **Miss Isabel Jenkeliunas**, one of the very few women chorus directors in the Lithuanian musical world is also one of the busiest... Beside the New Britain, Conn., radio chorus, **Miss Jenkeliunas** is also conducting the Lithuanian School Girls chorus and the Male chorus in Hartford... The Hartford organization, gaining recognition fast, was recently organized by **John Medonis** and **Alexander Sabeika**... The New Britain girl's organization was formed by **Miss Jenkeliunas** and **John Poskus, Jr.**

This and Data: That big wrestling show sponsored by Lithuanian division of the President's Birthday celebration committee was a fiasco leaving the promoters with a deficit, according to our informants... The wrestlers are mad because they didn't get paid...

Miss Stella C. Makar, of North Chicago, graduated from a three year nursing course at Columbus hospital February 4... **Miss Makar** acted as secretary of her class for three years...

Rev. A. Petraitis, pastor of St. Casimir Lithuanian parish in Worcester, Mass., received a cash gift from his parishioners on the occasion of his 25th anniversary of priesthood... **Rev. Petraitis** donated this cash to charity... \$400 going to the Help Lithuania Fund...

European war and Russian occupation of Lithuania stopped the export of Lithuanian hams to America... But **Alexander Rozenbergas**, representing the "Maistas" company in New York, had a recipe for curing the hams the Lithuanian way... Result: **Rozenbergas** and a young Baltimore Lithuanian, **Joseph B. Allen**, are now producing hams that are said to be almost as good as the ones that used to come from Lithuania.

Miss Helen Vaivada, former secretary of U. S. legation in Kaunas, who returned to this country several weeks ago, is to be married within the next few days...

Edward Mankus is now a full pledged professor at the Vogue Ray Photo School...

Sick List: **Mrs. Ann Jakaitis-Shulmistras** underwent an emergency appendicitis operation February 10... The two month bride of the Brighton Park real estate broker, **John Shulmistras**, is reported to be doing nicely... **Rev. Anastazas Valančius** is back on the job at the Holy Cross parish... A serious operation kept him in the hospital several months...

Our Mother Tongue

tis (afternoon), pavakarė, pavakarėlė, saulėleidis (sundown), brėkšta, sutema (darkness), vakaras (evening), išvakaros, naktovydis (midnight), 'migis, pirmieji gaidžiai, antrieji gaidžiai, keliamaš laikas priešaušris (before dawn). Picture to yourself a real "lietuviškas" clock with all those names instead of the Arabic numbers we have!

From The Editor's Desk—

LUC Column was not sent in for this issue... Adolph Dobar, our sports editor,

spent more than a month fighting pneumonia, but his health is improving rapidly now and his sports column will re-appear starting with the next issue... JAUNIMAS subscription drive is going strong... **Miss Emma Ascila** of Chicago is leading the field so far... We would like to hear more from **Anthony J. Miceika** and the Lithuanians of Baltimore, Md... Other States that aren't showing enough pep are Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York... Word to subscribers whose subscription is past due — please answer the letters you have recently received.

DO YOUR FRIENDS GET
"JAUNIMAS"?

February 16 and Russia

By VYTAUTAS SIRVYDAS

Words evoke images and symbols. So, to a Lithuanian conversant with his nation's history, "Vasario 16-ta" and "Matuska Rusija" bring a rich symbolism. They are a synopsis of an important segment in the history of Eastern Europe.

Russia, odd to say, is not a Russian word. It is the name of some Swedish Vikings who established principalities in the land of Eastern Slavs. Its etymology is connected with "oar". The original Russians, therefore, were Scandinavian oarsmen. They called themselves also Varangians — men who bound themselves together by an oath (a word, probably, related to the Lithuanian "vora", a group of men). These Scandinavian "Ros-men" were merchants and free-booting warrior plunderers. Under their rule the Slavians, Krivichi, Drevliani, Poliane and other Eastern Slavic tribes became "Russians".

It is interesting to note that the history of Russia begins with a pathetic plea of the Novgorod Slavians to the Scandinavian "Ros-men": "Our country is big and full of everything, but there is no order there; come over, rule us and be our princes." And so three brothers (Rurik, Sineus and Truvor) came over with their retainers. This was in 862.

The center of this Russian state soon moved to Kiev — to be nearer to the Byzantine Empire and its riches. Here another keynote of Russian history is sounded by **Prince Vladimir**: "the eternal conflict of ideas that has troubled the long history of the Eastern Slavs", as professor **S. R. Tompkins** has it. Calling together his boyars, **Prince Vladimir** complained: "Lo! The Bulgars have come to me saying, 'Receive our laws'. Then the Germans came and spoke in praise of theirs. After that came the Jews. Finally, the Greeks arrived denouncing all other religions, and extolling theirs. What is your advice and what do you propose?"

And so the eternal Russian seesaw began. Are the Russians Europeans, or Asians? That's the eternal dilemma of their history ever since their pathetic plea to foreigners to come and establish law and order in the land. Some of them say they are neither — they are a race apart, the Eurasians.

A terrible foe struck this Russian state, made up of many small principalities and nominally ruled by a Grand Prince. For 240 years the Mongolian Tartars lorded over it. During this overlordship there grew up in the Russian nation a hardy core of pure and simple autocracy, "born under the Mongols, cradled in the Muscovite period, and reaching its maturity in modern times", as prof. **Tompkins** says in his "Russia Through The Ages". As the Tartar yoke weakened, their arose centres of reintegration. One of them was Moscow, the other was Lithuania.

The Lithuanian Grand Duke **Liutavars** (probably of Scandinavian Viking origin) was the forefather of a line of warriors, notably, **Gediminas** and **Algirdas**, who began to gather into Lithuania Russian principalities weakened by Tartar invasions and anxious to get away from their yoke. When **Algirdas** died in 1377 he left a huge Lithuanian-Russian state, extending from the Baltic to the Black Sea (see map in Freeman's "Historical Geography of Europe"). It included Smolensk, Vitebsk, Kiev, Chernigov, Volhynia, Podolia and even the Black Sea port of Pericope taken from the Crimean Tartars.

But the Lithuanian Grand Dukes "missed the bus". **Jogaila**, the son of **Algirdas**, became ensnared by Polish politics and tendencies. The Lithuanian policy of religious tolerance gave way to Polish intolerance and persecution. The Russian citizens of the state left by **Gediminas** and **Algirdas** began to gravitate toward that other centre of reintegration — Moscow. It was Moscow who broke the Tartar yoke and who hammered the Lithuanian-Polish state knocking off its Russian parts. Finally, **Catherine the Great** ended the process by the partition of Lithuania and

Poland. Lithuanian not only missed the bus, but was taken for a ride.

And what a ride! For 125 years the Lithuanians experienced the cardinal fact of the Russian state — its unmitigated autocracy. The only thing that a Russian citizen understood was force, and the fear of punishment was the only motive by which he regulated his conduct. The Russian state never reasoned with its citizens, it hit them with the knout.

This autocracy our first brilliant publicist, **Dr. V. Kudirka**, knew very well. And so did the other intelligent Lithuanians. There is not a voice in all Lithuanian history, literature, the arts, politics, or journalism that did not have the stern spirit of opposition to this Russian autocracy. To the pretensions of the Russian press that Russia was bringing civilization to the Baltic provinces, **Dr. V. Kudirka**, wrote: "Fine words, but they make us laugh. How can the Russians bring civilization to those whose native civilization stands higher than that of the Russians?" (Collected Works, Vol. II, p. 32-33). One of the visible effects of this "higher" Russian civilization, **Dr. V. K.** says, is already felt in Lithuania: there is great increase of horsethieves, most of whom are Russians.

Mr. Stalin's OGPU, it seems, did not originate anything new in the way of Russian civilization when its agents seized Lithuanian libraries and destroyed all "patriotic stuff". In 1899 **Dr. V. Kudirka** wrote: "There's a certain building in Vilnius from whose chimney often a column of blood-like reddish smoke arises. Lithuanian books are burned there—books seized along the border, or taken from Lithuanian hands in other ways. Nineteenth Century! Aren't you red with shame, can you tolerate this smoke and flames which destroy your most precious possessions — your beloved books?"

The henchmen of **Stalin** praise his constitution as the "most democratic" in the world. The claim is not original. It is the claim of the age long Russian autocracy. "We, who live in Lithuania and feel the hand of the Russian Government (**Dr. V. K.** wrote), see no European tendencies in it. Indeed, we often wonder whether we are really in Europe, and whether this is really the 19th Century, famous for its civilization and humanity. Yes, the Russian administration is tainted with "liberalism" — it acts very liberally with us."

Dr. V. Kudirka (author of the Lithuanian national anthem) sums up the 125 years of Russian rule as "žodžiūose vienaip, darbuose kitaip" (sweet words, bitter deeds), or "odin car, odin Bog" (One Tsar, one God)—a principle well established not only in the Russia of the Romanovs, but also in the Soviet Russia of **Stalin**. "When one reads the history of Russia," **Dr. V. K.** remarks, "one finds every page marked with bloodshed, murder, inhuman torture, unbelievable oppression and selling out."

"We cannot expect happy news from Lithuania," he says in another connection: "the Russian Government has seized and destroyed our national social life, oppresses us in every way, holds us in spiritual slavery and gives us only pain."

Vasario 16-ta!—a turning point for Lithuania, an escape from the "Mother Russia, eternally wavering between being human and European, or despotic and Asiatic. Twenty two years (1918-1940) of a glorious freedom and a mighty effort, as prof. **Pakštas** says, to "turn the clock ahead a hundred years" — to become in double tempo as modern a nation, as Denmark, Sweden, Holland. But—**St. George** did not slay the dragon.

The slimy hands of the historical Russian autocracy, which might have turned out differently had not the Lithuanian Grand Dukes missed the bus, forever striving to control the Baltic route, have choked **Vasario 16-ta** to death. The European Lithuanians are again in the hands of Asiatic "Mother" Russia. They are again taken for a ride.

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Distinctive Charm Of Anna Kaskas Continues To Captivate Audiences

By NORA GUGIS

Our own Anna Kaskas is surely a very busy girl this season. Her increased and certainly more important activities at the Metropolitan Opera, her radio, concert and recording work, only prove that this Lithuanian artist has what it takes not only to reach the starlit heavens of the musical world, but to increase her brilliance with every appearance.

Undoubtedly, thousands of Lithuanian music lovers eagerly await every opportunity to hear her singing wherever and whenever possible. About three weeks ago, we had the very pleasant surprise, that of hearing her sing over CBS on the "Pause that Refreshes" program, with Andre Kostelanetz. We all enjoyed her glorious voice in the artistic rendition of "Comin' Through the Rye" and particularly in Dvorak's "Songs My Mother Taught Me."

Scores In Kansas City

A few days thereafter, Miss Kaskas appeared in two concerts as soloist with the Kansas City Philharmonic Orchestra, under the direction of Karl Kruger, scoring a great success at both.

The prayer from Gluck's "Alceste" addressed to the Gods of the River Styx, Miss Kaskas sang with warmth and fullness of tone, enunciating clearly from the highest and lowest range of her excellent voice. Brahms "Lullaby" was done with the utmost delicacy and tenderness and perhaps formed the basis of the applause, which drew almost the unprecedented gift of two encores from the soloist... commented the Kansas City Times.

One of the very commendable things about Miss Kaskas is that she never fails to inform the newspapers and critics that she is the daughter

of Lithuanian parents. She also acknowledges her indebtedness to Lithuania, where she studied in the government sponsored opera of Lithuania over ten years ago, and was later given a scholarship for study in Italy.

"Owes Concert to Kaunas"

"I worry about the concert I owe Kaunas", said Miss Kaskas in an interview with the reporter of the Kansas City Times, "but I think it is all for the best. When the war is over, I'll go back. I think they will like my voice better than they would have when I finished my studies in Italy."

The above constituted just a small part of the recognition and admiration that Miss Kaskas received from the Kansas City music critics, all of which clippings were sent me by one of our own Chicago born Lithuanian musicians, who is himself rapidly progressing and steadily going upward in his chosen profession. Of course, I have reference to none other than Adam Micevich, who is now in his second season with the Kansas City Philharmonic Orchestra and occupying the second chair in the viola section.

Has Enormous Range

I was interested in Adam's own impressions of Miss Kaskas' artistry, which read, in part, as follows: "...as for voice, Miss Kaskas has an enormous range, always true pitch, exquisite both in coloring and dynamic sense. What interested me most in her singing was the difference in quality she achieved. In the classic Gluck aria she gets a liquidity, a smoothness of tone that reminds one of Pinza or of Kipnis (I might mention that to me Pinza and Kipnis walk with God). In the Brahms cradle song, these same qualities took on a subtle and extremely beautiful warmth... She has an excellent technical equipment, too. The "Cenerentola" aria sounds as though it should have been written for a coloratura, yet Miss Kaskas does it with charm and conviction."

Thank you, Adam, not only for the clippings, but particularly for your own impressions. And best wishes for your continued success.

Anna Kaskas' New Recordings

The renewed interest in recording is truly gratifying. Music lovers everywhere are increasing their libraries with the new discs and enjoying their favorite symphonies, operas, singers, etc., whenever they please.

Some of the latest and certainly worthiest of Lithuanian recordings are the four numbers sung by Miss Kaskas (Columbia records). Miss Kaskas has put a wealth of feeling in the old and ever new "Kur Bakuže Samanota" and brought a decidedly new interpretation to "Mano Rožė", which is very interesting.

It seems, however, that the orchestral accompaniment to Peter Sarpalius' "Dukružėlė"



ANNA KASKAS

is too thin and empty in places, consequently the entire record loses much of its value, regardless of the fact that Peter's composition is a fine one and Miss Kaskas interprets it beautifully.

Barbara Darlys To Give First Concert In New York City

After participating in the Lithuanian Independence Day Commemoration here Feb. 16, Miss B. Darlys, formerly of the State Opera of Lithuania and one of the most popular of concert and radio artists, left for New York. On February 23rd, Miss Darlys will make her first appearance in Brooklyn, at the annual concert to be given by Women's Vienybė.

Miss Darlys has planned a varied and interesting program, so that the eastern music lovers are in for a real interesting concert. Undoubtedly, this appearance will be followed by numerous others in the east, where there are so many lovers of the best in music, interpreted by our own best artists.

Leona Davis' Piano Recital

The Little Theatre of Kimball Hall was filled to capacity on February 5th to enjoy a musicale given by Leona Davis, one of our younger and talented pianists.

Miss Davis' offering included works by Lecuona, Liszt, Chopin, Wagner, Debussy, Strauss and Gershwin. Her teacher, Bertha Kitzek, played orchestral parts at the second piano.

Hard Work Seen

I regret having missed the first half of the program wherein, my colleagues tell me, Miss Davis did her best work. However, from what I did hear, there is no doubt but what Leona has put in some very serious work in her piano studies and has made considerable progress. She can now produce a forte tone without pounding as well as a fine pianissimo. She is, by no means, an already finished artist, but has possibilities

of becoming one of whom we Lithuanians will justly be proud.

OUR SYMPATHY TO CHARLES AND GEORGE STEPHENS

I am certain that all of the music lovers join me in extending our heartfelt sympathy to Charles and George Stephens, whose father passed away Sunday, Feb. 9, in Brockton, Mass.

Rita Marie Schultz In First Dance Recital

Wonder how many of our grown up artists can boast of having given their first recital at the age of ten years. Yet this is exactly what little Rita Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Schultz (Marie Schultz, who is known as one of our popular singers) will be able to do. Rita will be presented in her own recital at the Chicago Musical College on March first.

This youngster began studying the art of dancing when only 4 years old. In connection with her dancing, she is also studying piano and dramatic art. Rita has already appeared in numerous performances at the Chicago Musical College, the Civic Opera House, The Studebaker Theatre and elsewhere.

Known to Lithuanian

Among the Lithuanian, she made her debut at the 25th Anniversary Celebration of Naujienos, where she scored a lovely success. And she has participated in many Lithuanian programs since that time.

Rita is undoubtedly an unusually talented child and being given the opportunity to develop these talents, she should go places in her chosen profession, that of a ballet dancer.

Lith Language Bill Introduced In Massachusetts

BOSTON, MASS. — A bill requiring the teaching of the Lithuanian language in high schools in Massachusetts, was introduced in the state legislature by representatives Charles McCaffrey and Joseph H. Downey.

The bill, the hearing for which was scheduled for February 18, reads in part:

"In every public high school having not less than one hundred and fifty pupils, the Lithuanian language shall be taught upon the written request of the parents, and guardians of not less than fifteen pupils and the enrollment of not less than fifteen properly qualified pupils, provided, said request is made, and said enrollment is completed before the preceding August first."

(Continued From Page 4)

What will the end be? No man can foretell. The world is a stage and in Eastern Europe, Lithuania and Russia are playing another scene in a long, sad tragedy, be-

gun by Grand Duke Gediminas and the Princes of Moscow. Vasario 16-ta, however, will forever remain one of the most brilliant, glorious and shining moments in that tragedy.

RADIO TANTRUMS

By Kiltomaikis

Amid the many and various anniversary celebrations among Lithuanians in America let's mention the three-year anniversary of the Antanas Dzikas Philadelphia programs in Philadelphia. The banquet in commemoration of the anniversary of the twice-a-week broadcasts was held on February 9th at the Lithuanian Music Hall in that city.

The first Lithuanian Independence Day, February 16th, under the shadow of the Russian bolshevik occupant of Lithuania was observed by special programs on that day on the Saltimieras and Budrik furniture broadcasts.

It seems about time that someone informed Wm. A. Lewis of the partisanship shown on his quiz programs by Whitney Tarutis. This seems to be as good a time and place as any.

This column has been given to understand that the Lithuanian Independence Day Committee, which is made up of all Lithuanian factions except the communists, requested Vytautas to publicize the commemoration of Lithuania's Independence Day on February 16th at the Oriental auditorium, on the Lewis program which he m' c's.

Do you imagine that he did? Oh, no! He plugged the communist daily's affair, which was held the same day only to mock the efforts of patriotic Lithuanians and to disorganize the Lithuanian public.

It's a shame that an American-born boy, bearing the name of Vytautas, should have a pink streak in him—parlor pink.

Or does Lewis condone the Russian bolshevik seizure of Lithuania — historic fatherland of many of his best customers.

Whoever is responsible for singer John Urban's rendition of "Skyniau sodne obelėle, pamačiau bitele..." should be given an orchid, for the older listeners are still talking about the pleasant memories such old-time songs bring back to them. "Margutis" — 7 P. M., Friday, Feb. 7, and a repeat on the Sunday 1 P. M. broadcast, WHFC.

So sorry to hear that it's money from (not for, mind you) Vanagaitis' pocket every time he runs an affair "for the good of the Lithuanian name." This time it was his banquet on Lithuanian Independence Day. (Feb. 13, WHFC, about 10:10 P. M.)

Hush, listeners! We know you've heard it before, but what will A. V. have to say if he doesn't give you that line?

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Obituaries

CASIMIR STEPONAVICIUS

BROCKTON, Mass. — Casimir Steponavicius, father of Charles and George Stephens, who are prominent in the Lithuanian musical world, died here February 9 after a prolonged illness. He was 72 years old. Steponavicius was born in Airiogala, Lithuania.

MISS EVA OKSAS

Miss Eva Oksas, 25 years old, head surgical supervisor at Little Company of Mary hospital in Evergreen Park, was killed in an automobile accident February 2.

Her escort, Earling Holmstrom, 28, of St. Charles, Ill., lost his leg in the crash. Holmstrom is a brother of the late Harold Holmstrom, fiancé of Miss Oksas, fatally injured in a traffic accident five years ago as the couple was returning from the Indianapolis auto races.

Miss Oksas was born in St. Charles on April 8, 1915. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Oksas, two sisters, Mrs. Ann Carlson of St. Charles and Mrs. Jessie Smithburg of Oak Park, and two brothers, Anthony and John, both of St. Charles.

JOHN SLAZAS

WESTVILLE, Ill. — John Slazas, 77, one of this town's early mayors, died here February 5 after an illness of one day.

He was born July 5, 1864 in Skaudvile, Lithuania and came to this country in 1886. Slazas moved to Westville in 1898 where he started a grocery store and meat market. One of his daughters, Barbara, was married to the late Dr. J. Karalius.

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7-JAUNIMAS Lith Historical Data In Stanford University Library

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal. — Stanford University announced that it has placed in its Hoover Library the collection of 27 reports and memoranda regarding the Lithuanian nationalist movement from 1916 to 1926.

These materials, collected by Joseph J. Hertmanavicius of Chicago, throw light on the constitutional background of Lithuanian independence, the creation of the Taryba, and German activities at Brest — Litovsk with respect to Lithuania.

The collection includes two memoranda by Mr. Vileisis, one of January 17, 1920, addressed to Secretary Lansing, containing arguments for Lithuanian independence and recognition by the United States, a précis of Lithuanian history to 1882 by Hertmanavicius, resolutions and appeals by American citizens of Lithuanian descent to the government and citizens of the United States.

The collection was secured through prof. Malbone W. Graham, who is well known to Lithuanians for the great work he has done in Lithuania on many occasions.

Hertmanavicius at present is completing his history of Lithuania, which, he said, might be published by the Stanford University Press.

Sinkwich Changes His Mind About Playing Football

ATHENS, Ga. — Frankie Sinkwich, 20-year-old University of Georgia football star from Youngstown, Ohio, quit the squad a few weeks ago, saying:

"I'm tired of football and I'm quitting. I don't want to be famous; I want to be just like any other student and see my girl when I want to." Squad members wanted him back because, one said, "he always puts his heart and soul into every play." Coach Wally Butts agreed to his return.

Said Sinkwich, after a talk with Butts:

"I can't wait to get out there and get into the thick of things. The girls will just have to wait a while."



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Basketball Meet In Pittsburgh April 19 - 20

DUQUESNE WILL DEFEND NATIONAL TITLE

PITTSBURGH — The Fourth American Lithuanian National Basketball tourney will be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., on April 19-20, according to an announcement by the American Lithuanian Athletic Association.

The Duquesne, Pa., team, winner of last year's tournament will play host for this year's classic. The cage tourney last year was held in Cleveland.

Platak Takes Fifth Illinois Handball Title

Joe Platak of the Lake Shore club won his fifth consecutive Illinois State Central AAU singles handball championship last week. Platak is also six time national singles champion.

Name Al Kawal Line Coach At Michigan State

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Al Kawal, former Northwestern university star was named assistant coach at Michigan State college.

According to the announcement made by President Robert S. Shaw, Kawal will serve both as assistant coach and as an assistant professor of physical education. Kawal since 1935 has been assistant to Pat Hanley at Boston university.

Kawal, a Lithuanian boy from Cicero, Ill., was a three letter winner in football and basketball at Northwestern. In his senior year he was captain of both teams.

Kawal's brother Ed, who also starred in football and basketball at Northwestern, later played professional football with the Chicago Bears, Washington Redskins and Cleveland Indians.

YOMANTAS WINS ROCKFORD BOWLING DIAMOND MEDAL

ROCKFORD, Ill. — Bruno Yomantas bowled 1,097 for his five games in the Morning Star diamond individual bowling sweepstakes to win the diamond medal and \$75 cash prize. Yomantas has been bowling ten years.

Lith Boy Second In Essay Contest About Lincoln

Albin Stravinskas, senior at Tilden Technical High School, finished in the runner-up position in the essay contest about Abraham Lincoln, staged among the high school pupils of the city.

The subject of the contest this year was "Lincoln's Democracy". Winner of the first prize, a partial university scholarship, was 17-year-old Virginia Johnson, a senior at Lucy Flower Technical High School. Stravinskas also received a partial university scholarship.

Smetona Is Coming To United States Via South America

After waiting for accommodations on a U. S. bound liner for several months and with a few more months of waiting in prospect, Antanas Smetona, former president of Lithuania, left Lisbon, Portugal, for South America, according to the latest reports. From there he will continue his journey to New York. He is accompanied by his wife.

The number of ships sailing between Lisbon and the United States is extremely limited, while there are tens of thousands of refugees waiting to gain passage on them. Had Smetona continued to wait in Lisbon he would have received passage only some time in April, it is reported.

"Plantation in Brazil"

The Lithuanian communist press says that Smetona really is going to "his huge plantation in Brazil". Last summer, after Smetona fled Russian invaded Lithuania, the communist government announced that Smetona was found to have "stolen taxpayers' money to buy for himself a villa in Switzerland, a huge plantation in Brazil and an orange grove in Palestine."

Jadvyga Tubelienė, widow of the late Juozas Tubelis, premier of Lithuania, and Mrs. Smetona's sister, now a refugee in Brooklyn, N. Y., declared last week that Smetona has no villas, plantations or groves, that he left Lithuania with his personal savings of \$12,000, and that that is all the money in the world that Smetona has.

"Smetona Has \$12,000"

Out of this money, Tubelienė said, the Smetonas' and their married son and daughter with families are subsisting since fleeing Lithuania. Travelling expenses alone will consume a greater part of the \$12,000, Tubelienė pointed out.

"Smetona did have a farm in Lithuania", she said, which he received as a gift from the people of Lithuania on his sixtieth birthday in 1934. He was planning to retire soon and hoped to spend his remaining years there. But the farm was confiscated by the communist government."

Waterbury Liths Hear Editor's Warning Of Danger of Communism

WATERBURY, Conn. — Joseph Tysliava, editor of Vienybe, delivered the principal address at the annual variety program of the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce held here.

Tysliava spoke on the dangers of communism, and warned against any program which would permit it to penetrate deeper in the United States.

The New Britain Lithuanian radio group presented a two-act play, "Nesipriesink", and sang several folk songs. Miss Mary Cheponis directed the chorus.

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**TUBELIENE ONCE HUNTED
HERSELF. SAYS 'THEY
WOULD BE CAPABLE
OF CRIME'**

BALTIMORE, Md. — Madame Jadvyga Tubelienė, widow of a Lithuanian Prime Minister, who was hunted by the OGPU after the Soviets seized her country, commenting on the death of General Walter G. Krivitsky declared the "Bolsheviks have neat, ruthless and efficient" methods of killing their enemies.

Madame Tubelienė was the principal speaker at the Lithuanian Day celebration February 16 held by the Council of Lithuanian Societies of Baltimore.

"Brilliant Woman"

Called by former Ambassador to Russia William Bullitt, "one of the most brilliant women I ever met," Madame Tubelienė told how she left the homeland with her sister and brother-in-law, President Smetona.

She said:

"Two days after Russian soldiers came into my country, I went to East Prussia, using my diplomatic passports. The next day the government of my brother-in-law fell.

"Russian agents attempted to trap me into returning to the country, using many inducements. Apparently there



Hon. Owen J. C. Norem, United States Minister to Lithuania, and his wife dressed in a Lithuanian national costume, shown in a Lithuanian village before the Russ invasion last summer.

had been a slip in letting us go. I lived for a month on the border.

Feared For Life

"Several attempts were made to arrest me, and pressure was brought to bear on German officials to extradite me.

"Fearing for my life, I went first to Berlin, and then came to the United States on a Greek steamer.

"I have no fear now that I am in this country. I did not know General Krivitsky, who, so many people believe was murdered by Soviet Sec-

Tubelienė Siunčia Linkėjimų Amerikos Lietuvių Jaunimui

BALTIMORE, Md., Vasario 16, 1941 — Jadvyga Tubelienė, mirusio Lietuvos Premjero našlė, savo lankymosi šiam mieste proga perdavė per JAUNIMO atstovą Anthony J. Miceiką sekantįs linkėjimus Amerikos lietuvių jaunimui:

"Gerų patriotų, nuoširdžių žmonių, Baltimorės lietuvių tarpe švėsdoma mūsų Nepriklausomybės šventę suvenčiu Amerikos lietuvių jaunimui širdingiausių linkėjimų.

"Tegul liudna šių metų sukaktis įkvepia Jums pasiryžimo ir tvirtumo vieningai kovoti dėl Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės atstatymo. Visi, kaip vienas stokime į kovą ir vėl bus laisva mūsų brangioji Tėvynė."

3 KEWANEEANS TO ARMY

KEWANEE, ILL. — Three Lithuanian boys were drafted for a year's service in the army. They are: Anton Lidas, Charles Shimaytis and John Kubis.

ret Police. Therefore I cannot say anything about the case from personal knowledge.

"But I do know that the Bolsheviks have neat, ruthless and efficient methods of killing their enemies wherever they find them.

"They would have been capable of such a crime here.

TAKE IT or LEAVE IT

By Vitalis Bukšnaitis

(Continued From Page 1) about who gets the credit, so long as Lithuania once again becomes an independent, autonomous state.

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Well, how do we go about accomplishing this? Merely by getting on the bandwagon for all-out aid to Britain? Partly. But let us not forget that Britain's battle is only against Germany and Italy, and that the portions of historic Lithuania held by either of these nations are negligible. If the axis powers are defeated, it is possible that another independent Lithuania may be established in Klaipėda. But what of the territory which today is in Stalin's domain? Let us give all possible aid to Britain. But let us not forget to let our congressmen and Senators know that we would not mourn the defeat or elimination of Stalin, because only then would Lithuania regain her independence.

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What step can we take which would help accomplish this end? The first would be for all of us to give our whole-hearted support to every one of the "independence" and "funds" which abound so profusely. Although this commentator has questioned the sincerity of some individuals who are members of one or another of these "funds", there is reason to believe that such individuals are in the minority, and are constantly under the watchful eye of thoroughly honest and trustworthy Lithuanian Americans. Our second, and most important step was touched upon in the preceding paragraph.

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Write to your Congressman. Write to your Senator. Tell them that you loathe dictatorship in any form, whether it be Nazi, Fascist, or Communist. Democracy is unsafe so long as either the German, Italian or Russian form of Totalitarianism exists.

Tell your legislator that if we must be embroiled in another World War, we want no half-way measures. Either all the Dictatorships must go, or none at all. Only then will Lithuania have any chance of rising once again from the ashes of oppression to the heights of independence and autonomy.



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