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## Smetonas in Chicago



Smetona lays a wreath at the tomb of Lincoln in Springfield. Shown with him are Lieut. Gov. Hugh Cross and Consul Petras Dauzvardis.

## Lithuania of 1918 Must and Will Be Re-established, Says Smetona

Hopes of Unity Rise As Smetona Urges Liths To Forget Political Differences

A mild sensation in the Lithuanian circles was created last Sunday by Antanas Smetona, refugee president of Lithuania, when he publicly declared that the new Lithuania will have to be rebuilt along the pattern of 1918.

This utterance was taken by the Lithuanian leaders, many of them in opposition to Mr. Smetona's regime since 1926 when he became the fourth president of Lithuania by way of a coup d'etat, as an indication that a more united front among the Lithuanian people might be expected.

### Own Constitution

The opposition, in Lithuania and here, have maintained since 1926 that Lithuania can and must be a true model democracy as provided in the constitution adopted in 1918. When Smetona became the "un-elected" president of Lithuania following the bloodless upheaval on December 17, 1926, the 1918 constitution was discarded in favor of one authored by Mr. Smetona and his erstwhile friend Augustinas Voldemaras.

Oddly enough, it was Antanas Smetona who was elected the first president of Lithuania in 1918.

Smetona delivered his speech here last Sunday before a crowd of 800 which had gathered to a testimonial dinner at the Palmer House.

### "Democratic Lithuania"

He declared that "Lithuanians whatever their political differences, today must forget them and work together because we all have the same common goal — an Independent Lithuania, a Democratic Lithuania."

He also said that "in the past we all have committed errors," but that "Lithuanian cause will not profit today by placing the sad memories of those errors in the spotlight above everything else."

"Today we must look for things that unite us and not for the things that divide us," he urged his listeners.

A few hours earlier Mr. Smetona delivered from the same banquet hall a 10-minute address in English which was broadcast over the NBC Blue Network over more than 80 stations in the United States and Canada.

In the radio talk Smetona said that "The Lithuanian nation is still alive and she will never surrender to brutal bolshevism. Lithuania will remain alive and free."

He also urged the American Lithuanians to devotedly serve their new fatherland, the United States.

### "Turn Wheel Faster"

He said that those who en-

## Soap Shortage Mars May Day Fete In Russia

(Chicago Tribune Press Service.)

STOCKHOLM, Sweden. — The soviet government, the communist party, and the Third International celebrated the first of May as the holiday of the world revolution for the 23d time with meetings and parades throughout the country. The only thing lacking to make the celebration perfect, the Russians confess, is a lack of soap.

The society press and radio have been making a strenuous campaign during the past fortnight to arouse the enthusiasm of the population under the slogan, "Stalin has kept the soviet union out of war."

Dictator Stalin's policy of assuring peace for the soviet union has been the greatest bolshevik achievement during the past 12 months, the Russian press declares.

### More Grabs Anticipated.

May 1, it continues, is the day when all revolutionists take account of their activities during the past year and make plans for the future. The year just ended, the Russians say, brought the world ever nearer to the ideal of world revolution began by Nicolai Lenin and carried onward by Stalin.

The second greatest gain, according to the official communist newspaper, Pravda, was the extension of the revolution frontiers of Russia to include Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Bessarabia, and Bukovina and the retreat of the frontiers of capitalism. New nations are expected to join the bolshevik brotherhood and further extensions of communist power are anticipated by the soviets.

Stalin, it is declared, has brought springtime to mankind and the happy and privileged and cultured people of the soviet union will hail Stalin tomorrow as an "apostle of peace" who has saved them from the horrors of war.



ANTANAS SMETONA

Antanas Smetona, refugee president of Lithuania, as he discussed his trip to the United States during a press conference in Chicago May 2.

### B. O. All Around.

Broadcasting in English, German, French, and other languages, Russia's radio stations advertised May 1, urging the workers of other countries to join those of Russia in celebrating the holiday of the proletariat by demonstrating against the war of the capitalists and for the peace loving policy of Stalin.

The admitted lack of soap has caused the complete failure of the cleanup decreed by the 18th congress of the communist party last January. Not one Russian in 25 has sufficient soap to bathe himself once a week, let alone to cover daily needs.

Pravda mentions that the odor of unwashed bodies has become an unpleasant feature of all soviet gatherings. Efforts to overcome it by the copious use of perfumes and cologne, now produced in Russia in sufficient quantities to satisfy a popular and growing demand, are only partly successful.

### Only Russ Movies

Only Russian made pictures are permitted to be shown in the movie theatres of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.



Mme. Sofija Smetona (center), wife of the refugee president, was a guest at a luncheon given by the women of her homeland. With her are Mrs. Justinas Mackevičius (left) and Mrs. Petras Dauzvardis, wife of the Lithuanian Consul.



Antanas Smetona (right) called on Archbishop Samuel A. Stritch (center) shortly after arriving in Chicago. With them is the Rt. Rev. Michael L. Kruszas.



joy freedom should gather around the wheel of united efforts and make that wheel turn faster.

"The greater the Lithuanian efforts, the more weight they will have in America's life and in the liberation of Lithuania."

The testimonial dinner climaxed a three day visit of Mr. and Mrs. Antanas Smetona in Chicago, a visit that was filled with receptions and meetings.

Justinas Mackevičius and Dr. Petras Daužvardis, the Lithuanian Consul, headed the committee of Chicago Lithuanians who welcomed the 68 year old statesman last Friday morning. He was accompanied by Mrs. Sofija Smetona arrived aboard the Mohawk from Cleveland, Ohio.

#### Guest of Mayor.

From the station the party was taken to the Palmer House where the Smetonas stayed during their Chicago visit. After a short rest and press conference, Mr. Smetona called on Mayor Edward J. Kelly of Chicago at the City Hall. Later Smetona was the guest of honor at a luncheon given by the Mayor. Following this he called on archbishop Samuel A. Stritch of the

Catholic archdiocese of Chicago.

In the afternoon Smetona visited several Lithuanian institutions, among them the Holy Cross hospital and St. Casimir's academy. At 4:30 p. m. he placed a wreath on the Darius-Girėnas monument in Marquette Park.

#### Visits Lincoln's Tomb

Saturday morning, Smetona, accompanied by several Chicagoans journeyed to Springfield, Ill., where he was received by the Lieut. Governor Hugh Cross. Later Mr. Smetona visited the home and tomb of Abraham Lincoln.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Smetona attended the high mass at St. George's church in Bridgeport. A special prayer was offered for Lithuania and the Lithuanian anthem was sung in church. This was the first time that the patriotic hymn had been sung in any of the 12 Lithuanian churches in Chicago.

Although the official visit of the refugee president was only for 3 days, Mr. and Mrs. Smetona will remain in Chicago for at least few more weeks. Later in the summer they expect to go to a farm in Michigan.

## Antanas Smetona Visits President In White House

WASHINGTON, D. C. — President Franklin Delano Roosevelt of the United States received the refugee president of the Russian occupied Lithuania, Antanas Smetona at the White House April 18.

Smetona, accompanied by the Lithuanian Minister, Col. Povilas Zadeikis, spent twenty minutes in Mr. Roosevelt's cabinet. The conversation was carried in English, with Mr. Zadeikis often coming to Mr. Smetona's aid, whenever the latter had difficulty in finding the desired word to express himself.

#### Knows from Photos

Smetona, who had more than a passive acquaintance with the English language before he arrived to the United States, has been devoting many hours daily in concentrated study of the language since his arrival more than a month ago.

Mr. Roosevelt began the conversation saying that he knows Mr. Smetona from the photographs he had seen before. He then asked Smetona to have a seat and tell the President more about Lithuania.

Smetona briefly told of the Russian occupation and how Lithuanians were forced to submit to force against their wishes.

#### Reaffirms U. S. Stand

He said that Lithuania, without any fault of her own, was dragged into the European turmoil and expressed his hope that when the present war is over, Europe will be reorganized on a new order in which there will be no room for such disregard for international law and inhumanity as the world is witnessing today.

Mr. Roosevelt assured Smetona that the attitude of the

## Moscow Envoys Find a Haven If Nazis Fight Reds

### TELL OF RUSSIAN PLANES MASSED AT FIELDS

BY DONALD DAY.  
(Chicago Tribune Press Service)

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, April 16. — After an intensive search members of the diplomatic corps at Moscow have picked a locality to which they plan to evacuate in case of war between Russia and Germany. The diplomats expect this war to start in the near future.

The diplomats found a locality that suited them after a hunt that lasted for more than two weeks. The German, Italian and Hungarian diplomats did not take part in the search. The envoys who went on the trips made journeys of up to 200 miles, all east from Moscow, and military attaches said they made interesting discoveries.

#### Planes Crowd Air Fields.

The 14 air fields in the vicinity of Moscow, they reported, are crowded with planes. On the main Moscow airfield, the largest in Europe, more than 1,000 planes are lined up around the field in formation five planes deep. These are mostly out of date heavy bombers.

Russia's light bombing air divisions are stationed nearer the German frontier, and large numbers of planes are reported to be on the airports of the Baltic states and in the occupied districts of Poland.

#### Shortage of Mechanics

Altho the encampments around Moscow consists largely of Red Army divisions, the more important points near the capital are guarded by the special divisional army detachments of the GPU (secret police).

Military attaches also said that much of the Russian army has been mechanized but that the effectiveness of its striking power is rendered doubtful by the lack of trained mechanics. There also are not enough ground crews to care for the planes being held in readiness, and mechanics employed in Moscow factories are receiving special instructions.

United States towards the nations who are the victims of aggression is well known to the whole world and that it will remain unchanged and unshakable.

Mr. Roosevelt wished Smetona success in his visits to the Lithuanian colonies in this country and said that the American Lithuanians can do much to help the land of their fathers in its present plight.

## Meet Mr. Kaunas



Those Lithuanian readers of Colliers magazine who insist that A. John Kaunas, talented cartoonist of that national weekly, with a moniker like that must be Lithuanian, are right. There is a self-portrait of Mr. Kaunas in the May 3rd issue of Colliers accompanied by the following thumbnail word-sketch:

"Born of Lithuanian descent not many years ago in New York, A. John Kaunas has a hard time finding suits to fit his six-foot, five inch frame, but doesn't let that spoil his zest for swimming, tennis, riding, fencing, bridge and chess. When not engaged in whipping up oyster stew for his guests, he tosses off gags for his public."

An attempt to organize a Moscow blackout was said to have resulted in a fiasco because the people did not have the material to darken their windows.

#### Balkan War News Concealed.

The soviet press has concealed the collapse of Jugoslavia and has not mentioned the success of the German forces in Greece or Africa. It also publishes no news of the great concentration of German army corps on the soviet frontier, but the city is filled with disquieting rumors.

## Linkevičius, Young Lithuanian Poet Dies in Kaunas

KAUNAS. — Mykolas Linkevičius, youthful Lithuanian poet, died here January 12. He was confined to the tuberculosis sanatorium for more than a year. Considered one of the most promising poets of the Independent Lithuanian era, he had three volumes of his work published.

## 65 Dollars Cost Him Eight Years

MARIJAMPOLĖ. — Mendelis Diskantas' civil rights were taken away for a period of eight years by soviet court because he was found hoarding his personal property which included 65 American gold dollars.

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# Turauskas Describes Russian Methods Used In Occupation of Lithuania

By Eduardas Turauskas  
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In February, 1940, a young Soviet officer named Butaev ran away from the New Vilnius garrison.

Our government was not apprised of this for a long time. Only after a month our delegate in Moscow, Natlevičius was informed of the escape and a formal demand was made that Lithuania apprehend Butaev.

Thereupon the Soviet military heads in Lithuania also demanded, in threatening tones, that Butaev be found. Our military and police departments made every effort to locate the missing officer, but to no avail.

## Red Communists Suicide

There was every reason to believe that he had escaped to Germany, as many of his comrades had already done. However, on Pentecost day the Lithuanian police succeeded in tracing Butaev to a small village on the outskirts of Vilnius.

Finding himself about to be captured, Butaev tried to escape, but seeing that his flight was to no avail, he pulled out his gun and shot himself in the head, falling dead on the spot.

The suicide's body was left where it had fallen, and officers of the Soviet army were immediately summoned to the scene. An autopsy was performed, with both Lithuanian and Soviet doctors present, and it appeared that there would be no more unpleasantness from the Soviet government because of Butaev.

## Lithuanian Blamed

But on May 25th, our minister Natkevičius was suddenly summoned to Molotov's office, where a strife statement of accusation of the Lithuanian government was read to him.

Lithuania was accused of sabotaging her part of the mutual assistance pact.

This unfounded charge was supported by the startling accusation that Butaev had been treacherously waylaid and murdered by the Lithuanian police, and that several other Soviet officers had been

kidnapped by Lithuanian military agents, and had been taken, blindfolded and tied, to an underground cave where they were tortured. Only later they had succeeded in making their escape THROUGH A SEWER.

Molotov ended his charges with a threat of "serious consequences."

## More Accusations.

The incident of the tortured officers, their names were given as Smovginec and Pisiarov, was completely new to the Lithuanian government. However, a special investigation committee was immediately formed with the Chief Justice of Vilnius at its head.

In a short time, this committee was able to ascertain the true facts of the case. Smovginec had absented himself from the garrison for several days. It was discovered, however, that he had spent this time in the company of an attractive but loose-moraled young woman in Vilnius, — he had even left his photograph with the inscription "To My Darling Beloved."

The prostitute herself corroborated the fact that Smovginec, fearing the consequences of his several days desertion, had told her himself that he was going to fabricate a fantastic story of having been kidnapped by Lithuanian officers.

## Soldier's Alibi.

His story was enlivened by such melodramatic high-lights as having been held prisoner in an underground chamber, of having been questioned



COL. P. SKUČAS

and tortured, and of his final escape through a sewer — "the walls of which were dripping with water..."

And — Lo, behold! — the head of the government of a great empire repeats, with stern mien, a hideous fable concocted by an undisciplined and immoral soldier of the "invincible army" for his own justification...

Molotov iterated this fable, like a drunk groping for a fence to lean upon, in order to justify the bloody massacre that his master Stalin was preparing for a little nation that has done no harm.

Is it not a sufficient proof of the moral rottenness, shamelessness and evilness of the Red satraps? The primitive and illiterate princess of Russian steppes of the X and XI centuries who, a la Igor, sent message to their intended victims, "Idu na vy" ("I march against you"), — compared with Stalin and his satellites, — appear like gallant knights!

## No Fault in Relations

Lithuanian authorities could find no fault in their relations with the Red garrisons. They established an exemplary liaison service, and the Lithuanian liaison officers were well organized and placed in every Russian garrison.

They had scrupulously satisfied every reasonable demand and investigated every complaint. Besides this efficiently functioning service, our authorities went even further and established a strict control over the whole areas in the vicinity of Red garrison, to prevent misunderstandings. However, Moscow interpreted this spirit of collaboration as an attempt to injure and to interfere with the life of their garrisons, because, among few persons who were told by the Lithuanian authorities to leave the country, there were several women of questionable morality who were officially listed as "laundresses" of the Red garrison in Alytus.

## Moscow Presses Charges

Neither the efforts and findings of the special investigating committee, nor the measures undertaken by the police, nor the explana-

tion offered by Premier Antanas Merkys at Moscow, could satisfy the Soviet government.

Foreign Minister Urbšys flew to Moscow to assist Mr. Merkys, but nothing helped. Resignation of Gen. Kazys Skučas, Minister of Interior, and of Dr. Povilaitis, Director of the Public Security Department, — did not help. The atmosphere tickened hourly.

Merkys returned to Kaunas, while Urbšys remained in Moscow. He attempted to meet V. G. Dekanozov, — OGPU official elevated to Vice-Commissar of Foreign Affairs (at present Red ambassador in Berlin) and later made the Soviet dictator of Lithuania, — but that official could not be reached. Soviet troops were massing around the borders.

(The last hours of Lithuania's Independence will be described by Eduardas Turauskas in the article which will appear in the next issue).

## Refugee Financier, On Way to U. S. Dies in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO. — Martynas Yčas, refugee Lithuanian financier and diplomat, died here April 5, few days after he and his family reached Brazil on their way to the United States. He died of heart disease.

Yčas' widow, American born, will continue the journey to America with her three daughters. The Yčas' were married in Scranton, Pa., in 1916, during his visit to U.S. on a mission in connection with the campaign for liberation of Lithuania.

## Member of Duma.

Yčas, who was a lawyer by profession, first entered public life in 1912, when he along with Rev. Juozas Laukaitis, was elected to represent the then Lithuanian province in the Imperial Russian Duma (parliament). Although he was only 28 at the time, his oratory in the Duma won him a reputation and an influence of no small degree in the Russian administration circles.

It was because of this influence that in 1916 he was made the chairman of the Lithuanian Victims of War Relief committee and was successful in obtaining huge sums of money from the Russian Imperial treasury. It is said that much of this money was used to finance the Lithuanian fight for freedom.

## First Finance Minister.

In the first Lithuanian cabinet formed by Augustinas Voldemaras in 1918, Yčas was given the portfolio of the finance ministry. He also held the same position in the succeeding two cabinets, those of Mykolas Šleževičius and Pranas Dovydaitis.

In later years Yčas retired from political field and became a banker. Last June, when Russia invaded Lithuania, he along with hundreds of other Lithuanians fled the country. He and his family wandered from Germany to Switzerland, to Italy and finally to Portugal, from where they sailed for South America expecting eventually to

reach the United States. Less than a week after landing in Rio de Janeiro heart disease proved fatal.

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Jei tu "UŽ" Smetoną, tai esi geras ir nuoširdus patriotas. Jei "PRIES" — esi netik, kad priešas, bet tiesiog "komunacių talkininkas."

Jei tu "UŽ" Smetoną, tai tu rupiniesi Lietuvos Laisvės atgavimu. Jei "PRIES" — tu padedi okupantams.

Jei tu Smetoną tituluoji prezidentu ir lietuvių tautos vadu tai tu esi kovos prieš okupantus dalyvis. Jei atsisakai jam prezidento titulą pripažinti, tai tu aiškiai visam pasauliui, o ypač Amerikos vyriausybei, kuri šiandien yra beveik vienintelis pasauly pavergtųjų tautų draugas ir rėmėjas, parodai, jog pas lietuvių nėra susitarimo ir harmonijos.

Sie visi argumentai nėra mūsų, bet tų naujųjų autoritetų. Todėl, jei kuris jų nepatinka nešokite mūsų kaltinti. Ieškokite tų "autoritetų".

Tie argumentai mums nepatinka. Ir juo jie greičiau iš mūsų tarpo pranyks.

tuo bus sveikiau bendram darbui už tėvų žemės išvadavimą.

Jei kuriam Smetona patinka, tai jis turi pilniausią teisę gerbti ir priimdinėti jį kaip tik nori. Tai jo privilegija. Bet mūsų akyse jis nėra didesniu patrijotu už tą, kuris kartais nenori Smetonos nei vardo išgirsti. Ir tie šnibždėsiai, kad "ve jis prieš Smetoną — vadinasi jis komunacių talkininkas" turėtų būti kuogreičiausiai pašalinti.

## Lietuviškieji Klebonai

Chicagoje bėgy pereitų kelių mėnesių mirė trys lietuvių kunigai-klebonai. Du iš jų buvo senosios, ateivių iš Lietuvos, kartos žmonės. Trečiasis nors gimęs Amerikoje, amžium taip pat jau priklausė prie senesnės kartos.

Tenka apgailestauti tų lyderių pasitraukimą, bet kartu reikia konstatuoti, kad tas pasitraukimas yra natūralus gamtos apsisprendimas ir nemanome, jog sulaužysime padarumo ribas sakdami, kad pasitraukimų tarp senesnės kartos klebonų, kaip ir visų lietuvių, bus vis daugiau ir daugiau ateity.

Senesniesiems pasitraukiant jų vietos, taip pat natūraliu keliu tenka jaunesniesiems. Kiekviena senesnio lietuvių palikta vieta yra svarbi ir tolimesnis lietuvių išsilaikymas šioje šaly kliaujasi tame kas tą vietą užims. Klebonų vietos yra ypač atsakomingos ir svarbios.

Niekas šiandien negali paneigti, kad parapijos buvo ir tebėra svarbiais lietuvių postais išeivių fronte prieš tautinės sąmonės tirpimą. Jei parapijų vadovybė pereis jauniems kunigams kurie yra susipratę lietuvių, tai tie postai ne tik, kad išsilaikys, bet kai kuriais atžvilgiais net sustiprės.

Vienok tuo pačiu yra ir galimumas, kad lietuviškon parapijon vyskupai gali pradėti skirti ir visai ne lietuvių klebonus (tokių atsitikimų bene jau keli yra). Tada tai tie lietuvių postai būtų susilpninti ir jiems grėstų greitas sunykimas.

## Robbing His Victims



## WHO IS AN ALIEN?

We American are great label makers. Unless we can tack a label on to everything, soup or soap or cigarettes, we are not comfortable. Maybe we can't tell the difference between any two brands, but we know the label by heart.

We do the same with people. We may not know what they are all about, yet we label them and tuck them away in pigeonholes. And right there we make a big mistake.

Now, in a time of national tension and danger, we are indulging this bad habit more than ever. We feel jittery and it makes us feel secure to call people names. One of the worst of these tags we attach to people is the word "alien." We use it for people who don't look like us. And we use it for people whom we feel "don't belong."

Well, just who is an "alien"? Let's look at the record.

We've got about 131,500,000 people in this country. According to the Census of 1930, close to 40,000,000 of us were either foreign-born or children of one or both foreign-born parents. And about 8,000,000 potential voters or one in every eight of the total voting population, were foreign-born.

We call ourselves, proudly, "melting pot." Well, we are. And the first man to throw a stone at an alien is throwing a stone at himself.

What makes us different from the Europe most of us hark back to? Just this. We have proved that people of all races and religions can live together for centuries in peace, going about their business, getting things done, and not getting in each other's hair, whether it's blond or brunette, kinked or red.

The Red Indian can sit on his reservation and say he isn't alien. The rest of us can't. And we can't be so sure about the Indian either. Didn't his ancestors—way back—come over from Asia?

## LITHUANIA

By Vytautas Brazevičius

This land has known nothing but sorrow,  
A brief taste of joy and then fear  
Of the thing that might come in the morrow,  
Of the horror that might linger near.

This land has lost blood to the Prussians,  
To the Cossack, the Khan of the Horde,  
To the Tartar, the Hun and the Russian,  
The Crusader, the thief and the lord.

It has known what it means to be beaten  
And beaten again and again,  
With the least little edible eaten,  
And a stomach that shrinks into pain.

It has risen too briefly and mumbled  
Its pride and its glory, but soon  
Into heaps of gray ashes it tumbled  
And wailed its death chant to the moon.

## Voice of the Reader

This Department Is Readers Forum.

Letters Are Welcome.

### LITHS IN WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Editor:

I noticed in your most recent issue of JAUNIMAS a reference to the American Lithuanian Society of Washington, D. C., in your column devoted to the listing of Lithuanian persons and organizations in alphabetical order, with an editor's note that complete information about the organization is lacking. It is in order to provide fuller information for you that I write this letter.

The first formal meeting was held in the summer of 1935, with about 10 or 12 persons present. Bylaws were adopted in February 1936, and were revised in May 1940. A copy of the revised bylaws is inclosed. From Article II you will learn the purpose of the Society; and from Article III, the manner of obtaining membership.

The Society has grown in the 5 years of its existence to an active membership of about 76 persons, the major-

ity of whom are Government workers, with an average age of about 27, and practically all are from the States—principally Pennsylvania, Illinois and Massachusetts.

The officers for 1941 are: Joseph A. Gabrilowitz, treasurer (an office which he has held since the organization of the Society); Miss Nellie Kizevich, secretary; Albert P. Ross (Aruscavage), vice-president; and Albert W. Shupienis, president.

Among the regular activities of the Society are: (1) a Study and Discussion Club, (2) a Language Club, (3) a Choral Club, (4) a Bowling Club, and (5) a Swimming Club.

Albert W. Shupienis  
President, American  
Lithuanian Society of  
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kus namus.

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New Haven, Conn.

### Rococo By Hyginus Peculis

What is this secret of our  
flowers  
That makes them pink and  
dew?  
That leaves me puzzled many  
hours  
And makes me always think  
of you.

When some women say  
"Can you keep a secret?" you  
know they can't.

—o—  
When it comes to history,  
the average school kid is will-  
ing to let bygones be bygones.

—o—  
Never judge a woman's  
smile by her teeth. Both may  
be artificial.



## Getting Personal

### FOURTH ESTATE:

Otto Tolischus, first Lithuanian journalist to win the Pulitzer prize, is at present in Tokio, Japan, covering the Orient for the NANA syndicate...

### THIRD GENERATION:

It's an eight pound boy for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Apolskis... The mother is the former Miss Ann Davis who was Miss Lithuania in the 1940 Chicago Auto Show... Father "Chuc" was a gridiron star at De Paul U. several years back... Later he played professional football with the Chicago Bears...

### ART NOTES:

Two canvasses by Mikas Sileikis are exhibited in the current All-Illinois Society of Fine Arts exhibition at the Stevens Hotel... The pictures are "Green and Gold" (172) and "The Pine Tree" (173)... The show will run through July 31...

### SMETONA FAMILY:

Dr. J. J. Bielskis, Lithuanian Consul in Los Angeles, is on his way to Chicago to meet Mr. Smetona... It is very probable that Mr. and Mrs. Smetona will go to California after their Chicago visit, which might run into weeks and even months... Mrs. Jadviga Tubelis, Mrs. Smetona's sister, is coming to Chicago this week-end and will stay here until the end of May awaiting the arrival of her 18-year old daughter Mariutė who at present is a student in a Florida college...

### MUSICAL:

George Victor, who is called the best Lithuanian music arranger, was the guest expert on the "Musical I. Q." program over WGN April 28. And he did a fine job...

### FRIEND LOST:

Our columnist Edward J. Kubaitis recently had a run-in with three bandits as a result of which he was forced to spend nearly a week in a hospital nursing his wounds... The bandits held-up E. J. K.'s roadhouse across the National Cemetery, cleaning up the cash register, taking much of stock and killing Ed's pet dog, Trix... The faithful dog was killed when he tried to defend his master...

### BELIAJUS DANCERS:

Vytautas Beliajus and his dancers left for Washington,

D. C., where they will participate in the annual National Folklore Festival... This will be the third successive appearance for our young Lithuanians... En route to the capital Beliajus and Co. made a stop in Cleveland where they appeared in a special program sponsored for them by the Clevelanders... Which is considerably more than what the dancers got out of Chicagoans... The affair on Easter Sunday, the proceeds of which were to towards defraying transportation to Washington expenses, was a total fiasco, leaving the promoters, Chicago Lithuanian Youth Society with a deficit on hands... Later the group appealed through the newspapers for contributions — and received one dollar... Beliajus and his youngsters are doing a grand job of acquainting the American public with the Lithuanian folklore and certainly deserves more cooperation...

### SPORTS SHORT:

Joseph Jodka of Massachusetts State College, who several weeks ago took third place in 200 yard breast stroke in the National Collegiate Swimming meet at Lansing, Mich., is the brother of Rev. Michael Jodka, M. I. C., vicar at the Our Lady of Vilnius parish...

### PRESIDENT'S SON:

Julius Smetona, son of the refugee president, who stayed behind in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is studying English and Portugal, in order to ready himself for a job... Even a president's son has to eat... He also has a wife and two kiddies to feed... The young Smetona, who was a junior professor at the Vytautas University in Kaunas, hasn't given up hope to come to the U. S. A...

### THIS AND DATA:

Rev. Adam Ješkevičius, M. I. C., former manager of Draugas, is now the assistant to the pastor at the Lithuanian parish in Mt. Carmel, Pa...

### ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

BROCKTON, Mass. — The engagement of Miss Mary Miltenis and Thomas F. Gentile was announced here Easter Sunday. Miss Miltenis, prominent in the Lithuanian circles, is the secretary to Brockton's mayor. Mr. Gentile is the executive director of Brockton's Public Welfare Board.

## Graphic Proofs

THESE are the days of press and radio smears, of investigations and witch hunts, which under the banner of democracy utterly deny democratic precepts... exclaims the commu-nazi Vilnis' youth editors.

Are we to understand that the democratic precepts are injured and denied when the people of America attempt to rid the country of foreign power agents?

ANOTHER headline in the commu-nazi Vilnis:

"THE NEW LITHUANIA SPEAKS FOR ITSELF; PROGRESS ABOUNDS."

The item:

"Of eighty-four textile mills in old Lithuania, forty were idle or working on half time, or employing thirty workers or under. NOW all are running full time and to capacity; additional plant is being erected. Two hundred more pairs of...underwear...are planned above last year's production."

Those comunists go for doing things in a big way. And they start from bear skin up.

## Pages From History

### WHEN LITHUANIA REALLY THREATENED MOSCOW

#### Russia Through The Ages

By Prof. S. R. TOMPKINS

One danger alone threatened, that of the rising principality of Lithuania in the west. But the death of Gediminas in 1240 left his kingdom to be divided among his sons, a condition that inevitably led to strife among the brothers.

The victor was Algirdas, who now formed the design of an alliance with the Tartar Khan Dzhanibeg with a view to a concerted attack on Moscow. But Prince Simeon acted promptly.

He appealed to old treaty arrangements with the Khan. As a result, the latter handed over to Simeon one of Algirdas' brothers sojourning with the Tartar Horde, as a prisoner, and Simeon compelled the Lithuanian Prince to make peace.

### A GIFT FROM "POP"

(Draugas, Chicago)

What did our (Lithuanian) younger generation receive from its elders so far? First of all, about half a hundred schools (parochial), including several academies, one college, and a seminary. This is not a gift of the Government, but a gift from the not over rich Lithuanian-conscious society to its youth. Then, the elders have established several organizations and others. They publish the magazine Vytis (for general youth), Studentų žodis (for students), Aidai (for girl students).

## Our Mother Tongue

By VYTAUTAS SIRVYDAS

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### The Aestian Language Family

The people who 2,000 years ago inhabited the country to the north of the Vistula river (alongside the Frisches Haff of the Baltic Sea) were called the Aestians by the Roman historian Tacitus. Some five hundred years later, people of the same name are mentioned by the historian of the Goths, Jornandes. Again, they are mentioned by a German (Adam of Bremen) around 900 A. D. From him we know that the Aestians are the same as the old Prussians. Therefore, the conclusion was made that the Aestians belonged to the same race as the old Prussians. Since there is no doubt that the latter were by blood and language related to the Lithuanians and the Latvians, therefore, prof. Buga proposed to name the languages spoken by this group — the Aestian family. Some non Lithuanian scholars, however, prefer to call them the Baltic group, or even the Balto-Slavic group. Here is what prof. Buga says about the Aestian family and the Indo-European group of languages.

### Aestian and Indo-European

Aisčiai — ne iš kelmo išperėti. Jie turi sau giminaičių ir senojoje Europoje ir senojoje Azijoje. Europos ir Azijos aisčių giminaičius moksle priimta vadinti indoeuropiečiais. Vadinas, aisčiai yra viena indoeuropiečių giminės šaka. Kitos šakos — šios:

1) slavėnai, kurių vaikai — lenkai ir kašubai, išmirusieji palabėnai, sorbai arba lužičėnai, čekai ir slovakai; serbai, slovenai, bulgarai; rusai su gudais ir ukrainiečiais;

2) arijai, kurių skiria dvi skiltis indai (jų raštų kalba sanskritu vadinama) ir iranėčiai; iranėčių kalbos šios: avestos (zendo), persų, kurdų, afgų, balučių, pamirėčių, osetų;

3) armėnai;

4) albanai;

5) graikai;

6) itališkai; kurių vaikai — lotynai, oskai, umbrai; lotynų kalbos vaikai — italai, provensalai, ispanai, portugalai, prancuzai, rumunai;

7) keltai, kurių vaikai — senovės galai, airiai, kimbrai, bretonai;

8) germanai, kurių vaikai — gotai, norvegai, yslandiečiai, danai, švedai, vokiečiai, anglai.

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The Aestians are not a product of imagination. They have relatives in ancient Europe and ancient Asia. These

European and Asiatic relatives of the Aestians are called the Indo-Europeans by science. Therefore, the Aestians are a branch of the Indo-Europeans. The other branches are:

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1) Slavs, their offsprings being — Poles, Kassubians, the disappeared Palabians, Sorbs and Lausitzians, Chechs, Slovaks, Serbians, Slovenians, Bulgarians, Russians, White Russians and Ukrainians.

2) Aryans, of whom two branches are distinguished: Hindus (their written language is called Sanskrit) and Iranians; the Iranian languages are: Avesta (Zenda), Persian, Kurd.

Afganistan, Baluchistan, Pamirian and Ossetian;

3) Armenians;

4) Albanians;

5) Greeks;

6) Italici, whose offspring are — Latins, Oscians, Umbrians; from the Latin language sprang — Italian, Provençal, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Rumanian;

7) Celts, whose offspring are — Gauls, Irish, Cimbrians (Welsh), Bretons;

8) Germans, whose offspring are — Goths, Norwegians, Icelanders, Dans, Swedes, Germans, English.

Besides these eight branches, prof. Buga says, were other members of the Indo-European family group. But these are not as yet fully investigated. The Tocharian, for instance, might have been a separate branch. This is the language found in certain writings discovered in

Northern Turkestan. Then there were the Thracian, the Phrygian and the Illyrian languages. The ancient Scythians and Sarmatians, it appears, were Iranians.

In the next article prof. Buga will be quoted as to his view about the ancestors of the Indo-Europeans.

1960

By Hyginus Peciulis

We left New York at half past nine, at ten arrived in Paris. The day is bright the weather fine, the blue sky smiling o'er us.

We ate some frogs, and some cherry smash—all was glee and laughter; Spent some cash, smelt some wine, and left at quarter after.

Ten twenty we're in London Town, ten thirty we're in Dover; Eleven o'clock in County Down to look the country over.

Eleven ten we rise again and visit old Damascus; Cairo, Fez, Jerusalem, anywhere they ask us.

At three o'clock Sahara Sand; three twenty doing Rome. We're going by Ireland to kiss the Blarney Stone.

Again in air we start for home across the Isle of Wight, We left the kiddies all alone and must be home by night.

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## Sharkey Rates Louis Below Ex-Champions

**DEMPSEY, TUNNEY AND RISCO COME HIGHER IN HIS BOOK**

BOSTON, Mass. — The one person in the world who knows whether Jack Dempsey punched harder than Joe Louis won't tell.

He is Jack Sharkey, heavy-weight champion in 1932, who is willing and eager to discuss every other boxing subject as long as the cash registers keep jingling in the spacious tavern he conducts a stone's throw from the Boston Garden.

Sharkey took kayo punches from both Dempsey and Louis. Dempsey, though, got him back in 1927, but Sharkey won the title in 1932, lost to Carnera in 1933, and came out of retirement to meet Louis in 1936.

### Born At Right Time

"Louis will be taken one of these days, but not by any of the heavyweights around today," Sharkey predicts. "Joe's a great puncher but a very lucky one. He was born at the right time. If he'd been around with Dempsey, Tunney, Risko and dozens of others who were active with me, he never would have moved out of the preliminary class."

The "Garraulous Gob" of boxing's golden days is now a highly polished and successful business man. "I've made more of a success out of a tavern than any other champion ever did and, as you know, about everyone of them had a fling at this business at one time or another," he pointed out with pride.

### Big Business Man

Fortyish but unfat, Sharkey today looks as trim as he did when he was at his peak. "Weight never bothers me," he boasts. "Don't forget, I took off a total of 1,200 pounds when I was campaigning. I'm not letting any unnecessary poundage creep up on me when I'm not looking."

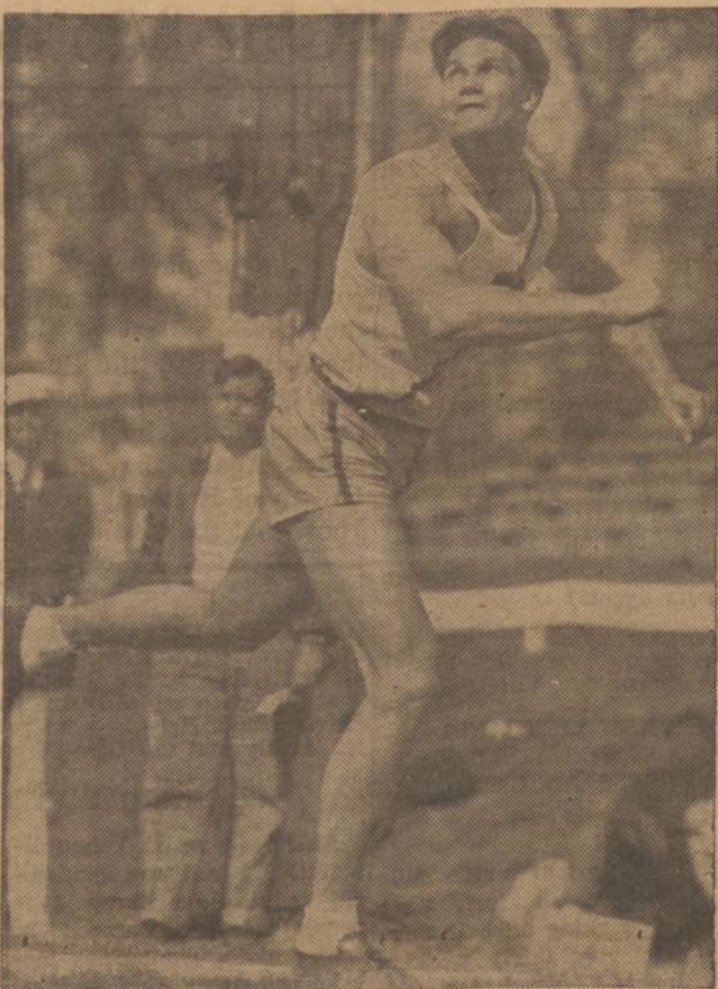
As far as finances go, Sharkey probably is better fixed than he was when his earning capacity was the greatest. In those days, all of his purses, except the funds needed for the upkeep of his beautiful Chestnut Hill estate and the living expenses of himself and family went into trust funds.

Some of them have matured and been re-invested soundly. Most of the others will do the same soon. But Sharkey does not have to touch any of them to maintain high living standards for his family. He makes more than enough out of his tavern to meet current expenses and provide him with the pleasures he desires, such as expensive automobiles, theatre parties, and interesting wagers at pool.

### Respected Neighbor

Ex-champion Sharkey is a man of substance, a respected neighbor in one of Boston's most exclusive sections and a patron of many arts. His interest in boxing is only academic now, but he will go miles out of his way to help the sport or one of its unfortunate victims.

## Blozis Sets New Record In Drake Discus



Al Blozis of Georgetown setting a new Drake Relays record in the discus throw by heaving it 161 feet 5 inches, beating Jack Hughes of Texas who set the meet record last year, at Des Moines, Iowa.

"I still love boxing," he says. "I should, for it was good to me."

Sharkey's, naturally, is the first port of call for every broken down battler to hit town. Most of them have him marked for "the bite".

"No one can make a chump out of Sharkey, but when you rate a helping hand from him, you get it," the old-timers say.

## Wistert Expected To Spark Mich. Grid Machine

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — With the great Tom Harmon gone, coach Fritz Crisler is seeking to rebuild his Michigan eleven around the remaining boys among whom he places no small hope in one Albert "Whitey" Wistert of Chicago.

The blonde Lithuanian, easily the most ferocious tackle loose today, in the opinion of most experts will walk away with the All American laurels come December. They are still talking here about Wistert's victorious play that gave Pennsylvania's Frank Reagan the worst day of his career and backs like Bill de Correvont and George Franck winced under his terrific charges.

### Brother Was Good Too

Wistert's brother Francis likewise was on All American tackle at Michigan and it is almost certain that Al may complete the first brother act since the Poes at Princeton in the gay 90's.

Crisler also believes that his two other Lithuanian chargees will play an important part in the Michigan march towards Big Nine title. They are — Karweles from Chicago's West Side, and Tom Kuzma, a 190-pounder from Gary, Ind. Karweles

## Soho, Pa., Quintet Wins Lithuanian Basketball Crown

Winning Basket Scored In Overtime Period.

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Scoring a basket in the three minute overtime period, Soho, Pa., quintet defeated Amsterdam Lithuanians for the American Lithuanian basketball crown in the final game of the annual tournament held here April 19-20. The score was 39-37.

The tournament was sponsored by the American Lithuanian Athletic Association. Thirteen teams participated.

### Chicago Team Loses.

The defending champions, Duquesne Lithuanian Athletic Club, were eliminated in the second round by SoHo. The score was 43-33. Earlier, in the first round Duquesne defeated the Chicago team, 37-33.

Another Illinois quintet, the Waukegan Liths, bowed to SoHo in the first round by the score of 59-36.

### Other scores:

Amsterdam, 27; Akron, O., 23.  
Cleveland, O., 49; Welder, Pa., 29.  
Pittsburgh K. of L., 6; DuBois, Pa., 45.  
DuBois, Pa., 43; Niagara Falls, N. Y., 38.  
Amsterdam, N. Y., 29; DuBois, Pa., 27.

Next year's tournament will be held in Cleveland, Ohio.

plays the end, while Kuzma is expected to see action in the backfield.

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## Wears Old Shirt To "Help" Hitting

DETROIT, Mich. — Barney McCoskey, the Tigers outfielder, who is leading his team in hitting, is still wearing the torn and battered sweat shirt he wore in 1939. The young Lithuanian is superstitious about his hitting and thinks it keeps him hitting well.

## Lithuanian Ticket Sweeps Election In Westville, Ill.

WESTVILLE, Ill. — Entire Lithuanian Citizens ticket was swept into office here in the April 15 election. Charles B. Byron Jr. was elected mayor. Fred Sneyd was reelected city clerk. Trustees for three years elected were Camille Spezia, Chris Shaw, and Charles Lucas.

For unexpired term of two years for trustee, Tony Rimshas received 939 votes to his opponent's 501.

A. A. Appanaitis was unopposed for police magistrate on the Citizens ticket and polled 896 votes for reelection.

Also elected without opposition were Anna Chromis Laitas and Frank E. Dugas to the Library Board for three-year term.

## Belgium City Reelects Lith For 15th Year

WESTVILLE, Ill. — Peter Markunas, People's Choice Party candidate for president and his entire ticket swept to victory in the village of Belgium city election April 15. The victory gave Markunas his 15th year in office.

## Lithuanian's Win Alderman Positions Georgetown, Ill.

GEORGETOWN, Ill. — Walter Radamski and Peter Sungail, Lithuanian candidates, were elected aldermen in the third ward. Joseph Cebulsky, seeking alderman's place in the first ward, lost to Joseph Sandy, 175 to 30.

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### More Stalin Double Dealing

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Beacon-News)

The friendship pact signed by Russia and Japan, try to minimize it as folks may, is a blow to the United States. It releases Japanese forces for use against the American possessions in the Far East and the East Indies which furnish us rubber and tin.

China, with Russia has been helping with munitions and which we have promised to help, is dumped by the Soviet. Stalin recognizes as part of the Japanese empire, Manchuria, which the Japanese army carved out of the Chinese nation.

Inasmuch as Japan is part of the axis, Russia cannot very well sign up with it without becoming an axis ally or something very close to it.

Very apparent it is that Stalin is afraid of Hitler. Also apparent it is that he wishes to see the struggle go on between Great Britain and the Nazis.

He hopes also that the United States will become involved and that all the leading nations of the world will be so weakened the Soviet will become the dominant power.

Real friendship, Stalin has for no one. He has aided Hitler to get a portion of the spoils. He gives Japan a free hand in exchange for a part of China. He deserts the country he encouraged to fight Japan.

From time to time the Soviet has pretended friendship for the United States. It has scolded nations that surrendered to Hitler without a fight, has talked of the right of independence of small nations.

This talk is the rankest kind of fourflushing. Stalin showed his concern for the little countries when he attacked little Finland, took part of the country after slaying thousands of Finns. Then he grabbed Esthonia, Lithuania and Latvia.

He would like to grab Sweden, and will, if Britain and Germany become so weak they cannot stop the robbery.

Some people try to get encouragement out of the fact that the known provisions of the Japanese-Russian pact do not require the signatories of the pact to refuse munitions to anybody at war with either Japan or Russia.

But what secret clauses of the pact may provide is "something else again." It is a certainty that so far as Stalin goes they will operate in favor of keeping the Nazis and the Britons at it and to involve the United States and Japan in hostilities.

Incidentally, the Stalin leaning toward the axis may well be the reason why Turkey, which has an alliance with Britain, has repeatedly backed away from the Balkan struggle.

The Turks count Russia their big brother, albeit a tricky brother. They won't

engage in any war if they can possibly keep out, unless Russia is taking part or circumstances compel it to support the Turks. The Moslems know a hypocrite when they see one and Stalin rates No. 1 in this class.

Nobody can rely on his aid unless it looks to him that he is going to profit while everybody else loses. Makes no difference who is hurt so long it is not the Soviet.

They thought this would mean help from the great bear because it had in the past. They were disillusioned, just as everybody will be who trusts the Soviet dictator.

### Lith Radio Star In Operatic Concert May 10



JADVYGA GRICIUS

Miss Jadvyga Gričius, who's beautiful coloratura soprano is familiar to Chicago Lithuanian radio programs listeners, will appear in an operatic concert May 10, at the Chicago Woman's Club theatre, Michigan avenue and 11th street.

Miss Gričius will sing such famed coloratura arias as the "Mad Scene" from Lucia, Caro Nome from Rigolletto and selected numbers from Barber of Seville, La Bohème, Cavaleria Rusticana and Pagliacci. She will be assisted by Jean Fardulli and Manuel Barounis of the Chicago Opera Company.

Concert will begin at 8:30 p. m. Reserved seats are \$1.10, general admission 55c. Tickets can be ordered by calling YARds 0523.

### Dr. John Staneslow Made "Fellow" of American College



Dr. John S. Staneslow

WATERBURY, Conn.—Dr. John S. Staneslow, former chief physician — examiner of the S.L.A., was initiated last week as a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. The initiation took place at the annual convention held in Boston April 21—25.

Dr. Staneslow is a graduate of Cornell university and of Cornell Medical school. He interned at Strong Memorial hospital in Rochester, N. Y., and thereafter did post-graduate work in mental and nervous diseases at the Rochester State hospital. Dr. Staneslow came to Waterbury in the fall of 1928 to enter private practice.

#### Second Lith East

At present he is attending neurologist and psychiatrist at St. Mary's hospital, and lecturer in psychiatry to the nurses' training school there; and attending similar duties at Waterbury hospital.

Dr. Staneslow has taken care of Prospect children as school physician for the past seven years. Among Lithuanians he and Dr. Paulonis of Brooklyn, N. Y., are the only ones in the east who are Fellows of the American College of Physicians.

## Lithuanian-American Encyclopedia

By VYTAUTAS SIRVYDAS

Amerikos Lietuvių Kongresas — a child of the American Lithuanian "popular front" movement inspired by the orders of the Third Communist International in 1935 to Communist parties to seek allies among Liberals and Socialists against Fascism. The basis was laid at an "anti-fascist" conference in Cleveland, Ohio, 1935. The following year, June 20-21, a "congress" was held at the same city at which, it was claimed, 345 Lithuanian organizations were represented by 382 delegates. This Congress elected an executive committee composed of Julius Mickevičius, Dr. A. Montvydas, Miss E. Mikuzis, R. Šniukas, Fred Abekas, Leo Jonikas and J. K. Šarkiušas. Five resolutions were adopted against the Government of Lithuania. About 26 branches were later organized in the United States and Canada. The movement disbanded in 1939 when the Socialists and Communists disagreed on the question of support of Soviet Russia.

Amerikos Lietuvių Piliėčių Klubas — a name given to many political organizations of American Lithuanians, the word "Ukėšų" being used in many instances before 1910 when the present "Piliėčių" came into the language as the more pure word. Sometimes the title "Neprigulmingas" (independent) or the name of some Grand Duke of Lithuania was also attached. The general aim of these clubs was the naturalization of Lithuanians as American citizens. The leader and organizer of the club in Brooklyn, N. Y., for instance, Mr. Andrius Kundrotas, (now deceased) since 1907 was instrumental in helping 2,266 Lithuanians to become citizens. Most of the clubs have sick and death benefits (pašalpa) and many of them participate in local Democratic or Republican politics.

The first club of Lithuanian

American citizens was organized in Shenandoah, Pa., under the Name "Švento Jurgio Ukėšų Draugija" in 1891. Another "Citizens Draugystė" was organized in Mt. Carmel, Pa., 1892. In New York City there were two Republican, two Democratic and one Socialist political club in 1898, but they disappeared after the elections. In Chicago the same year saw a Lithuanian Republican Alliance with seven clubs in the various wards. The first political parade in which a Lithuanian political club participated was at the Democratic rally in Elizabeth, N. J. 1892. This club was led by its organizer, V. Ambrozevičius.

Many of the clubs own their own homes and halls. A steady source of income to some of them are bars selling beer and liquor. Some of the clubs have libraries and organize lectures and dramatic presentations. The total number of Piliėčių Klubai in the United States is not known. At the present writing there is a list of 95. Here are some of the names chosen for such clubs: Politinis Jurgio Washingtono (Newark, N. J., org. 1911); Lietuvių Ukėšų Gedimino Klubas (Haverhill, Mass. org. 1902); Simano Daukanto Ukėšų Klubas (Amsterdam, N. Y., org. 1912); Lithuanian Citizens Association (Brockton, Mass., org. 1903); Lietuvių Politikos Klubas (Naukatuck, Conn., org. 1902). The names of the others are of a similar pattern.

Amerikos Lietuvių Kronika — a series of lectures by Father Antanas Milukas on the history of the Lithuanians in the United States during 1868-1893, published in book form by Julė Pranaitytė, Philadelphia, Pa., 1931, pp. 272.

Amerikos Lietuvių Moterų Klubas — W. Lynn, Mass.; an organization of Lithuanian women; among its activities is helping Lithuanians to become American citizens.

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## RADIO TANTRUMS

By Kilomaikis

For a station which boasts of the Americanization of the foreign language groups in the Chicago area, WGES certainly turns a deaf ear to the Lithuanian communist program it allows to broadcast and thus clutter up the ether.

No, the communists aren't dumb enough to broadcast anything un-American (they print that stuff in their sheet), but their continuous plugging of bolshevik propaganda films, bolshevik affairs, their belittling of the other Lithuanian newspapers, certainly comes under the heading of subversive activities.

And their story from Russian-occupied Lithuania concerning a Smetona portrait in a synagogue gives off the odor of racial intolerance (April 26). Indirect, yes, but it's still there.

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Now it's Paul Šaltimieras's turn: he's afraid that people are going about calling him a millionaire because his sponsored affair turned out so well. So he ups and starts explaining how much what cost. What's wrong, Paul, afraid to make some money? Don't alibi with that line about scenery, costumes, etc. The suckers paid their dollars and got what they wanted.

Above all, don't use that old gag about "I don't do this to make money ... patriotism ... Lithuanianism ... costs money ..." Yeh, just like General Motors makes cars only for people's pleasure, not to make money. Yeh.

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'Tis said that more than 1,000 people attended the Dziukas program's three year anniversary banquet in Philadelphia.

His programs are heard on WTEL Wednesdays at 7 and Saturdays at 8, both times P.M.

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In Pittsburgh it's Paul Dargis on WWSW — 12:30 P.M. every Sunday.

Paul also holds a responsible position. It's his OK that counts for all the foreign language broadcasts on that station.

Something like that would be just the thing for Chicago stations.

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Still farther East—Boston to be exact — the Minkus broadcasts celebrated their eight year anniversary on April 27th at the Municipal Hall.

Their programs are heard on WORL Saturdays at 8:30 and Sundays at 9:30, both in the A.M.

### Prof. Šalkauskis, Head of Vytautas U Dies In Kaunas

BROOKLYN, N. Y. — America, the Lithuanian Catholic weekly, received a report from Lithuania that prof. Stasys Šalkauskis, president of the Vytautas the Great University up to the time of

the Russian occupation, died early in March, in Kaunas. He was 55 years old.

Prof. Šalkauskis was one of Lithuanians greatest pedagogs and is the author of numerous books on that subject. He is survived by his widow, the former Julija Paltarokas and a 12 year old son.

### Refugees Elude GPU In Flight Across Russia

A group of refugees from the Russian-occupied Baltic passed through Chicago last week with stories of the terror which is raging there.

The dramatic part of their story was the fact that they had eluded Russian pursuit by fleeing out of Lithuania across the complete width of the Soviet Union, from the Latvian border to easternmost Siberia, and thence to Japan. While the GPU was looking for them in Lithuania they were already in Moscow.

#### Russia Impoverished

Typical of their impression was that of Baruch Schafner, former president of the journalists' association of Warsaw and editor of a Socialist Labor paper there. He pictured Stalin as unprepared for war because of Russia's poverty.

"After the Bolsheviks came to Lithuania", he said, "they raised wages 20 per cent and then put up prices 200 per cent. Elections are a joke."

### Reds Claims on Election Figures Exaggerated

KOENIGSBERG, Prussia. — According to Russian press received here, more than 90% of the total Lithuanian voters participated in the election of the deputies to the supreme soviet. But refugees who continue to escape into Prussia say that the percentage was not nearly so great. In the village of Dambauka, near the Prussian border, out of 90 registered voters, only two participated in the election. In another village, Sausininkai, also near the border, only 40 cast votes altho more than 350 voters were registered.

### Washington Lith Leader Gets Call From Uncle Sam

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Ladislaus J. Esunas, one of the leaders in the Baltic circles here, was drafted for a year's service in the U. S. Army. He left for camp April 18.

The draftee, who is 34 years old, was born in Lithuania but is a naturalized American since 1919. A brother, Bernard, 27, enlisted in the Army Air Corps in January.

Rev. Aleksandras Skripka, founder and pastor of the Holy Cross parish in Town of Lake, died April 27 following a prolonged illness which kept him bed-ridden for nearly two years. He was 73 years old.

### Brooklyn Liths Create Body To Fight 5th Column

By VYTAUTAS VIZBARA

BROOKLYN, N. Y. — At the instigation of the 5th. district S. L. A. council, a meeting of representatives from various organizations was called on April 20th to form a group which would work toward the regaining of Lithuania's independence.

Ninety-six accredited delegates, representing 34 clubs with a membership of 4350, gathered at the Lithuanian-American Citizens Club in Brooklyn to voice at great length their views—not only on the subject at hand but on matters close to their individual hearts. However, chairman Strazdas kept the delegates well in hand and did not permit the introduction of any "party peeves" to disrupt the meeting.

#### U. S. First and Last

What impressed your correspondent were several outstanding expressions of policy. The delegates, most of whom were Lithuanian-born, stressed loyalty to the United States Government first and interest in Lithuania's destiny as a secondary matter. Pres. Roosevelt's expressions of sympathy to the oppressed Baltic states and refusal to recognize the present Soviet rules was discussed and a resolution of thanks duly passed.

In condemning Russia's forceful and illegal occupation of Lithuania, the matter was treated as only a phase of a general movement of the dictatorial powers to strangle democracies.

One old delegate who had

been on the committee that had worked for the regaining of Lithuania's independence after the first World War, summed up the purpose of the meeting with the statement: "When the nations of the world gather around the peace table again, let a voice be heard speaking for Lithuania."

#### To Act Against 5th Column.

The adoption of a firmer more active policy against fifth columnists (meaning Lithuanian Reds) was enthusiastically proposed. It was felt that the boycotting of any literature or movement known to be Communist inspired would quickly take the "steam" out of Red Joe's messenger-boys.

The usual resolutions expected of a meeting of this kind were passed. Of more importance was the creation of three active committees: One of 7 members to act as the rufing and directing group; the second to act as a propaganda agent; and the third to promote activities.

Since Red groups had been spreading word about that life under the present Soviet rule in Lithuania is one grand picnic after another, it was necessary to form a propaganda group to counteract this misinformation and in

as many ways as is possible inform the American people that life in the old Russia ruled Lithuania before the first World War was never as bad as under the present Stalin regime.

#### Helpless Over There

A strict censorship prevents the people in Lithuania from expressing themselves and the threat of a firing squad does not encourage democratic principals to operate, so that Americans who are interested in Lithuania are in the best position to act as spokesmen.

Who can better voice the anguish of little Lietuva than those in whose veins runs some blood of the great warriors who at Žalgiris centuries ago, prevented another powerful foe from stealing the freedom of Lithuania's people?

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