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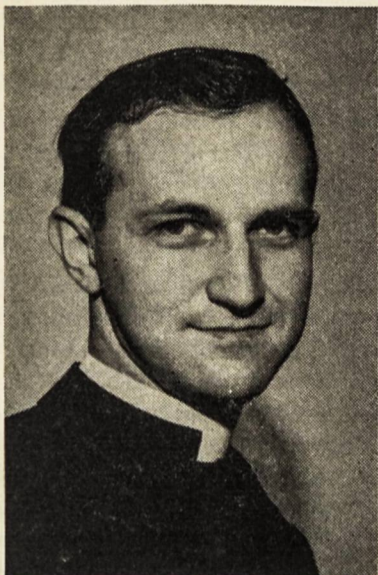
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KUN. V. VALKAVIČIUS

“Kada jie prisiartino prie Jeruzalės ir atėjo į Betpagę prie Alyvų Kalno, tuomet Jėzus siuntė du mokytojus sakydamas: Eikite į miestelį. Ten jūs rasite pririštą asilę ir su ja kartu asilaitį; atriškite ir man atveskite. Jei kas judviem ką nors tartų, sakykite, kad jų reikia Viešpačiui...”

Dievas yra amžinai tobulas. Jam nieko netrūksta, nieko nereikia. Tačiau, Aukščiausias valdo pasaulį per tvarinius, kurie yra Jo įrankiai. Nors Jis jiems duoda liuosą valę, Jis taipgi ir nustato jiems ypatingą rolę lošti dieviškame plane.—tokiu būdu, kad “jų reikia Dievui”. Todėl toj dienoj Kristui reikėjo asilės ir asilaitio. Jo viso gyvenimo smulkmenos buvo reikalingos tokiu atžvilgiu. Čia tik vienas keistas Sutvėrėjo veikimo ypatyškumas.

Antra, Dievo keliai ne mūsų. Jis labai dažnai rodois veikia atbulai — tartum šposus daro! Išsirinko ne suaugusią moterį būti Jo Sūnaus motiną, bet išsivaizduokite — mergaitę! Dabartiniais laikais vadinamą “teen-ager”. Karališkasis Sūnus gimė ne rūmuose, bet urve! Dievas pergalėjo žmonių širdis ne galybe bet kryžiaus medžiu.

Mes Dievo įrankiai. Esame reikalingi Dievui nors ir silpni sutvėrimai. Gabaus raizytojo rankose, peilis įvykdo puikiausius kūrinus. Ne svarbu ar tas peilis blizga ar ne — spalvotas ar ne. Mes skiriamės įvairiais būdais: išmintimi, turtu, kūno grožiu, kilme. Bet šie yra paviršutiniai dalykai, kaip ir peilio spalva. Svarbiausiu ir naudingiausiu įrankiu kiekvienam yra atsidavimas savo Sutvėrėjui, kad Jis galėtų sėkmingai mus valdyti.

Kartais ir draugija šposus daro rinkdama nepatyrusią ypata svarbioms pareigoms. Tai rinkėjų kaltė. Bet, jos gali atitaisyti savo klaidą maldoje, meldamos, kad toji ypata visuomet atsiduotu Dievo rankoms. Tada Dievas dadės kas trūksta toms nepatyrimo kliūtims ir Amžinojo rankose tas įrankis bus Dangui bei tai draugijai naudingas panašiai, kaip tas asilaitis Viešpačiui.

Šia proga prašau Dievo malonių visoms Sąjungietėms. Lai jos visada pildo Dievo valią, ypatingai per šiuos ateinančius naujus metus. Irgi šiuo metu sveikiname Kun. Pranciškų Juškaitį, kurio pareigas šimet perėmiau. Dar neturėjau progos susipažinti su Kun. Juškaitio darbu Moterų Sąjungoje, bet jeigu jo pastangos buvo panašios į jo duosnumą, būkime tikri, kad jos sėkmingos. Kiekvienas kunigas turi savo mylimą labdarybę. Gal ir nepatiks Cambridge'o klebonui (Kun. Juškaitiui) bet pripažįstame, kad jo pavardė randasi Šv. Jono Vyskupijos Seminarijos stipendijų sąrašė. Seminarijos vadai stipendijų nušimčiais sumažina klerikų metinį mokestį. Vienas buvęs Lietuvis klerikas, kuriam Kun. Juškaitio stipendija buvo naudinga, viešai mylėtų jam padėkoti. Lai Dievas jam duoda laimę sulaukti savo 40 metų kunigystės sukaktuvių, rugsėjo (Sept.) 19, 1957! Dvasios Vadas

TWENTY-SIXTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Women's Alliance

August 15, 16, 17, 18, 1955, Worcester, Massachusetts

First Session — 11:15 A.M.

Mrs. Julia Mack, national president, opened the first session. Rev. Fr. Juskaitis said the prayer. The delegation sang the hymn "Marija" to Our Lady.

Welcome and greetings were expressed by Monsignor Constantine A. Vasys, pastor of Our Lady of Vilna Church in Worcester; Rev. Francis Juskaitis, Spiritual Adviser to the Alliance; Rev. Augustine Petraitis, pastor of St. Casimir's Church, Worcester and Rev. William J. Wolkawich, curate at St. Rocco's & St. Casimir's Church, Brockton, Mass.

Committee on Credentials, appointed from the floor were: Mrs. Mary Genis, Tekle Mitchell and Mary Vaiciunas, national secretary. The committee reported all the Mandates to be correct. Mary Vaiciunas read the roll-call of delegates. Badges were pinned on each delegate by Matilda Paulukonis, Anna Sidabra and Mary Genis. Registered and entitled to vote were 6 national officers, 44 delegates. Social representatives 3 (no voting privileges).

Delegates: Julia Mack, national president; Ursula Daukantas, 1st vice president; Augusta Satkus, 2nd vice president; Mary Vaiciunas, secretary; Donna Kamm, treasurer and Natalie Satunas, trustee.

Chapter 2 Cicero, Ill. — Mary Druktanis; ch. 5 Worcester, Mass. — Veronica Liutkus, Marcele Watkins, Anna Sidabra, Magdalena Delionis, Matilda Paulukonis, Mary Puzar, Mary Valkavich, Nellie

Thompson, Anna Bruozis, Genevieve Kaneb; ch. 17 Hartford, Conn. — Rosalia Monchun, Apolonia Kedis, Charlotte Serwo and Anna Navickas; ch. 20 Chicago, Ill. — Mary Paukstis; ch. 26 Cleveland, Ohio — Anna Stepulionis; ch. 22 Cambridge, Mass. — Marcele Zaveckas, Antanina Malinauskas; ch. 31 Minersville, Pa. — Julia Tamanauskas, Anna Bliuiene; ch. 33 New Haven, Conn. — Stasia Tamulis; ch. 42 Grand Rapids, Mich. — Antanina Vainavich, Stephanie Kryger; ch. 46 Chicago, Ill. — Dale Murray, Mary Srupsa; ch. 48 Cicero, Ill. — Mary Genis, Petronella Zakaras, Terese Vaiciunas; ch. 49 Chicago, Ill. — Rosalia Mazeliauskas; ch. 54 Detroit, Mich. — Elizabeth Paurazas; ch. 57 Manchester, Conn. — Anna Kulikauskas, Adele Hussey and Clementina Karpuska; ch. 58 Nashua, N. H. — Tekle Mitchell; ch. 67 Chicago, Ill. — Albina Poska; ch. 69 Worcester, Mass. — Nellie Sinkavich, Monica Katinas, Tekle B. Mazeika, Christina Stakunas, Anna Glavickas, Antonia M. Wackell; ch. 71 Athol, Mass. — Magdalena Grazius and Amelia Mazelnik.

Social representatives: chapter 57 Manchester, Conn. — Nellie Zebleskas; chapter 5 Worcester, Mass. — Cecelia Orentas, Adele Repsiene; N. Y. & N. J. District — Magdalena Galdikas.

Convention officers: It was unanimously decided that 3 candidates be nominated from the floor for each office. Tellers were Tekle Mitchell, Charlotte Servo and Petronella Za-

karas. Nominations opened with Antonia M. Mackell, Albina Poska and Marcelle Watkins as candidates for chairman. Result of votes; A. Wackell — 19 votes; A. Poska — 27 votes; M. Watkins — 1 vote.

Vice chairman: first vote, Nellie Sinkavich — 10 votes; Mary Druktanis — 18 votes; Adele Hussey — 18 votes. Because of a tie vote, a second vote was called. Result: Mary Druktanis — 16 votes; Adele Hussey — 25.

By unanimous consent, the minutes of the convention will be recorded both in Lithuanian and English. Lithuanian secretary: Tekle B. Mazeika by unanimous vote. English secretary: Antonia M. Wackell by unanimous vote.

Motion made by E. Paurazas that salaries of \$10.00 be paid to the convention chairman; \$5.00 to the vice chairman; \$25.00 to the Lithuanian secretary and \$25.00 to the English secretary. Unanimously seconded and carried. Sergeant at arms: Nellie Sinkavich and Margaret Delonis.

Convention officers were invited to assume places at the table vacated by the national board officers.

Albina Poska, convention chairman expressed her greetings.

Grievance and Complaints committee: Mary Srupsa, Anna Sidabra and Mary Valkavich. All complaints to the convention be submitted to M. Srupsa.

Resolutions committee: Dale Murray, Veronica Liutkus and Magdelena Galdikas.

Press committee: Ursula Daukantas and Mary Valkavich.

Greetings committee: Rev. John C. Jutt, curate of St. Casimir's Church, Worcester and Genevieve Kaneb. Greetings comm. to be com-

bined with the Resolution committee.

It was unanimously decided to dispense with the reading of the 25th convention minutes with the exception of the 6th and 7th sessions. Mary Vaiciunas read the minutes of both sessions.

Motion by Marcelle Watkins that the minutes of the 6th and 7th sessions be approved with the following corrections that: on page 26 ("M.D.") in a motion by chapter 70, Westville, Illinois, the word 'actuary' be struck out and 'Notary' be inserted in its place. Motion made by N. Y. and N. J. District had been rejected. (Re.: Social members, their dues would be \$2.50 instead of \$2.00). Charlotte Serwo's name as Director of Connecticut was omitted in the minutes. Point of explanation that Mary Zemaitis, trustee, checked the secretary's report for only one year while Joan Sepavich saw both reports of the 2 years. Minutes of the 6th and 7th sessions stand approved.

National Officer's reports:

Julia Mack, president submits her report of 2 years.

Dear Sisters,

It is my privilege to greet you at this 26th convention and to wish that we have a convention which will bring clear thinking and action. I shall try to sum up the work of the past two years briefly.

The national officers held 9 meetings during these past 2 years. Your 2nd Vice-Pres. chaired 5 of them and your President chaired 4. I am grateful to Mrs. Satkus for taking over in my absence.

The past 1953 convention voted to transfer \$2863.91 from the mor-

tuary surplus to the expense fund. A resolution was drawn up to that effect, approved by the Illinois Insurance Department, and transfer of said amount made.

Also, the convention voted to empower the Board to take all steps possible to get the approval of the Ill. Ins. Dept. to give voice and vote to social members. This was approved by the Ill. Ins. Dept. and incorporated in article 1, section 2, that social members shall have voice and vote pertaining to cultural and educational matters.

For better understanding of duties of District Directors, I sent a formulated copy of outline of their work, also, requested the Secretary to forward to District Directors any important action taken by the Board.

Your officers eliminated by vote some of the "unnecessary" papers required when a member dies, and voted that the only requirements are a death certificate, plus chapter notification.

The Board approved the appointment of a by-laws committee which was made up of Veronica Lutkus, Tekla Mazeika and Joan Sepavich. I worked closely with this committee — my thanks go to them for their fine co-operation.

As to the \$500.00 Life certificate — This is not complete as yet and your Secretary will give a report on that.

The disability certificates were drawn up by our actuary, approved by the Ill. Ins. Dept., and forwarded to the membership.

Mass. Ins. Dept. was not in accord with some of our by-laws and your Board took action by a resolution to re-value our business on a 3% basis. The amended articles of Incorporation and amendments

to our by-laws will be presented at this convention for your approval.

Our Treasurer, Helen Statkus, resigned her post in Jan. 1954. The Board accepted her resignation with regret. We appointed Mrs. Donna Kamm as treasurer. I feel that the Board made a fine choice as she has been a most conscientious worker.

The Board also appointed Razalia Mazilauskas as Illinois Director.

As per convention motion to procure a license in Penn. and Conn.: — The applications have been entered and progress will be reported by the Secretary in her report.

As to the effect of the new by-laws pertaining to benefit payments: I have compiled the totals for 4 years for comparison from January to August and I would say that is was a healthy step in the right direction. 1952 from Jan. to Aug. — paid out \$2552.50, 1953 from Jan. to Aug. — paid out \$1605.00, 1954 from Jan. to Aug. — paid out \$1400.00, 1955 from Jan. to Aug. — paid out \$1580. This means that under the old by-laws we paid out \$1177 more in disability than we did during the same time under the new by-laws.

As far as mortuary membership is concerned, we have shown a gradual increase during 4 years. Jan to Aug. 1952 we signed up 21 mortuary members, Jan. to Aug. 1953 we signed up 26 mortuary members, Jan. to Aug. 1954 we signed up 28 mortuary members, Jan to Aug. 1955 we signed up 36 mortuary members plus 55 social members.

The growth is small and the crying needs remains to enlist new members.

About the Expense Fund: — As I reported at the last convention, that if we adopted the table of rates as presented, we would or should be

out of the red at the coming convention. I am happy to report that all expenses are paid and we have a surplus of a few hundred.

As to the social and cultural activities: — We have placed the emphasis on better public relations and also human relations. Some progress has been made through conferences held in Chicago, New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts, but this is only a first step in that direction and needs to be developed further.

I want to extend my thanks to those Directors who helped promote such conferences, which include Mrs. Galdikas of N. Y. and Mrs. Serwo of Conn. My thanks to Mrs. Kaneb, our National Conference Chairman, who helped to promote said conferences and gave so much of her time and advice to those seeking help. Every place that was fortunate enough to have a conference showed a growth in membership.

A church group of Rhode Island requested that the Mass. Director, Mrs. Watkins, Daukantas, Paulukonis, Kaneb, Liutkus and I attend. Interest was keen but no results as yet. Brockton, Mass. however, doubled in size after such a visit.

The Editor has prepared a graph of growth of chapters which is at your disposal to study. The chart is very informative. Only 19 chapters have shown any growth since 1951, others have remained stationary, others have decreased. I believe we all are grateful to our Editor for this very informative project.

I am grateful to the Board members for their co-operation during the past two years; also grateful to the membership for theirs.

The only recommendation that I can make at this time is that em-

phasis be placed on new business if we are to survive. Also, emphasis on public relations nationally and promotion of spiritual, cultural and social growth.

Julia Mack

National president

Motion made by E. Paurazas that the president's report be approved as read with the correction that Razalia Maziliauskas was appointed Director of Illinois and not Chicago. (Correction made in report). Report approved unanimously.

A question of privilege made by M. Paulukonis that there be a short recess for refreshments. Recess called 2:45 pm.

Resumption of first session 3:10 pm. A. Poska, convention chairman, announced that Mass will be celebrated for the Souls of departed Alliance members, Tuesday morning at 8:30 am. in St. Casimir's Church.

National Officer's Reports continued: U. Daukantas, 1st vice president, read her report and placed it on the table. Report approved as read.

A. Satkus, 2nd vice president, read her report and placed it on the table. Report approved as read.

V. Liutkus suggested that the National Secretary's financial report be placed on the table until the next morning's session, Tues. morning. Mary Vaiciunas, national secretary, read her activities report. V. Liutkus inquired about the office supplies. M. Vaiciunas answered that there is 1 typewriter, 1 adding machine, 2 filing cabinets and paper.

A question as to how the disability benefits are paid out was raised by E. Paurazas. M. Vaiciunas explained that Dr. Biezis has asked

that blanks be sent to him every 2 weeks. The longer he retains them the longer the secretary cannot pay out the benefits.

After a lengthy debate (concerning business prior to 1953) A. W. Wackell moved that discussions be closed. Motion seconded unanimously. Since V. Liutkus disagreed with M. Vaiciunas on 1 point, it was suggested that M. Vaiciunas, V. Liutkus and Natalie Satunas, make a check on the point of disagreement and report in the morning's session, Wednesday.

Rev. F. Juskaitis, National Spiritual Advisor, gave his report, informing the assembly that all chapters had submitted their Easter Duty forms.

D. Kamm, treasurer, read her report on her activities. Report approved as read. The secr. & treas. finance report to be read at Tuesday morning's session.

N. Satunas, trustee, read her report. Report was accepted as read. Vera Galnaite, trustee, was not present and did not send her report.

M. Paulukonis, editor, read her report. Approved as read. Re: The journal "Women's Field", D. Murray asked why the Board did not approve a sketch submitted for the journal's cover. A. Satkus replied that the cover was not suitable for the Alliance. She further explained that the understanding with the editor was that she — the ed. — ask for submitted sketches but not to commit herself to anyone. M. Vaiciunas voiced her opposition to the sketch. Rev. Juskaitis also expressed his opinion in that the sketch was not suitable for the Alliance's journal. Rev. Juskaitis also offers \$25 to the Alliance to be used towards a

new cover. His suggestion — in accordance to A. M. Wackell's — that Sisters of St. Casimir and other Orders be contacted and invited to submit sketches. Rev. Juskaitis requests that the sketches be submitted to him to be viewed. A. M. Wackell, donor of the 1st \$25. (in the 25th conv.) towards a new cover for the 'W. F.' explained that due to a death in her family she was unable to view the sketch at the editor's home when the editor called her by phone. A. M. Wackell requests that sketches be viewed by her also.

Motion made by D. Murray that a contest be held — for drawings — and a committee be appointed to prepare the work for the contest. Motion seconded by C. Serwo. Unanimously carried.

Motion by M. Vaiciunas that the \$25. given by A. Wackell be added to Rev. Juskaitis' offer. Sketches to be viewed by Rev. Juskaitis and A. Wackell. Motion was unanimously seconded.

Second Session, Aug. 16, 1955

Albina Poska, chairman, opened the second session with a prayer, 9:45 am. Roll-call: present were 6 officers, 41 delegates, 4 social representatives. Lithuanian minutes read by T. B. Mazeika. C. Serwo moved their approval with corrections. Seconded by A. Stepulonis.

English minutes read by A. M. Wackell. Motion made by A. Satkus for their approval, as read, with 2 corrections (corrections inserted). Seconded by E. Paurazas.

Motion by A. M. Wackell that greetings be read at the sessions and not at the banquet Wednesday night. Seconded by A. Sidabra. Motion

amended by E. Paurazas that greetings be read before each session. Unanimous.

Greetings and gifts:

Mary Cizauskas, Elizabeth, N. J. — \$5.00, 68 ch. Newark, N. J. (Apšv. Skyrius) — \$5.00, 69 ch. Worcester, Mass. — \$5.00, 42 ch. Grand Rapids, Mich. — \$5.00, 17 ch. Hartford, Conn. — \$5.00, 63 ch. Kearney, N. J. — \$5.00, 2 ch. Cicero, Ill. — \$5.00, 43 ch. Waterbury, Conn. — \$5.00, Connecticut District — \$5.00, 60 ch. Melrose Park, Ill. — \$5.00, 55 ch. Chicago, Ill. — \$5.00, 22 ch. Cambridge, Mass. — \$5.00, 26 ch. Cleveland, Ohio (Expense Fund) — \$5.00, 59 ch. Shenandoah, Pa. (Expense Fund) — \$10.00, 70 ch. Westville, Ill. — \$5.00, Elena Verbela (Statkienė), Chicago, Ill (Expense Fund) — \$5.00, Justa Karpiute, Westville, Ill. — \$5.00, 57 ch. Manchester, Conn — \$5.00. With Rev. Juskaitis' donation towards a new cover "M. D." — \$25.00. Total — \$120.00

Greetings received from Sister M. Aloysa, Putnam, Connecticut. 51 chapter, Detroit, Mich., greetings by telegram. 71 chapter, Athol, Mass. — \$5.00, 54 chapter, Detroit, Mich. — \$10.00, N. Y. & N. J. District — \$5.00, Rev. F. Juskaitis, Cambridge, Mass. — \$5.00.

Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Convent, Putnam, Conn., extend an invitation to attend the Blessing of the Chapel, Aug. 21, 1955. Invitation given through M. Watkins. Accepted. M. Watkins moved that a gift of money be sent to the Convent. Motion tabled.

E. Paurazas expressed greetings from her chapter No. 54 and extended a sincere invitation for the succeeding convention (1957) to con-

vene in Detroit, Michigan. Invitation accepted with applause.

National officer's reports continued:

A. Sidabra read her report on Grievances and Complaints Comm. Report approved as read.

A. Poska, complaint comm. member read her report, which was approved as read. Hedwig Cepulis did not send her report.

Director's Reports: Razalia Mazilauskas, Illinois Director, was not present but had given her report to D. Kamm to be read. The report was approved as read. M. Galdikas, Director, N. Y. & N. J. read her report, which was approved as read. C. Serwo, Director, Connecticut, read her report; approved as read. M. Watkins, Mass., Director, did not have her report. A. Kase, Michigan Director, absent. Sent no report. A. Stepulionis, Ohio, Director, read her report. Approved as read. J. Tamanauskas, Director, Pennsylvania, read her report. Approved as read. U. Daukantas suggests that recognition for the Directors' labors be shown by applause.

Motion made by E. Paurazas, that the national secretary's report be concluded. Motion seconded unanimously. G. Kaneb, Conference chairman, will give her report later. Note made by C. Serwo that Dr. S. Biezis did not send his report.

National Secretary's Report: M. Vaiciunas, secr. began to read her finance report at 11:00 A. M. A question of privilege raised by E. Paurazas if she may relieve M. Vaiciunas so that the secretary may rest her voice. E. Paurazas began to read at 11:30 A. M. At 11:55 M. Vaiciunas resumed reading her finance report.

A. L. R. C. WOMEN'S ALLIANCE SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT

August 1, 1953 to August 1, 1954

Receipts and Disbursements for the 12 months

Receipts for 12 months	\$ 19,193.91
Disbursements for 12 months	15,806.26
After 12 mos. Balance left	\$ 3,387.65
August 1, 1953 balance was	147,378.40
Balance remaining Aug. 1, 1954	\$150,766.05

From August 1, 1954 to August 1, 1955

Receipts and Disbursements for 12 months

Receipts for 12 months	\$ 19,916.70
Disbursements for 12 months	14,376.11
Balance left after 12 months	\$ 5,540.59
Balance, August 1, 1954 was	\$150,766.05
Balance as of August 1, 1955	\$156,306.64

Women's Alliance Assets consist of the following:

August 1, 1953 to August 1, 1954

Social Fund	\$ 685.53
Disability No. 1 & No. 2	32,382.78
Mortuary Fund	112,731.80
Reserve Fund	594.36
Expense Fund	1,127.51
Interest on Loan and Bonds, not apportioned	2,811.58
Interest on Bank Savings Account, not apportioned	10.16
Minor's money	422.33
Total Assets	\$150,766.05

Women's Alliance Assets deposited in the following

United States Government Bonds	\$ 65,000.00
Building and Loan Associations	80,234.33
Metropolitan State Bank Checking Account	4,507.34
Metropolitan State Bank Savings Account	1,024.38
Total Assets	\$150,766.05

From August 1, 1954 to August 1, 1955

Social Fund	\$ 1,836.10
Disability No. 1 & No. 2	32,925.58
Mortuary Fund	111,826.48
Reserve Fund	852.72
Expense Fund	817.40
Building and Loan Associations, interest	2,174.84

Interest, Metropolitan State Bank Savings	5.12
Interest, United States Savings Bonds	1,233.00
Total	<u>\$152,093.57</u>
Interest distributed 1953 & 1954 accounts	\$ 2,811.58
Interest from August to December 1954	796.97
Interest Metropolitan State Bank	10.16
Reserve Fund joined with Mortuary account	594.36
Total as of Aug. 1, 1955	<u>\$156,306.64</u>
United States Government Savings Bonds	\$ 65,000.00
Building and Loan Associations	87,049.19
Metropolitan State Bank Checking Account	4,257.45
Total Assets	<u>\$156,306.64</u>

Submitted by,

Mary Vaiciunas

August 16, 1955

Motion by E. Paurazas to accept the secretary's finance report in general. Seconded by R. Monchun. Accepted by a standing vote of applause. Motion made by M. Vaiciunas that, the Supreme Treasurer collect all interest from Building and Loan Associations (Spulku) and U. S. Savings Bonds. Motion seconded by E. Paurazas. Motion carried by acclamation.

Note: made by M. Srupsa that Bonds be closely watched. Note: made by M. Vaiciunas that all reports be approved silently, and when all reports have been read then applause would be more fitting.

Privilege motion by M. Paulukonis that, session adjourn for lunch. Motion made by R. Monchun that debate be limited according to the question — 3 times only on a question and not longer than 3 minutes. M. Srupsa moved to amend the motion by limiting the debate to 2 min. Seconded by U. Daukantas and S. Kryger. Carried by acclamation. S. Kryger moved to adjourn and to reconvene at 1:30 pm. Session adjourned at 12:30.

Session reconvened at 1:45 pm. with a prayer. A. Poska presiding. Roll-Call: 6 officers, 49 delegates, 5 social representatives. A. M. Wackell read greetings from: 45 chapter, Hudson, Mass. (Lėšų Fondo) — \$5.00; Marion Jokubaitė, New Haven, Conn. — \$5.00; 38 chapter, New Britain, Conn. (Dirvos) — \$10.00; 56 chapter, Springfield, Illinois — \$10.00.

A. L. R. C. Women's Alliance — National Treasurer's Finance Report:

Donna Kamm read her report.

Income from Aug 1, 1953 to August 1, 1954	\$ 19,193.91
Income from August 1, 1954 to August 1, 1955	\$ 19,916.70
Income as of the last convention	<u>\$ 39,110.61</u>
Disbursements from Aug. 1, 1953 to Aug. 1, 1954	\$ 15,806.18
Disbursements from August 1, 1954 to Aug. 1, 1955	\$ 14,376.19
Disbursements as of the last convention	<u>\$ 30,182.37</u>

Subtracting the disbursements from the income, 24 mos.	\$ 8,928.24
Taking our 24 month profit of	\$ 8,928.24
and adding it to the 1953 Convention Treasurer's balance of ..	\$147,378.42

Our assets are	\$156,306.66
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I also report that — United States Government Bonds of \$20,000.00 Series G. Purchased Sept. 1943 will mature Sept. 1955.

A. L. R. C. Women's Alliance Assets consist of:

U. S. Government Bonds	\$ 65,000.00
Building & Loan Ass'ns	\$ 87,049.19
Metropolitan State Bank Checking Acct. Aug. 1, 1955	\$ 4,692.51

Statement balance	\$156,741.70
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Subtracting the checks, not returned, to Aug. 1, 1955 checks	435.06
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Assets as of this convention	\$156,306.64
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Please notice: Assuming the treasurer's duties, I saw no need to have any money in the Saving Account we had in the Metropolitan Savings Bank of which there was \$1,029.50 at 1%. I made a suggestion at the Board meeting and it was voted to deposit that sum in the Prospect Fed. Savings and Loan Association at 3½%. Now our money invested in U. S. Government Bonds give 2½% and Building & Loan Ass'ns that give 3% and 3½%. Newly purchased U. S. Government Bonds give 2.76%.

Submitted by,

Aug. 16, 1955

Donna Kamm, Treasurer

Trustee's Reports:

Dear Officers and Alliance Members: The 25th national convention of the Women's Alliance elected me as a Trustee. Observing my duties I checked the national secretary's and treasurer's books. I verified check stubs, vouchers, bank books, bonds and insurance papers. I found everything in order.

I participated in all the national Board meetings. Particularly do I thank Mrs. Vaiciunas and Miss V. Galnaite for their valuable assistance.

It was a pleasure to work with all the national board. Greetings to the convention and wishes for good success.

Aug. 16, 1955

Natalie Satunas

Dear National Board Members, Convention Delegates and Guests:

The 25th national convention of the Women's Alliance held 1953, Cicero, Illinois, elected me as a national trustee, for the honor and trust conferred upon me, I am deeply grateful.

I worked together, and conscientiously with, the second trustee, — the secretary's and treasurer's books. We carefully checked them the first time in April, 1954 and the second time in March, 1955. We verified the documents of the Alliance as: bank & association books, vouchers and check stubs and made comparisons with the canceled checks. They agreed with the written sums. We verified the status of the Alliance's funds. We found

the books in good order. We checked the actuary's 1954 annual report prepared for the states and the secretary's semi-annual accounting from Aug. 1, 1954 to Feb. 1, 1955, comparing them with the national boards books.

The annual trustees' reports, arranged from the secretary's books and compared with the treasurer's books, were published in the "Women's Field" Aug. 1954 and June, 1955. You read them and know so that I shall not repeat them in detail. Copies of the reports were sent to the president & secretary, as that is required in our by-laws.

Aug. 8, 1955, before the convention, for the third time I checked the Alliance's books, verified the secr. & treas. already prepared for the 2 years — from convention to convention — accounts and carefully compared them with the national books: 2 yrs. receipts and disbursements. The status of the funds, acquired interests, checking account: what assets the organization has and how the money is invested. Dear delegates, these reports, of which, everyone of you have in your hands, are accurately prepared and agree with the books, cent for cent, (8 c.) paid out more in the secretary's books for the first 12 months, 8 c. more paid out in the treasurer's book for the 2nd 12 months, at the termination of the 2 yrs. it tallied correctly. I shall not detail the report, because you all have them to look at.

After the resignation of the treasurer, Helen Statkus, her successor the new treas. Donna Kamm and I went to Drovers National Bank, to the safety vaults to witness as to what documents and assets the new

treasurer received and herein I submit:

Documents: a) Robbery insurance up to 1955, b) Certificate of Authority for Ill., Mass. & Michigan, c) Bonding for Secretary & Treasurer for 1954, d) Mrs. Puidokas' Death Certificate, e) Mrs. Marmont's Death Certificate.

Assets, U. S. Bonds, Series G:
40 bonds @ \$1,000.00 — \$40,000.00,
5 bonds @ \$5,000.00 — \$25,000.00.
Total — \$65,000.00.

The most difficult of all my tasks, at the request of the national board, I accepted & translated the new constitution and articles of incorporation of the Women's Alliance, from the English into the Lithuanian language. This task, indeed, was difficult. One who has toiled at translations knows that it is necessary to find the proper words to retain the thought.

Together with the Board, I worked harmoniously, wherever it was necessary for the good of the organization. I attended all the board meetings. It was good to work with such an energetic board, everyone of them carefully carried out the duties assigned her. My thanks to the national secretary, Mrs. Mary Vaiciunas, for her patience and explanation of the problems and questions; for her kindness, her home and reception.

In conclusion, I sincerely greet all and wish that everyone of you will have the patience to discuss the affairs of our organization.

Submitted,

Vera Galnaitė

Read Aug. 17, 1955

Motion made by M. Delonis that, the treasurer's report be accepted

as read. Seconded by N. Sinkavich. Carried, unanimously.

Discussion on the point of disagreement between V. Lutkus and M. Vaiciunas, national secretary. V. Lutkus stated her satisfaction in the explanation submitted by M. Vaiciunas. Chairman asked if all delegates were in favor of the explanation. Unanimously favored.

Charter: J. Mack moved the adoption of the Resolution on Amendments of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.

Amendments to the articles of incorporation of the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Women's Alliance

Amend Article 4 by deleting in the second sentence of the first paragraph the words "and patriotic" and by deleting the comma after word "moral" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "and". Amend Article 5 by deleting in the fourth paragraph the words "except to amend the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws and such other powers as are specifically reserved to the convention", and by inserting immediately preceding the last sentence of said fourth paragraph, the following sentence: "The Board of Directors shall have the power in the interim between conventions to amend the by-laws where necessary to conform to the laws of any state in which the society is licensed or desire to become licensed, not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation or the laws of the State of Illinois and upon approval thereof by the Director of Insurance of the State of Illinois."

For the adoption of the Resolution 47 votes, no opposing votes.

Amendments to the By-Laws of the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Women's Alliance

Amend article 18 by changing the words "interest at 3½% per annum" to "interest at 3% per annum" and further amend the article by including the word "hereinafter" before the "specified".

Amend paragraph 1 of article 2 by adding the word "adequate" after the words "pay such premium rates as determined" and further amend the article by adding the word "adequate" after the words "upon such premium rate as may be determined".

Amend paragraph 1 of article 21 by deleting the words "the estate of the insured" and further amend article 21 by deleting paragraph 2 of article 21.

Amend article 23 by changing "6%" to "5%".

Amend article 29 by deleting the words "The articles of incorporation and by-laws may also be amended by referendum vote as provided in those by-laws."

Amend the by-laws by deleting article 30 in its entirety.

Julia Mack moved the adoption of the Amendments to the By-Laws of the A. L. R. C. Women's Alliance. Motion seconded by Augusta Satkus. Unanimously carried, no opposition.

M. Galdikas moved to amend article 19 (Social Members) by deleting the word "beneficial" in the 3rd line. Unanimously seconded.

New Motions:

Motion by M. Delonis that all grievances, be they from the members of the national board, chapter or members, must be sent to the Grievance Committee. Seconded by N. Sinkavich. Carried unanimously.

Motion by C. Serwo that, a High Mass (\$5.00 stipend), be offered for the Soul of a national officer, if she dies while in office. A Low Mass (\$3.00 stipend) for an immediate member of her family (husband, son, daughter, father, mother). The \$5.00 & \$3.00 stipends to come out of the national treasury — Expense Fund. Motion seconded by A. M. Wackell. Result of votes: 23 affirmative, no opposing votes. Note: Suggestion by E. Paurazas to limit only to the 7 Board members. Suggestion unanimously approved and carried.

Motion by J. Tamanauskas that salaries of the national board not be raised. Seconded by E. Paurazas. Unanimously carried.

Motion by J. Mack that, the national board observe the decision of the 25th convention that, the financial reports be published only once during the year in the "W. F." Since the chapters receive receipts (acknowledgements) for monthly dues payments, it is sufficient that the compiled payments from chapters be published at the close of the fiscal period. Motion seconded by C. Serwo. Carried.

Motion by U. Daukantas that all financial reports start with the 1st of January and end with the 31st of December. Such reports must show each fund separately and start with the balance of the previous year, and the income & disbursements for that year. Thus, a comparison can be made with the Annual Statement & the national auditor's reports. Seconded by A. Sidabra. Carried.

Motion by E. Paurazas that the Christmas & Easter issues of the "W. F." contain appropriate holiday greetings and pictures pertaining to

the mentioned holidays — to give a holiday spirit. Seconded by M. Srupsa. Carried.

Motion by E. Paurazas that important notices in the "W. F." be published both in Lithuanian and English. Seconded by J. Tamanauskas. Carried.

Motion by D. Murray that the national board refuse consideration of personal grievances and to exclude same from publication in the "W. F.". Motion seconded by C. Serwo and carried.

Motion by U. Daukantas that the editor of the "W. F." in the interest of the Alliance, have full authority to edit all material sent in for publication, be they from the national board, members or others. Seconded by A. Sidabra. Carried.

Motion by V. Lutkus that, the convention make a definite stipulation as to how much money will be allotted from the Social Fund to better the "W. F." Seconded by A. Sidabra. Carried.

Motion by D. Kamm that, \$100 be allotted from conv. to convention (every 2 yrs.). Seconded by J. Tamanauskas. Result of votes: affirmative 12 — negative 24.

Motion by M. Srupsa that \$150 be allotted from conv. to convention (every 2 yrs.). Seconded by V. Lutkus. Result of votes: affirmative 25, negative 3, withheld 8.

Motion by M. Vaiciunas that since neither the president's nor the treasurer's expenses are paid neither should the editor's expenses be paid — that it remain as in the past. Seconded by A. M. Wackell. E. Paurazas moved that the motion be tabled. Motion carried.

M. Paukstis delegate from the 20th chapter, Chicago, Illinois, ex-

tended greetings from chapter and presented a gift of \$10.00. At the close of this session there were total receipts of \$185.00 as announced by A. M. Wackell.

Chairman A. Poska declared the session adjourned at 5:55 pm. Closed with a prayer. Reconvene Wednesday morning at 9:00 am.

Third Session, Wednesday, Aug. 17, 1955

Albina Poska, chairman, opened the third session with a prayer at 9:20 A. M. Roll-call by A. M. Wackell. Present 48 delegates, 5 social representatives.

The Lithuanian minutes not being in order, T. B. Mazeika asked to be excused until she could arrange them. Motion by C. Serwo, that the Lithuanian secr. be excused, seconded by V. Lutkus.

English minutes read by A. M. Wackell. Motion by D. Kamm that the minutes be approved as read. Motion seconded by C. Serwo with the suggestion that the minutes be acknowledged with applause. R. Monchun moved to dispense with the reading of the Lithuanian minutes for to-day, seconded by T. Mitchell. Carried.

Director's report: M. Watkins read her report. Report approved as read.

Trustee report: Vera Galnaite, trustee, sent her report from Chicago. Report was read by A. M. Wackell, secretary. A. Satkus moved its approval, seconded by E. Paurazas.

Point of order by T. B. Mazeika that, order be maintained since it is difficult for the secretaries to record all business.

Motion of privilege by M. Paulukonis that an intermission of several

minutes be permitted to enable Mr. Paul Labanauskas, chairman of the Lithuanian program on the Voice of America, to record some voices for a broadcast to the listeners in Lithuania. Many voices were recorded on tape. Request by A. Glavickas that the record be played back. Mr. Labanauskas regrets that it would be impossible to play it.

Motions: Motion made by R. Monchun that the "Women's Field" be enlarged. Seconded. Motion by M. Delonis that the journal remain the same size. Seconded by E. Paurazas. Result of votes: To enlarge — 8 votes. Not to enlarge — 30 votes.

Motion by J. Mack that, the "W. F." be enlarged when the finance reports are published in May. Seconded by A. Daukantas. 31 affirmative votes, no opposing votes.

Motion by the 69 chapter, Worcester, Mass. that the minutes of the national board and the convention be published in English in the "Women's Field". Unanimously carried.

Amendment of the previous motion by J. Mack that, the most important business from the board meetings be supplied by the secretary and sent to the editor for publication in the "W. F." Seconded by T. Mitchell. Unanimous — no opposition.

Connecticut license question: Question raised as to why there is no license to do business in the state of Connecticut. M. Vaiciunas explained that apparently the mistake occurred with the state of Conn. The secretary reported that application, pertaining to the obtainment of the license has been submitted.

G. Kaneb, conference chairman, read her report. U. Daukantas mov-

ed that the report be approved as read. Seconded by M. Paukstis.

Motion by U. Daukantas that, the resolutions and telegrams be incorporated in the minutes. Seconded by M. Paukstis. Carried. G. Kaneb read the telegram sent to the following:

Sent: Telegrams August 17, 1955 — 2:30 PM. Western Union, Franklin St., Worcester, Mass.

The American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Women's Alliance now in session at its 26th convention at St. Casimir's Parish Hall greets you commending your past efforts in behalf of American Lithuanians as well as those who, due to Russian subjugation, have found haven in America. Please continue to speak for a nation which, rich in culture, desires to add its contribution to the pattern of American life. We beg your assistance toward liberating the land of our forebears, Lithuania, from tyranny.

(Signed) Albina Poska, Convention President, Antonia M. Wackell, Convention Secretary.

Sent to:

1. His Excellency Most Reverend Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, D.D. 3339 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.; Washington, D. C.
2. His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, 452 Madison Avenue, New York City, N. Y.
3. His Excellency Most Reverend John J. Wright, D.D., 1 Tuckerman Street, Worcester, Mass.
4. His Excellency Most Reverend Vincent Brizgys, 6729 So. California Ave., Chicago, Ill.
5. Hon. John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.
6. Hon. (Gov.) Christian A. Herter; State House, Boston, Mass.
7. Hon. (Cong.) Harold D. Dono-

hue; 32 Forest Street, Worcester, Mass.

8. Mayor James F. O'Brien, City Hall, Worcester, Mass.

9. City Manager Francis McGrath, City Hall, Worcester, Mass.

Motion by U. Daukantas that the session adjourn for lunch. A. Poska declared the session adjourned at 12:25 pm. Will reconvene at 1:30 P. M.

A. Poska, chairman, opened the session with a prayer at 1:35 PM. A. M. Wackell read greetings from: 8 chapter, Baltimore, Md. — \$5.00; 53 chapter, Linden, N. J. — \$5.00. G. Kaneb, greetings comm. announced that the telegrams sent amounted to \$30.00. That sum to be considered as a donation from her. G. Kaneb's donation accepted with applause.

Motion made by C. Serwo to discontinue present rates of \$150 and \$300 certificates and adopt new rates on the American New Ultimate table of mortality on a 3% basis; said rates as adopted would be applicable to new members only. Seconded by U. Daukantas. Result of votes, affirmative 39 votes, opposing 5 votes, withheld 3 votes.

Motion by M. Srupsa that the convention authorize the supreme board to incorporate new rates in the By-laws. Seconded by E. Paurazas.

M. Vaiciunas moved to accept the actuaries resolution that applicants for \$500 may enroll without a medical examination up to 34 years of age. After 35 years of age a medical examination will be required. Seconded by M. Delonis. Result of votes: Affirmative 43, 4 withheld votes.

Rev. W. Wolkowich attended and spoke.

Motion made by M. Srupsa that the salaries — supreme officers — be the same, but that mailing expenses be paid (stamps & stationary). Applies only to the president; 1st & 2nd vice presidents; secretary; treasurer; trustees & editor. Mrs. Charlotte Serwo amended Mrs. Srupsa's motion by stating to pay the postage and stationary to six (6) board members and the editor, and also to pay the treasurer her travelling expense when doing so with Alliance business. Motion seconded by M. Delonis. Result of votes: affirmative 44 votes, 3 withheld.

Election of national officers:

E. Paurazas moved that voting be by Ballots, 3 candidates for each office. Unanimously carried.

President, Julia Mack — 40 votes, 7 withheld. (2 candidates withdrew their names prior to the election), 1st Vice President; M. Srupsa — 23 votes; M. Watkins — 6 votes; A. M. Wackell — 18 votes. 2nd Vice President; A. Hussey — 37 votes; S. Kryger — 12 votes.

Secretary; M. Vaiciunas 37 votes, opposed 1. Treasurer; D. Kamm — 44 votes. Trustees; Mary Druktanis and Natalie Satunas, un-animously.

Recommendation for editor — Dale Murray; for Medical Adviser Dr. Budrys recommended. Rev. W. Wolkawich recommended as Spiritual Adviser, also Rev. John C. Jutt.

Albina Poska, chairman closed the session with a prayer. Reconvene Thursday morning at 9:00 A.M. Session adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

**Fourth Session, Thursday,
Aug. 18, 1955**

Albina Poska, chairman opened the fourth session with a prayer at

9:25 A.M. A. M. Wackell called the Roll: 41 delegates present — 6 social representatives present.

A. Stepulonis moved that the reading of the Lithuanian minutes be dispensed with. Seconded by C. Serwo.

Motion made by U. Daukantas that the English minutes be the official recordings of the 26th convention and are to be published in the Women's Field. Motion unanimously seconded.

A. M. Wackell read the minutes (English) of Wednesday's session. C. Serwo moved that the minutes be approved as read after 2 minor errors were corrected. Seconded by A. Stepulonis. (Errors were corrected in the minutes immediately by secretary).

Election of Directors: Motion by E. Paurazas that, the election of Directors take place. Unanimously seconded. Mass., Me. & N. H. — M. Watkins; Maryland — (Communication will be made by Board of Directors); Connecticut — C. Serwo; Illinois — M. Paukstis; N. Y. & N. J. — Until the N. Y. & N. J. states regional meeting, M. Galdikas will continue; Ohio — A. Stepulonis; Penn. — J. Tamanauskas.

Telegrams received and acknowledged from: Harry S. Tressel & Associates, Chicago, Illinois. Telegram from His Excellency Most Rev. Ameleto Giovanni Cicognani. Telegrams were read at the dinner, Wednesday evening.

Complaints and Grievances Committee: Elected were, A. Poska, E. Paurazas and A. Glavickas. Conference Education Committee: A. Hussey. Motion by M. Paukstis that since this comm. will be under A.

Hussey, she should be permitted to appoint her aids. Seconded by A. Kedis. Unanimously carried.

Committee on Insurance Code: M. Paulukonis, A. M. Wackell, M. Volkavich.

M. Vaiciunas, national secr. read a protest sent by the 69 chapter, Worcester, Mass, signed by a list of members, objecting to the 20% raise in dues, effective as of the 25th national convention. A. M. Wackell, 69 ch. delegate, requested that it be recorded in the minutes of the 26th national convention that this chapter's members object to the 20 c. raise. Motion by E. Paurazas that the 69th chapter's protest be recorded. Seconded by M. Vaiciunas.

Resolutions read by D. Murray. C. Serwo moved their adoption. Seconded by M. Paukstis.

A. Poska raised question as to what action is to be taken relative to the protest of the 69th chapters. To accept it or to dismiss it. Acceptance — 0; dismissal — 30; withheld — 11.

Following recommendations submitted by Rev. W. Wolkowich. It is recommended that the Convention write to the President, both Massachusetts senators, Senator Neuberger, and Congressman of Worcester District to back the Family Allowance Plan Resolution of Senator Neuberger introduced in June 1955.

What is it? Resolution that a committee be appointed to study the Canada Family Allowance with a view to adapt it to the U. S. A.

What is the Plan? Monthly payments to parents or guardians as follows: under 6 years of age — \$5.00; under 6 — 10 of age — \$6.00; under 10 — 13 of age — \$7.00; under 13 — 16 of age — \$8.00.

Who is backing it? Senators Morse (Oregon), Humphrey (Minn.) Douglas (Illinois), Lehman (N. Y.), Kefauver (Tenn.), Kennedy (Mass.), McNamara (Mich.). In the name of these senators, Senator Neuberger introduced his resolution.

Who backed it in Canada? Accepted universally, by all labor unions, political parties, church leaders, social workers.

What are some of the results? decrease in juvenile delinquency, decrease in infant mortality, increase in market for children's food, clothing, better fed and clothed children.

Motion by A. M. Wackell that the recommendation be referred to the national board for further study and presented at the next conv. Motion seconded by C. Serwo. Carried.

Rev. W. Wolkowich further submits the following recommendations for changes to the BY-LAWS. These changes are based on recommendations of Cardinal Stritch in order to harmonize the Alliance By - Laws with the Canon Law of the Church.

By-Laws: Article 1, Section 1: "The name... is American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Women's Alliance... *under the patronage of Our Lady of Perpetual Help...*"

To be added: "...under the patronage of Our Lady of Perpetual Help..."

Article as it now reads: Article 27 — on local Lodges: "Each lodge shall appoint a Spiritual Director who shall be a Catholic priest."

Article with proposed changes: "Each lodge shall have a Spiritual Director who shall be the Catholic parish priest himself, or one of his assistants designated by him." (To be added) If there is no priest of Lithuanian extraction in the parish, the Spiritual Director shall be ap-

pointed by the Ordinary upon recommendation of the Board of Directors.

Article as it now reads: Article 14 — on Spiritual Director (national level) "The Spiritual Director shall be appointed by the board of directors upon recommendation of the convention."

Article with proposed changes: "The Spiritual Director shall be recommended by the convention, appointed by the Lithuanian Priests' Alliance and confirmed by the episcopal adviser with the approval and consent of the appointee's local Ordinary."

Article 12 — on Board of Directors *as it now reads:* "To appoint at its first meeting, the Spiritual Director..."

Article with proposed changes: "To propose to the Lithuanian Priests' Alliance for appointment, at its first meeting, the Spiritual Director recommended by the convention..."

Motion by J. Mack that the recommendations be accepted. Motion seconded by A. M. Wackell. Carried unanimously.

Rev. Wolkowich submits the following recommendations also: Four recommendations of Cardinal Stritch to strengthen the Sajunga and bring its By-Laws into harmony with the Canon Law of the Church.

1. affiliation with the National Council of Catholic Women in order to have official status on a national level (this Council is the Bishop's official Women's organization).

2. requesting the administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference to approve in writing a particular bishop to be the spiritual protector of the organization.

3. (refers to the manner of appointing the national spiritual director).

4. (refers to the manner of appointing a local spiritual director).

Motion by J. Mack that the recommendations be accepted, seconded by A. M. Wackell. Carried.

Motion made by A. Stepulonis that the consideration of affiliation with the National Council of Catholic Women be postponed until the 27th convention. Unanimously seconded and carried.

Committee on a new cover for the "W. F.": A. M. Wackell, Dale Murray, G. Kaneb.

Motion by M. Vaiciunas that the national board of directors be added to the above committee. Motion unanimously seconded and carried. Motion made by N. Sinkavich that sketches be sent to D. Murray, seconded by A. M. Wackell. Carried unanimously.

Motion by A. Satkus that J. Mack be reimbursed for the preparation of the Constitution \$50.00. Unanimously seconded. Carried.

Recess for lunch. 12 PM. Reconvene at 1 PM.

A. Poska, chairman, declared the session open at 1 PM. with a prayer. Motion by A. Satkus that some form of recognition be extended to the Honorary Members, in the nature of a scroll, pin, etc. Seconded by Donna Kamm. After discussion of the question it was brought to a vote: Result of votes — for — 5 votes. Against — 22 votes.

Conferring of Honorary Member title. Motion by U. Daukantas that the conferring of the title on members, recommended for the title, be made by secret votes. Motion by E.

Paurazas that the conferring of the title on members, recommended for the title, be made by unanimous oral votes. Result of votes: Those in favor of secret votes — 17. Those in favor of unanimous oral votes — 14, votes withheld — 16. Preliminary question by A. Glavickas as to number of delegates. 47 present. M. Vaiciunas, national secr. read the recommendations of the 8 candidates submitted by their chapters. Ballots were cast after each recommendation was read. Tellers: T. Mitchell, C. Serwo and B. Zakaras. Results of secret ballots cast:

4 ch., Cambridge, Mass., for A. Ambrozaitis — yes 15 — no 27.

5 ch., Worcester, Mass., for J. Mack — yes 37 — no 6 — Blanks 5.

5 ch., Worcester, Mass., for M. Watkins — yes 38 — no 6.

38 ch., New Britain, Conn., for B. Miciunas — yes 40 — no 4.

46 ch., Chicago, Ill., for M. Srupsa — yes 21 — no 24.

48 ch., Cicero, Ill., for A. Stasaitis — yes 35 — no 10.

48 ch., Cicero, Ill., for B. Zakaras — yes 33 — no 11.

69 ch., Worcester, Mass. for A. M. Wackell — yes 34 — no 11.

4 Social representatives were given voting privileges for the above.

A communication, expressing his greetings to the convention, was received from The President of the United States, and read by G. Kaneb. Communication accepted with applause.

Drive for new members:

Motion by C. Serwo that the time limit for the membership drive start from January 1, 1956 to July 1, 1956. Motion seconded by E. Paurazas. Unanimously carried.

Point of information raised by T.

B. Mazeika on whether there will be badges for members. E. Paurazas suggests that the chapters be contacted and asked if there is need for the badges. D. Kamm suggests that the Board inquire as to the cost of same and inform the next convention.

Motion made by S. Kryger that a gift of \$10.00 be sent to the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, Putnam, Conn., through M. Watkins. Motion was unanimously seconded.

M. Paulukonis asks that the 26th convention expenses be paid from the contributions sent in to the convention. T. Vaiciunas objects to the disbursement of the conv. expenses by the funds received, informing the delegates that all expenses were defrayed by the hostess chapter of the 25th convention in Cicero, Ill. E. Paurazas moved that conv. expenses be defrayed by the chapter host as in the past. Motion seconded by M. Vaiciunas. Carried. (The statement for \$100 submitted by the 5th chapter will be paid by the chapter to the pastor).

The national board is authorized to offer \$10.00 for the mass said for its deceased members.

The 26th convention minutes will be read at the 27th convention.

Point of information raised by A. M. Wackell as to whether the 69 ch. deceased member's (Victoria Stankauskas') benefit will be paid to her beneficiary Petronele Duseviciene in Lithuania. A communication from Petronele Duseviciene was received requesting the payment of the benefit. It was unanimously decided that the letter and the request be referred to the national board for further action.

Concerning the cultural division:

The 2nd vice president with her 2 aids will concentrate on the cultural division. Question raised as to who will reimburse the expense incurred in behalf of cultural activities.

Motion made by M. Vaiciunas that the national board be informed as to what and how much the expenses will be. Motion seconded by unanimous oral vote.

Suggestion offered by J. Mack that chapters plan various activities and donate the proceeds to the national office. Unanimously seconded. M. Vaiciunas announces that her chapter No. 48 will donate \$10.00. S. Kryger announces that her chapter No. 42 will arrange a party.

A request by E. Paurazas that at least the representation fee to the Catholic Federation be paid. Unanimously agreed.

Motion by E. Paurazas that a telegram be sent to the Knights of Lithuania national convention scheduled for the following week in Newark, N. J. Seconded by A. M. Wackell. Motion amended by E. Paurazas that since Rita Pinkus will attend the K. of L. conv. she be authorized to extend greetings to the conv. in behalf of the A. L. R. C. Women's Alliance. Unanimously seconded.

A request by A. Satkus that M. Vaiciunas, national secretary, be reimbursed for expenses incurred when board meetings are scheduled to be held in her home. An expression of gratitude was extended to M. Vaiciunas by the convention delegates for her generosity and hospitality to the board members in the past.

Motion by M. Vaiciunas that the surplus money from the convention be added to the Expense Fund. Motion seconded by T. B. Mazeika. Unanimously carried.

A. Kase, Director of Michigan, sent her report and a gift of \$5.00. Report was read by the secretary A. M. Wackell. Report was approved as read and the contribution accepted.

A. M. Wackell announced that the Total receipts were \$200.00, including A. Kase's gift just announced.

H. Cepulis, complaints comm. member, sent her report through M. Vaiciunas that she received no complaints; submitted 2 letters. Report approved as given orally by M. Vaiciunas.

A. Poska, conv. chairman, expressed her thanks to the 5th chapter for their hospitality and to the delegates for their attention.

Expressions of thanks were given by J. Mack, M. Watkins and M. Vaiciunas.

As previously announced donations of money totaled \$200.00.

Disbursements: A. Poska, convention chairman — \$10.00, A. Hussey, vice chairman — \$5.00, A. M. Wackell, English secretary — \$25.00, T. B. Mazeika, Lithuanian secretary — \$25.00, Sisters Immaculate Conception — \$10.00. Total Disbursements — \$75.00.

Donations Rec-d	\$200.00
Expenses pd. out	75.00

\$125.00

Of the total \$125.00 transferred to D. Kamm, treas. by A. M. Wackell, deducting \$25.00 to be used for "M. D." cover (Fr. Juskaitis' gift), deducting \$10.00 for the "M. D."; leaves a Total of \$90.00 surplus money to go into the Expense Fund.

Note: The offering of \$10.00 for mass was not accepted by the 5th chapter, therefore was not entered in the disbursements.

Unanimous motion made that the convention adjourn. Seconded and carried. Rev. Augustine Petraitis closed the conv. with a prayer. A. Poska declared the 26th national convention adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Antonia M. Wackell, English secretary, 26th national conv. Confirmed by, Albina Poška, Convention chairman, 26th national convention.

**GREETINGS RECEIVED
THE WHITE HOUSE**

Washington

Denver, Colorado

September 6, 1955

Dear Miss Poska:

The President has received the recent letter, signed by yourself and others, embodying the texts of resolutions adopted by the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Women's Alliance assembled in its twenty-sixth Convention in Worcester. He appreciates your courtesy in the transmittal of these resolutions and asks me to express his sincere thanks for the friendly greetings which your communication conveys from your membership.

Sincerely,

Bernard M. Shanley

Secretary to the President

**CONGRESS OF THE UNITED
STATES**

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

August 18, 1955

Dear Mrs. Wackell:

It was with grateful appreciation that I received your telegram, expressing the greetings and commendations of the American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Womens Alliance of America at the session of your 26th

Convention at St. Casimir's Hall, Worcester, Mass., for my past efforts in behalf of American Lithuanians, as well as those who have found refuge in America because of the tyrannical conditions imposed upon them by the Soviet Union.

May I assure you that I will by voice and vote continue to speak out for the liberation of Lithuania from Godless Communism.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Harold D. Donohue

Congressman

Fourth Massachusetts

District

Chicago, Ill. Aug. 17, 1955

American Lithuanian Roman Catholic Womens Alliance Convention Committee, Care Matilda Paulukonis — Please accept our heartiest good wishes for a successful convention.

Harry S. Tressel and Associates

Washington, D. C., Aug. 17, PM 5 52

Amer. Lith. R. C. Women's Alliance

St. Casimir's Hall

41 Providence St.

Worcester, Mass.

Deeply grateful for your kind greeting. I extend to the Womens Alliance my warm wishes and prayers for the success of their 26th convention.

Archbishop Cicognani

Apostolic Delegate

(Ed. note: Mimeographed copies of itemized reports by the Secretary and treasurer were given each delegate and, in addition, were presented in detail to the convention. However, to conserve space, only the totals of income and disbursements are pub-

lished herein. Mrs. Wackell notes that officers reports not included in the English minutes will be included in the Lithuanian minutes.

The convention resolutions were not translated and are, therefore, being published in Lithuanian as presented).

A.L.R.K. Moterų Sąjungos 26-to Seimo, įvykusio 1955 m. rugp. 14 — 17 d. d., Worcester, Mass.

REZOLIUCIJOS

1. Tęsti Katalikišką akciją tarp lietuvių.

2. Palaikyti lietuvišką dvasią savo tarpe, įtraukiant naujų narių, ypač naujakures, neapleidžiant nei čia gimusiųjų, kurioms svarbu pasisemti lietuviškos dvasios ir palaikyti mūsų tautos papročius.

3. Tęsti ryšius su Pasaulio Lietuvių Katalikių Organizacijų Sąjunga.

4. Seimas užjaučia dabartinę lietuvių moters sunkią padėtį užgroboje Lietuvoje ir linki joms ištvermės.

5. Seimas įgalioja Centro Valdybą studijuoti įstojimą į "The National Council of Catholic Women", idant turėtų oficialų stovį Katalikių moterų tarpe Amerikoje.

Organizacijos reikalai:

1. Kad Centro Valdyba tęstų religinio, kultūrinio ir socialinio veikimo programą.

2. Kad II Vice-Pirm. sudarytų švietimo — Kultūros reikalams tarybą. Kad toji taryba parengtų tiems reikalams programą ir įjungtų į programos įgyvendinimą Direktores ir kuopų švietimo reikalams įgaliotines.

3. Į seimo programą įjungti ir švietimo — kultūros klausimus.

4. Sklandesniam veikimui ragina Centro Valdybą išleisti organizacijos instrukcijas; pav., kuopų kūrimo klausimu, ir t.t.

Moterų Dirva

1. Stengtis kiek galint gerinti "Moterų Dirvos" turinį, lietuvių kalbą ir išvaizdą.

2. Kad būtų pravestas naujo viršelio konkursas ir kad tam dalykui būtų išrinkta komisija.

Apšvietos

1. Atsižvelgdamos į didelį lietuvių išlaikymo reikalą, ragina moteris remti ir toliau lietuviškas parapijas ir lietuviškas mokyklas. Palaikyti ir prenumeruoti lietuvišką spaudą ir rūpintis, kad šeimoj vyrautų lietuvių kalba.

2. Kreipti moterų dėmesį į didelį pavojų, kuris grėšia mūsų jaunajai kartai dėl nepadorių filmų, nusikaltimų žadinančių „komikų“, menkaverčių televizijos ir radijo programų ir ragina motinas dėti visas pastangas apsaugoti nuo blogos įtakos mūsų jaunimą.

3. Seimas sveikina įsikūrusią Amerikos Liet. Bendruomenę ir ragina Sąjungietes remti Bendruomenės veiklą, įsirašant nariais, kadangi ta Bendruomenė apjungia visus mūsų tautiečius.

Rezoliucijų komisija:

Dale Murray

Veronica Liutkienė

M. Galdikienė

NOTICE

The contest cover has been extended to FEB. 15, 1956'. LET'S PASS THE WORD AROUND.

Viršelio konkursas pratęstas iki VASARIO 15, 1956. Raginkime visus konkursan stoti, kad įgytumėm naują, gražų viršelį!