







TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT

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As I write this column banner headlines on the front page of every newspaper in New York are vividly bearing out my contention that the peculiar looking bird which adorns the Polish coat of arms is not an eagle but a vulture.

"Border incidents" similar to the one which is supposed to have begun the present fireworks have been numerous. Clashes between Polish and Lithuanian border patrols have occurred frequently. But this time it was not a Lithuanian who was killed, but a Pole. And so, Poland threatens to march on to Kaunas.

There are many miles of land, sea and air between the United States and Lithuania. Internal political activities in Lithuania are of little or no concern to Lithuanian Americans. So long as Lithuania remains independent, it makes no difference to us who governs, or what form of government prevails there, so long as the business of governing the nation is in the hands of Lithuanians themselves.

When a foreign power possessing no similarity of race language, characteristics or traditions to our sisters, brothers, fathers, mothers and other of our relatives in the land of our forefathers steps into Lithuania with the avowed purpose of doing to our relatives what it has done in the Vilnius territory, it is time for us to make a very strong and definite stand.

It may be that Poland, with her vastly superior military strength and power, may force Lithuania to relinquish her claims on her historic capital, Vilnius. It may be that Polonia may even stage her threatened march on Kaunas successfully. All these possibilities may be a fact by the time you read these words.

But let us remember one thing. No matter what happens, whether by resorting to brute force or to "diplomacy", if Poland succeeds in taking physical possession of either Vilnius or Kaunas, Lithuania's sons and daughters will still carry on in the tradition which has been followed for centuries. The Poles will not be the first ones to attempt the extermination of the Lithuanian race. The Russians tried for centuries, and failed miserably.

Poland may succeed in erasing Lithuania's boundary lines from the map of Europe. But, if we are to consider the history of Lithuanians suffering from past oppressions, I think we may safely be assured that the Lithuanian race, language, traditions and characteristics will not perish from the earth no matter what measures Poland may take.

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SLA FUTURE HINGES ON OUTCOME OF PRESENT ELECTIONS

Defeat of Laukaitis-Buksnaitis slate may result in "purge" of all Alliance members opposed to Socialist-Communist "united front"

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Dozens of reliable eyewitnesses were located this week who corroborated the fact that during a recent visit to the Lithuanian American Citizens' Club here, Mr. P. Grigaitis, Socialist leader and editor of the Chicago Naujienos, made statements to the effect that the present SLA elections would result in a clean sweep for candidates opposing those endorsed by the Committee of Younger SLA Members and that the contemplated victors propose to make their expected victory even more sweet by expelling from the Alliance all those whose political ideas do not correspond to their own. It is interesting to note that Mr. Grigaitis has been traveling all over the country campaigning for the "United Front" slate featuring the messrs. Bagočius and Maziukna, and so his opinions may be interpreted as being those of the supporting cast in general.

In citing the above incident, the Committee of Younger SLA Members merely wishes to point out the essential difference of tactics employed. Where the opposition attempts to make of a non-partisan fraternal organization's election a straight political party issue, the Youth Group ignores partisan and political connections and stresses the fitness

of its candidates for the various offices. We come to praise our candidates, not to bury theirs. Incidentally, the Laukaitis-Buksnaitis slate is so strong that the only objection the opposition could make so far was in the feeble attempt to label our candidates "fascist". And since the "United Front" tacks this appellation on everyone who does not agree to scrap the Bible for a volume of Karl Marx, even this attack is too absurd to consider.

RICHMOND HILL, N. Y.—SLA Lodge 372 held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 15th, listened to reports from various committees in charge of the extremely successful dance which the lodge had presented the previous Sunday, and voted unanimously for the candidates indicated on the accompanying ballot:

In order to assure readers of this page the latest results of the elections, which will not be over before May 5th, members of the SLA are respectfully invited to forward a tabulation of votes cast in their respective lodges to the editor of this page. An effort will be made to present the latest results whenever possible.

Vytautas G. Vizbara Secretary Committee of Younger SLA Members

BALOTAS

Irąšyk kryželi (X) ties vardu to kandidato, už kuri atiduodi savo balsą. Balsuoti galima tik už vieną kandidatą ir kiekvieną urėdą, įrašijant židz GLOBĖJŲ urėdą, i kuri reikia balsuoti už du kandidatū.

Table with columns for candidate number, name, address, and a box for marking an 'X' vote.

LITHUANIAN PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the independence of Lithuania is being threatened by Poland, and WHEREAS, Lithuania is the bulwark of democracy in the Baltic states, and WHEREAS, the independence of small nations has been guaranteed by the League of Nations, and WHEREAS, the democratic governments have impliedly and expressly through their diplomatic channels and otherwise sought the continuance of democratic nations, large or small, and WHEREAS, the sanctity of treaties and promises are being disregarded and the rule throughout the world seems to be might instead of right, and WHEREAS, nations have pledged themselves against aggrandizement, and WHEREAS, Lithuania as a democratic nation has only an army of Twenty-Four-Thousand men and is unable to defend herself, and WHEREAS, Poland has issued an ultimatum in which she demands diplomatic harmony between the two nations within a short period of forty-eight hours although diplomatic relationship has not been established for the past eighteen years, and WHEREAS, Poland has utterly disregarded the boundary treaty of October 7, 1920 and has unlawfully occupied Vilna, the real capital of Lithuania together with one-fourth of the territorial possessions of Lithuania which is the cause of absence of diplomatic relationship, and WHEREAS, Poland knows that Lithuania will not concede to diplomatic relation-

ship until its territorial possessions are restored, and WHEREAS, Poland is now seeking to occupy more territory of Lithuania through a semblance of a claim of pretense, be it now RESOLVED that Lithuanian people in the United States and throughout the world are opposed to any act or acts by Poland to force diplomatic relationships between the two nations on account of the aforesaid territorial dispute, and be it further RESOLVED the citizens of the United States of Lithuania descent seek to preserve the Lithuanian territorial possessions and its independence and are desirous of maintaining peace, be it further RESOLVED that the nations of the world and more particularly the United States make every effort to preserve the independence and the peace of Lithuania to avoid a World War.

The foregoing resolutions have been adopted by the Lithuanian Professional Club this 17th day of March in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Eight.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Committee of the Lithuanian Professional Club have hereunto set their hands and affixed its seal the day and year above written.

Lithuanian Professional Club by (Rev.) Joseph Aleksunas Acting Secretary Rev. John Balkunas Committee Alfred J. Wentz Edward Wm. Zukauskas, M. D.

STAGE & SCREEN by MILTON COHEN

"Wine of Choice" is proving popular with the Theatre Guild's subscribers. There have been more letters of congratulation and encouragement for this play than for any other this season. The Guild's out-of-town subscribers (of which there is a total of almost 75,000 in Chicago, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Washington) have had a good season this year. They have seen, in addition to the Guild shows, such productions as "Julius Caesar", "Shadow and Substance", "Father Malachy's Miracle", "A Doll's House", "Yes, My Darling Daughter", "Tovarich" and "Bachelor Born".

Four new plays are on schedule for next week, treating of everything from lunatics to Hollywood children going to school. The first to arrive will be "Spring Thaw", a comedy by Clare Kummer which opens Monday at the Martin Beck Theatre. It is a production by Max Gordon, and has Roland Young as the star.

Tuesday is the date and the Ritz theatre for "Schoolhouse on the Lot", a work by Joseph A. Fields and Jerome Chodorov which tells about the youngsters who learn while they earn. The cast will include Onslow Stevens, Mary Mason, Betty Philson and Robert H. Harris. Besides these there will be fourteen child actors and actresses.

On Wednesday, Ethel Barrymore will open at the Hudson Theatre in "White-oaks", a dramatization of the Mazo de la Roche novel. An Englishman, Victor Payne-Jennings, is the producer and the supporting cast will include Stephen Haggard, Robert Shayne and Ethel Cole. The last play of the week is "All the Living" dramatized by Hardie Albright from a book called "I Knew 3,000 Lunatics". The producer, Cheryl Crawford, will offer it Thursday at the Fulton Theatre with a cast including Sanford Meisner, Lief Erickson, Elizabeth Young and Sheila Trent.

Paul Vincent Carroll, author of "Shadow and Substance" at the Golden Theatre was the guest of honor and speaker at the annual dinner of the Shamrock Club, Thursday, at the Hotel Commodore. A plaque in tribute to the playwright's contribution to Irish letters was presented Carroll by Charles T. Rice, president of the club and members of the executive committee of the American Irish Historical Society.

"Jezebel", Warner Bros. film drama of the deep South in pre-Civil War days, with Bette Davis in the starring role, will be held over for a second week at the Radio City Music Hall. Featured with Miss Davis are Henry Fonda, George Brent and Margaret Lindsay. Also to be continued for a second week is the Leon Leonidoff stage spectacle "Gazette".

New shows greeted St. Patrick's Day, Thursday, at all RKO Theatres in the Greater City. Katherine Hepburn and Cary Grant in "Bringing up Baby" with Barry Fitzgerald of the famous Abbey Theatre in Dublin in the supporting lead, is the top feature at the Palace, Albee and the Manhattan. Bronx and Westchester houses. "Swing Your Lady", the rural comedy with Humphrey Bogart and Louise Fazenda will be the added attraction at all but the Albee which will second feature "Midnight Intruder" with Louis Hayward, Barbara Read and Eric Linden. The RKO Brooklyn and Queens houses will present William Powell in "The Baroness and the Butler" and "Gold Is Where You Find It" with George Brent, whose birthplace was Ireland. Olivia de Havilland, Claude Rains and Margaret Lindsay.

"In Old Chicago", 20th Century-Fox romantic dramatization of the Chicago fire, goes into the twelfth week of its two-a-day run at the Astor Theatre. The picture made its world premiere at the Astor, Tyrone Power, Alice Faye, Don Ameche, Alice Brady, Andy Devine and Brian Donley play the leading roles in a cast which includes thousands of featured and extra players. It was directed by Henry King, and produced under the supervision of Darryl F. Zanuck.

"The Big Broadcast of 1938", starring W. C. Fields goes into its second week at the Paramount Theatre.

Rudy Vallee has completed his starring job in "Gold Diggers in Paris", Warner Bros. forthcoming musical spectacle, and expects to be back on Broadway early next week, according to a dispatch from the film company's West Coast studios. In this new edition of the annual "Gold Diggers" series, Vallee heads an unusually large cast that includes such musical comedy experts as Rosemary Lane, Hugh Herbert, Allen Jenkins, Gloria Dickson, Melville Cooper, Mabel Todd and the Schnickelritz Band.

The Belmont Theatre announces that on Friday evening, March 25, it will present the American Premiere of one of the most distinguished French films ever made, "Life Dances On" (Un Carnet de Bal) by the celebrated French director, Julien Duvivier, and which was awarded the Gold Cup (highest award) at the 1937 Venice Biennial Film Exposition as the finest film produced throughout the world in this year. The film was written and directed by Mr. Duvivier, who is now under contract to MGM in Hollywood as a result of it.

Samuel Goldwyn has loaned David Niven to Twentieth Century-Fox for a featured role in "Three Blind Mice" which will co-star Joel McCrea and Loretta Young. The actor will shortly return from a vacation in Sun Valley. Niven previously appeared in Goldwyn's "Dodsworth" and "Beloved Enemy", and last year he was borrowed for an important role in Selznick's "The Prisoner of Zenda". The three features are United Artists releases.



DIRECTOR IN BRONZE—Pictured on the set of "Joy of Living," in which he guided Irene Dunne and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Director Tay Garnett is surveying a bronze bust of himself being shown by its maker, Deszo Lanyi, an accomplished Hungarian sculptor in Hollywood who is a representative from Coronet and Esquire Magazines.



STARLET CONS HER LINES—Vicki Lester, who plays the romantic lead opposite Allan Lane in "This Marriage Business," checks over her next scene with assistant director Eddie Jhonahue. Victor Moore has the star role in this dramatic comedy.

BALTIC AMERICAN SOCIETY ACTIVE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Baltic American society is cooperating with the Travelers Club of Catholic University in presenting a Lithuanian night in the Music Building Auditorium on the University campus on March 27th at 8 P.M. Lithuanians from out of town are cordially invited to attend.

The program will consist of interesting talks by Mr. Louis Bean, Lithuanian born economist and assistant to Secretary Wallace and by Mr. Nadas Rastenis, Baltimore attorney and poet. Other features of the evening will be poetic readings by Mrs. Rastenis, a readings by Mrs. Rastenis, a sical Lithuanian music and an unique exhibit of Lithuanian stamps, amber and handicraft. L. J. Esunas (Staff Correspondent)

LITHUANIAN SCHOOLS SHUT DOWN

VILNIUS.—The last of a chain of two hundred Lithuanian primary schools once maintained by the Rytas Educational Society in Vilnius was closed in Dainava by order of the local Polish authorities on February 26th. Polish authorities also indicated the closing of the last remaining Lithuanian high schools in Vilnius (Vytautas the Great High School) was imminent.

JAIL VILNIUS LIBRARIAN

VILNIUS.—P. Valentukavicius, manager of Lithuanian libraries in Dubiciai and Mantautai, was tried in the Lyda district court and was found guilty of circulating Lithuanian books published in Kaunas and of listening to radio broadcasts from Kaunas. He was sentenced to three years in prison and his rights were taken away for a period of five years. Three other Lithuanian librarians in the Vilnius district have already received like sentences and seven are awaiting trial, faced with similar charges.



Louise Rainer Received Actresses award of 1937 for best play: "The Good Earth". Jonas Baliunas

CHEERS, JEERS AND REFLECTIONS

(Excerpts from letters received by the editor)

COLLEGIATES NO REDS

WILMINGTON, Del.—All too often our Marxist press takes the liberty of assuming that all college undergraduates are fairly seething with revolt, and frequently the activities of the Student Union are described to prove this assertion.

The Student Union represents perhaps 20,000 young people out of nearly a million who are undergoing some sort of higher education. The 20,000, however, take such things as peace and war, organized labor, cooperatives and race problems pretty seriously. They differ widely among themselves, but as the reports

from their various conventions have indicated, they have a decided leftist tendency. They have, or did have, eight Communists and eight Socialists on a national executive committee of thirty. Maybe this is something to get excited about, but more likely it is not. There is not much danger of a revolution starting among them. There is more danger that a million other students, not members of the union, will remain largely indifferent to the fact that there are such things as social problems.

Our college youth is not radical now and never was radical. It is horribly afraid of doing the wrong thing. Its thinking too often follows the same stereotypes. One would

not want it to kick over the traces. But one would be willing to believe that higher education was getting somewhere if all groups of students were stirred to do some active thinking of their own. They may be sick of being told that in a few years they will have much to say about the way our country and our civilization are being run, but that is the truth. They have no right to be sociologically and economically illiterate. What they now think doesn't matter half so much as does the obligation to think—to look at this middle-aged world coolly and objectively and arrive at some reasoned conclusion as to what might be done to improve it. Jonas Baliunas

