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## TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT

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As early as last June one of our English Staff Correspondents visiting in Lithuania wrote that higher-ups in official circles there almost unanimously frowned upon making the huge expenditures necessary to send a chorus of forty or fifty young singers across the Atlantic into this country. This was subsequently denied, and word was flashed on to us to go ahead with all preparations possible for the suitable reception and maintenance of the young visitors.

Committees were organized in many Lithuanian American colonies, in some cases auditoriums were rented for the expected concert programs and our newspapers began to publicize and ballyhoo the impending arrival of the first Lithuanian choral group to visit these shores. Only at this point in the proceedings did it occur to those in a position to know that it might not be a bad idea to pass the word along that the trip had been called off, after all.

Naturally, no one will seriously find fault with the fact that economic difficulties in Lithuania prevented the student chorus of the Vytautas The Great University in Kaunas from making a concert tour of the United States. But we can, and do, find fault with the authoritative sources of information which could have let us know sooner that the whole thing was practically cancelled the same day that Hitler's hoodlums took over Klaipėda, and with it, one of Lithuania's main sources of revenue.

Needless to say, this is not meant to cast any reflection upon the student chorus itself, which in all likelihood had little or nothing to say about whether it would or would not be able to make the trip. As a matter of fact, I feel quite safe in saying that few Lithuanian Americans will be found who don't want to see and hear a chorus of university students from the land of our fathers, singing to us the songs we love.

It may be a long time before the Lithuanian government will see its way clear to appropriate funds without which such a visit would be impossible. But need this be a drawback? After all, we did, by popular subscription, pay for two transatlantic flights and purchased a training plane for Lithuania's *Sauliai*. Would it be such an extreme impossibility for us to "chip in" and underwrite the expenses of a visit from the students' chorus of the Vytautas The Great University?

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Adam Jezavitas

## Jezavitas Gets Kaunas Music Scholarship

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Adam Jezavitas, popular young saxophonist, and for several years director of the Lithuanian Radio Hour Orchestra, has been awarded a musical scholarship to the Kaunas State Conservatory. He will sail for Lithuania aboard the Holland-American Liner *Statendam* 4 p.m. Thursday, August 24th from Hoboken, N. J.

### Farewell Banquet Tomorrow

Friends of Mr. Jezavitas will present a farewell dinner in his honor tomorrow evening (Saturday, August 19) at Alliance Hall, 197 Grand Street, Brooklyn. Since the young musician was particularly popular among those who delighted to dance to the music of his orchestra, it is expected that tomorrow evening's festivities will attract a preponderantly "younger generation" attendance.

### Full House Expected

Because of the limited space of Alliance Hall, it is suggested that those who plan to attend should arrive as early as possible. The festivities will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the tickets are priced at \$1.50 each, but there are still thousands of local folks, both young and old, who recall that during the days when he was introduced to radio audiences by the announcer as "the incomparable Adam Jezavitas and his Lithuanian Radio Hour Orchestra" his was one of the best orchestras to be heard on a Lithuanian program. He's worked hard for it, so let's all come around to

Alliance Hall tomorrow night and give him a royal send-off!  
Vitalis Bukšnaitis.

## Noted Lith. Pianist Plans U.S. Concert Tour

Vytautas Bacevičius, Hailed in Europe and South America, Arrives in N. Y. Sept 10

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Pianist-composer Vytautas Bacevičius, professor of music at the Kaunas State Conservatory, having earned the plaudits of critics in European musical centers, as well as a decoration from King of the Belgians, will conclude his present triumphant South American tour in time to reach New York by September 10th.

### Program Interesting

Mr. Bacevičius will offer an interesting concert program to American audiences, including not only his own compositions, but also those of Franck, Chopin, Debussy, Grieg, Čiurlionis, Liszt, and Albeniz. His first concert in the United States will be presented shortly after his arrival, probably at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

### Will Tour U. S.

Following his New York recital, professor Bacevičius will visit Lithuanian American colonies. Communities wishing to invite the distinguished pianist should communicate with the Bacevičius Concerts Arrangements Committee, Violet Tamkus, Secretary, 394 Lorimer Street, Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Bacevičius will conclude his United States tour in mid-October in Brooklyn.

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## YOUTH CONFERENCE IN N. Y. SEPT. 9 TO SEEK COMMON GOAL

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Young Americans and Europeans of Lithuanian descent will be guests of the Lithuanian American Youth League at Dexter Park, Saturday, September 9, the day before the New York World's Fair Lithuanian Day festivities. Guests will be registered representatives of Lithuanian organizations everywhere, as well as registered visitors, who will also be admitted to the conclave. The gathering will be known as the Lithuanian American National Youth Conference.

Choral, Dance, Sports, Social, Cultural, Fraternal or other types of Lithuanian American youth organizations wishing to be represented at the proposed conference,

should register their representatives with Petras Juknys, Secretary, Lithuanian American National Youth League, 193 Grand St., Brooklyn, New York. Each organization may send at least two representatives; those with memberships exceeding forty may send one delegate for every twenty members. Individuals planning to participate may also register by indicating in their application the names of organizations in which they are active. There is no registration fee, no collections will be made, and additional information regarding the Conference may be obtained by writing to the Secretary of the Youth League.

Fill Out and Send In The Following Official Registration

### FIRST LITHUANIAN AMERICAN NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

Official Registration of Representative

1939

This will certify that our organization, known as: (Siūomi pareiškiamie, kad mūsų organizacija, vardu:)

located at the following address: (kurios oficialis adresas yra:)

is a recognized Lithuanian American organization whose membership is predominantly of the younger generation. As such, we are entitled to ..... representatives at the NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE which will be held at Dexter Park, Jamaica Ave., near Elderts Lane, Woodhaven, N. Y., Saturday, September 9, 1939 at 1 p.m. One of these representatives is:

ir yra pripažinta Amerikos Lietuvių organizacija, kurios narių daugumą sudaro jaunoji karta. Tuomet, mes turime teisę paskirti ..... delegatus į TAUTINIO JAUNIMO KONFERENCIJĄ, kuri susirinks 1 val. p.p. rugsėjo 9 d., 1939 m., Dexter Parke, Jamaica Ave., arti Elderts Lane, Woodhaven, N. Y. Vienas iš tųjų mūsų organizacijos paskirtų delegatų yra:

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It is our understanding that organizations with memberships exceeding forty are entitled to one representative for each twenty members in good standing, while all other organizations may have at least two representatives. We also understand that the Conference will function in an advisory, rather than an executive capacity, and that our organization will not necessarily be bound by any decisions or decrees adopted by the said Conference.

President of Organization Organizacijos Pirmininkas

Secretary of Organization Organizacijos Sekretorius

## World's Fair Sends Out Good-Will Ambassadors

WORLD'S FAIR, N. Y.—Grover A. Whalen, President of the New York World's Fair, announced today that the Fair Corporation is sending a group of "good-will ambassadors" on speaking tours thru New England, the Middle West and the South in response to a widespread demand for first-hand information about the Fair.

"We have had so many requests for information about the Fair, so many letters asking what to see, where to stay, how to travel and a hundred other questions, that we have decided to send nine of our executives out to give talks", Mr. Whalen said.

"Acting as good-will ambassadors of the Fair, these speakers will visit chambers of commerce, clubs and other groups in scores of cities and towns. In addition to describing the Fair they will be prepared to answer questions and give advice on travel problems".

Points to be stressed by speakers on the current tour include the ability of the Fair to absorb tremendous crowds without being crowded, the excellent highway and parking facilities available for motorists, the reasonableness of hotel and rooming house accommodations and the low cost of seeing the Fair.

It will be pointed out that the wide expanse of Fair grounds, covering 1,216½ acres, makes congestion a virtual impossibility and that even on days of greatest attendance exhibits and amusement attractions can be visited with ease. Restaurants have plenty of tables available and there are always unoccupied

benches and lounges at hand. New York's expanded system of highways and bridges with its dozen broad approaches pointed toward the Fair will be described, and the point will be made that five large parking fields adjoin the Fair grounds none of which has ever been filled to capacity.

Prospective Fair visitors will be told that thousands of rooms can be had in New York City for as little as \$1 a day, that hotel rates begin as low as \$1.50 per person and that reports of high prices are without foundation. They will be told of the service offered to room seekers by the Mayor's Official Fair Housing Bureau at 122 East Forty-Second Street.

Expenses at the Fair itself, it will be shown, can be kept at whatever figure one wishes. With 105 free exhibit buildings containing more than 1,500 free exhibits, with hot dogs and hamburgers priced at a dime and with restaurants serving meals for as little as 40 cents, the Exposition offers a visitor more for his money than any other attraction in history, it will be pointed out. Mr. Whalen reported that the Fair Corporation was continuing to receive thousands of letters praising the Exposition from persons in every section of the country who have visited it.

"No Exposition has ever received such universal acclaim", he said. "The Fair has already won recognition both as a monument to the achievements of industry and as a reflection of the hopes and aspirations of peoples throughout the world".

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