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By Vitalis Bukšnaitis

Your New York corresponwith the attitude of those among us who last week excitedly threw their hats in the -Vilnius jau atvaduotas!" hope I'm wrong, but the conditions and circumstances connected with the return of Vilnius to Lithuania leave-something to be desired as far as cause for cheering is concerned. In the light of recent events in the Baltic and surrounding angle Grand Ballroom is a countries, one may certainly be huge place, a capacity attenjustified in being suspicious of dance is envisioned by offi-Stalin's performance as Santa

Let's look at the situation coldly, impassionately. Lithua- begin at 9 p. m., for which the nia was, and still is, in a tough spot. Lithuania refused Ruswhich arose about a year ago Lithuanian Films at the tautas G. Vizbara, VIENYBE mate prey by so-called Chrissian assistance in the dispute with the late, but not too lat Citizen's Club Tonight terviewed by Frank Merchant nothing of killing off half of mented Poland, fearing that such assistance would pave the way towards the establishment of Communism in the land of our fathers. Whether or not these fears were groundless may best be judged by the fact that even before the arrival of the Soviet troops which will "protect" Lithuania's integrity and independence, the country is already As an added attraction, Mr. tiated by Bernard V. Hall, and one of the youngest, if you being flooded with Communist propaganda.

nia's historic capital, is once children, fifteen cents. again a part of Lithuania. But at what a price! News services announce that Russia plans to build her own "Maginot Line", part of which will be along the Nazi-Lithuanian border. What happiness can Lithuanians get out of that? Local Communists try to justify the Stalin-Hitler pact by saying that when the proper the wicked Nazis with a gusto ticipation of all national cos Vytautas that the Lithuanians when this time comes, where will the "crushing" take place? In Germany? In Russia? Lithuania will be the first to suffer. -

around, hopelessly, waiting for Night is to demonstrate those this demonstration takes on with the Third Partition, Liththe worst? Or shall we make a ideals of international comity the added poignancy and point. uania lost its independence. sincere effort to assist the land and brotherhood which form We, therefore, urge that all For 120 years the people of our origin? War-torn Vil- the basis of American civiliza- groups take advantage of this suffered under the tyranny of nius and her suffering 100's of tion and which the New York opportunity to participate. thousands of Liths. have been returned to their Tevyne. Shall we stand accused of failing to help rehabilitate them? We have plenty of work ahead of us. Let us all, no matter where we reside, forget our petty differences and organize into strong local groups which will, in turn, be represented at a National Council. Only thus will be able to give to Lithua- recent letter appearing in your nia the moral and financial "Cheers and Jeers" section re: assistance which she needs so an American-born slate of canbadly at the present time.

When Vilnius and her population have been rehabilitated. when Lithuania no longer is her borders, when our cousins are once more free of the warthreat jitters, then will be the time to cheer. But right now, Don't cheer, boys, our cousins! are dying!"

Motery Vienybe Dinner-Dance October 29

BROOKLYN, N. Y .- "Moteru Vienybe", the local women's club which has won for itself the admiration of Lithuanian Americans in Greater New York as one of the leading organizations devoted to philanthropic, educational and dent did not quite sympathize benevolent activities, will celebrate its fifth anniversary by presenting a dinner and dance Sunday, October 29, at the air shouting "Galim nurimti Triangle Grand Ballroom, 117/11 Myrtle Avenue, Richmond Hill, New York.

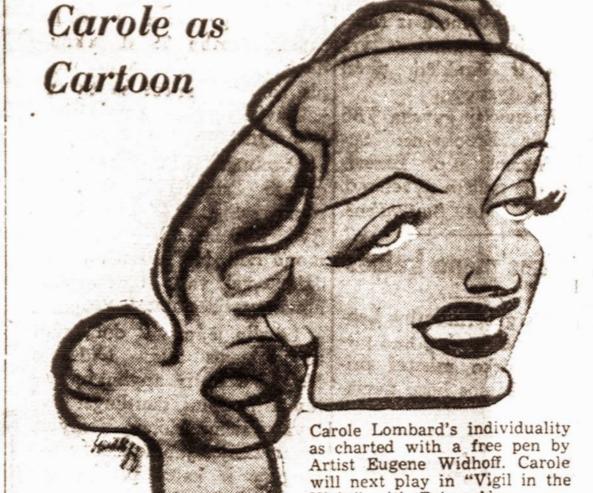
Because of the unprecedented demand for tickets, guests who plan to attend the dinner are urged to make their rezervations as far in advance as possible. Although the Tricials in charge of the sale of tickets. Tickets for the dinner and dance are priced at two admission will be fifty cents.

Januškevičius, Jr., at the Lith- uanian Culture". uanian American Citizen's tomorrow and Sunday evenings. October 20, 21 and 22. Lithuanian Day festivities. Performances will begin at 7:30 Lithuania is still on the map each evening. Admission for

Costumed Visitors Get Free Entry to Fair Monday

WORLD'S FAIR, N. Y .-The New York World's Fair has established the evening of October 23 as International time comes, Stalin will crush Night, and is inviting the par- the leadership of Grand Duke which will be astonishing. But tumed, singing, dancing, and controlled this territory and musical groups.

> all persons wearing such cos- Zalgiris (or Grunwalde) in tumes will be admitted to the grounds free of any charge



dollars each, The dinner will Vytautas G. Vizbara Guest of 1410, thus enabling the people begin at 6 p. m. Dancing will Biosophical Institute Broadcast to enjoy peace after several · October 5th

Staff Correspondent, was in- tian Knights, who thought during the Biosophical Insti- the population in order to BROOKLYN, N. Y .- Re- tute program on station WINS force their beliefs on the sur cently photographed natural- Sunday evening. October 5th. vivors. color movies of Lithuania will The subject of the fifteen M.: Then Lithuania is not be shown by Cameraman J. minute interview was "Lith- a state created after the World

Club of Brooklyn, tonight, is devoted to character and Merchant. Lithuania is para-Januškevičius will project his Vice President of the Institute. consider its rebirth as Feb. 16. filming of the World's Fair The text of the interview fol- 1918, when a duly elected

Mr. Merchant: Mr. Vizbara of Europe. Vilnius, Lithua- adults is thirty five cents; for who is the national hero of Lithuania?

> V. V.: Vytautas The Great. whose name I bear, is the ancient national hero. His statue may be seen by visitors to the Lithuanian Pavilion at the World's Fair. On the walls of the pavilion are maps showing how the boundaries of tiny, present-day Lithuania once extended from the Baltic to the Black Sea. It was under smashed the power of the Teu-During International Night tonic Knights at the Battle of

Meanwhile, shall we sit The object of International of the troubled situation abroad tion's strength, and in 1795

centuries of fighting against invaders. The pagan Lithua-NEW YORK, N. Y .- Vy- nians were regarded as legiti-

Night" with Brian Aherne op-

War but existed centuries ago? The Biosophical Institute V. V.: That is correct, Mr. peace education. The broad-doxically one of the oldest cast was one of a series ini- known nations in the world council proclaimed Lithuania's independence. Historical references concerning the Lithuanians were made as early as the First century by the Roman historian, Tacitus, and later by Ptolemy, the Greek geogra-

> The Lithuanians then lived governing body.

> century and further strengthened and enlarged by succeeding Grand Dukes.

century. This marked the de- old to learn.

the Russian Czarist regime. All

were stifled. The Lithuanian mise. press was banned for forty years. Possession of any book printed in Lithuanian meant imprisonment or exile to Si beria.

the World War arose a new and independent Lithuania.

M.: I am curious to know whether members of your family experienced any of these hardships under Russian rule?

V. V.: Yes, my grandmother saber thrust received when she hid from a seaching party in Lithuania's capital. hiding-place.

anti-Russian organizations. It to improve friendly relations. may, Lithuania will stay".

will, has the desire for knowl- of the city to its own. edge diminished or is it as strong as ever?

V. V.: Judging from the large number of newspapers, periodicals, and books published, I would say that their thirst for knowledge is still very strong. There are over 200 newspapers and periodicals published in Lithuania and an average of one thousand literin clans without any central modern schools covering the M.: Are there any other or-The nation was united by versity in Kaunas, housing five nians, other than the Iron Mindaugas in the thirteenth thousand students. Elementary Wolf.

so I shalf compare Lithuania known countries. Lithuania is larger in size than Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, or Denmark, and has a population of approximately two and I a half million people. About one million people lived in that it would attract, rather Lithuanian Americans would the area occupied by Poland. than scare away our younger be our best bet for the various Another million Lithuanians

M.: Just what did you mean by saying, "A million Lithuanians lived in the area occupied by Poland" .-

nian Alliance of America (Si are just as apt to have dif- Vice President, Vitalis Buks- the capital of Lithuania, and L. A.) nominations and elec- ferences of opinion (often naitis of Richmond Hill, New the two bordering provinces. For Trustees, Keis- On Oct. 7th, 1920, Poland younger members of the SLA, ders, I'm certain that they tutis Michelsonas of Brooklyn, and Lithuania signed the taking into consideration that would, given the proper op- New York and J. Januskevi- Treaty of Suvalkai, wherein forced to play host to hordes such Communist-guided orga- portunity, make an effective cius, Jr., of Hartford, Conn.: Poland pledged herself not to nizations as the LDS are grow- effort to give new life and new For Medical Examiner, Dr. M. advance into Lithuanian tering only by grace of its pre- blood to the SLA., making it Mikolainis, of Woodhaven, ritory including the Vilnius tended interest in Lithuanian an organization not of only New York: and for treasurer, district. Only two days later. American Youth activities, fifteen thousand, but of fifteen that great Lithuanian patriot, the Polish general, Zeligowski should be on the alert to elect hundred thousand, if humanly Mr. J. J. Bachunas of Sodus, seized the city. The League of Nations condemned this

Therefore, relations between the two countries were severed. frontiers remained closed, and groups. Lithuanians are great no diplomatic relations main- levers of songs. Not only are tained until March 31, 1938. song festivals held throughout In spite of all these perse- You may recall headlines in the country but young village. cutions, Lithuanian leaders re- the American newspapers about people will form groups eventunited the nation in a cultural that time stating that Poland's ings and go from village to and political battle for inde- armies stood massed on the village singing the simple but pendence. Out of the ruins of Lithuanian frontier ready to melodic strains native to Lithinvade their small neighbor. In uania. the ultimatum presented to the Lithuanian government, Poland demanded resumption of normal relationships between the two countries. Lithuania yielded on all points but did had a very bad leg-scar from a not renounce her rights to Vilnius, which is still regarded as

a hay-stack. She happened to . M .: Has any effort been have forbidden Lithuanian li- made to regain this territory? terature in her possession and V. V.: Only indirectly. An took the saber cut without a organization of young men, murmer rather than reveal her called the Iron Wolf, had been working toward this objective My father was forced to flee by peaceful means until the to America due to his activities government stopped it's actiin the smuggling of books from vities in keeping with the Germany and participating in agreement signed with Poland

was only thru the existence of You may think that "Iron secret patriotic societies, secret Wolf" is an odd name for a schools in homes, and smuggled patriotic group, but there is an books from Germany and old legend behind it. Grand America that the Lithuanian Duke Gedeminas founded Villanguage was kept alive. An nius after having a dream in old adage characterizes the per- which an iron wolf showed severance of the Lithuanian: him where to build a large "Kas bus, kas nebus, O Lietu- city. It is said that if any misvis nepražus"-"Come what fortune befalls Vilnius, that an iron wolf will appear on the M.: Now that the Lithua- edge of the forest and by its nians are free to read what they howling proclaim the return

All that is left to the memibers of this organization is the hope that in the readjusting of the map of Europe after the present conflict is over, that Vilnius and it's adjacent territory will be returned to Lithuania without obligating that nation to any foreign power. (ED. NOTE: Since this interary works annually. There view, the Vilnius area has been is an extensive network of ceded to Lithuania by Russia.)

country, including a fine uni- ganizations of young Lithua-

education has been compul- V. V.: Yes, several of them. ory since 1930. All children The Sauliai, or Sharpshooters, must complete at least six resembles our own National After the death of Vytautas grades. From an illiteracy rate Guard. Their purpose is to be the Great in 1430, the Polish of four out of five under Rus- be trained and ready to defend influence in Lithuania became sian rule, Lithuania now has their country in the event of stronger and finally a treaty of one out of ten-and these are invasion. This group played union was signed in the 16th the old farm folks who are too an important part in the early days of Lithuania as an indecline of the Lithuanian nation. M.: In order to make your pendent republic. Then there until 8:30 p. m. at the IRT- World's Fair has so success- Continual warfare with out- figures more impressive. Mr. is "Pavasarininkai" a Catholic fully demonstrated. In view numbering foes drained the na- Vizbara, will you give us some young group having a similar "World's Oldest Lithuanian Newspaper" idea of the size of the country? organization in America call-V. V.: It is difficult to con- ed the "Knights of Lithuania" vey a clear conception of size Two others, "The Young Liby mentioning square miles, thuania Union" and "J.S.O."

national and cultural endeavors effect a satisfactory compro- or "Lithuanian Youth Sporting Organization' are worthy of mention.

There are also many song

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RICHARD DIX was born Ernest Carlton Brimmer, Jr., in St. Paul Minn., whither his parents had traveled from Los Angeles just six weeks prior to his birth. Young Dix received his early education in Minnesota and graduated from the St. Paul High School. He was interested in all sports and in dramatics, appearing in practically every play produced by the school. He also attended the University of Minnesota, where he studied to be a surgeon, the wish of his father, but left to take a position in a bank. He soon tired of this and tried his hand in an architect's office. In the evenings he attended a high school where dramatics were taught, and this eventually led to a job with a local stock company. This experience decided him on a histrionic career, and toward this end he journeyed to New York, where he played in several stock companies. After a year Dix decided to go to Los Angeles. He became leading man for the Morosco Stock Company, with which he became an outstanding success. In his initial film, "Not Guilty," produced by Joseph M. Schenck, he proved to be a sterling actor, and it was not long before he became a star for Paramount. Subsequently he starred in "The Vanishing American," "Womanhandled" and a long succession of pictures. Later he was signed by RKO Radio and scored outstanding successes in dozens of films, including the immortal "Cimarron." He is currently back with that studio for a series of starring pictures, the first of which is "Reno." Dix traces his ancestry back to the pilgrim days, for John Brimmer and Elizabeth Manchester, sweethearts on the Mayflower bound from England to New England, later married and became heads of Dix's family. He is married and has twin

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CHEERS, JEERS AND REFLECTIONS

(Excerpts from letters received by the editor)

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ANSONIA, Conn. - The

ALL-AMERICAN S.L.A. effort to improve the SLA so the following American-born

Although I realize that For President, William F. didates for the coming Lithua- American - born Lithuanians Laukaitis of Baltimore: For V. V.: I referred to Vilnius. tions intrigued me no little. We quite violent) as are our el- York: such officers of our organiza- possible. Realizing this, I here- Michigan. tion who will make an especial with confidently suggest that

people, without whom we can- positions in the executive com- reside in the United States. not hope to exist much long- mittee of the Lithuanian Alliance of America:

Jaunas Jurgis. flagrant act but was unable to

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