

Council Sends Calls For LDS Parley to Mid-West Branches

CHICAGO, Ill. — After carefully compiling a list of branches which come into the territory of the Mid-West and include Detroit, Kenosha and towns in Central and Southern Illinois, the 2nd District LDS Youth Council sent them a copy of its call and an accompanying letter in Lithuanian for those branches who have not as yet formed separate youth branches for the young members. All branches will receive this call in time of their next meeting and the question of sending delegates should and will be taken up and delegates elected.

The call reads as follows:
To the jitter-bugs, swingers, ball players, actors, singers, officials, bookworms and all other loyal LDS members:

IF

- Your sportsmen seem muscle-bound
- Your leaders are mental-bound
- Your branch can't handle new members
- You need some new and fresh ideas
- You're looking for better headquarters
- Your branch needs an educational boost
- You want to help the birth-pains of new branches
- You want to ease the growing pains of old branches
- Your dances need some novelties
- You want to see the Mid-West No. 1 in the LDS lineup—

Then by all means send your delegate to the MID-WEST YOUTH CONFERENCE at MORRISON HOTEL on Clark and Madison Streets, Chicago, Ill.

The all-important date is SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 10 A.M.

At this Seventh Annual Conference we expect some sure-fire stuff on how to put pep and vim into branch work, make winning teams, hold our members and get new ones, make the LDS a popular by-word in our community, and to shake the Lithuanian-American world with our bustling activity.

We're leaning heavily on your branch shoulders to come through with wide-awake delegates and all the orchid and scallion information concerning your branch.

Select wisely, but SELECT one delegate for each 10 members or

fraction thereof in your branch or adult branch.

We shall discuss the following:

1. Spade-work for our 1940 National Youth Convention.
 2. Infanticiding new little LDS branches.
 3. Rounding out branch life with culture, education and sports.
 4. The LDS—a social influence among Lithuanian-Americans.
 5. Shaking hands with other national youth groups.
- Auspices LDS 2nd District Youth Council
TEX ZEBRAITIS, Chairman.
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Latest Parking Alibi

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Desk Sergeant Charles Wentworth appreciates originality in traffic violation excuses.

Said a comely young motorist, answering an overtime parking summons: "You see, we just bought a new car and I parked it and forgot its color and couldn't find it."

Replied the Sergeant: "Young lady, I want to shake your hand. You're the new champ."

She was excused.

Opera for Fair Visitors

NEW YORK—For the first time in its long musical history, New York will hear grand opera during the summer. The occasion is the New York World's Fair. The Wagnerian cycle at the Metropolitan Opera House opened May 2 with "Lohengrin."

— Vilnis Picnic, June 11 —

Blasts Tory "Beef" Cry as Fake

Disclosure here this week that no first-grade corned beef is canned in the United States appears to be the finis of the "Argentine corned beef" issue, in which President Roosevelt has been attacked for the government's purchase of South American tinned meat.

The disclosure was made this week by Henry Johnson, assistant national director of the CIO Packinghouse Workers Organizing Committee, who charged the attackers with being either "without knowledge of the facts, or unscrupulous liars."

The real reason for the purchase of Argentine corned beef, he said, lies at the feet of the big American meat packers.

Moved Plants

"The reason is very simple," said Johnson. "There just isn't any good corned beef packed in the United States. The packers moved their canning plants to South America when they found that they could make higher profits off the extremely low wages paid there."

"We packing house workers ought to know, because in Armour & Co. alone thousands of us lost our jobs when they took the corned beef plants to Argentina."

There is no American packed corned beef obtainable in large quantities, he declares. While Chicago used to be the largest meat canning center in the world, at the present time, the industry here is restricted to third-grade beef. All first-grade beef is sold fresh.

Sour Forces

Anti-New Deal forces, he said are attempting to discredit the President's program among the farmers.

"We can understand the resentment of the farmers over government purchase of foreign meat," he continued, "and we feel just as keenly over our loss of jobs. But because we are the ones who pack the meat, we know who is actually to blame. And it is not the President."

KAUNAS, May 26.—Lithuanian basketball players won against Latvia, Estonia, Poland, France and Hungary. Without doubt, Lithuania will remain Europe's champion.

LDS Drive Starts July 1st; Prizes—Bonuses for Drivers

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Beginning with July 1st, 1939, and ending with June 1, 1940, a tremendous LDS Membership Drive will seek to enroll a total of 2,500 members according to the decision of the LDS National Board at its last meeting. Many prizes will be given among which will be the highest, \$100, for the highest number of new members with a minimum of 100 new members.

Initiation fees for level rate insurance has been abolished for the duration of the membership drive for all ages.

Besides the prizes, the commissions and bonuses for each new member enrolled will remain the same as those which were previously given. This gives an active member-getter many opportunities to earn money whether he wins a prize or not.

There will be a special drive bonus of \$5. for anyone getting 10 members. For 20 members, \$10.

More prizes will be given to youth branches than in any previous drive. Besides the opportunity to win the Youth Membership Drive Trophy held now by the Sparks, a youth branch can work for a prize that will be worth at least \$50.

Every member who expects to work for the drive must register his branch. Those who enroll new members and are not registered shall not be eligible to receive prizes.

The aim of the drive is to reach 10 thousand members by the 10th Jubilee Convention to be held in 1940 in New York.

All branches are urged to take this matter up at their next meeting and start preparing and organizing their drive forces so that it can be one of the best and most successful in the history of the LDS.

"Speed X-Rays at the Fair

NEW YORK—Rapid, low-cost X-Ray service will be offered thousands of visitors at the New York World's Fair. Recently perfected equipment employs the "rapid paper film method" which makes it possible for physicians to expose 1,000 or more radiographs a day.

YOUTH ARE GETTING SECURITY NUMBERS

More than one-half of the old-age insurance accounts set up in 1938 for workers in Wisconsin were for men and women under 30, according to a statement just issued by Mr. R. L. McCarthy, regional director of the Social Security board for the states of Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana.

More of these accounts numbers, he stated, were assigned to young people between 15 and 25 than to persons in any other age group.

In making public the analysis of applications during 1938, on which these figures are based, Mr. McCarthy pointed out that the 83,778 social security account numbers assigned to workers in cent of the 5,780,481 issued in all states during the year.

"Support Casey Bill", Says Workers Alliance

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25 (ICN)—The Workers Alliance announced its support of the Casey Bill, H. R. 6470, as consistent with its program for W.P.A. and relief for the 1940 fiscal year.

The bill calls for an appropriation of \$2,500,000,000, to provide an average of 3 million jobs. The bill also asks for revisions in wages to provide a minimum standard of decency and health and fixes a 30 cents hourly and \$36 monthly minimum wage. It has guarantees for organizational rights, civil service tests for administrators and the broadening of the list of projects.

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THE NAZI SALUTE



Un-American Americans—who 'bite the hand that feeds them' and while making a living in the United States aid the Hitlerites. From Warners' "Confessions of a Nazi Spy", currently at the Roosevelt Theatre.

MAXWELL ST. SUCCUMBS TO MODERNISM

By Harold Preece

Street of romance and sizzling hot dogs, pork chop sandwiches for a dime, too—a somewhat shabby Vanity Fair where customers were pulled in to purchase everything from pearl buttons to \$6.95 all-wool suits—historic Maxwell St. felt the hand of progress yesterday.

Unfortunate butt of jokes and cartoons, the shopkeepers and pushcart proprietors of Maxwell St. mart—four and one-half blocks long from end to end—last week took steps to modernize and "clean-up" the most famous shopping district in Chicago.

Streamlined Pushkins

The creaking pushcarts, prey

of thieving cats and mischievous urchins will be replaced with shiny, streamlined pushmobiles from which sidewalk merchants will sell their bananas and their rare Irish linens—98 cents apiece in factory lots from New Jersey.

The narrow sidewalk booths, moldering and dusty, will be replaced by smart structures newly painted and with attractive facades. A new lighting system and extra police protection will allow the merchants to remain open at night. And, declare those who are sentimental about Maxwell St., the bustling, jostling crowd haggling over bargains with the merchants at night will cause the mart to regain any "glamor" that it may lose through improvement.

Coming Change Felt

Even the gypsy children who loiter around the stalls in gaily

colored one-piece garments and beg strangers for pennies to buy foot-long licorice sticks seemed conscious last week that some change was about to overtake the district. But a band of Mexican street musicians strummed dreamy songs about Rio Grande moonlight in the sunny May weather possibly as an elegy for the booths of Maxwell St., due to start tumbling down in about six months.

There will even be a central bureau of adjustment, maintained by the merchants, where dissatisfied customers can obtain solace for their feelings and their pocketbooks, Maxwell St. merchants declare that they are not "chiselers," that they want to treat customers fairly, and that they have used "puller-in" tactics only because competition is especially keen in this bright area of the West Side.

Vilnis English Section

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EDITORIALS

One Turn Deserves Another

Lately, if you've noticed, the Vilnis has increased its advertisements. Last week an extra page was added in order to print all of them and yet be able to print the Lithuanian news and articles.

It is sad, but true, that the English Section has not been getting ads, but this is more of an oversight than a failure because many business men would rather and would find it more to their advantage to advertise in the E.S., and no effort has been made on our part to get ads.

In every respect, we feel confident, the Vilnis has always plugged the dances, hikes, parties, discussions and sports that both choruses and branches hold. The Vilnis has always been more than anxious to publicize all youths' activities.

Isn't it about time that the choruses and branches return some of this? Our paper is read by hundreds of young Lithuanian-Americans and is the most popular newspaper in its field. Why can't some of the choruses persuade the business men to give an ad when they're purchasing supplies for affairs?

Very Definite Youth Dates

Decisions and plans are flying around the LDS. What with our June 18 LDS Youth Conference in the Mid-West, the July 1 date for the national membership drive, and June 11, Vilnis Picnic we take it "dates" seriously and we expect a good turnout at the picnic, the conference, and for the beginning of the drive.

The 2nd District LDS Youth Council is especially anxious to have its conference a success. All branches will receive the call sent out. From now on it's every branch for itself and on to the June 18 conference at Hotel Morrison!

Lantz Bill Done For

The Lantz "labor slavery" Bill went down to inglorious defeat in the State Senate by a vote of 28 to 16. Fought from the very moment of its inception by every progressive labor, cultural, educational, and social group in Illinois the Bill found its rightful place—the scrapheap of every Republican-reactionary attempt to viciously strike at labor. That the Republicans tried to save it by referring it back to the Public Welfare Committee was only one indication of their Tory tactics, and grasping at straws.

By an overwhelming majority, the Democrats, determined to put themselves on record for the New Deal, killed the bill for good.

This ties itself up with the State Legislative Conference in session now in Springfield. Encouraged by their own participation in the defeat of the Lantz Bill, delegates adopted a program for hastening social and labor legislation in the current session of the legislative.

KIND OF LATE

You missed something. Polonius played by veteran actor, Mr. Albert Carroll, shone with dignified glory as he effortlessly interpreted the character of Ophelia's father and meddler of other's business. Too bad I got into town on the tail end of the WPA "Hamlet" engagement. I might have plugged Ian Kiehl's performance together with Mr. Carroll's. They showed these English, pseudo-intellectual, Hamletters a thing or two. From the "lowly" WPA came sad, moody, passionate Hamlet and an almost broken matinee idol once more found his footing. A young Miss Peggy Joyce gave a strange dignity to the mad snatches of song and verses and deep utterances of a distracted Ophelia, a fact which we must fully appreciate in view of the melo-dramatic over-acting of professional interpretations. And Polonius, ah Polonius! giving fatherly advice, busy-bodied in foolhardy disregard of the lurking shadow.

I WAS CAPTURED BY FRANCO

BY JOSEPH GRIGAS

Encircled by Fascists

General disorganization was setting in at all points. We had not eaten for days. Launching a counter attack several hours later, we were forced to retreat due to the severity of the enemy's fire. Already news had reached us of an encirclement movement. The fascists had broken through our right flank and we were being isolated from the main part of our troops. Two days later we were encircled completely.

Hiding during the day and traveling at night, we headed in the general direction of our own lines as we were determined to break through. Our section broke up into small groups of six. Each group of six had only two rifles.

Trapped.

After five days of retreat, hunger, exhaustion, we hid in some bushes for some moments of precious sleep. Not knowing that possibly we were in our own lines, we dozed off.

A few hours later we heard voices and the clamping of feet. In a few minutes a squad of soldiers were heading in our direction. What to do now? Were they our troops? It was still too dark to recognize them.

Presently a voice shouted in our direction—Alto! In Spanish it could mean Attention! or Halt!

Captured by Franco

The squad formed a circle around us and we could see snub-nosed light machine guns pointed in our direction. Another command in Spanish, Vengal! Come here! We knew then that they had seen us. We knew that they were fascists. It was impossible to fight back.

Standing with our hands in the air, we were quickly disarmed. In lines of single file we marched into the town of Gandesa.

Along the way we saw badly wounded Americans, many dy-

ing from lack of attention. Some who had been wounded in the legs were forced to march along with us. One badly wounded American lay on a stretcher splattered with blood. The bandages were soaked. He lay there, begging for someone to shoot him. He couldn't stand the pain. Our guards laughed and jeered at him.

Placed in Prison

Reaching the town, we were thrown into a dungeon some three floors below the earth. Damp, wet, with no light, for four days we lay here waiting for the announcement of our execution. If only we could have seen some clean water! On the morning of the fifth day some guards came in with some lentil soup in the filthiest cans I've seen yet. Even then it was a pleasure to eat.

That same morning we were herded to the railroad station and put in box cars which were securely locked and a guard stationed outside.

Waiting for Death

Here again the only light and ventilation was a little barred window, some four by six inches. For days we stayed there—without water and without food. It was freezing cold and we were without any means of keeping warm. As for the toilet facilities, imagine yourself in a boxcar, and guess what happens. I must say that the little window came in very handy.

Already a week and a half had past since our capture and we had eaten only once during all that time. We had not washed at all. And each moment we waited

Many of the French and German volunteers had been executed already—were we to be shot next?

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Frankly Speaking

"LIVES AND LOVES"

To make up for my tail-end reporting and to help guide our poor movie goers I report that the coming "Lives and Loves of Beethoven" is worth 35c and a sunny afternoon made for strolling.

Here's tragedy raw and simple. No tear jerking sentimentalities of Hollywood are needed. A child isn't deserted, no one loses his parents, the gangster's bullet-laden body is not wept over by a dotting mother. It is the life of a creator, doomed to sorrow because he is always alone, with happiness never within reach. Unusual technical sound arrangements bring you within Beethoven's suffering. If you don't share his moments of creation you will share his tragedy—deafness. You will discover with a shock that you're hearing only the angry, loud buzz he is hearing and nature stops murmuring, twittering, fluttering and singing. You grieve with him and though there is love, it's only incidental even if a tragedy in itself. With the end of Beethoven there will come (if you're lucky) the awful realization of how unhappy he was though creative. Mr. Bauer, who has thoroughly and artistically performed in comedies, light sophisticated drawing room satires, etc., drops the actor's bag of tricks to give an honest, simple and sincere reflection of Beethoven the man and Beethoven the genius.

The poverty Beethoven endured, the stealing of his work, the frustration of his love-life, the brief moment of recognition and the quick forgetfulness of patrons and music lovers for new faces and new heroes to worship at the shrine of music, the solitude where he dwells in a soundless world unable to hear again the sound which meant everything to him. And finally death who robbed him and robbed the world of its only physical bond with immortality.

CONFERENCE

I think a plug for the 7th Annual Youth Conference of the LDS Mid-West youth branches is in order. On June 18, we expect a good turnout of delegates and work is now going on under the guidance of the 2nd District LDS Youth Council for a successful meeting.

Being that our LDS, both locally and nationally, is striving for a stream-lined organization with modern, up-to-date methods (even the Tiesha has been advised to "wait" we await this coming conference with keen interest.

Not only are the Council members taking the confab to one of the most popular, swanky hotels in Chicago, but they are planning a little surprise.

Straws in the Wind

DO YOU KNOW THIS INDIVIDUAL?

Of times we think of people in terms or some metallic quality. It's a common thing to say that someone has a "heart of gold," or that someone has "nerves of steel" and is a "man of iron." But the other day my friend, MR. SALESMAN, in describing a man to whom he had tried to make a sale, put over his delineation with an apt literary twist. "That chap reminded me of MR. BODIHAM," said MR. SALESMAN. MR. BODIHAM is the rector in *Chrome Yellow*, by ALDOUS HUXLEY. He also had a 'grey metallic face with iron cheek-bones and a narrow iron brow; iron folds, hard and unchanging, ran perpendicularly down his cheeks; his nose was the iron beak of some thin, delicate bird of rapine. He had brown eyes, set in sockets rimmed with iron; round them the skin was dark, as though it had been charred. Dense wiry hair covered his skull; it had been black, it was turning grey... His voice, when he spoke... was harsh, like the grating of iron hinges when a seldom-used door is open.'

SOMEBODY'S FAVORITE SUBJECT

There's the group of us, as there is the group of you, that get together for those, oh so satisfying panoramic discussions. Inevitably we touch upon the curiously interesting topic of frustration. And just as inevitably one of us would make the statement that perhaps frustration is good fortune because many grow strong by leaping the barriers placed before them. This opinion would create a flow of ideas, none of which would be pertinent. Then gradually we'd all be citing the many examples of artists and writers who became great because frustrations inflicted upon them were merely tests of their character. Finding comfort in that thought we'd allow ourselves to tangent off and talk of other matters. How simply we dismissed a thing about which some of the finest stories in literature concerns themselves.

—BUNNI SOVETSKI

TIPS ON NEWS WRITING

6. ACCURACY

WE HAVE now got a pretty good idea of the lead, and are prepared to push into our story.

One outstanding mark of that story, throughout, should be accuracy.

That may seem almost trite to say. And yet, it is in this respect that many news stories become sloppy and fall down.

Perhaps these rules will be of some help:

1. The full name of every person is to be mentioned when he or she is first introduced to the reader.

2. Care is to be taken to put down correct titles of these persons, if they are connected with any organization in an official way.

3. In day-by-day reporting it is important to put down (in the case of a fire accident) not only the full names of the people involved but also their street addresses.

4. All the details to which the correspondent refers should also be carefully noted and checked, to make certain that they are in accord with the stand of a particular person or with what took place.

It is surprising how a story can be blurred and spoiled by inaccuracy in regard to organizational connections.

Such mistakes sometimes cause a bad reception for the story. People mentioned do not like to see their names jiggled around, as though there were some other person involved. People reading the story feel that it may be inaccurate in other details if it makes mistakes about such "small things" as the person's correct name.

In addition, this training in accuracy helps greatly in that political precision which we shall see later is so vital to a news account in this paper.

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