

Chi. Gains on Rivals

Windy City Youth Widen Lead Over Mass in LDS Drive

BROOKLYN, N.Y.— Chicago boosted its total of new youth members to sixty-one during the past week and now holds a 14 member edge over Massachusetts in the LDS Membership Drive. With the tempo of the drive being a very slow, Chicago has only the excellent work of Bill Rasins to be happy about.

Bill has signed thirteen members and leads all LDS youth drive workers in this respect. Only Tony Vasaris and Frank Olson, both of Massachusetts are within striking distance of Rasins, with the former having 12 and the later with ten.

Aside from individual standings, the drive itself has been lagging and Chicago who at this period in the last drive had twice the number of new members it now has seems to be in some sort of a slump.

Meanwhile, the National Office has issued an urgent plea to get the drive moving at full force. "Less talking, more enrolling!" was urged in the March 1 edition of the "Tiesa" English Section.

A vast improvement is expected to take place in Chicago shortly. It has been learned that special efforts to intensify the drive there will be made. The nature of the plans have not been learned. It is felt, however, that the Chicagoans will snap out of their lethargy.

Daily News Critic Hits "Gone With the Wind"

CHICAGO—Lloyd Lewis, Chicago Daily News motion picture reviewer, broke through the ratings of the capitalist press in its praise for "Gone With the Wind" when he wrote in a recent review that "This picture is coked historically, anti-democratic and debases a race of 11,000,000 Americans whose only crime is their color!"

Mr. Lewis in addition to motion picture reviewing writes sports for the "News" and has distinguished himself by attacking the Jim Crow ban against Negro players in big league baseball.

Taunton turkey is not what you think it is, named for Taunton, Massachusetts, which it visits regularly by river, the Taunton turkey is actually a fish belonging to the herring family.

WAR VETS AVER U.S. WANTS PEACE

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—In a resolution approved by acclamation by 500 representatives from 39 county posts and 24 auxiliaries, the Veterans of Foreign Wars at a rally held here last Thursday declared "that by maintaining peace here we are making the most potent appeal for return to sanity in the rest of the world."

"We here appeal to the American people, but especially to the American mothers and fathers, to join us in this sacred crusade for peace," County Commander John Durant said.

"We ask the American people to rise as one with a thunderous voice to demand that our men in Washington keep America out of war. We ask our men, the flower of our city, town and hamlets, in every part of the United States to stop the men in Washington who are working ceaselessly to get us into war. Let those unprincipled representatives know that we will hold them to strict accountability."

"We don't want war and we certainly don't want any part in a European war. We want peace. We want jobs for our men at a decent living wage. We have enough problems in America to take care of without sticking our noses into the affairs of other nations at the bidding of the international bankers who will reap their profits through the mangled and dying bodies of our sons and brothers."

"Let us work unceasingly for the preservation of democracy, for freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of press, freedom of assembly, but above all for the preservation of peace and the lives of our young men who have committed no crime."

Indian Congress Calls 'Disobedience' Campaign

PATNA, India.—The executive committee of the Indian National Congress has launched an India-wide disobedience campaign in protest against Britain's refusal to grant immediate political freedom to India.

The Congress executive also recommended that in plenary session the Congress adopt a resolution disapproving the British government's declaration that India is a belligerent country and disassociating India from the European war "carried on for British imperialist purposes."

It takes a 60-pound jaw pressure to bite through a tough beefsteak—and a woman's bite is only 25 to 30 pounds pressure. A man's is 60 to 65 pounds.

Chicago LDS Youth Say: "Yanks Are Not Coming"

Coast Youth Lay Plans to Keep Out of War

SEATTLE (ICN). — Hitting back at attempts to push them into the front line trenches, representatives of youth organizations have laid plans here to keep America out of war.

Under the leadership of Public Affairs Committee of the Young Women's Christian Association, representatives of youth groups prepared to coordinate peace activities and to join in a mass demonstration on the 23 anniversary of America's costly folly in the first imperialist war.

"We are against loans to belligerents, against turning our country into a storehouse for belligerents and against the war hysteria being spread by a biased press. That's the way it happened last time," an official statement declared.

Organizations participating up to date included the public affairs committee of the YWCA; University of Washington Young Democrats; King County Young Democrats; Temple Circle; Herzl Junior Guild; Washington Women's Young Democratic Club and the University of Washington Westminster Club.

34 Wisconsin Unions Sign Peace Proclamation

MILWAUKEE—Declaring that the "Yanks are positively not coming!" fifty-two leaders of the Wisconsin trade union movement, including railroad brotherhoods, CIO, AFL and independent organizations, have signed a "Peace Proclamation by Labor" which places the guilt of war-mongering on American big business and charges that the Roosevelt administration is openly headed towards war. A total of 34 organizations have endorsed the proclamation.

Byrd Reports Discovery of New Antarctic Land

WASHINGTON. — The Navy last week received a report from Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd that he has discovered a large peninsula and two islands on the South Pacific Coast of Antarctica during a three-hour plane flight from the U.S.S. Bear, flagship of the U. S. Antarctic expedition.

Scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have just developed five new processes which may make steel last forever in every kind of weather. The processes promise stainless steel may some day be permanently impervious to all known forms of corrosion and lustrous enough to be used for jewelry.

Man lives longer than all mammals, including elephants and whales.

The great wall of China, which runs for 1,500 miles across valleys and mountains, is the only work of man on Earth which would be visible to an observer on the Moon.

Adopt Resolution Urging Members to Join in Youth Peace Week; Also Demand Passage of American Youth Act

CHICAGO. — So many sayings today are being attributed to the ancient Chinese sage Confucius, that it is difficult to know just what he did say. But anyone who was present at Hollywood Inn last Thursday has no doubts that LDS youth here say: **The Yanks Are Not Coming.**

This was evidenced when members of five LDS youth branches of Chicago concluded a lively and enthusiastic round table session on Youth and Peace and gave their vociferous approval to a resolution urging the establishment of anti-war committees within every youth branch in Chicago.

(Resolutions adopted at meeting appear in full text on page 2.)

Coming as fitting climax to the discussion, the resolution likewise gave endorsement to the Chicago Youth Peace Week which will be observed from April 6 to 13, and urged the participation of every LDS'er in Peace Week activity.

A.Y.C. Delegates Applauded

The meeting commenced with reports of the American Youth Congress citizenship institute delivered by Leon Yonik and Helen Lane of the Sparks. Both reporters were greeted by enthusiastic applause.

Extended applause broke out when Helen Lane completed her report with a passionate plea that young LDS'ers take more active interest in their country and the government.

Quoting Lincoln, Miss Lane declared that our government "cannot be of the people, for the people and by the people" unless all the people take an interest in the government.

Leaders Speak on Peace

With three of the five LDS youth presidents and with a vice-president acting in the absence of a fourth, the 2nd District LDS Youth Council round table session opened with Johnny Burnetsky, of the Monarchs, making the initial speech. After him followed speeches by Frank Solomon, of the Redwings; Frank Burnetsky of the Zephyrs and by Helen Lane who substituted for Kay Danis, president of the Sparks.

Remarks of all the participants were well received and a 30 mi-

MUSH DIET DRIVES BOY 11 TO SUICIDE

KANSAS CITY, Kan.—An 11-year old boy who had complained bitterly about his diet of mush was found hanging from a cork-knob last Thursday, apparently a suicide.

He was Harry, one of the children of Mrs. Agnes Larsen, a widow, who has been supporting her four sons, three daughters and a daughter-in-law on an income of approximately \$13 a week. She had been unable to get on relief rolls because one of her sons makes \$12 a week working for a hotel and another son works one day a week.

Last Thursday night Harry told a neighbor: "I'm tired of mush and that is about all we have." He went home. The family was preparing to eat—mush and biscuits. One of his brothers was ill and his mother told him to go for a doctor. Grumbling, Harry left. When he returned he complained that the biscuits were burned. Then he went to his room, to do his home work.

A schoolmate, George Stevens, arrived to work on arithmetic with him and, on going to the room, found Harry hanging from the door knob. His undershirt had been noosed around his neck.

nute discussion period followed with many persons taking the floor.

The gathering was provided with humorous relief when the Sparks thespians wound up the meeting with the presentation of "In Reverse".

In response for a plea for money to help along the American Youth Congress peace activity over \$4.00 was received in a collection.

U. S. UNEMPLOYMENT RISES BY 1,160,000 IN JANUARY

WASHINGTON. — Non agricultural employment declined approximately 1,160,000 in January, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins reported last week. It was the first decline since last May.

Miss Perkins said that the employment recession was approximately 100,000 greater than the December-January drop last year.

Total factory employment dropped 2.4 per cent—approximately 200,000 employes—as compared with the usual seasonal decline of 1.8 per cent.

The payroll decline between December and January for factory workers was estimated at \$10,500,000 per week.

According to Miss Perkins the

retail establishments laid off approximately 800,000 people between December and January after the holiday shopping rush, and that construction employment dropped 200,000 due to January's "unusually severe weather."

Income payments to all Americans during January fell \$890,000,000 below payments in December, 1939, Secretary of Commerce Harry L. Hopkins announced. He reported that a sharp drop in industrial output during January was accompanied by a pronounced payroll decline.

Due to cold weather, anthracite employment went up one per cent.

Rush Manuscripts Now for April 12th English Section

Due to the innumerable technical difficulties which have beset the editorial and technical staffs in preparation for the 20th Anniversary Jubilee edition of the VILNIS and the special enlarged English Section, we make an appeal to our contributors to hurry along any manuscripts they may be preparing for that edition.

The absolute deadline for all manuscripts for the April 12th, sixteen page edition of the Vilnis English Section is March 25 but in order to avoid a last minute rush we would like some of those who have promised to contribute to send their material in earlier. We will be more than grateful for such consideration and cooperation. And also, we shall be able to produce a much finer edition.

The editorial staff

WILL THE BIRDS SING THIS SPRING IN EUROPE?

Spring recalls to our minds, scenes of small boys playing marbles on all available corners; little girls, with pig tails and ribbons flying, playing hopscotch and jumping rope; buds starting to turn green; fowls sending their slender shoots through the ground; birds gossiping and quarrelling amongst themselves in the treetops, and gentle breezes, soft as silk, lazily stirring everything to life.

To Europe, however, Spring does not hold forth the promise of life—but death! Big offensives to be launched against the Maginot and Siegfried line; bombers dropping their missiles of death upon defenseless civilians; weird sirens warning of approaching air raids; blackouts which impair the minds and eyes of millions of people, and which will take years to correct. And this—because Hitler and Chamberlain cannot agree upon the question of who shall be master of Europe. For this people die, when it makes no difference whether Hitler or Chamberlain wins. Because neither is interested in the welfare of the people.

Our papers, too, seem to hint of untold things to happen in the Spring. What WILL happen in the Spring? Propaganda which was used in 1917 shall be taken off the shelves, dusted off and handed to us as the second course. Why second? Because the first course was handed to us in the form of loans for Finland, with the hopes of stirring up the desired war hysteria. This didn't go over so big, however. People have seriously begun to ponder the sincerity of our government in regard to helping truly democratic governments. Any help that was given Spain had to be done on the "sly." Help for Czechoslovakia was not broadcast throughout the theatres and over all the radio networks. Our benevolent Herbie Hoover, who concerns himself with democracy so much these days, must have been fishing because we didn't hear of him at all.

Spring is going to mean something different to the people of England than it does to Chamberlain. To them, it shall mean a more determined fight against this war in which they must take part, and yet, about which they have had so little to say. The English people are beginning to question the justness of their country's principles in this war. They are beginning to protest against food rationing, which is no more lenient than Germany's. They are protesting against the evacuation of the children. There are protests against the bungling in the handling of food, which is causing serious shortages. People are becoming wise to the fact that they must sacrifice their sons, brothers and fathers for these stupid wars and, at the same time, PAY FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF HAVING THEM COME BACK GASSED, CRIPPLED OR BLIND. WHAT IRONY!

The soldier himself must pay taxes on his lowly salary because he has the honor of lying in the mudholes of France, living under conditions which are not even fit for a dog. Paying for the privilege of fighting for his King, who goes home from the front because HE has a slight cold! Who is worried about the poor soldier. Does it concern his country because he might contract pneumonia or rheumatism? No. Be glad for the opportunity to suffer for your country. A country which hands out doles to the needy as one would throw a bone to a dog. Be brave and God and His Majesty shall reward you.

France, too, has her reasons for being worried. Not because of those who sit around and wonder when and how the war will end, but because of those who are still fighting against the war.

If it were not for this fact, England and France would not have issued bulletins "All quiet on the Western Front" for such a long time. Neither England nor France is sure of her people. Although the French government has suppressed all liberal groups, she still cannot silence the voices of all the militant workers who ABSOLUTELY REFUSE to go to war. People are beginning to realize that they are mere puppets in the hands of a few, and have decided to take a chance at "pulling strings" themselves.

This Spring, we, too, shall have a big job ahead of us. We shall have to fight like the devil against war while it is still anti-war sentiment and not treason. Plans have already been made, witness the M-Day plan, to mobilize all our youth into an army which shall participate in a "holy crusade" for a New World Order. Do not fool yourselves. This "New World Order" shall be no different from the last war for "Democracy". Roosevelt does not intend to establish a New World Order by peaceful means. He did not choose a person who is against war, but choose instead a STEEL MAGNATE. What would a steel magnate have in common with a peoples desiring peace?

President Roosevelt sent Taylor and Welles on a peace mission to the neutral nations, which we find to be England, France, Germany and Italy. Who in the world is fighting this war anyway? Don't ask us. Russia was

Vilnis to Publish Large Youth Edition on 20th Anniversary

The enlarged "Vilnis" 20th Anniversary Jubilee edition, which will appear April 13, will include an enlarged edition of the English Section consisting of 16 pages chock full of youth news and views and special feature items and correspondence from former day contributors.

Articles about Lithuanian choruses, LDS youth branches and other Lithuanian organizations, with pictures illustrating the activities, will be some of the features included in this number. Many prominent young Lithuanian journalists and writers are being contacted now to produce an English Section which will be the most outstanding in the annals of history.

Lithuanian writers, poets and journalists who would like to contribute to the 20th Anniversary Jubilee English Section are urged to communicate immediately with the editor of the V.E.S., 3116 So. Halsted St.

not consulted. It is because Russia is not large enough to be consulted? No, Russia is larger than all those countries involved. Do we still believe this to be a peace mission? If it were a peace mission, would we have any reason for keeping the messages taken to Hitler, Mussolini and Chamberlain such a secret? It seems logical that if this were the purpose of these gentlemen that we would want to tell the world about it, instead of keeping it in the dark. Seems to me that the most of the business of our government here, of late has been done behind closed doors.

One thing that we do not intend to keep in the dark, however, is our slogan "THE YANKS ARE NOT COMING."

NELLIE DE SCHAAP.

THIS IS HAPPENING ON AMERICA'S SHORES

By Gretchen L. Lamberton
(The following item appeared in a recent number of Mother's Home Life and was sent to us by a friend. We reproduce it herein for whatever it may be worth.—Ed.)

Every transatlantic boat docking in America brings an impressive crowd of foreign propagandists. They are all persons who have been carefully picked for their charm, beauty, speaking ability, glamor, wealth of power, and they are all here for the express purpose of arousing sympathy for the allied cause. All of them are making coast to coast tours of this Land of Peace and presenting the case of the Allies forcefully, charmingly and in a way to appeal to the emotions of America.

Famous and lovely Mile. Curie lectures daily in a different city on "France and the War." Count Potocki speaks on "Poland's Plight." Finnish minister Procope lectures on "Finland's Plight." Famous athletes Paavo Nurmi and Taisto Maki are touring the land pleading Finland's cause. Polished British diplomat Sir Alfred Duff-Cooper and the glamorous Lady Diana are lecturing busily all over America on "England's Case." He stresses the point that this is our war too. Lord Lothian, as-tute British Ambassador, speaks in many cities on "England and Democracy." British writers Guedalla, Roberts and dozens of others are touring America and presenting England's case. Beateous Countess Eva Sparre, sister of Baron Mannerheim, Commander-in-Chief of the Finnish armies, is lecturing throughout America. So is Polish General Haller. There are only a few of hundreds of skilled propagandists, who are straining every nerve to arouse American sentiment.

Typical is the case of Miss An-

ne Morgan, sister of financier J. P. Morgan. Miss Morgan, fabulously wealthy and powerful, whose many years ago to live in France rather than her native land, America. Several weeks ago she docked in New York and now is making an impressive triumphal tour of America speaking for "Friends of France." She spends much time in her lecture of digging out "atrocious" stories of 1914 and has her audience almost in tears over the plight of unfortunate French peasants twenty six years ago. She then describes the sufferings of the French and the refugees in France, and asks for "gifts." But, says Miss Morgan, of course America should "stay neutral." Like many foreign propagandists Miss Morgan works chiefly on the women.

What will be the result of this dense fog of propaganda? Before we realize what is happening, America will find itself emotionally aroused to the point where common sense and logic vanish. We are being swept by a smooth, charming, subtle avalanche of propaganda swept to the brink of the spot to which Britain and France are straining every nerve to bring us—ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THEIR WARS.

We have two suggestions to counteract this smothering avalanche of propaganda. First, let every visiting propagandist be listed in the papers and programs as a foreign propagandist. Thus when Sir Alfred Duff-Cooper and his wife travel from city to city whipping up American opinion let them be billed as "Sir Alfred and Lady Diana Duff-Cooper, British propagandists, who will argue Britain's case." We think too that foreign propagandists, instead of being paid fat sums by women's clubs for speaking, should be charged a good stiff license fee for operating in America.

Our second suggestion is to balance the propaganda of one side with propaganda of the other side. Thus when a titled British lord speaks on "England, defender of democracy," let a German statesman speak on "How England and France deliberately stamped out the new and struggling German democracy of 1919." So serious is this avalanche of foreign propaganda in America becoming that it should be brought to the attention of Congress before America is swept into war!

LDS Youth Want Useful Life, Not Useless Death

(Resolutions adopted at L.D.S. peace discussion. Story appears on page one.)

ON AMERICAN YOUTH ACT

Whereas the main problem confronting young Americans today is unemployment, and

Whereas over 4,500,000 youth are faced with this problem, and

Whereas unemployment and idleness rather than encouraging good citizens and developing healthy bodies and sane minds tends to demoralize and plunge thousands of unused hands into acts of crime, and

Whereas we as young people whether we be employed or unemployed are interested not only in our welfare but in the welfare of our entire generation, and

Whereas particularly as members of the LDS, a fraternal organization, we are eager to extend our spirit of fraternity to all of mankind, and

Whereas the pall of unemployment effects many of our members and has in the past been responsible for fluctuation in our ranks, therefore

Be it resolved that we who are gathered here this 29th day of February at the Hollywood Inn for a meeting sponsored by the LDS Youth Council of Chicago, approve and endorse the American Youth Act which would provide a government appropriation of \$500,000,000 to create jobs, give vocational training and educational opportunities to America's needy youth, and

Be it further resolved that we urge our representatives in Congress to vote in favor of the American Youth Act, and

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to U. S. Senator Slattery and U. S. Senator Lucas and to President Roosevelt to memorialize them on the needs of youth.

Signed, Matt Sholomskas, Chairman.

ON PEACE ACTION

We, members and friends of the LDS, gathered this 29 day of February, 1940, at the Hollywood Inn after hearing and participating in a discussion on Youth and Peace conducted by the LDS Youth Council of Chicago do hereby declare our vigorous opposition to war.

Furthermore, we consider that the desire for peace imposes certain duties upon us. That means we must continue the good work started here this evening. And we must do more than talk about it. But we will not be alone in our fight for the cause of peace. All of us can take heart from the splendid work begun by the "Yanks Are Not Coming Committees". We all can take encouragement from the American Youth Congress citizenship institute where the representatives of over 4,500,000 of America's youth declared themselves against United States entry into war.

Moreover, in view of the immediate danger of war spreading to our shores we hereby express our endorsement of the American Youth Congress Peace Week that will be held in Chicago and throughout the country on April 6 to 13, and urge that every LDS member participate in this activity. Further, we urge and wish to instruct the LDS Youth Council to take the responsibility of immediately establishing Youth Committees against war in every Chicago LDS Youth Branch.

In conclusion, we solemnly pledge that after we leave here tonight and in time to come we shall do everything that our strength and our knowledge permits us to bring other young people into the ranks of all Americans who want a useful, peaceful and happy life over here and not a useless death on some foreign battlefield.

We join with millions of other Americans and say:

"THE YANKS ARE NOT COMING!"

Youth Can Receive Special Tickets to Big 'Vilnis' Jubilee

A special offer to provide young friends of the "Vilnis" with free tickets for the monster "Vilnis" 20 Year Jubilee which will be held at the Ashland Auditorium, April 14, was announced this week.

The offer provides that any person who shall between now and the date of the Jubilee secure 2 new yearly readers for the Vilnis English Section will receive absolutely free of charge one of the much to be sought for \$1.00 tickets which will admit them to the best seat in the Auditorium.

Hamilton to Battle Hot Shots for Lead

By virtue of winning 3 games from the hapless Monarchs the Hot Shots are within one game of the league leading Hamiltonians, with whom they bowl this Sunday. By sweeping the series from the steel boys this Sunday the Hot Shots can win undisputed possession of first place or by winning two of the three games they can tie for first place.

The Hot Shots vanquished their rivals by wide margins with the first game being a close encounter, with the Hot Shots gaining the nod by a margin of 11 pins. After the first game, however, it was a runaway for Mike Batutis outfit.

Leading pinsmiths were P. Imusek who bowled a 592 series and a 235 game while Shermikas was leader for the Monarchs with a 502 series.

In another tussle the Sparks vanquished the Goopies by winning all three games and thus remained in the fight for league leadership.

J. Dobar was high man for the Sparks with a 208 game and a 557 series. Capt. Landeck was high man for the Goopies with a 204 game and a 529 series.

In the crucial battle of the year the two Redwings teams met for the final encounter of the year and with the championship of the club at stake. When the fire works had subsided it was found that the A team was the superior bowlers by winning all three games.

By winning this series the A team bowled a 2,640 series which is second to their high series. Leading keggers were the Kwain boys with G. Kwain bowling a 213, 199, 203 games, and a 615 series which is second high for the league, while brother Frank bowled games of 173, 221, 204 for a series of 598. The leading kegger for the B's was Norvil-

las. In the final encounter of the day, the Hamilton boys engaged in a heated battle with the bakers from Silvercup.

Smartering from the three stinging defeats the bakers handed the steel boys in their last meeting, the Hamilton boys went out and won two games after dropping the first.

The leading bowlers of the series was A. Lucas with a 222 game and a 565 series while H. Melody set the pace for the bakers by bowling a 556 series.

This Sunday the Hot Shots will battle the Hamilton Steel Gang for first place.

TEAM STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Av.
Hamilton Steel	40	26	749
Hot Shots	39	27	791
Sparks	37	29	775
Redwings A	32	34	800
Silvercup	32	34	714
Monarchs	29	37	744
Redwings B	29	37	737
Goopies	27	39	702

Individual Averages

	Gms.	HG.	Av.
F. Solomon	66	224	171.46
H. Melody	30	247	169.23
A. Stakus	66	225	167.46
M. Batutis	60	221	170.3
J. Bernot	66	228	167.40
A. Lucas	66	226	166.53
T. Zebraitis	45	213	164.3
D. Riva	60	203	162.58
G. Kwain	63	213	163.13
F. Kwain	57	221	162.2

DATE IS CHANGED FOR MIDWEST LDS BOWLING TOURNEY

The date for the LDS Bowling Tournament has been changed to April 20 and 21. The change was made necessary so as not to conflict with an affair which will be given by the Roselanders on the 26 of the month.

This tournament is for LDS members only with the exception of the bowling teams in the LDS League which will be permitted to participate in this great sports event.

Bowling will commence with five men and women teams bowling Saturday nite and the singles and doubles on the following Sunday.

There will be no charge for entries. The only charge will be yours bowling cost which will be \$1.50 for each event for the men and \$1.00 for each event for the woman.

There will be a handsome trophy for the team that gains the most points in the tourney and there will also be cash prizes and other awards.

Entry blanks can be secured by writing to Vilnis, 3116 S. Halsted St., or to J. Petrutis, 3130 S. Lowe Ave.

This great tournament will be held at Murray White City, 6320 S. Park.

Youth to Petition Big League Solons

Many Organizations Launch Campaign to Secure 100,000's of Signatures Against Negro Ban

NEW YORK. — The announcement in last week's Sunday Worker of a letter, wire and petition drive to push the campaign against baseball's Jim Crow to a successful finish this year has aroused an instantaneous and enthusiastic response.

Many individuals, youth clubs and Negro organizations expressed their support for the victory and promised petition drives to run into the hundred thousands.

The Young Communist League, which last year gathered 50,000 signatures on petitions addressed to the magnates in a short time outside the local ball parks, will launch a drive for signatures right from the start this year on a major scale as its share of the fight to end the discrimination that keeps so many talented Negro ball players from making a living in their profession.

The campaign, started by the Daily Worker four years ago, hit a high point last year when

big league managers and players joined with fans and sports writers in asking for an end to the un-American bar.

It is apparent that a vigorous push this year will win the fight.

Tony Twaryonis Places Second in Rockford Bowling Tourney

ROCKFORD—Tony Twaryonis, member of the recently organized LDS youth branch here, last week won second place honors in one of Rockford's outstanding bowling tourneys (where, sponsored by whom, score—Editor. In future items please include this necessary information).

Many members of the LDS branch went bowling for the first time last week. Esther B. tried to bowl her best as did Ery T., Bunny G., Violet K. They did so well that they almost defeated the next.

The next meeting of the LDS Youth Branch will be held Thursday, March 7 at 7:30 at Montague House. We have many important things to discuss. See you all there.

THE CHIRP.

Films That Dare to Tell the Truth

In the past few years, before the outbreak of the war, European film studios have sent over many unusual and exciting motion pictures. Now from France comes another brilliant film "The Human Beast" starring Jean Gabin and Simone Simon. The picture is a psychological drama,

based on the novel "La Bete Humaine" by Emile Zola.

Of all the distinguished French writers, Zola is outstanding for his devotion to the truth. In every country there has been a writer, like him, who passionately adhered to the doctrine of realism. In Germany we have Jacob Wassermann, Spain Emilia Pardo Bazan, in Italy Giovanni Verga, in USSR Maxim Gorki, in Czechoslovakia Karel Capek, in Denmark, Herman Bang, in Poland Wladislaw Reymont, in Hungary Louis Biro, in Sweden August Strindberg, and many others, including the Yiddish Scholem Asch.

Like Zola, these authors deliberately struck at the ills and inhibitions of society. Zola, however, encountered rigid opposition. His books although best sellers, were not displayed on the shelf of any respectable library. For his candor and frankness shocked his contemporaries in an era when it was popular to be sycarhine and sentimental.

Today Zola may rest in peace in the depths of his tomb in the pantheon. Now no subject is too delicate for the modern writer, like the American Steinbeck. The films, however, are still self-conscious, Hollywood, at least, clings to the adolescent reserve of fiction in Zola's day. The Gallic cinema, though has often served undiluted realism on the screen. Whether or not Zola's influence has transcended the cinema, French directors like Julien Duvivier, who made "Carnet de Ball" Benoit-Levy, who filmed "La Maternelle", Jacques Feyder, the director of "La Kermesse Herique", Jean Renoir, the creator of "Grand Illusion", have attempted to probe deeply into human experience.

A son of the famous painter, Renoir, in particular, has consciously emulated Zola, "the father of Naturalism", in his cruel objectivity. His first talking pic-

ture "La Chienne", the story of a harlot shocked the petit bourgeoisie. The director continued to embrace realism in "Toni", "The Lower Depths" and "Boudu Sauve des Eaux". Now with the "Human Beast" he has transposed Zola's provocative study of a railroad engineer subject to irrepressible homicidal impulses, inherited from his tainted and sodden ancestry. Indeed, the film begins with a forward, which in Zola's own words explains: "At times that hereditary cause weighed heavily upon him. And he came to believe that he

was paying for the others... the fathers and grandfathers who had been drinkers... the generation of drunkards whose polluted blood he was... his skull was bursting under the strain in that agony of a man driven to acts for which he no longer was responsible."

With Jean Gabin in the role of this psychopathic character and Simone Simon as the abnormally erotic young woman, this picture again demonstrates the finesse and subtlety of European studios in treating adult and mature subjects which Hollywood dare not touch.



BETTY STEPS OUT—Betty Grable, of Broadway show "Du Barry Was a Lady," squired to dinner in Empire Room of Waldorf-Astoria, New York, by Alexis Thompson, wealthy young socialite. She's former wife of Jackie Coogan.

CALIFORNIA YOUTH LAUD YOUTH CONGRESS PATTERN

SAN FRANCISCO (IGN). — Local youth leaders, busy with preparations for a San Francisco youth Conference on March 10, indicated they would follow the pattern set by the American Youth Congress in Washington.

Influential members of the San Francisco Youth Council, moving force for the March 10 gathering, evaluated the Washington sessions as having demonstrated that "the American youth are nobody's fools."

"They are out after jobs, security, peace and real democracy," said a joint statement, "and all the red-baiting in the world will not swerve them from their course."

William Belton, citizenship chairman of the Christian Endeavor, expressed this stand by advising the American Youth Congress "to elect a committee to educate the Dies Committee and a few others, even President Roosevelt, as to what democracy means."

"To deny the right of speech and representation to any minority is to deny democracy itself," said Belton.

Gus O. Brown, chairman of the Central Young Democratic Club in San Francisco, considered it "highly unfortunate that President Roosevelt saw fit to pass off as 'waddle', the deliberations of this large body of representative American youth."

"The recognition afforded the Youth Congress deliberations," said known, "are an indication that the youth 'lobby' is increasingly being recognized as an important force in the national scene."

Several youth labor leaders, AFL and CIO, joined in the comment.

Milton Davidson, president of United Office and Professional Workers Local 34, CIO, said:

"The stand of the Youth Congress on the two biggest problems confronting the youth of America--unemployment and the threat of United States' involvement in the war—certainly meets with the approval of CIO—organized office and professional workers. Youth wants jobs (not war jobs)."

Ellsworth Ripogel, Miscellaneous Employees Union, Local 110, AFL, added:

"I am glad the Congress decided to offer full cooperation to labor, farmers and other non-youth groups. The problem of peace and jobs cannot be solved by any one group and we are smart in getting all the American people together."

A first hand account of the Youth Congress will be given local youth by Grace McKay, San Francisco delegate to the Washington sessions, upon her return here.

NOTE TO L.L.C. SCRIBE

We received two separate items from the Lithuanian University Club this week. Because of lack of space, we were only able to publish one of them, the one that we thought the most immediate. The other item, by J. J., we shall publish next week, if the same is so desired by the correspondent.

No Strings Attached to LUC Scholarship

The Lithuanian University Club has announced that it is offering the sum of one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollars as an outright scholarship grant to a deserving resident of Illinois of Lithuanian extraction.

The requirements are few and simple: the applicant must have some knowledge of the Lithuanian language and must be either a college sophomore, junior, or graduate student. The applicant's college scholastic average must be "C" and he must be a deserving student. Both sexes are eligible and no age limit is imposed.

Thus it can readily be seen that the requirements are simple and broad enough so that practically any Lithuanian-American youth of the state of Illinois can apply.

It is quite interesting to compare this offer with that of various lodges, fraternal, religious, or political organizations which usually have a fund of some sort for the benefit of deserving college students.

In the first place, the LUC offer is made as an outright grant while in many societies it is made on a loan basis. The experience of the LUC and other organizations with the loan plan has been unsatisfactory. The student is usually in no position to repay the loan for some time after graduation, and some have never repaid it.

The expense and trouble of suing practically necessitates a legal staff, with its attendant difficulties. Furthermore, students are very reluctant about assuming financial obligations which they don't know when they will be able to repay.

The LUC offer is not limited

on fraternal, religious, and political grounds. In other words, there is absolutely no discrimination as to the applicant's membership in other organizations and his political and religious leanings. This does not mean that any aspersions are cast on the above-mentioned organizations. They are to be congratulated on their foresight in offering student aid; furthermore, they are frequently in a better financial position to do so. However, due to the very nature of their organizational set-up, their field is limited to their own membership.

The LUC offer has no such limitations. However, the LUC is in no position at the present time to help many students because it's own resources are limited; the support of the public at its entertainment is its only source of revenue. It is gratifying to note that this support has increased from year to year, and the LUC confidentially expects that in future years more scholarships will be offered.

Therefore we again ask that deserving college students take note of this offer. Although our resources are limited we would like to help someone in their struggle for an education. We are all students and know how hard it is to finance an education nowadays. Every application will receive equal and serious consideration.

Remember, May 1, 1940, is the deadline, and that date isn't so very far away. Write to Stanley Drigot Jr., Chairman, LUC Scholarship Committee, 5114 South Knox Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for full details and application blanks.

S. D.

Sparks to Present Monte Carlo Nite With Aid of Adults

The Monte Carlo Nite, to be given jointly by the LDS Sparks and the LDS 53 adult branch, is just nine short days away. This Monte Carlo affair will be a "junior" counterpart of the famed Monte Carlo in France and will contain the same general aspects and atmosphere, and even better, for all LDS'ers and others can reach it without benefit of boat. The two smaller halls of the Lithuanian Auditorium, located at 3133 S. Halsted St., is where the action will take place. One hall is to be decked out with games of skill, the other hall will be turned over to the dancing addicts. March 16 (Saturday) is the date; a quarter the admission an 7:30 p. m. the time. A door prize, "gypsy" fortune-teller, music, dancing, refreshments, et al., are the attractions—everybody welcome.

STRICTLY FOR SPARKS MEMBERS:

To stimulate the drive for new Sparks members, Tony Guzauskas introduced at last Monday's meeting a sound and practical membership drive plan. It's a workable plan and only needs the fullest cooperation of each and every Spark member to be successful in its operation. Every Spark member is a potential drive worker and will be in one of five separate groups, each group headed by a captain or chairman, working together, yet competitively for the same purpose—more new members. Each member, meaning those who attended the meeting and those who did not, will be notified by his captain as to when and where they will meet and become organized. When you get your notification, be sure to go to that meeting. It's very important that the Sparks win the LDS Membership Drive, for they have everything to gain—the club will have permanent possession of the drive trophy, will get fifty dollars of equipment; will maintain their honor and prestige, and the members benefit individually from commissions and cash prizes offered by the national office of the LDS and, also by the Sparks club itself. Cooperation is the necessity for the success of this plan and, to repeat, be sure to attend your group meeting when notified.

It is a sorrowful task to relate that the fathers of three Sparks members passed away recently. The Sparks members express their deepest and sincerest condolences to Aldona and Albert Povelonis and to Albin Jurgaitis (Jurgens).

Committees were selected to arrange for monthly Sparks affairs—a Hard Times Party to be held in April and the Sparks May Frolics. The revenue from these affairs will balance the treasury expenditures of this month's Sparks meeting, for ten dollars was donated to Vilnis as a greeting on that paper's 20th anniversary, and ads of ten and four dollars were given to the Redwings and Wolves, respectively.

E.T.E.P.

Joe Randok to Wed Sally Visaitis April 27th

Joe Randok, popular LDS'er and member of the 2nd District LDS youth committee, and Sally Visaitis of Cicero will exchange their vows on April 27. Joe is the former president of the LDS Zephyrs.

Al Vestart stirring his coffee with a toothpick... and so home through a misty fog.

HELEN KASRO.

OUR DEADLINE

With the Vilnis English Section now coming out on Thursday instead of Friday of each week, it is necessary that all correspondents send in their material a day sooner than they have done heretofore. This appeal is made to make it possible for you to get your material in on time. Hereafter, until further notice, the deadline will be as of Tuesday of the week in which you desire your articles to appear.

If this deadline is not adhered to we cannot assume responsibility for any item that is not published.

EDITORS.

Detroit Aido Gets Ready to Present An Operetta

DETROIT — Greetings folks! Here comes the old "chorus-pondent" with news of the Aido Chorus.

Everything has been rolling along smoothly with the operetta and beginning Sunday we will run it through with the chorus. In order to do so we are asking the chorus members to be on time. Rehearsals will begin at 10 a.m. sharp.

Now for March 17. As you remember, the Aido Chorus is giving a novelty Variety Concert and dance at their favorite haunting place Porter Hall. The admission to this affair is only 25 cents and the profits of this affair are to go into the Chicago Transportation fund. We are counting on you, Vilnis supporters, to be there. Don't disappoint us!

Our coming date for this week is an invitation from the Ukrainian Women's Society to sing at the Martin Hall. The program begins at 4 p.m. Sunday. This Friday we will have dance rehearsal instead of chorus rehearsal due to the fact that Wally is working afternoons. Ann Tyson wants to pick out a few dances for March 10, so all dancers are asked to be present. Rehearsals will begin at 7:00 p.m. Sharp.

The chorus wishes to extend their hopes for a speedy recovery to Frank Nelnis who is recuperating from hand injuries caused by a broken plate glass.

We also wish to extend a welcome to three new members. They are Frank Horber, Ed Kerbal and Ed Tuloris.

See you all Friday at 7 p.m.

CLEVELAND LYROS SCRIBE RETURNS FROM ILLNESS TO ASSUME OLD JOB

CLEVELAND — Many things have happened since I last wrote about the Lyros Chorus. Our new officers who have been elected for this season are:

Peter Boika, president; Ruth Rupsic, vice-president; Alice Brazil, secretary; Bertha Naunclik, financial - secretary; Aquilla Beckovic, dues-secretary; Frank Strebach, treasurer; Joe Paltan, instructor, Peter Boika, correspondent and Eleanor Verikes, Josephine Conapaske and Bill Kastner as members of the music committee.

We are now preparing to give an operetta "Varpai" on April 24, 1940. So we are urging you to bring your friends and the former members to come and make this our most successful event of the year. This operetta includes many soloists and we will need many more to round out the character parts. Some of the soloists for the operetta are Johnny Skogus, Vita Karol, Pete Lewis and Eleanor Verikas.

We have two new members, Helen and Lucille Burke. Helen Burke is a blonde with blue eyes,

West Pullman Holds LDS Card Party This Saturday Eve

WEST PULLMAN—The West Pullman LDS branch No. 2 held its monthly meeting Saturday at Bimba's Hall where the monthly business was taken up and discussed.

Mr. Bimba was thanked for his donation of the liquid refreshments for last month's dance which left a very nice profit from this affair.

We urge that more members show up at future meetings as plans for the coming summer will soon be underway and a drive for more members will be discussed.

Once again ye scribe reminds you that Saturday, March 9 the West Pullman LDS branch will hold its first Card Party at Bimba's Hall, 635 W. 119th St., at 7:30 p.m. with the duets priced at only 25 cents. Good music will be furnished for all music lovers and dancers.

There will be refreshments to suit everyone's taste while your scribe will be there spiling for the evening's doings.

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It was voted that the W. P. LDS branch donate ten dollars to the Vilnis Jubilee and that as many as possible turn out for the affair April 14, at Ashland Auditorium.

Charles "Chuck Lancutis has been elected organizer for the membership drive.

Ye Correspondent, MICHAEL SORKIS.

Gus. Machenskas Returns To Lith. Youth Fold

Following an absence of about five years, Gussie Machenskas, who was formerly very active amongst Lithuanian youth in Roseland and Bridgeport, is once again back amongst her old friends. It has been learned that she intends to join one of the LDS youth branches and become active.

There are over a hundred varieties of poisonous fishes living in both temperate and tropic waters the world over. The Japanese fungus is among the most deadly, and is so poisonous that it is often eaten by persons wishing to commit suicide.

REMEMBER

To sign the petition for the American Youth Act!

REDWINGS HEAR SOCIAL WORKER TELL THAT "WOMEN CAN STOP THE WAR"

That practical common sense, such as women have, applied to the warring conditions in Europe and Asia, would speedily bring to an end this death dealing catastrophe, according to Mrs. O'Connor, resident of Hull House. Both the Redwings and the adult branch of Brighton Park listened attentively to Mrs. O'Connor to learn the part women can play to bring about peace.

In the past wars, women were instrumental in persuading men to join the army, or take the alternative, the cowardly, unpatriotic white feather. Romance, glamour, handsome uniforms and minds filled with war propaganda encouraged both men and women to take part in an adventure that ended in bloodshed, cripples and sick minds. Mrs. O'Connor stated that the Hines Hospital maintains a special ward where soldiers who have been cruelly maimed are kept so that even their relatives cannot see them.

Today, however, women may do their part to stop war by stopping all profit in it. It is a fact that French merchants sell iron to Germany for munitions, and that Germany furnishes coal to France. Likewise, American merchants are shipping iron and raw materials to Japan, while at the same time they condemn Japan for its murderous tactics.

It was through the efforts of Nellie De Schaaf that the Redwings were able to hear Mrs. O'Connor.

In conjunction with the "Yanks Are Not Coming" group, the Redwings have a voluntary committee of two to extend the anti-war activities. The plans for the future are regular informative meetings, socials and stage presentations by the Chi-

cago Repertory Group. Contact Nellie De Schaaf for further information. Are you wearing "The Yanks Are Not Coming" button?

Mr. Leon Pruseika gave a pep talk on the membership drive. He urged the LDS to adopt this new slogan, "Twenty-five members during the drive and everyone working to get them."

Edward Klein showed up at the meeting for the first time in a con's age. Nellie Gizevich has received an increase in salary, proving that the members appreciate her good work. Charlie Radauskas and Joe Mazeika are two new members welcomed by the club. Charles says he can swing a mean baseball bat, so come spring time he'll be out on the field with the rest of the Redwing team.

Russ Bothie and his Rose Room Rhythm Orchestra, featuring Joan Meyers, will be presented by the Redwings on April 6, 1940, at the Palady Ballroom, 3450 S. Archer Avenue. The time is getting shorter and in just five weeks we'll be burning up the floor at the Palady. Tickets are 40 cents.

At the Merit Award Banquet: "Bučeriene" Kwain smilingly encouraging George in his role on master of ceremonies... Etella Stankus gracefully accepting her bronze pin and making a strong plea for support to the dance...

Nellie and Julie Gizevich receiving silver pins and accepting a third for Johnny... Sully, Stan Koveikis, Jessie Shaik, huddled in the corner of the bar counting the gold... Al Klauud going home with four girls... Kay Danis, Helen Lane and Matt Sholomskas discussing branch problems... Nellie De Schaaf wearing one of those hats you have to look twice at to see...