

Lith Newspaper In Anti-Semitic Attack On New York Paper

Because it listed Lithuania as a Soviet Socialist Republic the N.Y. World Almanac was attacked by the notorious pro-Nazi Lithuanian weekly, "Keleivis".

Launching into an attack upon Roy Mizara, "Laisve" editor who mentioned the Almanac published by the N.Y. World Telegram the "Keleivis" on January 21st stated:

"Even the almanac (calendar) of a kept-press New York newspaper is a higher authority than the government of the U.S., for Mizara says he has found written in the almanac that 'Lithuania is a part of the Soviet Union—a socialist republic.'

"Why do Lithuanian bolsheviks knock in this way our democratic American government? Why do they regard as a better authority than the president a piece of filth published by little New York Jews?"

The original Lithuanian in which this comment was written has far more vulgar connotations than this translation. "Šlamštas" is a term used for dirt, filth, little, junk. "Žydėliū" is a very derogatory, anti-semitic term applied to Jewish people.

These comments are only in keeping with "Keleivis" which only a short time ago was accused of being pro-Nazi by "The Hour" in its account of Nazi activity in the U.S.

Lithuanian Males "Asked" To Enlist In German Nazi Army

STOCKHOLM. — Reports seeping through to this capital reveals that Lithuanian males are being asked to enlist in German armed forces to fight the Russians. They are promised two hundred reichsmarks monthly. The special recruiting stations in Kaunas, Vilnius and Panevezys, are deserted however. Lithuanian fathers warned their sons that they will be disowned if they join the Nazis.



'OUR' WAR AND 'MY' WAR AGAINST AXISM

"We will wage war," "We will shed our blood," "We will win the war,"—these are stock phrases behind which the single citizen feels stronger, more secure. Behind the protective "we," the individual seems to find it easier to face privation, the chances of injury, of even death. Behind this collective consciousness we seem to be capable of performing things we could not think of achieving singly, though not infrequently this collective shield serves but as a mask for individual timidity and weakness.

The hour has struck for each of us to begin thinking less in terms of collective coverage and more in personal contribution and responsibility.

It is not enough to aver that "we" will do our part or that "we" will be ready to forego ever so many living comforts and

necessities. It is time to assume a more direct, a more personalized burden in this war. Bluntly, uprightly and without pulling the cover of collective obligation over our heads, each of us must declare: "I will risk my life for victory; I will give up a great part of my earnings for the needs of this war; I am ready to face the dangers and privations which this war calls for; I am glad to accept the maximum of national discipline and national solidarity to meet the challenging setbacks and failures inevitable in a hard and cruel war.

This is a war for the destiny of America, for the fate of humanity. It confronts us with a choice between freedom and slavery. In other words, it leaves us no choice. Let us make the responsibility for its outcome a personal as well as a collective task. It is "my" war as well as "our" war.

Massachusetts Lith Priest Attack On Ally Protested

HAVERHILL.—Lithuanian-Americans in this city protested the pro-Hitler leanings of a priest, Father A. Deksny, whom at a mass meeting recently held at the Lithuanian Citizens' Gedimino Club, denounced America's ally, Soviet Russia.

Attacking that nation throughout his talk, Father Deksny in 5th column-like approach put all blame of the war on Soviet Russia. Nothing was mentioned of Nazi Germany and the Japanese aggression.

With Russia a member of the United Nations, all of whom are committed toward the eradication of murderous AXISM, the attack on America's most powerful ally amounts to treason. Treasonable activity is punishable by imprisonment.

It is believed that indignant Lithuanians will register their protest on Father Deksny's action with the proper authorities.

Pittsburgh Liths Contribute \$200 To American Red Cross

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Reacting to the dire need for financial aid to the Red Cross, Branch 142 of the Association of Lithuanian Workers (LDS) in this city made a contribution of \$200.

The executive board of the branch announces that "this contribution to the Red Cross is only the beginning of a series of arrangements from which proceeds will be donated." On February 15, the branch has a supper planned. Total proceeds will be turned to the Red Cross.

Other branches of the Association of Lithuanian Workers in Pittsburgh and nearby cities are also completing affair arrangements which will benefit the Red Cross.

RED ARMY NEARS LITHUANIAN BORDER

PUSH GERMAN ARMIES BACK; EXPECT TO CLEAR OUT NAZIS FROM BALTIC' BY SPRING

MOSCOW.—Overcoming German resistance, the Russian Red Army approaches the borders of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. By spring it is expected that the armies of liberation will have swept the Baltic nations clear of the Nazi menace, and to have reestablished their independence.

President Michael Kalinin among the dead and wounded declared last week that

"more occupied places in the Ukraine have been recovered from the enemy, and that the Red Army is approaching the borders of Estonia, Latvia, and White Russia."

100 Miles from Latvia

The Red Army was last reported 100 miles from the Latvian-Estonian borders. With the drive launched by the Soviets, its intensity may carry them within stonethrow of the three Baltic nations shortly.

The Russians were reported to be threatening many vital communication points. They have cut or are dangerously near the Leningrad-Vitebsk railway.

Aiding the relentless drive of the Soviet forces are the guerrillas of the Baltic nations.

The intensive struggle being waged against the fascist forces involves numerous groups of Red Army Lithuanians. Among the many German prisoners captured, one had this to say about the fierce attack launched by the Red Army units:

"Our first engagement took place Jan 16. I shall describe only what happened in our sector. Heavy tanks charged us and mowed us down by gunfire and crushed us with their caterpillar treads. Our five tanks were turned into a heap of junk.

"Six machineguns were crushed and over 40 soldiers killed in our company alone. The commander of the 2nd Platoon, Sergeant Major Ton, and the commander of the 3rd Platoon, Sergeant Major Hanson, were killed. The battalion proved unable to withstand the attack. The soldiers fled.

"My arm was crushed by a tank tread, my head and body fell between two treads and it was a miracle that I remained alive. I fainted and remained on the battlefield for many hours

"Our battalion was routed in its very first engagement. Many soldiers were killed, and I saw with my eyes that the Russian soldiers fought courageously and I understood that we had a wrong idea about the war in the east."

The long list of German divisions routed on the Leningrad front was also recently increased by the 7th Parachute Division, which was transferred from Crete, and by the 223rd Infantry Division, which arrived from Bordeaux in November, 1941.

Lincoln Birthday To Be Observed By Chicago Lithuanians

CHICAGO, Ill. — Honored by Illinois and by all lands where freedom is still cherished, this Thursday will see memorial observances far beyond the boundaries of the Prairie State, which Abraham Lincoln left to lead the nation through dark and bitter hours.

Chicago Lithuanians have planned a memorial observance on the 133rd anniversary of the Great Emancipator's birth. The observance will be held at the Lithuanian Auditorium, 3133 S. Halsted St. It is being sponsored by the Chicago Lithuanian Cultural and Art Club.

Mrs. Nathaniel Ruvell of the Chicago Red Cross chapter will be the principal speaker. Attorney Charles P. Kal and others are also listed to address the large audience, expected to attend.

Proceeds of the arrangement will be donated to the Red Cross. Scheduled to present entertainment is the Bridgeport Lithuanian Women's Chorus and Roseland Aido Chorus. The gathering will open at 8 p.m. in the evening.

"Old Abe"



STATUERE

Today the tradition of Lincoln's honesty is as cherished as ever, but the hard, realistic fact of war and the fight to win it has brought the figure of Abe Lincoln into much greater relief. People remember that he led the country through its greatest crisis until this one. They remember that under his leadership America remained whole.

The excellent military leadership of General Douglas MacArthur and the heroism of American and Filipino forces at Bataan are in the spirit of the great commanders and soldiers who stood by Lincoln's side during the great trial of the 1860's. Their fight, their sacrifices in the field, are our inspiration to victory today.

AXIS TOLL OF LITHUANIAN-AMERICANS GROWS; THREE REPORTED KILLED IN ACTION

Since the Axis aggression and attack upon the United States, three Lithuanian-Americans have been killed in action. Recent victim of Axis destruction is Private Peter Kaminskas, of Chicago, Ill. Others are Joseph Stankus and Anthony Kalanta, naval men aboard the destroyer Kearny which was torpedoed by Nazi submarines. The latter two were from Worcester, Mass.

Private Kaminskas was killed in action while serving with General MacArthur's forces in the Philippines.

Lith-Americans Urge Release Of Labor Leader, E. Browder

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Leading Lithuanian-Americans have gone on record favoring the release of Earl Browder, American labor leader imprisoned on a minor passport technicality.

Mr. Browder has served a year in prison to date, and it is believed to be a sufficient sentence for one convicted for a technicality.

In a statement issued to Lithuanian-American citizens, these noted Lithuanians under the name of Lithuanian Citizens Committee for the Freedom of Earl Browder state:

"Two million Americans have asked the President of the United States to release Earl Browder. Noted figures, including Wendell Willkie and others have urged recindence of his sentence. Trade unions, fraternal groups, all have communicated with the President and asked for his freedom.

"As Americans of Lithuanian extraction, we too urge the release of America's foremost labor leader. We urge Lithuanian organizations, fraternal groups, trade unionists to wire the President. Send resolutions, letters, cards voicing your opinion. In the interest of justice and unity, Earl Browder must be freed. He must be allowed to assume his rightful position of unifying America's people in this all-out struggle against the Axis aggressors."

V - - -
V For Victory
Over Hitler

Countless numbers of Lithuanians are with the American forces at present. Wherever a contingent of American troops may be stationed, inevitably one or more Lithuanian-Americans may be found.

In the all-out war to smash the Axis menace Lith-Americans are in the forefront. In the Philippines, in Hawaii, on the high seas and in the air they are playing a gallant and heroic role and contributing highly toward Axis defeat.

Among those in the armed forces are a number of youth, members of the Association of Lithuanian Workers (DS). In the thick of the fighting, some have been unheard of for a long period of time. Included in this list is Edward Praninskas, serving with the U.S. Marines and Private Paul Zaynor, U. S. Army. Both are Chicago lads.

Torpedoed!

Reported to be resting in a New York hospital following the torpedoing of the ship he was on is Private Edward Shermikas. The torpedoing took place 18 miles outside of New York.

Another LDS member, Irwin Wilke, of the Chicago LDS Redwing branch is reported to be with the AEF contingent that recently landed in Ireland. Friends report that Wilke's photo appeared among those armed forces which recently disembarked there. Said photo was published in most newspapers.

With transfer of forces being conducted so rapidly, it is practically impossible to definitely state the whereabouts of many Lithuanian-Americans. Near future governmental releases, no doubt, will reveal their station and activity in America's and the United Nations battle for humanity against the forces of Axisism.

THE SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Al Klaud

Bowling is still going strong but the world crisis and the current events at home is taking the competition out of the league. However, as everything else we have to do the best we know how.

Last week we saw a new bowling record made by the **Foul Balls**. The team displaced record smashers, **Redwing Bombers**, in the single high team game when they piled up the maples in a 1038 woodpile. This record gave the Foul Balls second place in that division.

By winning two games from the Bombers, the **Redwing La Dee Das** climbed a notch up in the games won standings. **Tony Paulus** with his 542 series supplied the much needed pins to help conquer the Bombers. Al Klaud was the high man giving the winners competition.

First place **Kraml Dairy** team overwhelmed the **Sparks** when they took all three games thus gaining the other teams. **George Kwain**, a mainstay of the Dairymen took high bowling honors when he amassed a total of 540 pins which included a 211 game. **Paps Riva** was high man for the losers when he got a 437 series. These three losses for the Sparks made them on the losing of a series the

first time this year. Even though making a record total of 1038 pins in one game this did not constitute they were hot all night because the **Royal Blue's** managed to get one game. **A. Lerner, Abner, and Jim Usauskas** with respective scores of 513, 526, 507 were the big guns of the Foul Balls. **Batutis**, league leader in individual standings, got a 534 series while his team mate **Woods** also had a high 549 series.

The lowly **Monarchs** with **Captain Moaner Zebraitis** leading his team by virtue of a 492 series helped beat the **Cherry Brand** team in two games. **Pazulp** of the **Cherry Branders** proved to be the big shot of the latter team.

TEAM STANDINGS

Kraml Dairy	36	21
Redwing Bombers	34	22
La Dee Das	32	25
Sparks	29	28
Foul Balls	28	29
Cherry Brand	25	32
Royal Blue	24	32
Monarchs	19	38

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

Batutis	174
G. Kwain	173
Paulus	173
Usauskas	168
Zebraitis	166
Osinskas	163
F. Kwain	163
Woods	162
Gricus	161
Urban	161

LKM Has Many New Members; Work Hard For Operetta; Scribe Boosts 'Cupid's Night'

The preparations for the revival of that ever melodious "Student Prince" are coming along very successfully. Just a few more rehearsals are needed to perfect them. Due to this fact extra rehearsals will be held. Tues. night rehearsals will begin at 7:30 and this Sunday the chorus will rehearse at Gramatas Hall beginning at 10:00 A. M. Gramatas Hall is located at 45th and Rockwell. A plea is extended for all chorus members to attend these rehearsals regularly and promptly.

Extravagant plans are being made for the L. K. M. Chorus Annual Bunco and Dance Party. Many prizes of all sorts and sizes will be awarded. Entertainment, refreshments and dancing will follow the game playing. So make it a special point to be at Hollywood Inn, February 22 and try your luck.

New Members

A number of new members have joined the chorus within the last few weeks. Our new sopranos are **Stephanie Maskavich, Irene Damasaka, and Mary Kuchta**. The altos gained **Anne Judikas and Julia Janis**. In the men's section a few old timers returned. Among them are **John Graber, Peter Burdulis, John Chesna, and John Pateckas**. The chorus most heartily welcomes these new members, and hopes that they will be with us for a long time to come. There is also an invitation for anyone interested in joining the chorus. Just come down to Hollywood Inn any Tuesday evening, you still even have a chance in participating in our coming operetta.

On Sick List

Helen Budris who was once an active chorus member, has been laid up at St. Luke's Hospital for

LKM Chorus News

Well, here I am again to pester you by printing the tiny bits of gossip which might otherwise be ignored. This time I come to you from the bar of Hollywood Inn. The bar is my favorite hangout—or do you blame me. I was there all morning when we were not singing. Remember? It seems quite a few people agree with me. Wise people—indeed! But you aren't interested in that—are you! Now I'll tell you some things which might interest you such as—

The alto section sang unusually well—didn't we, girls! I really should say girl for if it wasn't for SYLVIA no one would have heard us.

There were three altos in particular that **TEACHER** favors. Why he ever had them up in front by the piano giving them special lessons on how to sing the scale—from low DO to high DO.

HELEN ARMON was caught by this sly little snooper with her shoes off. As a matter of fact she had them off during the whole rehearsal.

Several members were seen sneaking in late. Two of them were **VOLLIE** and **KAZ**. They weren't together, **ED**, so you don't have to worry.

Another late member was "**WAHOO**" **ZIMONT**. You should be ashamed of yourself. Isn't bad enough that you come in late but you don't even sit down and sing with us.

Has any chorus member ever seen our petite **PEGGY** in low heeled shoes?

Among the missing regulars were our **TWO BERTHAS**, **HELEN D.**, **JENNIE M.**, and several others.

The main loss was **ALDONA G.** The sopranos really needed you. They were unusually poor. If the altos had been as bad as they were I'm sure we'd drowned ourselves rather than torture others in that way.

Well outside of that all we did was to brush up on "STUDENT PRINCE." Oh yes, I hope everyone is going to the Valentine Dance on St. V's Day. It's for a swell cause and you'll really enjoy yourself. I will practically guarantee that. It will be held in Hollywood Hall, so—

Come one—come all
To the Valentine Ball,
Romance and have fun
For two hearts are one
At the Valentine ball.
Sort of crude but you get the idea—don't you!
Hasta la vista,
Your chorus cutup.

Drip.

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the past two months. We're all wishing her a speedy recovery and hope to see her back with us soon. She would appreciate any visitors. The visiting hours are every afternoon at 1 o'clock and Wednesday and Saturday evenings at 7 o'clock.

The **L. K. Mers** are planning to give the **L. D. S.** Sorority their fullest support at their "Cupid's Nite" dance this Saturday, at Hollywood Inn. We'll be seeing you there.

Spyder.

Detroit Aido Chorus To Broadcast On Nationwide Hookup; Elect Executives

Everything comes at the same time. The Aido Chorus has accepted an invitation to appear on a program which will include probably 1,000 voices. This big day is March 22, the same day as our play, "Isvy-ta Duktė." The program will be held 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the State Fair Coliseum. It may interest you to know that the program will be broadcasted over the national hookup.

The big Valentine Dance is just around the corner.—Feb. 15, to be exact. Did you see that poster that **Joe Muglia** has to advertise his "Bee-neers." It's a pippin. Be on the printing! Bring your mom and pop, too.

there's polka dancing in the basement.

Elect Executives

We finally elected an executive body for the year of 1942. **Jean Rye** is Vice-Pres., **Bertha Geralt**, financial secretary and **Alphonse Urban**—treasurer. **Alda Liminsky** can't seem to get out of being secretary.

Chorus rehearsals will continue as usual. Friday at 7:30 P.M. Sunday at 1:30 P.M.

The Girls' Ensemble is again on the air this Sunday. I know of several misses who are quaking at the prospect of singing solos and duets.

Adios.—That's all I have time for.

A. V. L.

Redwing 'Blowout' Draws Closer; To Brand Members During Initiation Proceedings

The 1942 Redwing Initiation Will Be a WOW!

For screwy, insane AND funny situations the Redwing Merit Award and Initiation party (Saturday, February 21st, at Syrena's Restaurant) will be TOPS!

Branding irons (red hot) will be applied generously to members getting a formal introduction to the Redwings. Mental prowess, physical endurance and discipline will be tested with punishment for those who fail the tests. If former initiations have been good, the 1942 party will win by two lengths.

It's easy to join in all this fun. Reservations are \$1.50 which includes a 7-course chicken dinner,

a supply of free drinks and a good orchestra. Make your reservation early by notifying the committee at Victory 2825.

Presentation of merit awards to deserving members will take place after the initiation. Five Redwings will receive gold rings representing five consecutive years of unselfish service. **George Kwain** will receive a special 6th-year award for outstanding contributions of loyalty, hard work and good sportsmanship.

Julia Gizevich, Merit Recorder for 1941, is deserving of much praise for her complete and analytical report on the Redwing membership.

Committee.

Sparks Perking Again; Elect Executive Board And Prepare For Award Banquet

The Bridgeport Sparks are in the swing of things again. At our last meeting we elected a new executive board. They consist of: **Anne Savukas**, President, **George Ponkauskas**, Vice-President, **Stelle Bedokis**, Recording Secretary, and **Aldona Povilonis**, Financial Secretary. Other posts will be filled at the coming meeting.

Just as the Redwings are arranging a merit award banquet so are the Sparks. Instead of an annual dance, we will have an award banquet. It will be held at a comparatively fashionable place. **George Ponkauskas** and **Celia Riva** are on the arrangements committee.

Representatives were elected to the Chicago Youth Leaders Conference which will be held at the LaSalle hotel this Sunday, at 1 p.m. Approximately five Sparks will attend.

A new member has been added to our roster. Member-getter **Tony Guzauskas**

can be credited with the new addition. We'll expect even more from Tony.

Absent from the meeting were several members. They were at the Chicago Civic Opera House taking in the show offered by the Russian Don Cossack Male Choir in behalf of Russian Relief, Inc.

Wahoo.

I want... FIGHTING DOLLARS



America must be strong. Every man and woman must contribute their strength to the strength of America at war.

Some are carrying guns—some are flying planes—some are giving their blood on ships at sea.

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Chicago LDS Sorority Benefit Affair For Members In Uniform Takes Place This Saturday

"What are you looking for, my pretty maid?"
"I look for a Valentine, sir," she said.
"I've watched since the dawn in the sky was red."
"And now that you have found me, what do I do?"
"You must be my Valentine all the year through, And buy me a present to prove you are true."

That is just what the Chicago LDS sorority sisters will do with the proceeds of the Cupid's Nite affair; send the LDS soldiers gifts to prove that our aims are true.

This gala affair will take place at the Hollywood Inn Postal Station this Saturday, February 14, 1942, at 8:30 p. m. Be sure to purchase your entree stamps early. Better still, have the sorority sisters sell you one at the door. This will be your first step toward an introduction. Then leave the rest up to the hostesses who will be present.



BERNICE GUYER



Anne Peters, secretary of the Chicago LDS girls sorority, Lambda Delta Sigma who have organized "Cupid's Nite" with total benefit going to Chicago LDS members in armed service. Other girls listed are leaders in sorority and on arrangements committee for affair.



FRANCES YURGIL



MARY SHIMKUS

Entertainment, Prizes
There will be many features of entertainment provided for the guests who will attend the Cupid's Nite. Valentines with amatory and satirical messages will be at your disposal. Also, a prize will be awarded to the girl getting the most Valentines. A bow dance will be danced to the tune of the Robin-hood Rambler's orchestra. Meanwhile, if you see a messenger whizzing by on his two cylinder motor, he is just simply racing his motor to get the messages delivered in the quickest way possible.

If you've never seen an all girl arranged affair, this will be the one you should attend. They will be con-

stantly on the job of welcoming and entertaining everyone. They have a new refreshment menu rigged up especially for the affair.

Since it is our first affair, we are inviting everyone to attend and make it a successful one as it is being ar-

LITHUANIAN WOMEN KNIT FOR SOLDIERS



A group of Oakland and San Francisco (California) Lithuanian-American women who are knitting for the American Red Cross and Russian Red Army. Among them are S. Kaross, E. Kaross, Sutkienė, B. Zalagiūtė, Paukštienė, Baranauskienė, Gegutienė, Jankauskienė. Many knitting groups of the same type have been organized by Lithuanian-American women.



NANCY GORDON

ranged for a very good cause. Attend and help remember the boys . . .
A. Dartlette.

600 Chicago Liths Attend Soviet Film Showing

CHICAGO, Ill. — "Soviet Frontiers" a film dealing with the Russian Red Army was witnessed by six hundred Lithuanians in the Bridgeport area of Chicago last Friday evening. Shown at the Lithuanian Auditorium, the mass attendance indicated the sympathy existent amongst Lithuanian-Americans for the gallant Nazi destroying army.

"HELP US WIN," SAYS PRIVATE KAVALAUSKAS; THANKS CHICAGO LDS'ERS FOR GIFTS RECEIVED

From the four corners of America, from practically every city and town, members of the largest youth embracing fraternal organization (Lithuanian), the LDS, are serving their country in this time of need. Typical example is Private First Class, Edward Kavalaszkas, of Roseland (Chicago), Illinois.

For Eddie there was no waiting. With the ominous clouds of war fanned by the Axis Powers wafting in America's direction, he enlisted in the United States Army.

Today he stands guard on the Pacific coast. Standing guard together with numerous other Lithuanian-Americans, LDS members. And like all Americans he is

Although away from his favorite stamping ground, Eddie like all LDS'ers, has the organization in his heart. Separated by thousands of miles from the fellows and girls with whom he associated, he appreciates their moral and material support.

Writes Eddie in a recent

letter to an LDS member:
"It was very nice of the gang to give us fellows a thought over the Christmas holidays. Scrambling, our friends were distant. We are scattered all over the nation. But yet, with thousands of miles between ourselves, the gifts received placed every LDS'er within handshaking distance.

"Help Us Win"

"After this war is over, those of us who come back will want to get together and talk over things. And the items we will talk on is what we did to the Axis and the support fellow LDS'ers gave us to carry on the battle. Encourage the gang to help us even more, to clean the Japanese aggressors off the face of this earth.

"How by the way are the pro-nazi inclined Lithuanian individuals reacting at present? Do their newspapers still carry news releases from Berlin? (Reference here is to the newspapers "Naujienos", "Draugas", "Keleivis" who published releases from Hitler occupied Lithuania, all of which bespoken of the goodness of Nazism—Editor.) Let me know."

Edward Kavalaszkas is at present stationed in the state of Washington. A card or letter to him would be appreciated. His forwarding address is: P. F. C. Edward Kavalaszkas, Headquarters Battery, 202nd CA (AA), A. P. O. 309, Fort Lewis, Washington.

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KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

Civilian defense, whatever its shortcomings, is already making an impressive record of democracy in action. New York, the city where nobody knows who lives in the apartment next door, is thawing the frost out of its eyes with apartment house and neighborhood meetings that are bringing together all sorts of average people for the common job. Out on the West Coast a Know-Your-Neighbor movement is growing rapidly. But we like best the experiment being tried in Chicago: the election of block air raid captains—15,000 of them. A meeting of all the residents of a block is called, at which the captain is democratically elected. He then recommends other residents for air raid and fire wardens, first-aid leaders, messengers, etc. These recommendations must be approved by the community commander, who is an appointed civilian defense district leader.

Mayor Edward J. Kelly attended a meeting of about 250 residents of the block in which he lives. There was a quite a contest for the job of block captain. The mayor nominated the manager of his apartment house, but the majority turned him down. The mayor proved to be a good loser.

It is in miniature "town hall" meetings such as these that democracy is sinking new roots. And it is through all kinds of civilian defense activities that the creative energies of the the people can be enlisted for winning the war.

FOR RELEASE OF BROWDER

Two hundred and fifty delegates to the Chicago, Industrial Council, representing two hundred and fifty thousand CIO workers adopted a resolution calling on President Roosevelt to release Earl Browder. This move is typical of thousands of other union, fraternal and, above all, peoples' endeavor to free America's leading anti-Nazi.

The Vilnis English Section joins in this plea and urges its readers to write the President asking for Browder's release. Arrested and imprisoned on a flimsy passport charge, Earl Browder must be freed to assume leadership in this all-out fight against the Axis.



FACTS ABOUT ILLINOIS

PIONEER COUNTRY OFFICERS FIXED RATES

Travelers in Winnebago county in 1836 were protected against excessive charges for meals and lodgings, reports the Illinois WPA Writers' Project. The county commissioners fixed maximum charges alike for man and beast. The maximum charge for a meal was 37½ cents; lodging, 12½ cents; liquor, per glass, 6¼ cents, and oats for the horse, \$1.25 per bushel. The fractional parts of a cent were met accurately by the use of olden time coins, especially the "fip" and the "bit", the former being 6¼ cents, the latter 12½ cents. "Two bits" today means 25 cents of any man's money, but the "fip" has passed out of the American vocabulary. In the old days, a "fip'n'bit meant 18¾ cents, an often used price for various articles.

BAREFOOT DANCING PRECEDED POLKAS

Modern exponents of classical dancing, who perform in their bare feet, might have learned much a century ago in the pioneer days of Illinois, says the Illinois WPA Writers' Project. Dancing in stocking feet was the vogue at the old Pre-Emption House, at Naperville, erected in 1834. It was customary to clear the dining room chairs and tables after supper, the fiddlers would tune up, and then came the dancing. Wagon and stage drivers could not well "trip a polka" or minuet, or even go into "Virginia Reel" wearing their heavy boots, so they discarded them and danced in their stocking feet. They were more agile, and if they trod on their partners' toes, it was not disastrous.

COMPULSORY MILITARY SERVICE IN PIONEER DAYS

Every free white resident of the state of Illinois was enroller as a member of the militia in pioneer days, and was punished if he failed to report for muster and drill duty four times a year, reports the Illinois WPA Writers' Project. Each was compelled to provide himself with a musket and bayonet, canteen, two spare flints, cartridge box to contain not less than 24 cartridges, the powder and ball suited to the bore of the gun. Uniformity in dress was not imperative, and the officers were often wonderfully attired. The training days were looked forward to, as times for frolic, yet were not lightly regarded when one considers the distance many were compelled to travel to attend, and the fines imposed upon absentees. Quakers and others with religious scruples against military service were excused on payment of three dollars.

HERE IS A PROBLEM FOR STUDENTS OF SEMANTICS

Delving into musty tomes and ancient records for historic facts is one of the interesting occupations of the Illinois WPA Writers' Project. Now comes a word that was colloquial in the pioneer days of Clark county, and is here submitted for students of semantics who may be able to explain its meaning and derivation. The word is "widderskins." Frontier women used it to describe the accepted method of stirring soft soap while it was boiling in the kettle. The expert housekeeper stirred the bubbling mas of lye water and scraps of fat counter-clockwise. This was called "stirring widderskins," which was supposed to possess special merit. It was the general belief that if the kettles were stirred clockwise, the cleansing qualities of the soap would be lessened or destroyed. Current dictionaries and encyclopedias do not list "widderskins."

OHIO RIVER MADE TEMPERANCE UNPOPULAR

Temperance sometimes became unpopular even among its ardent partisans, reports the Illinois WPA Writers' Project. About eighty years ago there was a disastrous flood of the Ohio river and tributary streams. Temperance in southern Illinois had been making considerable headway. Then came the flood, which led a Saline county editor to remark: "Temperance orators will do well to avoid eulogizing water for several months to come. The poetry kind o' soaks out of water after it has stood six feet deep on the parlor floor for a week."



As We See It In Lith Circles

By GEORGE STARKAUSKAS

LITHUANIAN ARMY

Those persons who initiated the call for a Lithuanian Army to be formed in the United States have met with great response. They have also met with a little difficulty. That difficulty arises out of the fact that all those who volunteered, volunteered as "generals."

Please, somebody, will you enlist as a private? We can't keep the "general" staff waiting—can we?

PipsqWEEK

Joe Poshka in an editorial explains how much the Communists are hated. Then he goes on to say that anybody who falls under the influence of Communists is narrowminded.

We suggest that Joe tell the same story to the House and Senate Committees of the United States, which only a few days back tossed out an amendment which would have earmarked the Communist Party as "foreign."

Joe is a nice fellow—he and Dies always agree. The trouble is that you narrow minded people don't appreciate their broadmindedness. That goes for the House and Senate Committee's, too.

MEET THE PRESIDENT

"I predict a social democracy for Russia, a state with Maxim Lityinoff, the present ambassador to the United States, as its first president stated Dr. Preston Bradley.

We urge all Chicagoans to attend the Chicago Stadium rally February 22nd, and meet the president-to-be, Maxim Lityinoff. He will be the principal speaker at the rally.

CTDTTOGTLPSH

The Committee To Decide The Type Of Government The Lithuanian People Should Have, met recently. On its executive board are very prominent persons, most of whom shook the hand of Der Fuehrer before they came to the United States.

The job of this committee is of course obvious. The Lithuanian people have no say in the matter.

HE SCRAMMED

Julius Smetona, son of "Run-Out" Smetona is following in his father's footsteps. When the CTDITOGTLPSH (Committee To Decide The Type of Government The Lithuanian People Should Have met recently, he took a "run-out" powder.

What's the matter? Didn't the CTDITOGTLPSH consider papa for the presidency of Lithuania?

EXCUSE PLEASE

We just found out that the CTDITOGTLPSH (Committee To Decide The Type Of Government The Lithuania People Should Have) has changed its name. It is now called "Lithuanian Citizens' Association."

WONDER

What happened to the Lithuanian National Relief Fund? Thousands of dollars were collected.

Where is this cash now?

Feminine Facts

By HELEN KASRO

The ever-decreasing male membership of the LDS branches indicates that the Chicago convention in July will be planned and managed in most part by young women of the LDS. The Lambda Delta Sigmas in Chicago have already made plans for contributing their share of the work as a unit. These same girls, representing their branches or another phase of LDS organizational work, are ready and willing to devote all of their time to convention interests. The LDS can depend upon its feminine members to step into the vacancies made by our boys and work with vigor and efficiency, to produce a successful convention in Chicago.

On Tuesday evenings at the Chicago Auditorium overflowing crowds of Lithuanian girls and women are sewing, knitting and making bandages for the Red Cross. The Women's Auxiliary which has up to this time been knitting for Russian Relief has finally completed the assignment and is prepared to start work with the American Red Cross just as soon as a representative is available. The Sorority will work with the Auxiliary when the arrangements are finally completed.

The Civilian Defense Committee is desperately in need of clerical assistance. Thousands of applications have not yet been sorted or filed and work cannot progress smoothly without help from typists, clerks and people familiar with general office routine. If you have any free time, even a few hours a week which you are willing to spend in Civilian Defense, drop a postal card in the mail giving the time you will be available, your ability, name and address, and telephone number to

Civilian Defense Committee
220 N. La Salle Street
Chicago, Ill.

Do not telephone. Wait until you hear from the committee and then be generous with the time you spend in working with them in the interests of this war effort. The sooner an efficient staff is organized, the better will be our preparedness and morale.

Many of our boys are receiving mail from their Chicago friends. Girls in all the branches of LDS are writing regularly to Honolulu, Alaska, Iceland, all parts of the United States, and, rumor has it, even Ireland where the LDS is represented in the American Expeditionary Force by a Redwing. The boys who write from these distant places encourage regular correspondence and are strengthened by the knowledge that we who are still at home are protecting those fundamentals of democratic living for which they are fighting. If our courage ebbs low, this will be transmitted to the boys who read our letters and would weaken them. Let us put our energies into constructive work, keeping busy every waking hour so that no dark moods can creep into our lives.

Work for the Red Cross
Work for Civilian Defense
Buy Defense Stamps
Buy Defense Bonds
Write a Letter!

Let Your Answer to Bombs Be—BONDS!



We are fighting enemies who will stop at nothing. With our homes, our very lives at stake, shall we stop short of giving our dimes and dollars for Defense? Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps every day, every week. Buy as if your very life depended upon it. It does!



FOR RED CROSS—Ruby Duggin, secretary in Washington to Representative Will Rogers of Oklahoma, models this new tan and maroon uniform of Red Cross first aid detachment. New waterproof outfit is priced at \$10.

Green Asks Aid For Russian War Relief; Urges "Full Support"

A call to the American public to "accord wholehearted, full and complete support" to the efforts of Russian War Relief, Inc., was issued by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, in a letter made public yesterday by officials of the relief organization.

Green's letter, addressed to Edward C. Carter, president of Russian War Relief, Inc., stressed the urgency of the medical and humanitarian needs of the Russian peoples, and came at a time when the Russian War Relief's fifth shipment of medical and surgical supplies left an American port bound for Russia.

Russian War Relief, Inc., is seeking to raise \$3,000,000 nationally by June 1, with which to buy only those vitally needed drugs and surgical supplies specifically requested by the Soviet Government, and approved by OPM, the President's Committee on War Relief Agencies, and Lease-Lend authorities.

"There is an urgent and appealing need for medical aid, supplies, and humanitarian assistance to Russian soldiers and war victims in Russia.

For this reason Russian War Relief, Inc., should be accorded wholehearted, full and complete public support."

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

The LITHUANIAN ALUMNI AND STUDENT CLUB of New York is sponsoring a Washington Birthday and Dance, February 21st according to JANE VIKSVA, secretary of the group. It will be held at the Hotel Astor . . . Located in metropolitan New York, the Alumni and Students Club for more than twelve years has provided Lithuanian college graduates and students not only of the metropolitan area but also outlying districts with pleasant social activity . . . MISS ELIZABETH NORUSIS and MR. VICTOR SEMON are in charge of dance reservations . . .

FEBRUARY 8th, in SOUTH BOSTON, MASS., saw a huge turnout of youth of the *Association of Lithuanian Workers* members. On that day was held their annual Bay State Sports Banquet. It took place at the Hotel Essex . . .

LOUIS WEINTRAUB, writer, though not of Lithuanian descent has the following to say:

"I have greatly enjoyed reading the VILNIS ENGLISH SECTION and I want to congratulate the editor for putting out such a swell sheet" . . . No wonder JOE SACAL the editor is strutting. Anyway, thanks for the comment, Louis . . . P. S.: Mr Weintraub is a contributor to the *Laisve* English Section. He edits the "ROUND TOWN" column . . .

According to news emanating from BROOKLYN, NEW YORK following the *Laisve* shareholders meet, don't be surprised if a different type of LAISVE ENGLISH SECTION does come to the fore . . . Source has it that LES will be in new format, VES type . . .

JOSEPH BRAZAITIS, MAGGIE JETTERS, MARY BENDER, ALBA SAURUKAS and BERTHA GOODRICH form the executive board of a new LDS youth branch in HERRIN, ILLINOIS . . . Just starting out in this sphere of fraternal activity, the exec hopes that the idea will "spread throughout 'Little Egypt.'" "Little Egypt" is the nickname for southern Illinois . . .

Shining example of patriotism is the step taken by ST. VINCENT'S SOCIETY of New York. Mr. P. BAGOCIUNAS who is president reports that, \$5,000 dollars has been invested in U. S. Savings Bonds! . . .

COLIN ALLEN, noted cartoonist, is married to a Lithuanian girl. Her maiden name was ELSIE NORVALSIUTE. She is a nurse by profession . . . VINCENT KARLONAS, Elsie's uncle, is California bound. He hails from Maspeth, New York . . .

Brooklyn's well known and well liked darling play actress, ALDONA SERTVIETYTE, is Mrs. now. Hubby is ALFRED SAVICIUNAS . . . They were married February 1st . . .

SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS, former British Ambassador to the Soviet Union had this to say in a series of articles published in the *Chicago Times*: ". . . Surely it has become perfectly plain why Hitler and his associates so sedulously fostered "fear of Bolshevism." It was his greatest "fifth column" effort to sow dissension . . ." Taking Cripps' remarks and applying them to the tactics being utilized by "*Lithuanian-American pipsqWEEK*" and "*Nanjenos*", does it not put them in the category of being Hitler aides! . . .

February 16 will see many of our Lithuanian youth registering for the draft. Recently leaving for the armed service is JOHN PRANCKEVICH of Brooklyn . . . Others from New York leading the life of a soldier are: JOHN KOLIS, VINCENT KAZAKEVICH. Vincent is the brother of GEORGE KAZAKEVICH, orchestra leader and choral director . . .

JOHN F. EUDEIKIS, Chicago funeral director, is starting a new radio program. He is in "cahoots" with Saltmieras . . . Eudeikis' program will be on Saturdays. WHIP is the station . . .

The *LDS 2nd District* Committee received a heart warming letter from the President of the United States . . .

1,500 dollars in donations flooded the recent shareholders meeting of "*Laisve*" Lithuanian daily. Chicago Lithuanian finances did much to swell the fund . . .

Smetona supporters, ANTHONY OLIS and J. T. ZURIS are candidating for political positions. Zuris who is a judge, is in the running to maintain his position . . .

LITH GOVERNMENT LIVES; SEND GREETINGS

TOTAL LITH PARLIAMENT IN SOVIET UNION; CARRY ON BATTLE AGAINST HITLER

KUIBYSHEV, USSR.—Hitler may be a clever and brutal murderer, but the leading men and women of Lithuania have been too smart for him. Despite a lightning attack, despite the panzer legions and despite the armed might of Germany and a conquered Europe the leading Lithuanian writers, scientists and statesmen succeeded in retreating to the interior of the Soviet Union when the Nazis began their murderous war against Lithuania.

In a set of telegrams, just arrived direct from Kuibyshev, Lithuanian Americans will be happy to learn that Justas Paleckis, Gedvilas,



JUSTAS PALECKIS
Soviet Lithuania President

Salomeja Neris and other beloved Lithuanians are alive and well.

These are the complete and uncensored texts of the telegrams when have been received by leading Lithuanian Americans over the New Year:

The following was received by the editor of the newspaper "Laisve".

Roy Mizara
Editor, Lithuanian Daily Laisve

!Hearty New Year greetings Through you, the editor of the oldest Lithuanian newspaper in America, we desire to send our fraternal congratulations to all Lithuanian newspapers and their contributors and readers which are working for the defeat of Hitler. We wish you in the coming year maximum success in organizing the Lithuanian American masses in the struggle against fascism and aggressors and for democracy and liberation of Lithuania from Hitler's yoke.

Preikšas, Zimanas, Šimkus, Zinkus, Korsakas, Miežalaitis, Pajausis, Tamošiūnas.

The splendid work of the Lithuanian Committee for Medical Aid to the USSR was acknowledged in this telegram:

Dr. Kashkevich
Chairman
Lithuanian Committee for Medical Aid to the USSR

Best Wishes for the New Year. Hearty thanks to you and all American Lithuanians for fraternal aid of American Lithuanians for fraternal aid of American Lithuanians to the Lithuanian people and to all peoples in the Soviet Union in their struggle against German invaders—the ancient enemies of the Lithuanian people. Our Lithuanian brothers in America helped the Lithuanian people in their struggle against Tsarist yoke and against the German invaders in 1918. They have extended fraternal aid to our people in the struggle against Hitlerite invaders. Let 1942 witness the defeat of Hitler and all other international gangsters and the liberation of our country from Hitlerite invaders. We wish you and all American Lithuanians happiness and success in the coming year.

Paleckis,
Chairman Presidium Supreme Soviet
Lithuanian Socialist Republic.
Gedvilas,
Chairman Council



SALOMEJA NERIS
Beloved Poetess Is Alive

Peoples Commissars, Lithuania SSR.

The Lithuanian Literary Society received these New Year's Greetings from the finest writers and poets of Lithuania:

D. M. Šolomskas,
Lithuanian Literary Society (ALDLD)

Best wishes for the New Year. All success to you and



GENERAL VITKAUSKAS

the ALDLD in your efforts to unite American Lithuanians in struggle against Hitler and his allies, the mortal enemies of civilization and culture who are destroying spiritual treasures and trying to reduce mankind to the state of beasts. We wish you happiness and success in the New Year.

Cvirka, Salomeja Neris, Ljudas Gira, Venclova, Korsakas, Šimkus,

CITIZENS PROTEST SMETONA APPEARANCE IN BALTIMORE; ACCUSE HIM OF PRO-NAZISM

Under the title of "Smetona, Lithuanian Exile, Called Pro-Naz:" the following article appeared in the February 6th edition of the Baltimore Evening Sun.

Antanas Smetona, whom the story and accusation revolves around, has time and again been accused of pro-Nazi leanings. The protest launched against him by Baltimore persons only corroborates evidence which the Vilnis English Section and other American Lithuanian publications have presented — that Smetona is pro-Nazi and that he and his followers are conducting activity which is furthering

the interest of Hitler Germany.

In the interest of Lithuanian-Americans, all of whom are anti-Nazi and anti toward those who disseminate Axis propaganda, the Vilnis English Section presents the complete story as published in the Baltimore Sun. American Lithuanians want no Nazi stooge or stooges to speak for them on Lithuanian Independence Day, February 15, which is an official holiday in the State of Maryland. **The Editors.**

A protest against any contribution by the city toward entertainment of Antanas Smetona, President-in-exile of Lithuania during his visit here—on grounds he is sympathetic toward the Nazi regime—has been received by Mayor Howard W. Jackson from James Drury, local head of the National Maritime Union.

William F. Laukaitis, local head of the Liberate Lithuania, which is sponsoring the visit, declared there is no truth in the allegations made by Mr. Drury.

Brazil Lithuanians Celebrate Their Sixth Anniversary

SAO PAULO.—The leading Brazilian Lithuanian organization "Rytas" celebrated their sixth anniversary recently. Organized as a cultural and art club, "Rytas" has constantly increased in membership and is the most prominent Lithuanian group in Sao Paulo.

Young people go to make up the greater part of the organization. They have a choral group and an orchestra of their own.

South America has a number of Lithuanian colonies, many varieties of organizations and publishes several newspapers. As a whole, Lithuanians in this country are anti-Nazi. The greater part are pro-Soviet and are aiding the Soviets materially through Red Cross and Russian Relief centers.

Having huge coffee plantations in Brazil is Antanas Smetona, runaway one time dictator of Lithuania.



ANTANAS SMETONA

Said Mr. Laukaitis:

"The sole purpose of Mr. Smetona's visit to Baltimore is to stimulate the response of Lithuanian-Americans to defense bond sale and other war efforts. All Lithuanians, whether native or naturalized, are opposed to the Axis. The Lithuanian Minister in Washington has declared that Lithuania is to be considered as aligned with the states fighting the Axis."

Inquired At State Department

Laukaitis had made an inquiry of the State Department prior to making plans for the local visit, and had been informed by the Department that it does not advise in such matters, but that it is presumed that Dr. Smetona, being a guest of this country, will be guided by the usual rules of hospitality, and will eliminate from any addresses all references to controversial matters of European politics that have no bearing on the common war effort.

Mr. Drury, in his communication to the Mayor, stated that Dr. Smetona was touring the country to persuade Lithuanian-Americans that Germany would permit the establishment of an independent Lithuania. Mr. Jackson forwarded the Drury letter to Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State.



Anna Louise Strong, American journalist interviewing two representatives of the Lithuanian Soviet government prior to the Nazi invasion.

Rounder Upper Writes:

LDS MERRY GO ROUND

ALL OUT TO SORORITY CUPID NITE

Out at the Hollywood Inn Postal station there is going to be a big shin-dig for the LDS soldiers of Chicago this Saturday, February 14, 1942, at 8:30 p.m. "Purty" Sorority girls will be present to welcome everyone into the station. There will be a real cute cupid aiming at you with his bow and arrow to get the valentines for the gal friend. Then there's going to be a prize awarded to the one who gets the most. Many games will be introduced for the guests to take part in. Several fancy dances will be displayed by professional LDSers with bows. The girls will offer specialties in the line of refreshments. What ever you do, be sure to guzzle down a few. Remember total proceeds go for the LDS soldiers. Your presence will be appreciated. This will also be your opportunity to meet all the members of the Lambda Delta Sigma which is the newly organized sorority of Chicago. The entry fee is just 33 cents.

CHICAGO LEADER'S CONFERENCE

The 2nd LDS district has roughly sketched out a program to offer the Chicago youth leaders who meet in conference this Saturday. The national office will naturally sound their voice of approval on the proposed program. It is very important that the youth gather at this conference which is being held at the LaSalle Hotel. Let us all be present who have an interest in the activities of the LDS and the convention which will be held in July. It won't be long before the work will have to be grasped by all the groups and we will await for the delegates to arrive. What we will have to offer them and what kind of program will we prepare, this will depend on the outcome of the Sunday conference and the work that will follow. So follow LDS members, Sunday, February 15, at 1 p.m., at the La Salle Hotel Parlor B, let us gather for the session. Following conference end a program will be offered to those who will be interested in participating.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE SLOWLY PROGRESSING

From reports of the last branch meetings a few new members have been enrolled this month. But they were enrolled by the persons who already have enrolled new members. How about some action from those who have pledged to get a new member during this drive and have not as yet fulfilled the pledge. Don't let one person get all of the new members for your branch. Get in and do your share. Let's remember that Chicago has challenged the Metro council and we must get all the new members that we possibly can so that we won't be taken by surprise. Those Easterners are noted for such pranks. By next month let us exercise this motto: "Every Member Get A Member."

DRAMA

Those rules that the National Youth Committee has presented us with will be very hard to meet. The Redwings state they have a wov of a play but it would have to run over the time limit in order to give full effect of the play. With Dr. Kwain directing and casting the play, it would be no surprise if contracts were offered by some playhouse to present his play continuously.

Those Sparks are keeping rather quiet but you've always got to be on the look-out for them. Anne Peters brewed up something during her illness and before long will have the cast and a play selected for the Drama Festival. With these branches showing progress in the drama field surely other branches want to present plays for the Drama Festival during convention time.

REDWING MERIT AWARD AND INITIATION PARTY

An annual decree of the Redwings is to sponsor a initiation party and present awards for the merits that the members have earned. This year it will take place at Syrena's Rathskeller, Feb. 21. A chicken dinner is being offered to those who will be present. The committee has arranged a ritual ceremony for that evening which will include many stunts all of which will be performed by those who are to be initiated.

CAUGHT BY THE EYE AND EAR

It is an honor to know that LITHUANIAN WOMEN are doing such valiant work in aiding the AMERICAN RED CROSS and knitting for the Russian Red Army ... MRS. RASINS and MRS. RUSSEL of CHICAGO are taking a course that the American Red Cross is offering. Later they will teach other Lithuanian women ... HELLEN LANE is crocheting a shawl for a refugee ... The Chicago Women's Auxiliary held a buffet dinner last Saturday.

Another round robin letter was sent to an LDS soldier by the sorority sisters. In fact, two of them were sent. This procedure will continue at each meeting ... WILKIE'S picture appeared in a magazine, taken as he was boarding a ship which left for Ireland ... The whereabouts of several LDS men are unknown ...

Many LDSers saw the DON COSSACK performance last Monday ... Another LDS member Jos. Barnoske will get married this Saturday. Best wishes are extended to the young couple ... TONY GUZAUSKAS is happiest when in the presence of ALDONA GRAZULIS ... PHYLIS RASINS has taken her exams in statistical work and is very anxious to know what the outcome will be. Her brother Bill is working nights on the defense program and that keeps him away from many of the gatherings. However, he must not let the Monarchs down in getting new members during this LDS drive. The Monarchs have a challenge to fulfill with the Bostoners ... FRANK "SULLY" SOLOMON left Sunday for Columbus, Ohio. Many LDSers will miss him as he has done wonderful work in the LDS field ...

Remember to attend the Cupid's Nite affair this Saturday, at the Hollywood Inn ...

Chicago LDS Youth Leaders Meet In Conference Sunday Afternoon, Hotel LaSalle

New York City To Get Gas Masks For Civilians

Part of the \$100,000,000 recently appropriated by Congress for civilian defense will be used to equip New York City with gas masks and auxiliary firefighting equipment, according to James L. Landis, new director of the Office of Civilian Defense.

He did not say how many would be distributed, nor when they might be ready, but announced that they will be made available to all "target areas" — regions within 300 miles of seacoasts.

The OCD director cautioned that "we can never think of ourselves as safe along the Atlantic" and said that Boston has attained a higher degree of protection than New York City.

Landis also announced that the OCD is being divided into seven main departments each with an executive head.

Army specifications for gas masks provide for five types, ranging from those for infants under two to those for adults.

CHICAGO, Ill.—When Chicago youth leaders of the Association of Lithuanian Workers (LDS) convene in this city, Sunday, February 15, at the Hotel LaSalle, they will have a number of items to thrash out.

Considering the fact that the association's national convention takes place here on July 20, and also, understanding that the burden of convention proceedings rests on LDS members in that particular city whereat the convention is held — youth leaders who will gather in conference, in the main will discuss convention problems.

With America and the United Nations at war with the Axis, it will also be up to the youth leaders to talk over the role they as Amer-

icans will play, and what they can contribute in an organized sense, toward winning the war.

The Midwest Youth Council of the Association of Lithuanian Workers, according to reports, will present an agenda to the gathered representatives dealing with some four specific items. These items no doubt will be: National Convention, National Track and Field Meet, National Membership Drive and National Defense.

30 Leaders To Be Present
Some thirty leaders re-



Chicago LDS members. They will be present at the Chicago LDS Youth Leaders' Meeting which takes place this Sunday, 1 P. M., at the Hotel LaSalle. Left to right are: Al Klaud, Frances Yurgil, Joseph Staloraitis, members of the Midwest Youth Council. Others are: Aldona Pavalonis, George Juozaitis and Jessie Shaiko.

Roseland Aido Chorus Urges Attendance To Their "Dance Of The Year," March 8th

We're back again to announce the fact that Roseland's Aido Chorus is feverishly preparing for their big dance. To be held on March 8th, a Sunday, the affair promises to be the largest ever held.

Everybody, we presume, knows that the arrangement will be held at the Venetian Ballroom, 139 Kensington Ave. In case you didn't know, jot down the address

or clip out the item revealing to the dance.

Music will be furnished by Phil Palmer's Orchestra. We suggest you be present at 8 p.m. the scheduled time, and thus avoid standing in line. Dancing will continue until the wee hours of the morning.

Part of the proceeds from the dance will go to the Red Cross. Soldiers, sailors and marines in uniform are admitted free. Admission is 40 cents plus 4 cents tax.

Sorority Dance

May we remind those who will attend the LDS sorority "Cupid's Nite" this Saturday at Hollywood Inn, that you bring our dance tickets along and sell them to the crowd.

We'll be seein' ya,
Pinky.

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presenting youth branches such as Redwings, Monarchs, Sparks and Roselanders will be present. Nearby representation from the cities of Rockford and Waukegan is also expected.

Representatives from the adult section of the association will be had. They will consist of delegates from the LDS 2nd District Committee.

The calling of a Chicago youth leaders conference springs from the recently held National Youth Leaders Meeting and the decisions adopted there. To be put into operation the tasks outlined at said meet, is, in the main, the reason for the Windy City gathering.

The Chicago Youth Leaders Conference will open at 1 p. m. in the afternoon of February 15. It will be held in Parlor B of the Hotel LaSalle.

Following conference end, it is expected that the assembled youth will indulge in an evening of entertainment.

ON VALENTINE'S DAY...

Remember Uncle Sam, too!

Also Give U. S. DEFENSE BONDS STAMPS