



VILNIS

American Lithuanian Weekly



VOLUME XXIII, No. 13 THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1942

3116 S. HALSTED ST., CHICAGO, ILL.

TELEPHONE: VICTORY 1455

Paleckis Says Executions Will Speed Nazi End

MOSCOW. — Justas Paleckis, President of Soviet Lithuania, last week denounced the execution of 42 Lithuanians by Nazi occupation forces. He declared that such action against Lithuanians will only intensify their struggle against the Nazi murderers, and strengthen their will and determination to carry on until the brown bestial menace is completely eliminated.

The 42 Lithuanians shot, were guerrillas conducting sabotage. They were a group of many who are rendering invaluable assistance by disrupting Nazi communication lines, blowing up bridges, and harrying the German troops in every possible way. They maintained communication with the Russian Red Army.

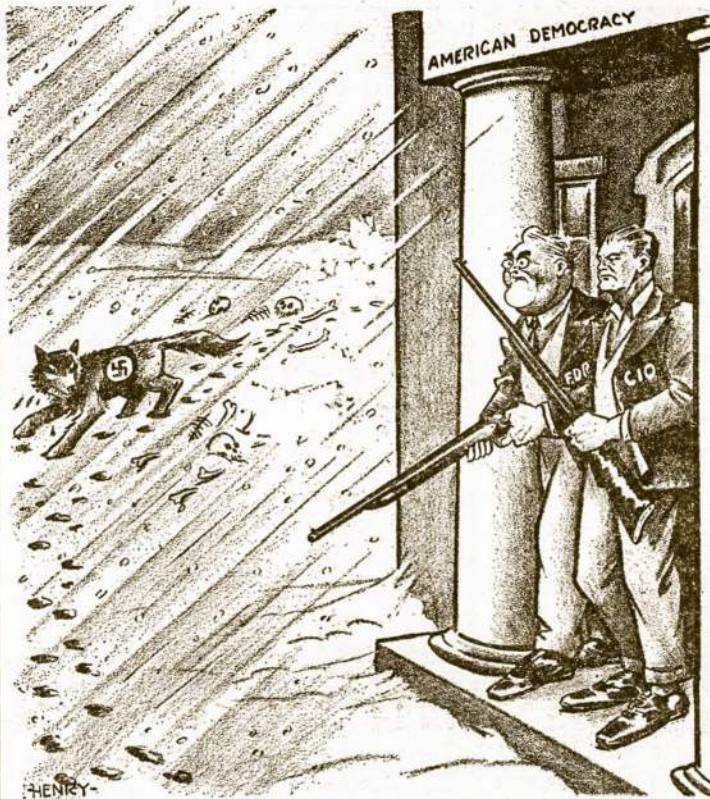
No Autonomy For Baltic States; Nazi Lith Heads Lithuania

STOCKHOLM, March 22. (ONA)—The Baltic nations will not be given autonomy by Berlin, it appeared today, after Alfred Rosenberg, Nazi Commissioner for the so-called Ostland, had announced new German administrations for conquered Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, and designated German as the official language.

Germans retain control of the police and political and economic affairs, it was reported by the newspaper Daogens Nyheter from Berlin.

The Germans appointed a council of five members, headed by a Dr. Mall, leader of the Estonian Fascists, for Estonia, and councils of seven for Latvia and Lithuania. General Dankers, former commander of the Libau garrison, heads the council in Latvia, and a General Kubeliunas in Lithuania.

ON GUARD



THE 5th COLUMN HOISTS A NEW BANNER

Hitler's spring offensive has already been launched by his agents right here in America.

That is the unvarnished meaning of the current drive allegedly aimed against the 40-hour week legislation.

The moment when prospects are bright for government-labor-employer unity behind maximum production, is seized upon by Hitler's agents for a campaign of disunity.

Just when the production drive is getting under way, Hitler's agents seek to disrupt it.

Just when labor and patriotic employers are beginning to sit down and talk things over, Hitler's agents are trying to create friction.

The present campaign has been launched under such slogans as "down with the 40-hour week" and "work-or-fight." But this is only a disguise. For the drive is not aimed primarily at labor but at national unity and the whole war effort.

The hypocrisy of the attack can be seen in the fact that there has not been a single strike in an important war industry since Pearl Harbor.

The fact is, production is ahead of schedule in some places and where it is ahead this is the result of the doggedness, discipline and hard work of organized labor.

The main bugaboo raised in the halls of Congress and in certain newspaper is the 40-hour week. But it is public knowledge that this question is being discussed right now by Labor's Victory Board and the President of the United States and that government, labor and patriotic employers are seeking a rounded-out program on war economy.

The purpose of the present Fifth Column drive is to torpedo these friendly discussions and prevent a satisfactory agreement!

Every Lithuanian-American should spring into action as regards this Fifth Column drive. For it is the appeasers who are seizing upon the issue of the 40-hour week in order to confuse and inflame the public mind.

Letters and telegrams of indignation should be sent to every Congressman. Steps, real steps, against forces of disunity should be urged. The attempt to smash the 40-hour week must be stopped dead in its tracks, if we are to win the war and defeat the Cliveden Set which favors profits over victory. It is the job of every Lithuanian-American to work toward this accomplishment. The Fifth Column must be smoked out to prevent them from throwing the country into turmoil.

Lithuanian Editor Saw Nazis Bomb, Burn Cities, Town

(By Mail)

Jonas Simkus, editor of "Taryba Lietuvos", official organ of Soviet Lithuania, and now in Soviet Russia following Nazi occupation of that country, issued an appeal to Lithuanian-Americans to stand unitedly in the fight against the Axis aggressors.

Simkus who barely escaped from Nazi clutches, stayed in Lithuania until the last days and witnessed the horrible destruction of cities and towns by Nazi aviation and artillery.

Kaunas, Siauliai, Kretinga, Kedainiai, Alytus, Vilkaviskis, Taurage, Sasnava, Vilnius, were leveled by bombs. Women and children were machine-gunned by planes and many hundreds were killed.

Lithuanian Delegates Leave For "Free Browder" Congress

CHICAGO, Ill. — Three Lithuanian representatives left this city to attend a "Free Browder Conference" being held over the weekend in New York City. The three, represent the Chicago Lithuanian Women's Clubs, Association of Lithuanian Workers, and Lithuanian Literature Society.

The Browder conference will be a nationwide gathering of persons representing a variety of unions, fraternal organizations, social clubs, who will meet to formulate plans and intensify action for the release of Earl Browder, noted labor leader imprisoned on a technicality.

Already three million persons have petitioned the President of the United States asking for Browners release. Organizations have adopted resolutions requesting the President to free the noted anti-fascist Lithuanian-American organizations, have participated in this action.

Lithuanian delegates from many states and cities will be present at the Free Browder Conference.

FORM SECOND LITHUANIAN DIVISION

LITHUANIAN DELEGATES FROM MANY CITIES, STATES AT 'FREE BROWDER' CONFAB

By George Starkauskas

Lithuanian-American delegates from the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New York; thousands of New Yorkers and people from adjoining states, as well as other delegates from all over the country attending the National Free Browder Congress are expected to fill three large halls for the final session and mass rally of the Congress on Sunday afternoon, March 29, 2 o'clock sharp, where the patriotic assembly will demonstrate its will for the immediate release of the imprisoned anti-fascist and leader of the laboring masses, Earl Browder.

The meetings will take place at Royal Windsor, Manhattan Center and the Cosmopolitan Opera House.

In announcing the three huge mass meetings, Mr. Weinstock, administrative secretary of the Citizen's Committee said that all the nationally prominent speakers will address all three meetings and that the programs at all the three arenas will be identical.

Freedom Landmark

Mr. Weinstock referred to the Free Browder mass meeting on March 29 as a landmark in the campaign for the freedom of Earl Browder.

"New York will witness on Sunday, March 29, a great patriotic assembly for victory and freedom," Mr. Weinstock stated. "The National Free Browder Congress final session that afternoon will be joined with a mass meeting where the people of New York will demonstrate on behalf of equal justice—the strongest link in the chain of our national morale. More than three million people have already appealed to President Roosevelt for the freedom of the imprisoned man. These mass meetings will be the expression of the will of these millions and all the millions in America who are ready to give their very lives for the defense of democracy, justice and freedom."

Lithuanian Writer Cancels Expected Trip To America

(By Mail)

Due to hazardous and difficult travel, Petras Cvirka, noted Lithuanian writer and journalist will not embark for the United States as was expected.

Cvirka whose illness prevented him from leaving Soviet Russia for America previously, is busily engaged at present writing for Lithuanian publications which reach the two divisions of Lithuanian Red Army men and the many thousands of refugees, who fled the Nazi aggression and are now residing in the Soviet Union.

Cvirka is well known to Lithuanian-Americans. He participated in the forming of a Soviet government in Lithuania following the collapse of the Smetona regime.

Lithuanian Mother Has Four Sons In Service

CHICAGO, Ill. — Lithuanian born Mrs. Elizabeth Wiltrakis is a four star mother. Four of her sons are in the armed service. One of them a doctor, with Major's stripes, is on duty in Australia. Captain Edward Wiltrakis is an army engineer, Lieutenant Leo Wiltrakis is with an artillery unit at Fort Sill, and Jack, a chief petty officer, is aboard an aircraft carrier somewhere at sea.

A fifth son, saw service during the last war and is residing in New York at present.

Youth Killed In Philippines Known In LDS Circles



EDWARD J. GUOKAS

Killed in action in the Philippines. Picture above was sent his parents a short time before his death.—Photo courtesy CHICAGO SUN.

CHICAGO, Ill. — Edward J. Guokas, who was killed in action in the Philippines according to a War Department announcement, was well known in LDS circles in this city. He frequently attended functions sponsored by youth branches of that organization.

Guokas, 24-years old, a private first class, was inducted into the U. S. Army March, 1941. He was sent to Manila shortly before the Japanese aggression. There, as a member of the medical corps, he was assigned to the Steinberg Hospital. He is the second Lithuanian reported killed in the Philippine theatre of war. Peter Kaminskas, 34, of Chicago was the first Lithuanian killed in the battle of Bataan.

WE CAN WIN

"If every one of you starts tomorrow putting that extra bit of drive; that extra head of steam; that extra measure of determination into the job at hand, we can win with a minimum loss of blood and treasure."

Donald M. Nelson,

THOUSANDS JOIN RED ARMY RANKS TO AVENGE NAZI ATROCITIES, MURDERS

By JONAS MARCINKEVICIUS
Wireless Inter-Continent News)

Sons of Lithuania, children of Lithuanian workers, peasants and intellectuals who left Lithuania following the enemy onslaught, have merged in the new Lithuanian Division of the Red Army. Here the Lithuanians have vowed to fight until the last of the invaders is driven from the native land.

There's Jurgis Strazdas saying the old man opens the door and calls.

Under Smetona's rule he had four hectares of land. His family consisted of six sons and one daughter. Soviet power granted him eight more hectares.

"I want to serve in the division," he says calmly.

"How old are you?" asks the commander.

"Only sixty. Please accept me," pleads Strazdas, "I am an old fighter and can fight no worse than the young. My whole family also wants to join up." Thus

"All Strazdas step up!" Four sons, a son in law and a daughter walk into the office.

"I want to be a trench-mortarman," says the oldest son, "It's the most effective weapon against the enemy."

"I am strong and able to carry the wounded from the battlefield. I want to be a Red Cross nurse," his daughter joins in.

And so old man Strazdas and his family enrolled in the division.

Spain Fighter Joins

The next applicant looks no more than seventeen years old. He assures the commander that he already turned twenty. He is followed by a man who was wounded nine times fighting for republican Spain. Four other applicants — four brothers — all artillerymen. Their mother was killed by the fascists on a highway. Their wives and children are languishing in concentration camps. The fifth brother was hanged in a town burned by the fascists.

"We hate the fascists," one of the brothers says passionately, "we promise we shan't miss the mark."

"Alright," says the division commissar, "I will put you all in the same detachment."

All the applicants breathe vigor and confidence in victory.

They will never forget the atrocities of the German robbers. Every fighter mentally turns his eyes to Lithuania. There on the map is a green spot by the Baltic Sea. Every Lithuanian fighter knows that the Red Army is fighting its way to his country and together with it Strazdas and his sons and hundreds of others will soon put an end to the enemy and return home as masters of their liberated land.

Notify Family That Son Is Missing In Action

ROCKFORD, Ill. — The Navy Department notified Mrs. Artella Norvellis of this city, that her son, First Class Seaman Albert Frank Norvellis, 21 years old, is missing with other seamen after the sinking of his ship in action. The navy department informed her there may be survivors but that it could provide no word regarding her son. A second son, Charles, also is in the navy.

New York Governor Sponsors Russian War Relief Group

Organization of an Albany committee of Russian War Relief, Inc., with Gov. Herbert H. Lehman as honorary chairman and a long list of other state officers among the sponsors was announced today by Edward C. Carter, president of Russian War Relief.

Active chairman of the capital committee is Fred Hollowell, secretary to the Comptroller of the State.

THE SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Al Klaud

May 2-3 are the days set for the Midwest L.D.S. Bowling Tourney in the City of Detroit.

Plans are in the making for a Send Off Dance for Chicago. Also what we need to know definitely is how many teams outside the L.D.S. league is going to enter the Detroit Tournament. I have inklings that Roseland and Rockford will go plus our league outfits. Maybe other teams can be organized.

So I want to give notice to branches now to question how many people care to go to the Detroit Bowling Tourney.

Must Fill Out Applications

Applications will have to be sent in with the proper fees and arrangements for transportation. That is something substantial not—as last season—some had luck which hindered the tourney organizers as well as the bowlers themselves.

Since the date set was late and due to experience the concensus has been made to have each bowler pay for their own transportation etc. However, a dance is definitely set to celebrate the sending off of bowlers.

Chi. Girls To Win?

Chicago girls are out to get the championship trophy honors away from the Detroit girls — why?—Because already they have participated in a tourney sponsored by a Chicago newspaper.

The Redwings Squaws headed by Jessie Shaiko rolled a 2044 total. Jessie by the way has fifth place so far in the Class C. All events standings.

Lillian Retis of the Monarchs Starlettes also bowled in this tourney with the LDS team. The Starlettes totaled 1914. Daunoras, Lizius, Sgro, Baran were the other members. Lillian slapped the maples at a 523 clip.

Topplers Good.

Headed by their star bowler Albina Batutis, the Monarchs Pin Topplers rolled a 1988 total for three games. Mrs. Batutis had a 521 woodpile for her three team games.

There are two more teams who are entered in this tourney and as yet their respective results haven't yet been published. All teams so far bowled in

20,000 Block Captains Are Elected In Chicago

By WALTER ROY
Liaison Officer, Office of Civilian Defense, Chicago Metropolitan Area

Twenty thousand block captains, virtually one hundred per cent of the number to be chosen, have been elected throughout the Chicago Metropolitan Area, and today stand as the vanguard of the Civilian Defense army being molded to protect citizens and property.

Ever since December 28, when the first steps were taken toward organization, civic and patriotic minded men and women have been laboring diligently to carry out the plans formulated. Holding steadfast to the principles of our democratic processes for which we are fighting, this peoples' army, under the leadership of its coordinator, has developed a civic enterprise, void of politics, that assures metropolitan Chicago of efficient protection and service.

BEGIN TO FUNCTION

Huge bodies move slowly, and although speed was desirable it has been necessary to hold back so as to build efficiently. Meetings and elections take time, and especially is time required for the block captains to become acquainted with the abilities of residents in their blocks.

Almost all block elections have been held. This means that some 20,000 block organizations have begun to function. Wardens are being appointed and at the same time the civilian army is being enrolled. As quickly as the nominations of wardens are made, training and drill must be provided. A vast training program is being developed to perform this task.

Some of the magnitude of the job becomes apparent from the totals in round numbers of the classifications involved to date:

Block Organizers	20,000
Block Captains	20,000
Air Raid Wardens	30,000
Auxiliary Policemen	7,500
Auxiliary Firemen	7,500
Zone Captains	3,500

For every additional warden of any kind to be nominated in the blocks, 20,000 must be added to this total. More than 800,000 citizens have already filled out volunteer enrollment blanks.

EXPERTS AT WORK

While all this recruiting has been taking place, committees of experts planning for protection of schools, industries, public institutions, churches, theatres, etc., have been diligently at work.

It obviously was necessary to organize for protection first. As this organization takes shape, we are moving along with the community services which will have to do with our economic and social welfare.

Chicago, always known as a friendly city, has through this Civilian Defense mobilization definitely become still more neighborly. Blocks, after being or-

Paulas	175
Batutis	174
Zebraitis	167
Usauskas	167
Osinskas	166
F. Kwain	165
Urban	163
Aubrecht	163
Woods	162
Klaud	160
Griecus	160

the Class D field.

So watch out Detroit — Chicago is championship bound!

Bowling Proper

Few weeks more to go to find out who the 1941-42 Chicago LDS Bowling Team Champions will be. So far *Kraml Dairy* holds the spotlight for first place. And very close behind are the *Bombers* and the *La Dee Das*. Time alone can tell.

Another one of our bowlers, *Joe Dober left for the Army*. We know he will be missed but it seems duty or service comes first, as always.

Last Wednesday three teams came out with three victories against no defeats. *Redwing Bombers* blasted a triple win from the *Foul Balls*. *Bruno Baron* for the second week in a row lead the Bombers. He had a nice 554 pile up which included 198 and 207 games. *J. Lerner* of the *Foul Balls* furnished their best competition by having a 489 series included was a neat 199 game.

Going up three more notches was the *Kraml Dairy* team. They whitewashed the *Cherry Brand* team with the able assistance of the *Kwain Brothers*, George rolled 548 while Frank had a 524 series. *Karabowicz* of the *Brand* team got haywire to get a 493 total and a 197 game.

Those *La Dee Das* just can't be stopped! It seems they still have to meet their conqueror. They swamped the *Royal Blues* in three games with *Frank Kuchinskas* 585 total. *Damaska* and *Paulas* had 500 and 507 for their respective series. With *Batutis* absent, *Osinskas* led the Blue team.

East place *Monarchs* won two from the *Sparks* team while dropping one. *Zebraitis* with a 553 three game series led his team while *Soldier Dober* made a grand finale by having a 230 game and a 526 series.

Team Standings

1. Kraml Dairy	49	26
2. Bombers	47	28
3. La Dee Das	46	29
4. Sparks	37	38
5. Cherry Brand	34	41
6. Foul Balls	32	43
7. Royal Blue	30	45
8. Monarchs	25	50

Individual Standings

G. Kwain	178
----------	-----



SECOND SACKER—St. Louis Browns are going along with Don Gutteridge, who never played second base before, shown in action at training camp at Sanford, Fla. He was with Sacramento last year. He's from Pittsburg, Kas.

DETROIT CHORUS HAS BUSY WEEKEND; PRESENTS PLAY, IS ON "ALL" PROGRAM

This was a hectic weekend for us. After a parade in the snow flurries, the chorus was fully assembled in the huge Coliseum. What a program! Speakers galore, while our group was fidgeting around hoping that they would speed it up so that we could sing and leave to attend to our play. It never fails. We always have two or three affairs to attend to in one day. They disappointed us also in the fact that they did not record more than two choral groups. Of course, we know that radio time is very hard to get.

Tyrone Power Present

I shall devote a special paragraph to Annabella and Tyrone Power who made their appearance as guest speakers. They stole the show. The crowd, especially the girls, (I could name a few) were all a-dither. After that, I am sorry

to say that no attention was paid to the speeches that were made by prominent men who were listed on the program.

The curtain finally went up on the play *Isvyta Duk-16* after a mad rush to get to Finnish Hall, have make-up applied, and dress for the parts. Whee! I'm just getting over it. I know that Antoinette did more than her share of chasing around. I won't dwell on the individual merits of the players—I shall leave that to our elders. I know that our public liked it.

Play Good

You know how these amateur plays go—the door gets struck, the book case topples over nearly injuring the actors—we had our share of that. Another thing, the telephone didn't ring. To err is human—and are we human? Or shouldn't we ask that?

Mr. Zilinskas, Aldona Zilinskas's brother from Brooklyn, came to the play. It seems that he is a civilian mechanic at Selfridge Field at Mt. Clemens. Your brother gets around Aldona. We hope to see more of him.

ganzed, have held "Know thy neighbor" meetings. Protecting ourselves is a matter of common interest through which we share in a common cause.

Metropolitan Chicago is doing what must be done as a precautionary measure. Its citizens and their properties are entitled to the best protection. Its industry must be safeguarded.

'42 LDS National Track And Field Meet?



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Beautiful is the name for Miss Anna Zade who is visiting her folks in Chicago. Miss Zade is a model in Hollywood, California. Two years ago she won a beauty contest in Chicago and was awarded a free trip to the film city. She has resided there ever since... Anna is an ardent reader of the Vilnis English Section. She receives it regularly....

"At last I am a soldier — or words to that effect. So far, so good. Regards to all my friends."

Private Vasaris is situated at Fort Devens, Ayer, Massachusetts. His address is Co. D-4—R.R.C. ...

Alex Vasilauskas, noted singer was inducted into the army last Monday... Alex is the director of the Massachusetts Amherst Radio Hour and at one time sponsored a radio program in Detroit. He is well known in Lithuanian-American circles....

Metropolitan opera star, Anna Kaskas became the bride of Anthony J. Locol of Hartford, Connecticut, March 14....

Prominent person in the service of Uncle Sam at Gowan Field, Idaho, is Arthur Zewert (Zewartas)... Zewart was once manager for one time wrestler, Karl Pozela who at present manages Maurice Tillet "The Angel." Arthur



ANNA ZADES

Youthful songstress, Anita Navickas, will be heard in a song recital at the Lithuanian Auditorium in Chicago on April 26th.... Miss Navickas met with Professor Vytautas Bacevicius, Pianist-Composer in New York recently.... She too is a constant reader of the Vilnis English Section....

John Kuodis, director of the Chicago Lithuanian Cultural and Art Club Radio Hour accepted the position of Lithuanian translator for all of Mayor Kelly's civilian defense talks.... Every Lithuanian radio program will utilize Kuodes' translations....

Second vice-president of the Association of Lithuanian Workers (LDS) and subscriber to the Vilnis English Section ANTHONY VASARIS writes:



ALEX VASILIAUSKAS



ANNA KASKAS

was a wrestler himself, and is known from coast to coast as an artist in this field of endeavor. His position with Uncle Sam is that of a radio operator in the United States air force....

Private Stanley Cabel-Kubilius and father dropped in for a chat with editors of both English and language sections of the Vilnis.... Stanley is attached to the U. S. Army Air Corps and is situated at Chanute Field, Illinois. He expects to be transferred to Kelly Field, Texas soon....

Volunteering for service with the United States air corps is John Atkocius, footballer and singer hailing from South Brooklyn, New York. A sendoff party was arranged for him at the Lithuanian Citizens Club....

white and blue streamers and huge banners. The flags of the 26 United Nations fighting against the Axis-Hitlerist menace will also be displayed, prior to and during convention proceedings.

Pick Lith Neighborhood

The Lithuanian neighborhoods and businessmen in Chicago are not to be done out of support, but will be busily engrossed throughout the four day event catering to the several hundred delegates who will arrive from all parts of the country. The Association of Lithuanian Workers believes in supporting Lithuanian businessmen and Lithuanian neighborhoods, and refuse to adopt hi-de-ho tactics of the type which were utilized by another so-called "Lithuanian" fraternal organization which held its convention in this city not too long back.

Only one session will take place outside of the

Lithuanian neighborhood. That will be the youth session. This will take place at a downtown hotel.

At Lithuanian Auditorium

The Lithuanian Auditorium has been taken over for the convention's duration. All affairs, dinners, banquets, etc., will take place here. It is situated in a more or less central part of Chicago and can be easily reached via the transit system available in this city.

The arrangements committee has already announced that a free banquet will be given to all delegates. And as for entertainment, a concert, several dances and an outing are listed.

As is known, a gigantic National Track and Field Meet, with dozens of participants (as photo above shows) will be sponsored by the association. Place, number, and type of sports will be announced later. The LDS Midwest Youth Council has taken on the responsibility to secure necessary grounds for this sports meet.

Chicago girls will play host (girl's sorority) to the many youth delegates that will attend the convention.

Chi. LDS Convention Committee Planning To Decorate Site Of LDS Convention

CHICAGO, Illinois.—Rapidly plans for the forthcoming convention of the Association of Lithuanian Workers (LDS) are moving ahead. A recent meeting of the convention arrangements committee brought forth the announcement that a good section of Bridgeport, where about three fourths of the convention will be held, will be decorated with red,

THE VILNIS

—ENGLISH SECTION—

Editor: Joseph Sacal

3116 So. Halsted St., Chicago, Ill.
Phone VICTory 1455

Americas Quislings

(The following editorial is a reprint from a recent issue of the CHICAGO SUN. Because it strikes home as regards Quisling activity in the United States, and because certain Lithuanian newspapers and groups are indulging in just the type of activity as is outlined in the editorial, we believe it important enough to publish.)

—The Editors

(From The Chicago Sun)

More than 2,000 enemy aliens have been arrested for violating the President's proclamation forbidding possession of firearms, cameras and short-wave radio sets. Fifteen hundred guns and one and one-half million rounds of ammunition have been taken up. In Chicago, Nazi propaganda, storm troopers' uniforms and swastika armbands were seized a day or two ago in a raid on German Bund headquarters.

Probably a large part of the seized weapons were originally acquired without thought of fifth-column activities. Some of them no doubt were held in ignorance of the presidential order, although the FBI reports much deliberate hiding. The danger from armed aliens, serious in centers of Japanese colonization, is not great elsewhere. What is most surprising is that so many aliens thought it safe or worth-while to risk arrest.

This is easier to understand when one observes the examples set for Japs and Bundists by our native American fascists. These are of two types, both extensively engaged in publishing newspapers or magazines. One consists of avowed fascists who brazenly publish Nazi-minded sheets (there are said to be 95 of them) openly devoted to sabotaging American victory by stirring race prejudice, asking whose war this is, attacking Britain and Russia praising Hitler, and so on. The other, far more dangerous, is made up of powerful, adroit, "respectable" publishers who shout for victory while they work to bring about defeat.

We have always had journalistic Quislings in America. Once they were crude fellows who mistakenly thought that one column of patriotism would cover up a dozen columns of treason. Today they are wiser. They bury one column of subversive poison in a dozen columns of patriotism, knowing that the poison works better when well concealed, besides protecting the one who spreads it.

Consider how this affects enemy aliens. They are not fooled by the patriotic camouflage of the Quislings. They know the exact purpose and the precise effect of the poisoned pen wrapped in the folds of the flag, because it is the same poison they get from Berlin and Tokio. They realize that Nazism has powerful allies in America, allies far more significant than the duped and dopey "shirt" variety of American fascists. When the Japs and Bundists observe that both groups of native fascists pursue their subversive course unpunished and unhampered, it gives them confidence.

So they decided to store their rifles in the cellar and wait.

'ROME-BERLIN-TOKIO AXIS'



THEY SAID LAST WEEK

Donald M. Nelson, Chairman of the War Production Board:

"We are face to face with an enemy determined to destroy us. We have to have weapons to defend ourselves physically here and now. We have got to have more and more, and ever more planes, tanks, ships and guns to carry the fight directly to the enemy and annihilate him. I believe the necessity for having those weapons now transcends all other matters in the public mind, either political or economic.

"If, therefore, we are to achieve victory for the ideals we free men have always loved, then we on the production lines must abandon every other consideration except increasing production and increasing it every day. If we fail in that we shall burn in the flames of a public wrath so intense that in its heat it might consume the very standards we have set for free men to live by."

— Common Council —

President Roosevelt:

"Within reasonable limits, I believe that the war effort will not be hampered, but actually improved, by sensible participation in healthy, recreational pursuits. It must be borne in mind, however, that 'recreation as usual' is just as bad as 'business as usual'. Recreation under present conditions can be undertaken solely with the purpose of building up body and mind and with the chief thought that this will help win the war.

"Such recreation may come by participation in, or attendance at, various sports, motion pictures, music, the drama, picnics, etc. All of them have a necessary and beneficial part in promoting an overall efficiency by relieving the strains of war and work."

— Common Council —

Claude Wickard, Secretary of Agriculture:

"American agriculture is today a rugged, vigorous industry, prepared to shoulder its share of the nation's war burden. In the national farm programs our farmers have the means and machinery with which to merge their individual efforts into the greatest total contribution to the war effort. The farm programs that were a peacetime blessing are a wartime Godsend. Total farm production in 1941 was the greatest on record. Farmers, however, must produce more and they must produce more widely than ever before. American food may be the deciding factor in more and more of the nations friendly to the cause of freedom. That is why American farmers have said that in 1942 they will greatly surpass last year's record production."

— Common Council —

William P. Witherow, President, National Association of Manufacturers:

"All the heroic MacArthurs in the world can't win the war without guns, planes and ships. Only we manufacturers can make those materials of war. Ours is not only the responsibility of protecting our homes, but the responsibility for the human lives that stand between us and defeat. Personally, I think we might just as well give our all personal energy, plant production and taxes now as to lose all eventually. I'd rather be without plant, private enterprise or wealth than to take my orders from Tokyo."

As We See It In Lith Circles

By GEORGE STARKAUSKAS

THE SUN SHINES, BUT NOT FOR "NAUJIENOS"

Mr. Pijus Grigaitis, editor of "Naujienos," the sheet which publishes Nazi propaganda is sore. The soreness came to the fore at a meeting a week or so back at which, Grigaitis and his stooge Joseph Poshka, editor of the "Naujienos" english section "Lithuanian - American WEEK", bitterly remarked on Chicago's new morning newspaper, THE SUN.

Now the SUN, is a fairly progressive newspaper. It has lambasted and accurately exposed individuals and newspapers who are, quote: "openly devoted to sabotaging American victory by stirring race prejudice, asking whose war this is, attacking Britain and Russia, praising Hitler, and so on."

The SUN of course, did not name names when it condemned element of this type. The people of Chicago as well have a damn good idea as to WHO-IS-WHO, and this goes for our Lithuanian-Americans.

That the "Naujienos" editor and pro-Nazi stooges who are behind the newspaper, don't like the SUN'S editorial policy and "line" is an obvious fact. And the reason, for the no-like attitude, is precisely because the SUN hits pro-Nazis in a spot that hurts. It exposes their tactics of work, their anti-unity field of activity, and in no uncertain terms calls them what they are: "... native American fascists."

We doubt whether there is any honest or sincere American who can disagree with the SUN'S "Win The War" policy at present. It is a straightforward one. And most important, stands fore-square behind the principals adopted by the United Nations.

However, "Naujienos" disagrees with this policy. It's editorial and news policy is just the type described by the SUN as "... journalistic Quislingism." It hates Russia, it despises the far seeing Sir Stafford Cripps and falls into the category of an enemy of the American people, which as described by Archibald Mac Leish, director of the Office of Facts and Figures, at a recent unity meeting in New York City is one who "... hates our allies in this war more than he trusts and loves his fellow citizens.... who fears the beliefs of the Russian people more than he trusts the beliefs of the people of America, and who would willingly see the United States destroyed if Russia could be destroyed in the same disaster...."

This properly describes "Naujienos" and its co-partner newspapers. And because the SUN, and Lithuanian publications such as the Vilnis and Laisve fight Quislingism, fight henchmen of Hitlerism, fight for victory over Axis, our journalistic Quislingmen are sore and squawk loudly.

We too disagree with the SUN. We think they have too soft an approach as regards Quislingism. We think it's time we took off the silken glove and smashed back, demanding immediate and concrete action against those that would sell us down the river, into the bloody murderous hands of Hitlerism.

LIFE BY THE PINT

By Quentin Reynolds

(By Radio from Moscow)

War is not all killing. Behind the battle front Russia's doctors, both great and small, fight to save the wounded, while Russian women line up to donate precious blood.

Corporal Alexis Matveev lay on his side. The doctor had just taken 25 grams of fluid from his spinal column. When the brain has been injured the spinal column generates an overproduction of fluid and this has to be removed. Alexis was breathing easily and no fear showed in his large gray eyes. Two weeks before, he had been found in the mud outside Bryansk with a large piece of shrapnel in his brain and one chance in a thousand of living. Now he was in the hospital under the care of one of the world's greatest brain surgeons, Dr. Nikolai Ivanovitch Grastchenkov.

The doctor talked soothingly to the young soldier. Then he removed the dressing from the boy's skull. It is easy to look at a bullet wound because the skin, as though ashamed of its weakness, closes quickly over the hole. It is not easy to look at a shrapnel wound because the shrapnel, being jagged and dull, tears as well as cuts. Alexis had been operated on three days before. The wound was ugly and nearly half the brain lay exposed. But the wound wasn't ugly to Grastchenkov. He smiled as he looked at it; he took a probe and touched the brain and, surprisingly, the boy did not even wince. But I did.

"The brain is a wonderful organ," the doctor said, seeing the look on my face: "It is so wonderful that it is not capable of feeling pain. Skin, muscles, bones—these give pain but not the brain."

He put the dressing back with quick, deft fingers, told Alexis that he'd be back fighting in a month or two. Then we left.

Grastchenkov, who studied in Cambridge and later at the Rockefeller Institute in New York, performs miracles every day at the hospital which is part of the Central Institute of Experimental Medicine. The brain and the spinal column are his special provinces. In Russia he is acknowledged master in these fields. He is blond, looks younger than his forty years, and his hands are large and capable. Though his

eyes are grave he has a quick smile. He looks like Spencer Tracy.

Only serious cases are brought to him. Day after day he removes shrapnel and bullets from brains or spinal columns. Then he supervises the long convalescence necessary to final recovery.

"Here's the bit I took from the brain of Alexis," he said when we were back in his office. "Pretty big, isn't it? Weighs about seven grams. But he will be all right. The shrapnel lodged in the left lobe of the brain. It affects his speech. It also paralyzes his right side. But once his wound is healed we'll go to work on that. I have a few men here who had exactly the same type of wounds. They're learning to talk and to walk and to write again with the right hand."

There are no wards in the hospital run by Grastchenkov. He does not think a crowded ward is conducive to mental recovery. The neat, clean rooms hold four people. We went into a room where four patients were learning again to talk and to read and to walk. They took turns reading aloud, laughing at one another's mistakes, and they laughed, too, when one stumbled as he tried with the pride of the wounded could walk the length of the room. Here was Captain Kaflev, who had been wounded in the fighting near Mogilev. He sat in a wheel chair looking small and schoolmasterish with his neatly trimmed black beard. But within two months he will be almost recovered and able to do light work. Sergeant Peter Zinchenko, who was brought in with a large bit of steel helmet lodged in his brain; talks normally, but his left side is still paralyzed. He was wounded outside of Smolensk. . . .

One room after another showed its quota of men who had been brought back to life by the genius of Grastchenkov.

In the last war mortality from brain wounds was thirty-five per cent in this hospital. It is now less than five per cent. This is chiefly due to the efficiency of sulfanilamide as a deterrent to infection. Grastchenkov says his main problems come from bullets and shrapnel lodged in the spinal column. These are much more serious wounds than are brain injuries.

Interesting is his observation that while during the last war shrapnel caused fifty per cent of all wounds, today it causes ninety-five per cent of them. Apparently the day of the ordinary rifle is over. Bombs and shells do the damage now.

Grastchenkov is only one of many thousands mobilized to fight wounds and diseases in



Red Army parachutists who today are being dropped behind Nazi lines and are wrecking communications, blasting bridges, and creating general havoc. Soviet Russia was the first nation to foresee the value of these forces and initiated many young men into this branch of service.

Russia. The whole army of surgery, medicine and research has been thrown into the battle. In many cases the civilian population has come to the aid of the men and women of science.

Blood is a precious commodity in time of war. The Soviet Central Institute of Blood Transfusion is presided over by brilliant Andre Bogdassarov, dark and eagereyed. The Institute has three additional branches. Every day from 1,500 to 2,000 civilians go to these clinics and offer their blood. Nine tenths of the donors are young girls and women—mothers, wives and sisters of men at the front. Nearly all of them refuse pay for their services, but after each giving of her blood she is given a good meal and an extra ration coupon.

"We have three times as many donors as we need," Bogdassarov laughs. Everyone wants to do his or her part in beating the Germans. Those who come here feel that in giving their blood they are saving the lives of soldiers and of course they are right."

One More Arrow to Cupid's Bow

Only those above eighteen are taken. They sit on benches filling the long halls of the clinic dressed in white gowns waiting their turn. They chat and laugh and now and then one proudly displays a letter from the man who has helped to recovery by her blood. Each has the privilege of sending a note with the ampule of her blood which goes to the front. The recipient often writes his thanks, correspondence springs up and Cupid thus finds himself with one more arrow to his bow.

Russia has for a long time been a leader in the conservation of liquid blood for the purpose of transfusion. Thousands of damaged lives have been repaired since the war began by methods either intro-

duced or developed by Bogdassarov. Blood which he and his small army of assistants gather at the clinic can be kept "alive" for more than thirty days. Only as recently as the Spanish civil war, blood was considered to be usable only if it had been drawn ten days before.

Bogdassarov keeps the blood alive and preserved by the addition of sodium citrate and glucose. It is packed in airtight ampules and kept at a constant low temperature. A constant stream of blood from Russian women flows to the front. Bogdassarov has done a great deal of experimenting with cadaver blood but he believes in its use only in emergency. Cadaver blood is efficacious only if used within twenty minutes after it is taken from a dead person. Two years ago this explorer in the dark red streams of the blood took up the study of plasma, or dried blood. There is a quantity of this at every frontline operating station but it again is only for emergency use. Plasma is usable for eighteen months or so but Russian doctors are not completely sold on it.

There's No Glamor in This War

This discussion of blood and its use in reviving those on the border line of death is hardly pleasant talk, but it is war talk and it concerns the conduct of the saving of lives.

There is little of the glamorous to write about in this Russian-German phase of the war. It is a war of killing, not of hands playing and flags waving.

It is more interesting to talk to the girls in Bogdassarov's clinic as they lie, white-clad, on the tables giving their blood so that some soldier may live to fight again. There are five tables in each room with a doctor in charge and five nurses assisting. First the nurses cleanse the arm with disinfect-

(continued on page 7)

SIGMUND ROMBERG'S "STUDENT PRINCE" AT SOKOL HALL SUNDAY



Chicago's L. K. M. Chorus who presents Sigmund Romberg's "Student Prince" this Sunday at Sokol Hall. About 100 persons will participate in the staging of the operetta. Curtain is at 3 P. M. Sharp. Tickets sell for 99 cents. Sokol Hall is located at 2343 S. Kedzie Avenue.

Twelve persons head the "Student Prince" cast. Among them are: Agnes Kenston, Whitney Tarratis, Jack Savage, Houston Zebraitis, Mary Shimkus, Anton Garsinskas, Joseph Stulgaitis, Aldona Grazulis, Victor Preiksa, Jack Gordon, Frances Yurgil, Fritz Jacobs. Director is Joseph Kenston.

CHICAGO L. K. M. CHORUS PRESENTS "STUDENT PRINCE" SUNDAY; EXPECT HUGE CROWD

Guess what? The Prince is coming to Chicago. What Prince? Why, the "Student Prince" of course. Where will he be? At Sokol Hall, 2343 S. Kedzie. When? March 29, 1942, at 3:00 P. M. Sharp. By this time you have gathered that I am talking about the Sigmund Romberg's most loved operetta of all times. That unconquerable "Student Prince." The gay and colorful operetta will be presented by Chicago's outstanding chorus. With the finest cast and a good supporting background provided by the L.K.M. Chorus, they shall surpass all previous records that have been attained. A word to the wise is sufficient, and you have my word that this eventful affair should not be passed up by anyone. The Man Who Came To Dinner had nothing

compared to what you will get when you see this operetta. I know that you won't get just entertainment, but entertainment deluxe.

CAST FINEST

To freshen your minds to the fact that the cast is one of the finest, here they are: The handsome prince will be portrayed by that handsome Whitney Tarratis... The part of Kathie will be performed by our own sweetheart, Agnes Kenston... Tony Guyer will be Lutz... Frank (Fritz) Jacobs will give all he's got with the part of Engel... Detlef will be portrayed by Jack Savage... The part of the Dutchess will be performed by Frannie Yurgil... Tansitz will be taken over by Tex Zebraitis... Our sweet little Mary Shinkus will give her best as Gretchen...

Asterberg will be portrayed by our new discovery Ed Ziny... George Kwain another new discovery, will play the part of Lucas... Jack Gordon as Hubert... Ruder by Joe Stulgaitis... And so on and so forth.

After reading this aragraph you get a good idea on how good it will be. Judge for yourself that it is worth coming down even if you have a toothache, headache, backache, or a sore corn of any ailment. If you will come you will be cured of all these troubles. I'm sorry that the most important characters I forgot to mention, is that famous L.K.M. Chorus who will play parts of students, dancers, etc. Please forgive me.

GOOD REHEARSAL

Last Sunday we had a good rehearsal at the Lith. Aud. During intermission Jack Savage was entertaining a pack of girls. There are a few girls that insist on dancing during rehearsals. Don't do that girls, do you want to do solo's?... Here I go with the best news of all. I will start with Sat... at the Vilnis Bazaar... I was told that Moon and Caz couldn't get rid of two girls from Roseland... I wonder what

they have that I haven't? By the way Caz, what will Mary say?... Bertha and Monica came in to say hello... I wonder where Monica left Stanley. She was alone... Sunday at the Bazaar Ed Ziny seemed to be the feature attraction or shall I say romeo... Ed Z. and Shingards were rolling around on the floor. Is a penny so important, boys... Well it was good to see Alma W. and her beau here at the bazaar. Alma tell Al not to waste perfume. After all, some people are allergic to that beautiful odor... There were a few girls that kept running up and down for coca cola. (That restaurant sure must have made business) Irene D. was one of the runners. It was easy for her because she had moccasins. Gee, Val B., you looked pretty in that dress... Poor little Bertha P. She was running so much, she lost her voice... Why Lillian S. got a shower, I don't know. She was dripping with coca cola or something. What was it Lil and how did it happen?... Jenny M. was sitting in the balcony with some handsome gent... Aldona G. and John P. were in close contact all evening... Helen A. seem-

ed to be enjoying herself taking care of her niece... It seemed as if Shingards can't keep his strength in himself anymore. He was seen in an amateur wrestling match with Valeria B... Al M. was enjoying the bazaar in the balcony with a certain Ann... Wahoo and Sailor seemed to be lost for some reason... The three musketeers were missed... Frannie Y. was working hard trying to get well wishers. It seems that Ed Z. was two timing everyone so he could be with everyone... Moon looked lost for some reason. Could he have been searching for those Roseland lasses... Well it seems as if Monica was no longer alone Sunday at the Bazaar... Bertha D. had that far away look. Don't worry my child, I'll gladly replace him if you'll have me... Well I guess I have completed my task so I'm going to bed. Good night friends... Until Sunday I remain,

Percy.

(continued from page 6)

ant; then the doctor gently inserts a needle filled with novocain into the arm. The donor feels absolutely no pain. She has just had a cup of highly sweetened tea and she has had a fine gossip with her friends in the corridor and now she lies there unafraid and content. The doctor then inserts the needle, which has a long tube attached, and within a few seconds the blood begins to flow into a glass jar. No one donor is allowed to give more than a pint of blood. I have heard them plead with the doctor in charge to be allowed the privilege of giving twice that amount. "Come back in six weeks," the doctor laughs, "and we'll take

the rest."

There is another clinic which has no patients. It houses 600 horses, 2,000 guinea pigs and thousands of white mice. This is the Baeteriological Institute, where serums and vaccine are prepared. Scarlet fever, dysentery, diphteria, typhus, tetanus and gas gangrene are the enemies that the scientists of the Institute battle. Doctor Vladimir Pavlov, young and dynamic, leads these microbe hunters. By law all children in the Soviet Union have to be immunized against smallpox, scarlet fever and diphteria. Soldiers must be made immune to typhus, tetanus and typhoid. Pavlov showed me through the

immaculate but evil-smelling clinic from attic to cellar, from largest horse to smallest guinea pig. Some of the greatest research men and women of Russia are here making serum and vaccines, experimenting with animals, trying to pierce the veil of ignorance which hides the reason why the human race catches influenza and other diseases...

The people of Russia remain calm and her sons and daughters whose lives are devoted to saving lives rather than to taking them go on working. They do not hear the bombs. They hear only one voice: the voice of science, the voice of the only master they know.

(Russian War Relief, Inc., through the courtesy of COLLIER'S, published the above story. It was cabled from Moscow by the famous American correspondent, Quentin Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds pays a generous tribute to the skill and techniques of Russian medical and surgical science. He not only records the human interest story behind the unceasing fight to save and salvage the wounded, but shows also the spirit of bravery and sacrifice that is animating the peoples of Russia, now engaged in a heroic defense of their homeland.

Russian War Relief, Inc., is the official relief agency for the gallant fighting people of Russia. It is endeavoring to salvage human lives through shipment of medical and other material to the war torn nation. Vilnis English Section readers interest and support in this humanitarian work of relief is cordially welcomed. Address all contributions to Russian War Relief, Inc., 535 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.—The Editors)

Rounder Upper Writes:

LDS MERRY GO ROUND

RANDOM NOTES:

LDS members participating in LKM choral activities are putting every thing they have into the chorus opera "Student Prince", which will be presented at Sokol Hall this Sunday. . . . The man who slashes meat at his Brighton Park emporium, George Kwain, received a wire from the LDS national office asking if he would accept the nomination for LDS 2nd Vice-President. . . . Wonder what has happened to Iggy Paulauskas of Waukegan, Illinois? He was a frequent visitor to Chicago at one time. . . . Word coming from Kenosha, Wisconsin reveals that the youth group from that city will participate in the LDS National Sports Meet. . . . All midwest branches of the LDS are being pressured by the 2nd District to contribute a sum of money, so that a free banquet can be given all delegates to the forthcoming LDS convention. . . . Rockford "Rocket" members will be in Chicago for the LKM "Student Prince" presentation. . . . Herrin, Illinois LDS members visited the home of Monarcheer Tex Zebraitis last week. They have a youth branch out there, but are shy about publicizing their activities. . . . Seen at the Vilnis Bazaar were a number of LDS members. All seemed to be occupied, and were in deep thought. Spring certainly plays havoc with our youngsters. . . . The Roselanders are all set for the bowl tourney in Detroit. . . . Golf is the sport on the menu for this time of the year. John Petritus would have played the other weekend, except for the fact that a layer of whiteness was deposited by Mother Nature, smothering the perspective. . . . Chicago Bowlers have done a lot of talking about the tourney in Detroit. How about some action now? . . . More "bundles" (and not for Britain) are to be expected in LDS circles. We suppose that is the reason why some people have been absent from LDS affairs and affairs generally. . . . LDS member Dorothy Yuden and Mrs. Russel left for New York City this weekend. They are attending a conference for the freedom of Earl Browder, labor leader. . . . Stagg Field is contemplated as the most appropriate place for the to be held. LDS National Track and Field Meet. . . . How about the Redwings calling their soon to be held function, a Victory Dance? . . . New name for Julius Urbikas who had his photo in the VES last week is "Fats." Everyone claims army life must agree with him. Otherwise those hollows that did exist at one time, would still be there. . . . War or no war, for some people life seems to be a bowl of cherries. Love certainly must be wonderful. . . . Some persons are still quite serious as regards speech limitation. And to prove that they are serious, are organizing to push through a motion at the LDS Youth Conference when it does take place in Chicago, to limit John Orman to a three minute report. . . . Spark members are asking about Helen Armon, new addition to the branch. They haven't seen what she looks like as yet. . . . Helen Kasro is busy with studies and has asked to be relieved of MYC responsibilities. Meanwhile, persons are asking if she will continue writing "Feminine Facts" for the VES. They think it's a swell column. . . . Also busy with studies is Aldona Pavelonis. She is taking up Spanish. Expecting to take a trip down South America way? . . . Chicago bowling is aces. The only drawback is the absence of many of the fellows. They're in the army. . . . Wonder why there isn't that spirit among girl bowlers this year, as did exist last year? We doubt if it is old age that has dampened your enthusiasm. . . . The Monarchs are claiming some sort of surprise event soon to take place. If we know the Monarchs, it should be good—we hope. . . . Peculiar hours of labor keep many LDS'ers away from activities. Long unseen soul is Bill Rasins. . . . Frank Burnetsky is one of these night laborers. He finally got away to attend the Vilnis Bazaar. . . . The Red Cross class which a great many LDS girls attend every Thursday evening is growing in numbers. . . . The Sparks and Redwings are the branches to date who have seriously considered bond buys. The Sparks are investing fifty bucks, and the Redwings twenty five. . . . At the rate the Metropolitan Council of New York is going, it will be a cinch for Chicago to walk off as winner of the membership drive—or will it?

Readying For LDS Convention



Ambridge, Pa., LDS basketball team. Today these fellows are readying themselves for softball season and are expected to participate in the LDS National Track and Field Meet which takes place in Chicago on July 19.

Roseland, Rockford Readies For LDS Bowl Tournament; Chicago Plans Sendoff Party

Chicago, Ill. — This city's 14 LDS bowling teams are gearing themselves for action. Nearby Roseland is impatiently awaiting the jumping off date, and Rockford is nervously organizing for their first participation.

The tension which has gripped teams and towns, is the LDS Midwest Bowling Tournament which will take place in Detroit, May 2-3.

Immediately after receiving definite word from the Detroit arrangements committee, team captains of the 19 teams from this area which are expected to make the trek to Detroit, swooped in action. Already Alex Klaud, Midwest Sports Director is contacting train and bus companies for transportation to the Auto City, and also, to put every Chicagoan in the best of spirits prior to their leaving for the tournament, is arranging with team captains for a gala send off party.

TO PAY OWN WAY

This year Chicagoans are handling the question of transportation a bit differently than last year. Each bowler will pay transportation fees from his own pocket. For that reason only one affair is being planned, and not a series as was done previously.

Meanwhile as Chicago and nearby areas move ahead on tournament participation, they anxiously await news from Cleveland and Pennsylvania, wondering as to the amount of teams that section of the country is planning to send

Member Award



The trophy above is one which will be donated by the LDS National Youth Committee to the youth branch which enrolls the most members during the current membership drive.

to the tournament.

The Detroit arrangements committee, according to news received, is hard at work hammering

out the smallest details. A hotel is being contacted to act as headquarters for all tournament participants. Also, one of the finest bowling emporiums has been selected for the playoffs.

Entry blanks and other necessary data is being prepared and will be mailed out promptly. Joseph Adams is heading the arrangements committee. Any information that may be required, can be received by writing him at 8763 Lane Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

SUPPORT ARMY

"Behind the army, navy and industry Civilian Defense stands as an auxiliary agency. . . . Soldiers, sailors, managers and workers have not ceased to be members of families and communities. Their morale is not likely to rise higher than its civilian sources."

James M. Landis,
Executive, Office of
Civilian Defense

Subscribe To
Vilnis English Section