

THE FATE OF AMERICA AND WORLD HANGS IN BALANCE

In this crucial hour of world war, the fate of America and all mankind hangs in the balance.

Today the world fights a decisive battle against the onrushing hordes of savagery and barbarism.

Today the future for decades to come is being decided on a single all important battle front—our vital Russian front.

Tomorrow will bring victory or defeat according to how WE act and fight today.

America cannot postpone any longer the day of decision on

the Second Front.

Dismal defeat lies ahead if we follow the insidious propaganda of the fifth column clique who counsel: "We are not ready."

The people say NOW and not HOW on a Second Front.

We have the men.

We have the materials.

We have the will to win.

The only way to win is to ATTACK NOW!

A Second Front NOW can win the War NOW!



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30,000 SAY: OPEN UP SECOND FRONT!

Lith-Americans Support Union Rally; Mayor Of City Speaks

Chicago:—"The people say NOW, not HOW on a Second Front" roared over the sound system and across the city and prairies surrounding the city of Chicago, this past Sunday.

30,000 eyes demonstrated their approval. "The only way to win is to attack now!" was the answer.



GEORGE ADDES
UAW Secretary-Treasurer

The occasion was a "Win The War, Second Front Rally" sponsored by the United Auto Workers Union of America, whose 7th annual convention opened in this city the day following the rally.

A battery of speakers addressed the huge assemblage at Grant Park bandshell, whereat the 2nd Front Rally was held.

Heading the list of notables was Mayor Edward J. Kelly, Rep. Raymond McKeough, Congressman-At-Large Nominee, Benjamin Adamowski, R. J. Thomas, president of the Unit-

LITHUANIAN RED ARMY MEN IN ACTION!

WEARING AMERICAN KNIT SWEATERS



RUSSIAN AVIATORS overjoyed on receiving sweaters and scarfs from the people of America are seen in the above photo. Material was forwarded by Russian War Relief, Inc.

Navy Casualty Report Lists Lith-American As Missing In Action; Total List Reveals 165 Casualties

Washington, D. C.—Five Chicagoans were listed as missing in the navy's eighth casualty list.

Among those listed as missing is Edward Francis Zebrowski, apprentice seaman, USNR, of Lithuanian parentage.

ed Auto Workers, George Adde, Secretary-Treasurer of the union, Fullerton Fulton, State CIA Director. Paul Robeson, world-famous singer supplied the musical end of the 2nd front rally.

LITHS FOR 2nd FRONT
Hundreds of Lithuanians,

Chicagoans, delegate Lithuanians to the convention were present at this, the midwest's greatest assemblage of patriotic citizens, foes of the appeasers and Fifth Columnists whose slogan of the day is "We are not ready yet."

The rally of Sunday was one of series taking place through-

Sergeant And Unit Destroy Nazi Tanks And Riflemen

By J. MARCINKEVICIUS
(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

MOSCOW, U.S.S.R.—Vytautas had just turned six. He remembers it now as though in a dream. His mother ran out of the house dragging him by the hand and they hid in bushes on the banks of the Nieman.

Somewhere a machine gun was rattling and several shells passed shrilly over their heads. Soon afterwards German soldiers burst into their hut. Six months passed.

His mother would run to the neighbors, make trips to distant villages and on her return would place with trembling hands before the Garmans-butter, eggs and bacon.

One day his mother returned home very late from some distant village where she had been unable to procure food. The German was furious.

He seized his rifle and aimed it at his mother. The boy shrieked in terror. The German dragged him out from behind the stove and beat him up.

The next morning the mother rose early and made preparations to carry off her son to her sister in a village several miles away to save him from death from starvation.

That night they set off through the forest. She chose the least frequented paths so as not to run into Germans.

Suddenly a coarse voice cried out, "Halt!"

The boy leaped from the sled and

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out the nation by all groups, organizations. Less than two weeks ago the Association of Lithuanian Workers at its biennial convention, also held in this city, demonstrated the need and urgency for a second front as the only solution for victory over the Axis.

Sergeant And Unit Destroy Nazi Tanks And Riflemen

ran behind a tree. The mother stopped, but it was too late. A shot rang out and with a sigh his mother dropped to the snow covered ground, never to rise again.

Vytautas was found by a poor peasant named Janulaitis from the nearby village. He carried him home and with difficulty brought him back to life. The Janulaitises were childless and although they had scarcely enough to eat themselves, they adopted Vytautas as their own son.

The lad became a cowherd and a farm laborer. He found his place in life only with the establishment of a Soviet Government in Lithuania. Vytautas was appointed Commissar of the Estate where his father had worked as a laborer and died.

Vytautas' new and happy life was shattered by the invasion of the German fascist hordes into Lithuania.

The Germans Come Again Invading Lithuania

This was new injury but he also cherished his old accounts with the Germans for the first occupation of Lithuania and for the death of his mother.

When he retired with the units of the Lithuanian National Corps, Sergeant Janulaitis did his best to settle these accounts.

His chance came on the Moscow front. Striking heavily at the Germans, our troops were moving forward to occupy new positions.

Lith in Command of Anti-Tank Gun

Janulaitis, in command of an anti-tank gun was ordered to protect a road from possible surprise attacks by German tanks. Janulaitis chose a convenient position.

The roar of tanks could be heard growing louder and nearer. At last the first of them appeared. When the tank had drawn quite near he issued a brief command.

"Fire!"
The tank listed to one-side and burst into flames.

"That's for my mother," cried Janulaitis.

A second tank appeared but another well aimed shot halted it in its tracks.

"That's for Lithuania" cried Janulaitis louder still.

A similar fate befell the third tank. The road was barred by three damaged tanks. The third and fourth deployed and opened fierce fire, but the sergeant's gun was hidden from German sight. Another tank appeared, turned off the road and made for the gun, firing furiously.

The shells from its guns dropped nearer and nearer, felling trees in their path. The anti-tank gun fell silent. The Germans decided that its crew had been killed and resumed their advance.

This cost them another two tanks. Thereupon nine German automatic riflemen tried to attack the gun crew from the rear. Seven of them were mown down by bullets of artillerymen.

But of the entire gun crew Janulaitis was now the only one alive. The eight automatic riflemen he bayoneted and the ninth he clubbed with the butt of his rifle. The gun had been put out of action.

In spite of his wounded leg Janulaitis crawled across the ice of a lake and two days later returned to his unit.

Janulaitis Decorated For Heroism

This gallant son of Lithuania de-

CHICAGO L.D.S. COMMITTEE FOR CONVENTION



THE BIG TEN: Arrangements committee for the successful Association of Lithuanian Workers (LDS) biennial convention held in Chicago the week of July 1. All are Chicago residents. Back row: Alex Klaud, J. Misevich, Joseph Sacal, Fred Abck, J. Gelgaud. Front row: Mary Sakalas, Julia Skeberdis, Stanley Yushka, Aldona Pavlonis, Anna Remeikis.

Soviet Athletes Receive Greetings From Lithuanians, Full Backing On Appeal For Opening Of Second Front

Moscow:—A meeting of All-Soviet Athletes meeting this past Sunday addressed and appeal to sportsmen in the United States and Britain urging the opening of a second front in Europe.

During the conference messages from abroad were read. Among those received, one was from the Association of Lithuanian Workers (Midwest Youth Council).

The text was as follows:

"To Soviet Pouth Anti-Fascist Committee of Soviet Sportsmen—Victory over the Nazi beast in 1942! We in America are ready—ready for the call to invade, to establish that necessary 2nd front the moment our government commands it. Victory can and must be achieved this year!"

Midwest Youth Council
Ass'n Lithuanian Workers.

Katauskas, Sergeant in United States Armed Forces in Far East, Dies As Result Of Injuries; Brother Carries On

Chicago, Ill.:—A communication that carried its message half way around the world brought grief last week to the Katauskas home in this city. Sergeant Felix A. Katauskas, 24 years old, had been fatally injured in India while serving in the United States armed forces.

Official notification of the tragedy was received by telegram from the War Department stating that Katauskas "died in the far east on July 21st of injuries received in a fall".

Sergt. Katauskas had enlisted in the army in January of 1941. A brother, Private Anthony, is stationed with the army at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

destroyed seven German tanks. He now wears the Order of the Red Star.

Sergeant Janulaitis, like all Lithuanians in the Red Army, is fired with one desire—to carry out Stalin's orders and bring about the utter de-

feat of the German fascist invaders in 1942, exact revenge for near and dear ones, tortured and slaughtered by German occupationists, and liberate their native Lithuanian land.

Lithuanian-American In U. S. Armed Forces Ready For 2nd Front

Pvt. Albert Bakunas, LDS member from Cliffside, New Jersey, is ready together with



PVT ALBERT BAKUNAS

his brother Jerome, for action that will finish Axism this year. Everybody knows a 2nd front will do the trick.

Chicago Member Of Ass'n Lithuanian Workers Army Bound

Chicago, Ill.:—Member of the Chicago Association of Lithuanian Workers (LDS) Sparks branch, Leo Razmus leaves for service with the United States armed forces on August 14.

Over 300 members of the association are in the fighting forces at present.

CLEVELAND LDS LOSES YOUTH LEADER TO ARMY; FRIENDS AND RELATIVES TURN OUT FOR SENDOFF

By Maxine Matelis

Trying to eat his breakfast on his last morning home, Joe Paltan couldn't eat it very well because of the lumps in his throat. His mother and father were both trying to keep from crying, but couldn't. The Matelis and the Paltan family were to meet at Joe's Place where they were to pick up Joe's two uncles, Stanley and Joe. They then started out for the Mall, next to the City Hall, stopping on the way to pick up Joe's best boy friend, Tony Pevec. Arriving at the Mall, he greeted many of his friends, among them were Jeanette Johnson, Mrs. Raizis, and Jim Gervasi. And I'm sure he will make many new friends at camp.

The furloughed inductees were assembled in front of a small platform

where the speaker instructed them to do various things. One of our judges spoke to the inductees and blessed them all. The May Company Band led the servicemen to the Terminal, with the inductees marching behind. The friends and relatives were kept on the sidewalks.

Upon reaching the station, during the fifteen minute interval before train time, Joe exchanged farewells and added a cheery note to his tearful friends and relatives. He visited with them until the whistle blew, kissed most of them goodbye and ran to his place. At one o'clock Friday, July 31, he left the Terminal enroute to Camp Perry where he will become one of the most important cogs in leading our armed forces to the great, ultimate, Victory!

SCRIBE DESCRIBES: ROCKFORDITES HOLD PICNIC, CHICAGOANS AND NEW YORKERS TURN OUT FOR THE FUN

Well there I was pacing back and forth at the bus station. It was about five minutes before the bus was scheduled to leave and the two gals from Binghamton, New York, Lillian Mikolajunas and Florence Zvirblis hadn't arrived.

About two minutes later they arrived. They came just about the time I was getting ready to swear, and loudly too!

The bus started moving. At Crawford and Washington it stopped to pick up Frank Kuchinskas, familiarly known as "Cookie". He, Frank, to make himself comfortable took off his shoes.

Following this we coasted along smoothly into the magnificent city of Rockford, Illinois. A picnic was taking place here, the express purpose for which we had traveled so many miles for.

In Rockford we were met by our host Algird Paulick and Ann Twaronas. Knowing that we hadn't seen the town before, they started to show it to us after lunch.

The tour didn't last long. The only part of the town we saw was the Penny Arcade. Here it was that our hostess offered "Zip" ("Cookie" Kuchinskas) and I some some gum which tasted like pepper. Both of us being the stalwarts we are, chewed it as if it were regular gum.

Spending some time and money at the arcade, Algird Paulick finally gave the GO signal to the picnic. At the grounds we found Agnes Paulick and Violet absorbed in work.

Algird was given a job. He had to shimmy up a tree and hang a lantern for the bar-flies. That being finished we drove to town we picked up Brenda and Susie Bliznick.

Back to the picnic. The rest of the mob of late-comers had arrived. "Zip" ("Cookie") Kuchinskas and Pete got on the job and dragged up a couple of logs for the bon-fire to-be.

In bringing in the logs, both boys worked up a sweat. So they went down to the river for a swim, from which they returned refreshed and

ready for that great tussle at the bar.

No sooner said then done! A mob milled around said holder-upper for bottled goods, containers with amber fluid. It was the most popular spot.

As darkness descended, Joe Getts fussingly rigged up batteries for that light so necessary (?) over the bar.

Since our arrival at the picnic, Ann had been doing sentry duty at the picnic ground entrance. She kept watch for about 5 hours.

Getting still darker, and the crowd friendlier, the bon-fire was started. Eating hot dogs became the order of the night. Meanwhile, Violet kept the speaker system humming with Beer Barrel polkas and the Jersey Bounce—much of the latter coming true to life during the process of the evening.

At about 10:30 prize drawing took place. Lillian Mikolajunas won a set of glasses and carrier. Following this the tremendous task of eating more hot dogs and slurping amber fluid plus, began officially.

Watching the dancing and after a couple of highballs, Agnes persuaded myself to do the hop. All went well until that mixture of highball-plus began to revolt. The result was a slow-up on my part.

Resting awhile, the Bliznick sisters announcement about a swimming party at the river brought me into instant action. Before all actually got around to the endeavor, it started to rain. Thus ended the picnic and fun in general, at 4 A.M.

Those of us who visited out to Rockford wish to thank our hosts for the swell time, and thanks for the lift to the bus station, Jack.

Coming back on the bus "Zip" had a good time opening his window. He had a still better time opening another fellows window, though. There wasn't much to it. He just hit it once—that was ALL.

Back in town (Chicago) the group of us scattered, each for his own bed. Oh, what a night!

Hey You.



DECIDEDLY KICKABLE — High stepper is lovely Marjorie Reynolds, new dancing partner of Fred Astaire, as she delivers 8 foot 7 inch kick, in Hollywood. It's highest kick on record for dancer of her height, 5 feet 3 inches.

REDWINGS HOLD MONTHLY MEETING; TO HONOR DRAMA PARTICIPANTS, ARRANGE OUTING TO DUNES

Our monthly meeting was held last Monday evening at Hollywood Inn. A post convention affair, so called, because we urged everyone to attend the convention affair and at this meeting we had reports of what happened.

Many people who had attended the Drama Festival were very proud of the Redwings group. We won second place simply because we tried our best and also glad that a Chicago branch won first place. The trophy is another item which takes place in the niche of Redwings Achievements.

Also in conjunction with our Drama Group a committee of G. Kwain and Al Kland was selected to celebrate the winners in a proper atmosphere. Details to this type of celebration will come later.

Another step taken forward by the Redwings was the selection of a Standing Committee for the seeing-off of Draftees. On this honorable committee, we have S. Stankus, N. Gizevich, Al Jacobs and G. Kwain.

Which by the way, will have the duties of organizing a party send-off for each draftee; also see that the Draftee is comfortably taken care of by having gift donations made. And when the person reaches camp, see that regular correspondence is taken care of. All branches in the LDS can follow suit in this organized way.

EXTRY, EXTRY! The Redwing are to resume their hilarious entertaining again! Where? At the Sand Dunes, August 15th and 16th. It is to be an overnight affair, so be ready

for a wild and sleepless night at the Dunes. Members will be served refreshments free of charge. You can bring your friends to this **Owl Night Outing**.

We will meet at Hollywood Inn, 2417 W. 43rd St., at 7:30 P. W., Saturday evening, August 15th. We invite all Chicago branches to attend. It probably will be at Beverly Shores or at this end of State Park. **Don't forget to come!**

Many Redwing members were surprised to hear that none had received a Merit Award Key, but since the Merit System now has been disbanded, the Redwings still will maintain their yearly merit awards and banquet.

The Convention Posters that were made was on exhibition at the meeting. And it gathered quite a crowd around it showing that the interest is in actual proof of activities. The adults were very pleased with the presentation.

After the meeting the adults invited the youth to a social, which reminds me, after the September meeting the Youth Executive Committee will favor the members with a social affair as a means to introduce the new members informally.

So in ending, attend! The Dunes Outing!—The September Meeting! Adios.

THE ESCORT

You Help Our Boys
By Contributing To USO

'VILNIS' PICNIC SUNDAY, ROSSI'S GROVE, 130th—COTTAGE GROVE

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

● Chicago is the convention city for Lithuanian organizations, this year. Meeting at the Hotel Morrison this past weekend was the *American-Lithuanian Roman Catholic Student and Professional Association* . . . This column's editor had the opportunity to speak to one *Anthony Supienius* of the LRC Student Association. Supienius seemed to be a likeable chap whose interest tends in the direction of unity of "good Lithuanians." Of course the term "good Lithuanians" is rather broad. Every Nazi Lith points to himself as "good". However in the case of Mr. Supienius, we believe the "good Lithuanian" referred to, is one who stands behind the United Nations effort to win the war, supports our Russian allies and the thousands of Lithuanians that are fighting in the ranks of the Russian Red Army; carries the fight against pro-Nazi Lith element who utilize Hitleristic propaganda under the guise of "Letters From Lisbon", works for unity of All Lithuanian-Americans regardless of political party, buys bonds, supports the Red Cross, USO, Russian War Relief . . . Isn't this what was meant by "good Lithuanian" Mr. Supienius???? . . .

● BOTH BOYS ARE IN: Al Blozis (Superman) and Vincent Banonis both will make up part of the All-American football team which will meet the Chicago Bears in an All-Star game at Chicago's Soldier Field August 28. . . .

● Another prominent member of the *Association of Lithuanian Workers (LDS)* leaves for service with Uncle Sam, soon. He is *Joseph Statoraitis*, member of the *Midwest LDS Youth Council*. Joe was the man behind the scenes of the recently held *National LDS Dramatic Tourney* . . . He has enrolled for officer's training and should be in active service several week's from now. . . .

● Some delegates to the biennial convention of the LDS remained in Chicago LONG after the convention was over. Among those who delayed departure for reasons that will not be mentioned publicly, was *Emily Klimas* of *Richmond Hill, New York*, *Misses Florence Zvirblis* and *Lillian Mikalajunas* of *Binghampton, New York*. . . .

● Because the *VILNIS ENGLISH SECTION* has become the most popular and widely read weekly a Chicago published periodical is groaning very loudly and remarking "that it is the only Lithuanian publication in English now being sent to the Royal Institute of Foreign Affairs Library in London, England." . . . Why shouldn't it be the ONLY, says we? There is no other anti-Nazi Lithuanian-American weekly, bi-weekly, or even monthly, published in the Midwest. . . .

● It will interest readers of the *VES* to know that *Irving Berlin's "This Is The Army"* now playing at New York's Broadway Theatre has several Lithuanians. One is *Sergeant Edward Stockus*, drill chief of the group and, *Eduard LaVanda* who plays the flute with the orchestra accompanying the play . . . "This Is The Army" will play in most large cities throughout the country, meaning that it will appear in Chicago. After the nationwide tour, the play will be made into a movie. . . .

● The following called "Second Front", was submitted to this column by *Naomi Ripley*:

"Anvil or hammer be."—Goethe.
Our hammer lifts, by millions manned.
When can we swing it down?
The restless trigger-fingers wait
To hear the signal's sound.
Who wants this role as audience?—
With sympathetic eye
To cheer, to clap, to groan, to watch
Our Russian brothers die?
Ah, what a luxury it is!
And what an unsafe seat!
For the invaders leave the stage—
The audience their next meat.
Delay that is paralysis,
The caution that can kill,
The appeasers' weasel words,
Eat at our muscles still.
Our hammer lifts, by millions manned.
When will our strength swing free?
The choice is swift and blunt for us:
Hammer or anvil be!

● This column welcomes all contributions. A penny postcard with announcement desired will suffice. . . .

PRO-NAZI LITHUANIANS MUST BE CLEANSED FROM RANKS, THEY IMPERIL VICTORY—NOTED ATTORNEY

The following article is one that has been released to all Chicago newspapers and was written by Attorney Charles P. Kal, Former Assistant State's Attorney and Corporation Counsel. It is an appeal for unity of Lithuanian-American's behind the war effort; an indictment of those who are working in the interest of Axis. The *VILNIS ENGLISH SECTION* is happy to bring to its readers Mr. Kal's ANTI-NAZI, UNITY FOR VICTORY contribution.

By ATTY CHARLES P. KAL

Hongkong, Singapore, the Dutch East Indies, Malaya, Bataan, Wake Islands, Guam, Corregidor, the battle of the Coral Seas, and Midway Islands—all within the past 7 months. America is now involved in the greatest of all wars not only to protect and preserve individual rights, human liberties, but America itself.

Even liberty is only a word to a great many Americans, something that you read about or find in the dictionary, because to a great many Americans liberty, freedom of action, is self-evident. They feel that it is as natural as the rise and the setting of the sun and that it will endure for all times. The proud Frenchman had the same ideas; so did the Norwegian, the Hollander, the Belgian, the Lithuanian, and the Pole, and now these people are groveling under the conqueror's iron heel. Starvation, disease, mass murder, runs rampant in those unhappy lands among those once proud but now unhappy and miserable people.

Hitler's Policy—Divide and Rule
These conditions did not result through caprice or accident but happened because the Frenchman and all of the rest of the conquered people of Europe were divided. Group was arrayed against group. Capital and labor were suspicious of each other. Racial hatreds and prejudices were fanned to a white heat and instead of those people being united in purpose to defeat the conqueror, they were so weakened by their own internal strife, jealousies, and disagreements that they became easy victims for that Nazi military machine.

In America today there are still many men and women who are busy resurrecting ancient hatreds, digging up matters that occurred many generations ago in order to divide the people. What happened in czarist Russia or in England during George III's time is being brought forward to disunite America. This is particularly true among the Lithuanian Americans. There are various groups who are endeavoring to destroy the unity of the Lithuanian Americans . . . and endeavoring to destroy the allied unity with Russia, and to undermine confidence in Russia's efforts, and likewise to destroy the confidence of the Russian people and its confidence in the sincerity and purpose of America. This is Hitler's desire.

Russia—Bulwark of Liberty
Russia is a strong bulwark to our liberties; the military efforts of Russia is giving us the valuable time to organize and to develop our resources and military might for victory. Military experts are agreed that without the military efforts of Russia the position of America would

be very, very precarious.

These well-meaning citizens who persist in condemning our allies because of events that occurred generations ago are not only imperiling a haven of refuge in free America, who have left Europe because of persecution or lack of opportunity, should not be interested in matters that pertain to an exclusive European locality. Our main, chief, and only purpose to the exclusion of every other is to win this war. We cannot win if we are to be divided. We must not be divided. This is the desire of the Office of Civilian Defense.

A real American will only preach Americanism and Americanism does not include any Goebbel's propaganda that will turn race against race, class against class, but will preach unity of action, unity of purpose, unity of will—the will to win. No true American will listen to any preachments except the full undivided cooperation to our duly elected Commander-in-Chief—our President.

Lithuanian-American In U. S. Armed Forces Ready For 2nd Front

It takes guts, stamina in present day warfare and Lithuanian-Americans serving with the U. S. armed forces have the necessary combination. Boys pictured below are members of the Association of Lithuanian Workers (LDS) who are ready for invasion of the European continent once the order comes through.



PVT JEROME BAKUNAS
Ready for 2nd Front

Together with his brother, Pvt. Jerome Bakunas, LDS member from Cliffside, New Jersey are in the service of Uncle Sam who is getting ready to make things hot for Herr Hitler and his mob of madmen by invading the continent. Jerome like the rest of those in the armed forces are becoming restless and would like to put an end to Axis this year. The sooner a 2nd front is opened, that much sooner will oppression be wiped out.

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Every Hour Of Delay Helps Hitler

Every hour that Hitler is allowed to concentrate 90 percent of his troops against the heroic Red Army without facing an attack in the West places our country in mortal danger.

WE HAVE LOST 168 SUCH PRECIOUS HOURS THIS PAST WEEK.

DURING THESE HOURS . . .

Hitler is using everything, having concentrated 15 million of his Nazi soldiers against 10 million Soviet soldiers, on the Eastern Front.

Tremendous battles are now raging in which the fate of our country and the Soviets are being decided.

THERE WILL NEVER BE A BETTER TIME THAN NOW TO OPEN THE WESTERN FRONT!

THERE IS NO QUESTION BUT THAT THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA AND BRITAIN WANT A SECOND FRONT NOW! A recent Gallup Poll states that the majority opinion of the people of U.S., Canada and Britain believes that "the allies should undertake a large-scale invasion of Europe with what equipment they now have." The Gallup Poll also states that in the United States the chief argument of those favoring an immediate attack is that *every hour of delay works in Hitler's favor.*

Despite this overwhelming opinion—the 5th Column and the defeatists are working overtime to prevent a Second Front. The utter gall of the defeatist newspapers is shown when they declared last week, that "it is up to the British alone to open that new front" because the United States has its "hands full" fighting Japan.

BY NOW IT SHOULD BE CLEAR TO EVERYONE that the strategy of the Axis is precisely to divide the forces of the United Nations. Hitler hopes to isolate the Soviet Union, to prevent America and Britain from launching the tremendous invasion which will force Hitler to fight a two front war and which will bring a smashing victory now.

Our best military authorities and statesmen of United Nations have declared that we have armies superior to the Axis. But all this means nothing unless we utilize this superiority with TIMELINESS and SPEED.

THE NEED IS FOR ACTION!

BACK UP PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SECOND FRONT PLEDGE! SHOW YOUR VIGOROUS SUPPORT OF THE WESTERN FRONT BY SPEAKING UP NOW!

NO DELAY TO HELP HITLER! DEMAND THAT THE PLEDGE FOR A WESTERN FRONT BE FULFILLED WITHOUT DELAY!

What They Say

Wendell Willkie:

"Let us look for a moment at the nature of this war. It is not a clash between races. It is rather a clash between concepts of government and life. Aligned against us are the German people who, yielding to the promises of a dictator, surrendered their liberties to the state and abdicated their rights as free men and women. Germany was carried into a war of conquest by the mad imperialism of one man lusting for power. So, too, was Italy, where a Fascist war lord, fresh from his cheap conquest of Ethiopia, saw visions of Augustan splendor. Fighting with them in Japan, with dreams of empire cherished through centuries.

"We of the democratic nations are fighting an anti-imperialistic war. We covet no territory. We want no more power than is necessary to prevent a repetition of this slaughter and to maintain a world in which men can be free. We seek to liberate, not to enslave. We seek to break down the economic barriers of the world that the peoples of the world may live richer lives.

"We are learning in this war that it is not racial classifications nor ethnological considerations which bind men together. It is shared concepts and kindred objectives. We are learning that the test of a people is their aim, not their color."

Senator Lodge, of Mass.:

"For generations to come it will be told what atrocities were performed by the Nazi murderers in Poland, in Checho-Slovakia, in Lithuania, in Yugoslavia, in Greece, in Norway, in Belgium, in Holland and in France itself. The hideous perversions of the Hitlerites are a clear indication of what is in store for all the world if—heaven forbid—the new world order will be set up in the image of Hitler, Goebbels and Streicher. All justice has fled from Nazi-controlled Europe; all morality has vanished in Hitlerized areas; all righteousness has been stifled in the lands where those tyrants hold sway. Pogroms, extortions, confiscations, and mass murders rule the day."

Aid Our Ally—

Give To Russian Relief

As We See It In Lith Circles

By PETRAS CVIRKA

Noted Lithuanian Writer Who Escaped to Soviet Russia When the Nazis Invaded His Homeland

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

Ersatz Humor
And Ersatz Life

Germans in occupied Lithuania have placed humor on an unsurpassed pinnacle. Judge for yourselves. The German-controlled Kaunas radio enjoined the population to joyfully celebrate June 2nd as the "Anniversary of Liberation." Lithuanians were astonished.

Cities and villages burned down by Hitlerites were still smouldering, corpses of thousands and tens of thousands of people executed or tortured to death by occupationists still warm, train-loads of Lithuanian youths were being driven to the front or to forced labor.

What then, was there to be joyful about?

But the Kaunas radio soon furnished the answer and removed all perplexity "There's an acute shortage of potatoes," it declared.

● JOY NUMBER ONE: There are no potatoes, not to mention bread. "Lithuanian rural population is living too well and too richly. Their consumption must be reduced so as to feed the cities." (In other words, the forces of occupation and Gestapo agents).

● JOY NUMBER TWO: Pantries and granaries will be cleaned barer than ever. "Three million Germans will be settled in Lithuania and other 'Ostland Provinces'."

● JOY NUMBER THREE: Lithuanians will have to leave their land and find homes wherever they can.

Subtle and "joyful" humor! Particularly facetious is the reference to the well-fed state of the rural population.

Yes, the Lithuanian rural population is fed up, fed up to its neck, not only with bread and bacon, but with knobs and bullets of the occupation forces. Our peasants, about to be robbed of their last piece of bread and meat are to be put on a diet of sawdust and shavings.

We know quite well from the first occupation what German rule in conquered regions means. First they take their butter and speck; then they go on to cereals and potatoes; then they requisition footwear, clothing, domestic utensils, door knobs and even gold teeth out of people's mouths. In the end they are not squeamish about the taking of all cherry-pits and even buttons from the people's clothing.

The Germans can find use for everything.

And settlement for requisitioned things is made promptly and accurately: either in worthless occupation marks or in lead from German rifles and machine guns.

The Goebbels radio in occupied Kaunas instructs people by means of lectures on "economy"—how to get along without bread or meat.

It strongly recommends potato peelings as food.

It doesn't explain where the peelings are to be gotten, seeing that the Germans have exported all of Lithuania's potatoes. Evidently, in the end, the few hogs still surviving, but strictly registered, will have to be fed not even on potato peelings, but on pure Goebbels propaganda. Incidentally, I haven't the slightest doubt that this propaganda will prove more palatable to hogs than to human beings. Under the heel of the fascists, life itself has become nothing but sorry ersatz.

The German war machine, badly mangled by the Red Army is devouring everything still remaining in the "Third Reich" itself and in occupied territories. But last reserves are being consumed and no ersatzes will save Hitler's army.

Even if Berlin manages to contribute ersatz soldiers made of old bones and supplied with wooden heads, there will be enough unerring bullets to knock off these heads, too.

While America's Allies Shed Blood—

Pro-Nazi Liths Hold Anti-Ally Rally

UNDER GUISE OF BOND SALES, CIVILIAN DEFENSE, THEY COVERUP

Governor Proclaimed "Lithuanian Independence Day" Is Turned Into Anti-Russia Rally; U. S. Ex-Minister Norem, Kingpin Of Pro-Nazi Movement

"The United States is still intact, but Hitler hopes to destroy that unity, physically and mentally. All his tricks are now being directed against us . . . Hitler propaganda wears a thousand false faces. It never announces itself as "Nazi." It appears where least expected, and under the most innocent auspices. . . ."

United States Office of Facts and Figures

By GEORGE STARKAUSKAS

For several years before Pearl Harbor, before the attack on our Russian allies, Hitler propaganda in this country attempted to paralyze our thinking—all was a prelude to humanity's battle for existence—the United Nations fight for liberty.

Today the sowers of dissension, seditious elements, cohorts of Hitler who operate under various guises, in language groups, via language newspaper are being rounded up. They who would destroy our national unity, create unrest, deflect us from our major purpose—the defeat of the Axis—are meeting a just fate.

We are happy over this action, our governments action. We see in the arrest and imprisonment—and we stand for their immediate execution!—of enemy agents, our government's and our allies' VICTORY to be over those who would have humanity relive the Dark Age era. For only through the rounding up of those that sabotage, disunite, can the United States conduct a war of victory.

THEY WORK FURIOUSLY

Hitler's agents are at work furiously. And Hitleristic propaganda wearing a thousand false beards, never announcing itself as "Nazi", is appearing in least expected and under most innocent auspices. It has appeared in Lithuanian circles, and under innocent auspices. Without hindrance, it grows in dimension—no obvious attempt being made by proper authorities to prevent continuance.

Chicago is the stronghold of Lithuanian pro-Nazi and Nazi activity. Eastern cities such as Brooklyn, New York, Boston, Massachusetts are also concentration points for Lithuanian Hitler agents.

LEADERS IN PRO-NAZI ACTIVITIES

Leaders in the wave of pro-Nazi activity circulated amongst the masses of democracy loving Lithuanian-Americans have been the following newspapers: "Naujienos" edited by "I hate Russia" Pijus Origitas whose newspaper every day circulates most vicious propaganda emanating from Nazi circles; "Draugas" edited by L. Simutis who has on the staff of that newspaper the most vehement red-baiter and propagandist the very Reverend Prunskis, "ref-

ugee" allowed to leave Nazi Germany with Hitler blessings and who today still maintains connections with "Citizens In Germany League", a Nazi Lithuanian organization formed in Germany following Lithuania's attachment to the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. Both of these newspapers are published in Chicago and though disagreeing on some issues, are unanimous in condemnation of America's ally, Soviet Russia, and peck away whenever possible at our other ally, Great Britain.

INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED

Connected in one form or another with these pro-Nazi publications, giving lip service to the thoughts expressed, are the following midwest residing persons: Stanley Pieza, editorial staff member of the Chicago Hearst "American", Judge John T. Zuris, Atty Anthony Ollis and former minister to Lithuania, Owen C. Norem. The latter is the head of the recently formed "Friends of Lithuania" an organization whose activities can be likened to the once existing "Friends of New Germany".

The activity of these persons and publications has been nefarious. Their role has been and still is, one of disunity, of assistance to the enemies of our country and the allied nations. They cannot point to one patriotic endeavor on their part which has aided our nation's war effort. On the contrary, their achievement to date has been to stir up hatred among Lithuanian-Americans for those nations whose sons by the millions have died in the fight against Axis-Hitlerism.

ANTI-RUSSIA GATHERING HELD

The VILNIS ENGLISH SECTION has time and again exposed Lithuanian pro-Nazi element and other mouthpieces of fascist skulduggery. Yet we find some politicians and stooges in the state of Illinois still lending aid and assistance to those whose activity serves Axisism. Perhaps these politico's are naive, do not fully understand or know that they are being utilized for un-American activity. In that case it's about time they found out! The wrath of anti-Nazi Lithuanianism is yet to be felt. And in the case of Governor Dwight Green who possibly had it in mind to curry a few votes from Lithuanian voters, by proclaiming "Lithuania Independence Day" on July 28, made a move which resulted in widespread agitation. For the Chicago held "Lithuania Independence Day" was a PRO-NAZI gathering! And the Marquette Park section of CIVILIAN DEFENSE which endorsed the meeting, the Chicago Office of Civilian Defense, knows now—now that the gathering is over, that it was pro-Nazi!

INVEIGLE CIVILIAN DEFENSE

As stated by the United States Office of Facts and Figures, "Hitler hopes to destroy our unity, physically and mentally. All his tricks are now being directed against us . . . Hitler propaganda wears a thousand false

faces. It never announces itself as "Nazi". It appears where least expected, and under the most innocent auspices. . . ."

Such was the Chicago held "Lithuania Independence Day Meeting". It was one of those gatherings held under "most innocent auspices." A bond sale was to be conducted. And with the endorsement of the Marquette Park section of Civilian Defense. AN ANTI-RUSSIA MEETING TOOK PLACE! Not once was mentioned the question of Lithuanian-American unity behind the war effort, NOT one word was mentioned as regards Hitler terror and murder in Lithuania, except by one speaker—Atty Charles P. Kal whose appeal for unity will be found elsewhere in this issue of the VILNIS ENGLISH SECTION.

PRESS RELEASES FALSE

It was all cleverly arranged. More clever still, were the free talks made while so-called typewritten "duplicates" were handed out to the press for publication. The press releases were false, as compared with the free talks! The speakers dealt with items that did not exist in the press releases. Their talks were anti-ally, seditious considering the times! And as regards the sale of bonds, it was only through the admirable efforts of members of the Chicago Lithuanian V Conference who distributed leaflets on Lithuanian-American unity and bond buying, were any bonds sold.

Hitler-like at this "Lithuania Independence Day", fanatically, anti-ally speaker after speaker spewed his wrath. Unbelievable to witness in a nation that is working cooperatively and energetically with the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. Not Hitler, but "Stalin and Russia was responsible for the downfall of Lithuania." Such was the outburst of L. Simutis, editor of "Draugas" and P. Dauzvardis, of the Smetona government.

FORMER MINISTER DENOUNCES ALLY

But these phlegmatic remarks were mild as compared to the sayso of Owen C. Norem, former American Minister to Lithuania and head of the "Friends of Lithuania."

"Russia shot 3,000 Lithuanians in Kaunas alone," stated Norem. And as regards the shooting of 400 Lithuanians by Hitler recently, the former minister and apologist for Nazism stated "Russian parachutists dropped over Lithuania territory for the purpose of sabotage and guerrilla activity, so aggravated the Nazis that they had no other recourse but to shoot them and Lithuanians involved." Here of course Norem's inference was that of those shot, most were Russians and that Lithuanians had nothing to do with the violent action against the Nazi occupationists. In other words, the Lithuanian people were satisfied with the Hitler regime of murder and oppression.

INFERS LITHUANIANS NAZI-LOVERS

Mr. Norem spoke further. He recalled said he, "that the Smetona regime was not a democracy. It was a "benevolent" dictatorship". Also, "Lithuania is not at war, for the Soviet government had only given the nation 9 hours in which to issue

a declaration of war against Germany." Again the inference was to the effect that "probably it (Lithuania—Ed.) would have declared war upon the Soviets instead."

Not a single syllable of Mr. Norem's speech was of attack against the Nazi beast. Full vehemence was directed against Soviet Russia, and, against those who intimated that "Lithuanians are Slavs." No doubt, on the question of racial theory Mr. Norem had learned a bit about racial superiority from Herr Hitler and his "aryans". But that isn't the point, Mr. Norem was as all pro-Nazi Lithuanians were, aggravated over the action of the Chicago Lithuanian V Conference who participated in the Chicago All-Slav Rally on July 19, at Soldier Field, to demonstrate their full support behind the war effort.

EX-MINISTER NOREM PRO-NAZI

Mr. Norem is a pro-Nazi! The organization he heads; "Friends of Lithuania" is pro-Nazi! Mr. Norem's actions and activity constitutes a threat to Lithuanian-American unity, a danger to our government. His talks are subversive, un-American, detrimental to America's war efforts.

Thus, briefly as is possible, we have presented to our Lithuanian-American readers and those who have the task of safeguarding our country from seditious element, actions, activity of pro-Nazi Lithuanian newspapers, organizations, and individuals. All are menacing, all are detrimental. They are following a line set by certain higher-up treasonable element. That line is—to separate us from our allies by arousing distrust of them; to create friction within the United States in order to divert us from our true enemy—the Axis.

LITHUANIANS DEMAND ACTION!

Lithuanian-Americans are uneasy. Lithuanian-Americans demand action against all treasonable element. If a section of the Chicago Civilian Defense could be inveigled, if some unthinking politico's were induced to support the July 25th held PRO-NAZI, ANTI-RUSSIA, ANTI-ALLY "Lithuania Independence Day"; then it is time that investigation was made! The policy of DIVIDE AND RULE, the set program of Hitler must be stopped dead in its tracks and those responsible, taken to task.

Simple matter? That depends on us, and how well we profit from the lessons of Europe. We have seen how Hitler's strategy created internal distress in every nation before the attack. We have seen how he undermined civilian morale, separated governments from their allies, set group against group. We have seen this subtlety and the depth of Hitler terror—before invasion during invasion and after occupation.

The United States is still intact, but Hitler hopes to destroy that unity, physically and mentally. Pro-Nazi Lithuanians with Chicago as their center, are doing just this.

Next week startling revelations on Lithuanian Pro-Nazi activity will be brought to the pages of the VILNIS ENGLISH SECTION. It will consist of a special article written by Walter Kubilius, former editor of the LAIS-VE ENGLISH SECTION. Reserve your copy of the VES for the coming week.

CHICAGO LDS SORORITY MEETS FRIDAY; MONTH OF AUGUST MARKS YEAR OF EXISTANCE FOR GROUP

Newsy Says:

There just isn't much to say this week as I just about used up my vocabulary last week, but I thought that I had better remind all the Lambda Delta Sigma Sisters that this Friday, August 7th, our meeting will be held at our usual haunt which is none other than good ole Hollywood Inn. Don't forget to come around, girls, as those of you who did not attend the various sessions and affairs in connection with the Convention can hear all about it at the meeting for, as you all know, ANN PETERS was our delegate, and we shall be interested to hear what she has to say.

Then, of course, the winter months are rolling around swiftly; therefore, it will be just about the time for us to start deciding how to keep things going during that time.

This meeting will be our First Anniversary, I believe as the Lambda Delta Sigma was organized in August

of 1941. I will be seeing you Friday then.

NOSEY SAYS:

Well, my friends, as Newsy says we just about used up all of the world we knew last week. That was because we wanted to get off to a good start. Since there have been no LDS affairs last week or will there be any for some time to come (as far as I know), it looks as though I got myself a tough job.

Sorry to hear that the **ROUNDER-UPPER** will be unable to continue the Merry-Go-Round. It seems as though all the old-timers are dropping their column in favor of the new "cubs." Trying to get a new slant on the LDS I guess. By old-timers I mean old-timers at writing columns.

Newsy says she has some work for next week, and it looks as though I won't, so I will have to help her out. We will be seeing you. Sooo long.

Newsy & Nosey.

L K M CHORUS HAS NEW OFFICERS; PICNIC WAS SUCCESS, NOW PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR BEACH PARTY

HELLO EVERYBODY!

Announcing the new lineup of the officers of L.K.M. Chorus: The president none other than Joseph Stulgaitis; Edward Ziny, Vice-President. As Secretary, Joe Bendokaitis; A recent member, Lillian Sherman as Financial-Secretary, and Frank (no not Bruzas) Mazola the Treasurer.

When the balloting commenced, we L.K.M.'ers were astounded to hear that our former president, Tony Guyer, would definitely NOT accept his previous position as president. He said that he wanted to catch up on his work at home and his job. The members wanted to draft Tony into presidency for at least another term; but he declined.

New and old members take note: Our newly elected Vice-President, Ed Zinauskas, has really scaled the ladder to success; from song pluggler to Vice-Presidency, in a few easy lessons. P. S.: He still is the song hander-out-er.

Rumors persist that Volly and Eddy Barr are engaged. No kidding, Volley? Bertha was showing off the beautiful engagement ring that was presented to her by Ed Dockus of the U. S. Army. Ann reports that her hubby Al Miller, is working hard and doing fine at Camp Crowder, Mo. Believe it or not! Lenny Klastow has finally enlisted in the U. S. Navy! He has two chevrons on his uniform, which is the rank of second class petty officer. Keep 'em sailing Len.

Due to our successful picnic, we may have a beach party. There will be no chorus rehearsals during the month of August. This was discussed at our meeting last Tuesday. At the end of the meeting we were served highballs, saved from our picnic. Frank Bruzas as usual was doing his song and dance routine. Frank is a faithful member, as he travels 21 miles just to attend rehearsals. Julia and her pals were only sipping the gingerale, with (censored) for a mixer. Who was Wahoo seen dancing with? The two jitterbugs, Val-

eria and Lillian were really swinging it high and low. Moon was seen drinking. We hear that he has a eye on Lill. Gosh! Moon slays all the girls of the chorus, with those big eyes and Gable's ears. Shinguards also dropped in for a visit, (to the bar).

So long Amigos . . .
KAY OF KELLYFORNIA

Lithuanian General Calls For Unity Against Hitlerism

Moscow:—An appeal to Lithuanians throughout the world for unity to defeat the Hitler hordes was issued by General Vincas Vitkauskas, ex-Commander-in-Chief of the Lithuanian Army.



GENERAL V. VITKAUSKAS

Vitkauskas, now stationed in Moscow from where he directs

Association of Lithuanian Workers (LDS) Receives Answer on 2nd Front Opening Plea From Secretary Of War

Brooklyn, N. Y.:—The Sixth Biennial convention of the Association of Lithuanian Workers held in Chicago, Illinois during the week of July 19 which went on record for the opening of a second front so that the United Nations would win a smashing victory over the Axis in 1942, received an answer from the War Department following their telegram to President Roosevelt urging the "immediate opening of the second front".

The text of the answer from the War Department follows:

WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

Mr. Roy Mizara, President,
Association of Lithuanian Workers
412 Lorimer Street
Brooklyn, New York.
Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Secretary of War to acknowledge the receipt of your communications of recent date with reference to opening the second front.

Your comments have been carefully noted in the Department and your interest is appreciated.

Very truly yours,
J. A. ULIO
Major General
The Adjutant General

Referred from the President

Gallup Poll Shows Americans Want 2nd Front; Canadian, British People Too, Cry Out For Immediate Action To Defeat Nazis

Public opinion in the United States, Britain and Canada favors the immediate opening of a Western Front, declares the Gallup Poll.

Majority opinion believes that "the Allies should undertake a large-scale invasion of Europe with what equipment they now have," the Gallup Poll states.

WALLACE SAYS: NOW

Indicative of the pressure of the American people's desire for the opening of the second front was the following statement of Vice-President Wallace, in a letter to the New Republic:

"I would say that in my opinion one unit of determined, co-ordinated effort put forth by the United Nations this summer is worth two or three units of the same kind of effort put forth a year hence. The time to strike hard is rapidly approaching. By so doing, I am convinced that our total eventual losses will be reduced and victory hastened."

NEWSPAPER COMMENT

Typical of the growing press comment for the second front was that of the Santa Monica, Cal., "Outlook," which declared:

"Thus far, the United States has not taken any large place in actually fighting this war. Delay in doing so now will prolong the conflict by many months. It is high time we got into it on a scale commensurate with our war production, our resources and our man power."

the activities of Lithuanian divisions attached to the Red Army, in his unity appeal which reached the United States via Inter-Continent News stated that the resurrection of Lithuania depended on how soon the best would crushed.

"We on this side of the ocean are united for victory," stated the former commander-in-chief. "We love our country and are ready to die to insure peace and prosperity for the future."

Vitkauskas then further stated that the efforts of Lithuanian-Americans behind the United Nations will aid in the victory over fascism, and that all differences of the past must be

forgotten in order to achieve that triumph.

"Material, machines of war are needed by us. You in America are already supplying us with some. But it must be increased! The hordes of Hitler have within their grasp the vast resources of conquered Europe, and more and more we face the task of fighting cannons with rifles."

The commander reiterated the necessity for the opening of a 2nd front, saying that "this is the only weapon with which the brown horders of Hitlerism can be defeated this year."

LDS MERRY-GO-ROUND

● Here it is two weeks after the LDS convention. Some of us are still attempting to recuperate, and those of us who have survived the grind of "conventioning" without suffering any ill affects, are looking forward to our branch meetings at which place a general attempt will be made to put into practice decisions adopted at the convention.

All of us, we guess, love conventions. Usually a grand time is had—by out of town delegates. Parties, all night outings, blow-outs of all descriptions keep the "foreign" delegates busy. Meanwhile, those of us who are responsible for arrangements; those of us from the "home" town whereat the convention is held, moaningly hold our heads and await confab end so we can rest, relax fully.

● The home-towner is a bereaved individual. He or she attempts to be everywhere. The result is a mass of confusion. Haggardness soon predominates. Crow-feet etchings appear 'neath and round the eyes, dark rings and droopy paunches become the order of the day. For the duration of the convention the home-towner bears a striking similarity to the walking dead, described so vividly in voodoo stories of the day or in some of the "scientific" magazines. Walter Kubilius the former Laisve English Section editor writes for.

● Walter, by the way, is a Chicago resident at present, and, contrary to reports appearing in past Friday's Laisve English Section, is not vacationing, swimming in Lake Michigan, or embracing some love-starved bleached blonde. And it's not that he wouldn't—there's too many soldiers and sailors offering competition with the result that he patriotically has washed his hands of such like things as fems in the interest of La Victoria, por los Naciones Unidos.

● Sowing of wild oats is a natural item on the list during conventions. We could recount dozens and dozens of episodes, but to what avail? So it's better to keep quiet and live to see that wife, fifteen kids, and a ramshackle shack that we have looked forward to for so many years become reality. We still think we're too young to die, yet.

● Maybe the readers of this column haven't noticed or read, as yet, that Frances Yurgil of Chicago has taken a leave of absence from "Merry-Go-Round", this column. Many will miss her writings which have been most enlightening organizationally.

Frances has written the column ever since Joe Sacal took over the editorship of the Vilnis English Section, a year and a half ago. Without miss, her column has appeared. We hope in the near future, that she will again return with her written pictures of LDS life.

● Misconception happens every day. It happened following the held LDS convention. After the sessions were over, remarks to the affect of "now we can rest" were heard.

Rest! After a concrete plan of action has been mapped out; after four days of planning, arguing how best we can improve the organization—Rest! It would be fatal—Fatal as the non-opening of the 2nd front now, will be to the allies. We cannot afford to rest. The LDS convention can be likened to a meeting of the army general staff. After plans for attack had been mapped out, time set, branches of the air force, tank corps standing in readiness would it be natural for the generals attending following staff meeting end to state "now we can rest"? To the contrary.

Our branches are standing in readiness. They expect every delegate to the convention to return and hand out directives of action. Every delegate was a general, and the convention was the staff meeting. The attack has been planned. Generals, to your posts!

● We're wondering what our LDS boys in the armed forces were thinking during convention week. From letters received from them prior to and immediately after the convention, all were anxious to attend and participate in the doings. But as we all know, conventions are important, yet there is something much more so now—this war of survival! This, and this item only kept our LDS soldiers occupied. While we were making merry, they were drilling, training, embarking for some destination unknown. Probably torpedoed, or being bombed by planes at the exact moment that we sipped contentedly a drink at the Chicago Sorority blowout.

● In the list of LDS National Youth Committee members last week the name of *Alda Orman* was inadvertently left off. Even the best of proofreaders' eyes must weaken when they are fogged after an all-night session of preparing material for the Vilnis

Eastern Delegates Acclaim LDS Convention LAISVE ENGLISH SECTION WRITES GLOWINGLY OF ARRANGEMENTS BY CHICAGO CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Brooklyn, N. Y.—The Convention of the LDS which ended in Chicago on Thursday, July 23rd, was the most enthusiastic one ever held and, despite the war conditions which kept many of the regular youth convention attendees away, the younger generation nevertheless, predominated in the convention activities.

The convention headquarters were at Hotel Morrison and the hotel was continually buzzing with excitement.

The general sessions of the convention were held at the Lithuanian Auditorium when the hall was beautifully decorated with banners upon which "Welcome LDS Delegates" was inscribed. Red, white and blue bunting flew from the telephone poles along the entire block from 31st to 32nd street on South Halsted.

In the hall itself most prominently displayed were the **LDS Honor Roll** and the **LDS Service Flag** showing that at least 300 of our members were in military service. Slogans welcoming the delegates to the convention and asking for a second front immediately were also very prominent.

At the opening of the convention, twenty six young ladies bearing the flags of the 26 United Nations marched up on the stage and formed the letter V for Victory and Mrs. Agnes Kenstavich sang the Star Spangled Banner.

The ceremony was opened by Miss Julia Skeberdyte of the Convention arrangements committee who introduced J. Yushka, chairman of that committee to welcome the delegates in the name of the arrangements committee. After a brief talk, he turned the chair over to Mr. Roy Mizara, President of the LDS. Mr. Mizara then introduced Alderman Murphy who brought the official greeting of the mayor of the city of Chicago, Ed. J. Kelly.

After thus being welcomed to the city, the next speaker was Mr. Fitzgibbons who had been sent by the United States Treasury Department in Washington to bring the personal greetings of Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of Treasury, to the convention. Mr. Fitzgibbons congratulated the LDS organization not only on purchasing War Bonds to the extent of \$100,000.00 from its national treasury, but also the various members and branches of the organization for participating in the War Bond campaigns all over the country.

Mr. Ralph M. Snyder, of the Chicago office of the Treasury Department, was next on the program. He told of the excellent work which the Chicago LDSets are carrying on to help win the war in many ways, and particularly in the sale of War Bonds and Stamps.

After these words of greeting, the LDS Honor Roll of boys in the service and the LDS Service Flag were dedicated with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner.

Committees were then elected and the convention got under way. We shall not go into much detail about the procedure of the convention as it is well taken care of in the official organ of the LDS. Suffice it to say, the opening was very thrilling and patriotic and it was inspiring.

Sports Activities

Due to the war conditions, the sports program, which usually includes a large Lithuanian American track and field meet and a host of other activities, was pared down to the minimum since many of the sportsmen are already engaged in more important activities in the armed services or on the labor front in war production.

The prologue to the convention, however, did have a sports program which included a midwest LDS Softball Tourney on Saturday, July 18th at McKinley Field in Chicago and a Golf Tournament at the Glen Eagle's Country Club on Sunday.

The softball tourney was won by the Cleveland LeaderS team which played against Kenosha, Wisconsin. The score was 11-3. In the golf tourney there were almost twenty entries and the tourney was based on a winner on gross score and one on the basis of the Peoria Handicap system. Winner on the gross score was **Mike Kirkus** of the Roseland, Ill., LDS Youth Branch and on the Handicap Basis, was **Paul Pakstis** of the Monarch LDS Youth Branch of Chicago. Detailed stories of the sports events will appear in the Tiesas.

Drama Tourney

The other significant tournament was a new innovation in Lithuanian American circles—the first national drama tourney that was ever held among them. It took the LDS to start the ball rolling, and although there were not very many entries due to traveling restrictions and war conditions, three groups—Sparks, Redwings and the Brooklyn Builders turned out.

The Sparks were victorious, winning first prize for the best performance of the best play entered. The author and director of the play was Ann Petritus and she received the plaudits of the huge audience that had gathered to witness the performances. Sparks presented the play "Fifty-Fifty."

In second place was the Red Wings' play "When the Wife's Away," which was directed by Redwings Fritzie Jacobs. The acting was fine and the play was good, but did not compare to the semi-Lith, smei-English production that the Sparks put on. Brooklyn Builders made their mistake by putting on an experimental type of play to which the audiences have not yet become accustomed and then the fact that they were in a strange hall and not accustomed to the surroundings on the stage contributed to placing them third.

English Section.

Members of the committee are: John Orman, Kay Michelson, Helen Zablackas, Mary Sincus, Tom Yermal, Alda Orman and Matt Sholomskas.

Alternates, who will replace any members that may be unable to continue attending meetings, are: Aldana Barnot, Emily Klimas, Walter Kubilius and Vete Zablackas.