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UNITY FOR VICTORY--GENERAL VITKAUSKAS

Lithuanian General Calls On Lith-Americans To Unite For Nazi Defeat

(Editor's Note: This letter, received by the Vilnis through Inter-Continental News Agency, was written by General Vincas Vitkauskas who was Commander-in-Chief of Lithuania's Army during Smetona's regime. When Smetona was overthrown, Gen. Vitkauskas threw his lot with the people of Lithuania, and when they decided to join the Soviet family of nations, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, General Vitkauskas became Lieutenant General in the heroic Red Army of the Soviet Union. He escaped to Moscow when the Nazis invaded his homeland. General Vitkauskas has seen much action and has won the honor and respect of the people of the entire world for his courageous work and leadership as one of the generals of the Red Army of the Soviet family of nations. It is because of all the above facts that his appeal and letter to the Americans of Lithuanian descent is very important and we urge every reader of the Vilnis to read and study it.)

—
Moscow, U.S.S.R.

Dear Brother and Sister Lithuanians
Across the Sea:

A terrible war is in progress. I, as many other Lithuanians who have been brought into the maelstrom of war, haven't had an opportunity to address my fraternal words to you before.

Dear friends, we all love our precious Lithuania, we all are deeply distressed about her misfortunes and are worried about her fate. We are separated by thousands of miles, some of us have differing views about the system in Lithuania.

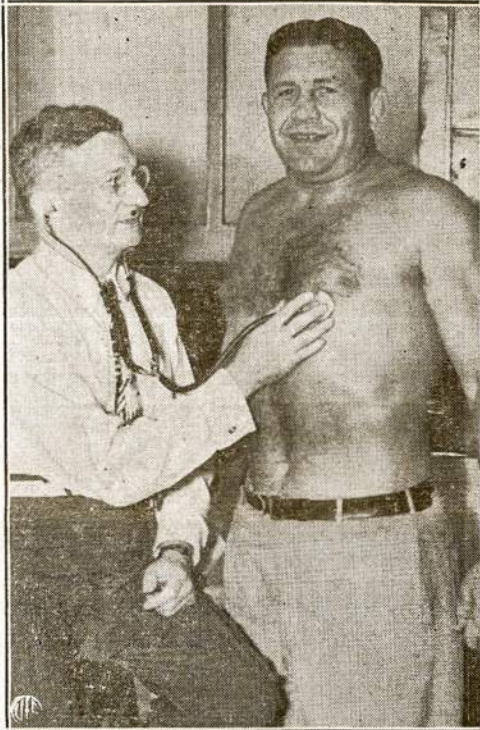
Sometimes our idea of what is the right road towards her prosperity are at variance. That is understandable, for even the best of children sometimes argue as to who loves their mother most and what is best for her welfare. We all realize that this is not the main thing. The main thing is that our suffering hearts tell us that we love our precious country, that we desire a splendid future for it, that we cannot and will not allow it to be tormented.

It is now a full year since our country has been conquered by invaders. In it reigns tyranny, poverty, starvation and violence. National sentiments have been outraged and rivers of innocent blood are being shed. Today, Lithuania can only be conceived as a mother loving her children who, full of grief and sorrow, has been thrown, bloodstained, to the ground and trampled upon by the filthy jackboot of a ferocious invader.

How long will this last? How long will suffering of Lithuania and other enslaved countries continue?

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Illinois National Day Phony?



BACK IN THE FIGHT—Johnny Risko, who at the top of his career fought all the top-ranking heavyweights, wants to get back in the ring again, this time with Hitler, Hirohito, and Mussolini. Here he is taking his physical examination at Army Recruiting Office in Cleveland.

Britain Withdraws Recognition From Baltic States of Lithuania, Estonia And Latvia; Legations Pro-Nazi Nests

LONDON:—Britain apparently has withdrawn recognition from the Baltic States of Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia.

This was indicated last week when 43 embassies and legations in London received the Foreign Office diplomatic list for August. The list omitted the legations of these three countries for the first time.

The action on the part of the British government is believed to be a precedent for the closing of legations in the United States, also.

Mass approval of British action was indicated in Lithuanian circles in both the United States and Great Britain. The legations have acted as nests for Lithuanian pro-Nazi activity by so-called Lithuanian diplomatic representatives who represent nobody but themselves.

Lithuania as part of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics is represented abroad by that nation's diplomatic representatives.

Whole Caboodle Of America Firsters On Executive Committee

By Conrad Komorowski
(Special To Vilnis English Section)

At the very time when Federal charges that the Chicago Tribune revealed secret military information are to go before a Federal grand jury, Col. R. R. McCormick, owner of that paper, has been made a member of the executive committee of an "Illinois National Day Patriotic Pageant", sponsored by the Foreign Language Division of the Illinois State Council of Defense, of which Governor Dwight H. Green is chairman.

Serving together with McCormick on the executive committee is a whole caboodle of American Firsters whom the State Council has protectively taken under its wing.

Included in the committee—along with a few innocent people inveigled in for window dressing—are the notorious defeatist Col. McCormick; Avery Brundage; Gen. Robert E. Wood, chairman of the American First Committee; Starling Morton, well-known America Firster, and others of a similar stripe.

Proclaimed by Governor Green, Illinois National Day is scheduled for August 23, and is to be celebrated by pageant at Soldiers' Field in which representatives of national groups will manifest their loyalty to the nation.

Is It A Phony?

However, people here are wondering if this occasion, which could have served as a means of rallying the national groups around the Administration's win-the-war program and for victory, is not being misused for what is characterized as partisan purposes.

Under the guise of this "Illinois National Day Patriotic Rally," defeatist forces centered around the Republican Party in Illinois have unleashed a "blitz" intended to strengthen McCormick's position and which they hope will carry them successfully to victory by the election in November of the rank defeatists, Sen. Wayland Brooks and Rep. Stephen A. Day.

In addition, the rally is an attempt to weaken and divert the mobilization of national groups behind a forthright win-the-war program, such as has already been adopted on a national scale by the American-Slav Congress, representing 10,000,000 Slavs.

Only a month ago, 50,000 Slavs gathered at Soldiers' Field in a great mass rally solidly manifesting their support of President Roosevelt's win-the-war policies, their readiness to sacrifice for victory, and their urgent

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Lithuanian General Calls On Lith-Americans To Unite For Nazi Defeat

These are questions that agitate all of us. The German war machine was terrible and formidable at the beginning of the war. Attacking suddenly, it wrecked, destroyed, burned, shed oceans of blood and devoured hundreds of thousands of lives. Everybodys knows that the advantage in war is enjoyed by the side that strikes suddenly, unexpectedly. And the Germans treacherously and without warning, perfidiously tearing up the non-aggression pact, fell upon the Soviet Union.

Is therefore not surprising that in the early part of the war they had a great advantage. But what Hitler and Germany longed for did not take place. His blitzkrieg failed and the war turned into a protracted and arduous struggle. Germans, are trying to intimidate the world, insanely expending all their energies. They are driving their war machine to the hardest and by cunning and force are recruiting accomplices.

Hitler Germany resembles a madman who suddenly attacked a peaceful people injuring many of them and causing great damage but receiving retaliatory blows and, guided by instinct of self preservation, looks wildly around himself, dashes hither and thither and fights tooth and nail until he is overcome or slain.

Today Hitlerites are like madmen who have run amok. They still are able to cause considerable damage, but, just as normal people tame madmen, so Hitler Germany can and must be tamed.

If we were asked who will win, we should answer that it will be the side with stronger morale, with firmer nerves, with greater manpower and material resources, with ability to muster forces faster and better in the right place at the right moment that will win. On our side are all potentialities for defeating Hitlerite hordes and for ensuring mankind the possibility of developing in peace and prosperity.

Loving our precious country, loving freedom and defending culture and civilization, we Lithuanians, together with all nations of the Soviet Union, will march shoulder to shoulder with all who are fighting the vile, ferocious and despicable fascism.

Forward to battle, brothers and sisters!

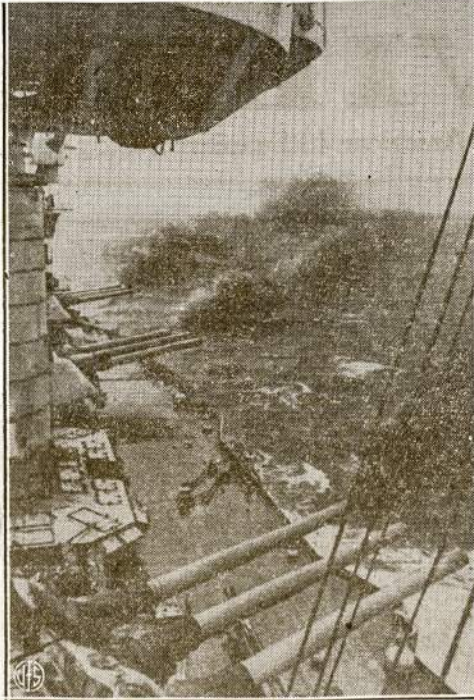
Long live the alliance of the Soviet Union, Great Britain and the United States and the solidarity of the entire civilized democratic world against fascism!

Let's work to defeat Hitler in 1942!

Lithuanian-American Ready For 2nd Front



ALBERT KAMINSKY
Binghamton, N. Y.



SOVIET GUNS—Their snouts jutting from the deck of this Russian battleship, these mighty cannon hurl shells at German and Rumanian troops near the Black Sea. The Soviet Black Sea fleet is manaced by Axis advances, which have penetrated to within 65 miles of Novorossisk naval base.

Massachusetts Lith Groups Actively Assist in Russian War Relief Activity; Collect \$960 in One Day

LOWELL, MASS.:—Lithuanian-Americans in this city participated in a gigantic drive for funds for Russian War Relief. Lodges of both the Association of Lithuanian Workers and Lithuanian Literary Society participated. A total sum of \$904.00 was collected.

Lithuanian Priest Calls For Opening Of Second Front As Only Means Toward Attainment Of Victory

PHILADELPHIA, PA.:—The very Rev. Bagdonas, Lithuanian priest of this city last week, in addressing a sendoff rally for Lithuanian-Americans entering the U. S. armed forces, declared that the United Nations salvation lay in the immediate opening of a second front on the continent.

8 Year-Old Lith Miss Tells of One Way In Which All Can Contribute Toward The Winning of The War

CRANFORD, N. J.:—Elaine Worobey, 8 year-old Lithuanian miss knows where to invest her money. In a recent letter to Laisve, East Coast Lithuanian Daily, Elaine elaborated on her investment. Stated she:

"I am only eight years old but I feel much bigger. I already have a great big War Bond which will be worth \$25.00 in ten years. My mommy said by that time I will be out of High School and it will be carfare for me till I find work.

"But that is not the big reason why I have saved my nickels and dimes to get this Bond. It was mostly because I want my country to win this war. You see, my Uncle Carl is an officer in the army and when he comes home sometimes he gives me a ride on his horse. I love him very much and don't want him to die like my daddy. That's why I don't buy candy. The radio man said that a 25 cent War Stamp will buy 12 bullets. I will buy all the stamps I can so my Uncle Carl will have lots of bullets for his gun when he goes to fight the bad Japs. If you boys and girls save your money and buy stamps with it, maybe someone you love, too, will come back safe from the war."

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



J. ROGUSKI
Plymouth, Pa.

Whole Caboodle Of America Firsters On Executive Committee

call for the immediate opening of the Second Front.

Ten thousand Jews a few weeks later jumped to their feet and cheered until they were hoarse the call for the immediate opening of the Second Front and victory voiced by Senator Pepper.

Two weeks ago, 30,000 people, a cross-section of the national groups in Chicago, gathered at Grant Park to call for action immediately for victory and to pledge every sacrifice necessary including the sacrifice of their lives.

Every day, hundreds of thousands of workers from the national groups work unceasingly in steel mills, aircraft, tank, and other plants for victory. Miners downstate, Lithuanians, Poles, Czechs, Croatsians, Americans, have passed resolutions in dozens of locals for victory, support of President Roosevelt's war, policies, and the opening of the Second Front.

These sentiments of the national groups, which are based four-square and unmistakably on loyalty to the nation, go far beyond the limits of the "patriotic pageant." In the statements issued by the State Council of Defense concerning the pageant, not one mention is to be found of victory, winning the war, or support of the Administration's war policies.

Win War Groups Snubbed

Furthermore, among the committee in charge, none of the outstanding leaders of the national groups who have been associated with the Administration's win-the-war effort or who have been active in fighting fascism and its agents among the national groups have been included.

So far as the election angle is concerned, a good part of the executive committee represents a choice collection of the defeatist section of the Republican party who are waging a terrific battle to elect their candidates. The close connection between McCormick and the defeatist Sen. Wayland Brooks is so notorious Brooks has been labeled "Charlie McCarthy Brooks." The hopes of all defeatists in the Republican party are pinned on Brooks and Day.

The big job before the defeatists is to deodorize their candidates and their main organ, the Chicago Tribune. They have the task of making the people of Illinois believe their defeatism is an unimportant matter, merely an exercise of "the right of criticism," if they hope to win.

For this reason, people are wondering if Illinois National Day is not being used for the partisan political purposes of defeatist elements in the Republican Party of Illinois.

LDS Fems of Windy City Push Birthday Party

NEWSY SAYS:

No news and views this week except that the Committee will let the girls know the time, the place, and the date of our Birthday Party as soon as possible, and oh yes, our next meeting will be held on September 4th. I had to help Nosey this week. The Redwings had an over-night outing out at the Sand Dunes, and inasmuch as they invited everybody, we thought we would tag along.

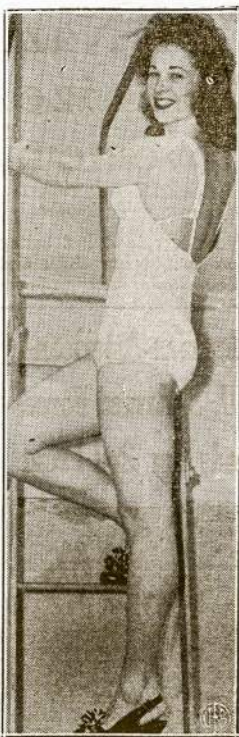
NOSEY SAYS:

Well, Saturday night about 8:30 a gang of about twenty piled into six cars and we were off for Zabukas Beach at the Sand Dunes. When we got there the boys started things rolling by dragging in the weed and getting the fire going, and it was not long before the hot dogs were being roasted and eaten. STELLA STANKUS was the first one to go in swimming. Boy, the water was delicious. JOE BARON, who has not been seen around the LDS very often lately, came along with wife GERTIE. The gang did a lot of singing Saturday night, but otherwise they were sorta of quiet. Very unusual I must say. VOLLIE YUSHKA and EDDIE BARR were the first to drift off to dreamland or should I say try to. I doubt if anyone got much sleep. STANLEY BERNOT went around waking everybody up ever so often so as to be sure they would not get any sleep before daylight. Smart Guy! In the morning he sneaked off and grabbed himself some sleep. Some of the kids went to Michigan City for breakfast and some to Zabukas. Those who went to Zabukas had, of all things, pie-ala-mode for Sunday breakfast. Later on AL JACOBS and ALINE ZIMONT had fun dousing each other with water until the sweaters they were wearing were soaked. BILL RAISINS came up Sunday morning and joined the crowd. Oh yes, first thing in the morning Stan's friend, TONY K. dumped HY PUNISHKA in the lake clothes and all. Brrr, I bet it was nice and cold so early in the morning. In the afternoon several L. K. Mers came around. VALERIA BERNOT and LILLIAN SHERMAN could be seen burying AL JACOBS in the sand, and everyone just had to take his picture. NELLIE GIZEVICH asking sister JULIA to see how nice and warm the sand was where the fire had been the night before. OUCH! Yes, it was nice and warm. ANN JACOBS thought it was about time to get some sleep, so she left the gang so as to sleep in peace. Talk about service, HELEN KWAIN came all the way out there to bring home GEORGE. Nice of her, I think. HELEN POVELAITIS sure did look funny with all that sand in her bathing suit. There was plenty of musical entertainment between the victrola and portable radio. GEORGE JOUZAITIS got his sunburn while playing cards, which by the way went on most of Sunday. HELEN KASRO could be seen holding her nose when two of the fellows grabbed her and threw her in the water, pigtail and everything. Everybody packed up their things and we all left about 5:30. I think everybody had a darn good time, and in view of all the ducking and everything, all were good sports.

We seem to remember something about a Vilnis Picnic coming up, so we'll be seein' you. Sooo long.

Newsy Nosey

Aid Our Ally—
Give To Russian Relief



SIGNS UP — Lovely Margie Steward of Wabash, Ind., filled a movie scout's eyes so full that he signed her up for a long-term Hollywood contract. He discovered her first in her dad's advertising film.

Roseland Aido Chorus Sings at Vilnis Picnic Sunday

The Roseland Aido Chorus is sure going to town. New members are being enrolled every week.

Richie and Eddie are back with us again. For how long? This defense work sure can hamper otr fun.

With a new song every week and our operetta coming along, we sure have a lot of hard work ahead of us. But I know that we will enjoy every bit of it.

Labor Day being not far off, we have to find a way and means of transportation to Rockford where we are to participate in a program.

An invitation was extended to the chorus as a whole to attend a farewell party for Johnny Razmus, this Sunday. He is leaving for service with the U.S. Army.

What is this I hear about night-hawks going to the beach after dark. Was it for a swim, wrestling match or foot race?

The chorus is singing this Sunday at the Vilnis Picnic. We wish to see all members present.

Next Tuesday the group goes on the air, station WGES. Let's have a good turnout.

Reg your pardon—a mistake was made in the last writeup. Anybody can join the chorus. If you under 6 years of age, bring your father and if you are over 99, bring your mother and you will be accepted as a member.

—Flash.

(Editor's Note: When submitting correspondence, please use only one side of the paper. Second, write in ink. Pencil writing erases thus complicating matters, for which reason the above writeup has been cut.)

LDS Sparks To Be Tars for A Day; Go On Boat August 30

Dancing — Swimming
Boating — Sight-Seeing

All this the Sparks are planning to do in one day. One day crammed full of fun and recreation. They invite everyone to come out and have the time of their life via the S. S. Grand Rapids. The boat furnishes numberless activity. If you like to dance, the orchestra and dance floor will practically sweep you along. If you wish a little refreshment, step into the cocktail room. If you're in a romantic mood, the deck chairs and moonlight on the water await you. The best is yet to come. The five hour shore leave in Benton Harbor will be filled with thrills at the Amusement Park, swimming, sunning, sightseeing, etc. Then, last but not least, the ride home with moonlight music and gleaming water. The tired can relax in handy deck chairs. There's plenty to keep the tireless on the go. If you wish to join in this merriment with the Sparks, come out to the Navy Pier, Sunday, August 30th. The S. S. Grand Rapids will leave Navy Pier 9:30 A. M. and will return hence 9:45 P. M. Price of cruise \$2.50 per.

—S. B.

Binghamton, New York LDS Members Extend Thanks to Chicago

Hi Everybody!

Mayhap I'm committing a grave social error in writing a letter like this to a newspaper, but since it's meant to convey an expression of gratitude and thanks—to hades with the business letter form. Well, now that you know "the awful truth," here are my hearty thanks for the swell hospitality you showed us. Just like the elephant, we'll remember not to forget.

Strangely enough, we arrived home safely after a rather long but interesting trip. Surprisingly, everybody seemed happy to see us. Besides all that, with the aid of Lady Luck, our convention report was accepted by the sorority. There's just one more hurdle—that's Lillian's report at the LDS meeting tonite.

Well, nuff said about our escapades. Nevertheless, here's one more really hearty thanks for everything to all of you who were so nice to us.

Sincerely,
FLORENCE ZUERBLIS

Detroit Aido Chorus Holding Last Picnic Of Season Sunday

Now for the last picnic of the Aido Chorus this year. The date is August 23—the place is—Beechnut Grove. Music will be furnished by the Buccaneers. Take advantage of their music, folks as it will be difficult to secure the services of all male orchestras in the future. Every one turn out for this affair cause we have competition on that day. You know what I mean.

Another farewell party was staged for another member of the Rye family. This time it was Johnny Rye's going-away for the armed forces. The LDS should make a note of this for their Honor Roll.

Vacation days will soon be over—and who knows what the future brings. Anyhow, be prepared to start the Chorus season with lots of vim, vigor and vitality.

This is really jiffy correspondence.



Chicago LDS Readies For Bowling Season; Hold Meeting Friday

Attention! All Chicago LDS Bowlers!

Organization of a new league season is being under way. We plan already to start the season in about 4 weeks.

Foremost of course, is to enter various teams in the league. Many bowlers have asked to have a league again, especially the women.

We are requesting various clubs and team captains to send their representation at Second Vice-Presidents home this Friday evening, at 8 P. M. George Kwain's address is 2500 W. 45th St.

We would like to see such people as Cel Riva and Dom, Jesse Shaiko, F. Yurgil, Mrs. Stein or a Monarch Representative. Maybe Roseland cares to join up, so send a representative to Paul Krause for instance. And Tex Zebraits of the Monarchs, Jim Usauskas or one of the Leruers, Curly Urban of the Cherry Brand.

Cards are being sent out, so please attend meeting, if possible, to enter your teams and help to make more definite plans to other necessities which will include the electing of league secretaries.

Most probable alleys will be the same ones as last year, at Marzano's off of Kedzie. The place is being renovated to please the bowlers. See you at the meeting, yes?

—Al Kland



NEW TITLE — Solene Mahr, recently chosen "Miss New York," was disqualified when she "fessed up that she was only 17, a year under the limit. But when she asked the Treasury Department for a job, they promptly titled her, "Miss War Bonds of New York."

On the fly,

A. V. L.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS Lith Nazi Apologists Organize Anti-Ally Movement In Country

From the Bridgeport section of Windy City this past week fourteen Lithuanian boys left for service with the U. S. armed forces. They are: *John Zuromski, Frank Slotkus, Charles Bendinski, Anthony Guzauskas, John Getch, Stanley Markiewicz, John Gerulis, Charles Shimkus, Louis Pocius, Frank Butkus, Chester Witkowski, George Sprindis, John Gerulis, Frank Mischewich*

Anthony Guzauskas among those leaving is a member of the *Association of Lithuanian Workers (LDS) Sparks branch*. He immediately applied for two week's leave following induction in order to clear up business details

Three *Sioux City, Iowa* Lith-Americans with the U. S. armed forces have been stationed "somewhere in England" according to news sent this column. The three are: *Keistutis Valeika, Joseph Grazis and Jack Augustinas*

Youthful plane engineer, *Edward Walenta* of Chicago left for *Salt Lake City, Utah*, where he will pursue the art of building more and better planes for Uncle Sam *Walenta* just recently finished a special course in plane engineering at the *U. S. Air Corps Technical School, Chanute Field, Illinois*

John Orman, national youth secretary of the Association of Lithuanian Workers (LDS) is spending his last week of leave with his mother and relatives in *Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*. He was inducted into the U. S. Army August 8th

Anthony Vasaris, former vice-president of the LDS who attended the 6th biennial convention in Chicago recently in the uniform of a U. S. Army soldier had no stripes or rank at that time. *Now, however, comes news that Tony is a corporal* Just goes to show you what a convention will do

Every few months *Dr. V. Arnett-Sukaskas* who teaches at a well known Chicago university gets homesick. The result is a trip back to the home-town, *Worcester, Massachusetts* and visit to his brother *Joseph* an engineer in *New York City* He's there at present

A big blowout was held in honor of *John Zilaitis* a bit over a week back. Said blowout was arranged by the *Brooklyn, New York Lithuanian Democratic Club* with candidates *Dr. Friedman* and *J. Gittleson* present. The affair was a sendoff to *John* who dons the uniform of Uncle Sam this week

The following was contributed to this column and we think it's pretty good. Whether it's an original or not, we cannot say.

WHITTLING JOE

Here's a fellow you'd like to know,
A citizen named Whittling Joe.
Joe is whittling in a plant,
Whittling with his sharp machines,
Cargo ships and submarines.
Whittling bombers, whittling tanks,
Whittling shells in shiny ranks—
Shave a sliver off Benito,
Slice a slab of Hirohito,
And Joseph really whets his whittler
Whistling as he whittles Hitler.
That's a job that Joe enjoys,
Whittling down the Axis boys;
Whittling Joe is never through;
He likes to whittle with dollars, too;
So every pay day Joe is fond
Of whittling Hitler with a bond.
Multiplied by fifty million,
Whittling Joe is some civilian!

Ogden Nash
of
Baltimore

An interesting sidelight on Lithuanian participation in the present war is brought to the fore by a Lith residing in *Silver Creek, Pennsylvania*. Writes he:

"During the First World War 46 *Silver Creek-New Philadelphia* Lithuanians joined Uncle Sam's forces: 38 were born in *Lithuania*, 8 were born here. Up till May 1st this year 43 Lithuanians went into the United States army from the same locality—they were all born here"

Edward Satunas, Chicago police sergeant was recently raised from that rank to one of *lieutenancy*. *Satunas* resides in the Town of *Lake (Chicago)* area and is the first Lith-American to be elevated to *lieutenantship*

By *George Starkauskas*
Uncle Sam is at last taking action against our Fifth and Sixth column, but pro-nazi

Lithuanians march ahead undaunted, freely disseminating their propaganda of hate and distrust of our ally, Soviet Russia.

Under the auspices of the *Lithuania Citizens League*, intrigues, plots, movements detrimental to the United Nations war program have been instituted with the assistance of the *Lithuanian Daily DRAUGAS*, Propagandists, apologists for the Hitler regime are touring the country organizing anti-Russia rallies.

Recent propagandist to arrive in this country is *Algird Daugirda*. Former administrator of "20th Year", *Lithuania* published newspaper, *Daugirda* left Lithuania going to Germany where he and *Rev. J. Prunskis* (the latter now on the editorial staff of *DRAUGAS*) organized the *Citizens In Germany League*. Later, both left Germany for Portugal, arriving in the United States recently.

Propagandists DeLuxe

Both are viscious propagandists. Together with American Lithuanian pro-nazis a "down with Russia" campaign has been organized. Films, purported to be "concrete evidence on the terror and murder of priests" are being shown in various communities in conjunction with the "down with Russia" rallies.

Chicago was the site of one of these "down with Russia" gatherings this past Sunday. Apologist for the Hitler regime, *Algird Daugirda* was the principal speaker.

Beginning with an anti-communist crusade and the "terror in Lithuania under Bolshevism", *Daugirda* stated that Lithuania under Hitler suffered little terror.

Never has there been such open apologies for Hitler, as was demonstrated at this gathering. Never has such an out-and-out anti-ally propaganda barrage been unleashed. It compared to the best that *Herr Goebbels* has produced.

That the aims of the *Lithuania Citizens League* is detrimental and dissentory, is an established fact. But their nefarious actions continue without stop, and more and more Lithuanian pro-nazi propagandists are allowed to enter the United States. Lithuanian anti-fascists ask "how long must the pro-nazi activity of *Rev. Prunskis, Daugirda* and the *Lithuania Citizens League* be tolerated?"

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From Civilian To Soldiers of Victory

- The Association of Lithuanian Workers (LDS) has given to Uncle Sam hundreds of its members. It has been more than proud to give to the nation in times of stress, and at this time when humanity itself is at stake, everything that it possesses so that the Axis beast may be crushed.
- Up to the present, the association has over 300 of its members serving in the war for existence. Boys, men who only yesterday put forth their energies toward the building of a real American fraternal organization, are today building that resistant and soon to be attacking force which will wipe out the menace to the world—Hitlerism and all co-partners.
- The VILNIS ENGLISH SECTION salutes the Association of Lithuanian Workers, its members serving in the armed forces and those involved in activity on the home front. The association through its noble sacrifices in members and through financial investment in U. S. war bonds, has set a patriotic precedent unequalled by any Lithuanian-American fraternal organization.
- We salute also, and especially, the national youth secretary of the association who steps into the ranks of those who will do the fighting which will rid the world of tyranny and slavery. We wish him, and all the boys of the organization safe return from the job which is yet to be done—the crushing of the forces of evil.
- The days ahead will be bloody. The fight for freedom has always been so. But we know that those who will serve in the front lines will carry on unflinchingly until victory is won.



Written Under Seige

Shostakovich Seventh Symphony To Be Played In Chicago Saturday

Dmitri Shostakovich Russian composer of music is an international figure. His Seventh Symphony, written during the siege of Leningrad, made its debut in the Western Hemisphere on Friday, August 14, at Lenox, Massachusetts under the baton of Dr. Serge Koussevitzky.

This Saturday, August 22, at Ravinia, Chicago, Illinois, Shostakovich's world acclaimed Seventh Symphony will be performed before thousands of midwesterners under the baton of Dr. Frederick Stock. All proceeds will go to Russian War Relief.

Dmitri Shostakovich is a lean young man. Through his music he has succeeded in translating the voice of his people into the sounds of the powerful Seventh Symphony. His work is a triumph of truth—a triumph of a man who thinks and feels.

Just for its sound, apart from the meaning, the youthful composer's music is so good that one does not want to part with it. One wants to hear it again and again. One wants to have it at home—to have it always with one.

Shostakovich's Seventh Symphony is a perfect creation. It is a triumph of Russian music. It is a universal musical experience perceived by an astonishing Russian composer, a noble and intelligent musician who was reared in a Soviet world in the spirit of respect and love for all the world's culture.

The performance of such a symphony in this country, and this week-end in Chicago, at a moment when the life and future of the cultural world is being decided on the battlefields of the suffering Russian land, is a step that will do much to solidify, unite, two great cultural nations both of whom are involved in the battle for humanity.

Shostakovich's music flows from the heart of a creator to the heart of the listener. In this is his simplicity, and in this is his wisdom.

As We See It In Lith Circles

(Courtesy Chicago Civilian Defense ALERT) Autobiography of A Bomb

- You probably read the story in your newspaper. It was just a few weeks ago. Remember the headline? COLOGNE LEVELED BY RAF. Well, I was part of that raid. But I'm getting ahead of my story. Here it is from the beginning.
- I was born in a residential section of Chicago. My baby crib was a roped off square next to a gasoline station. The block captain had organized an intensive drive for scrap metal and the families got busy.
- The first contribution was made by two little boys. I don't think either of them was more than eight years old. They were dragging some old tire chains behind them. Proud smiles widened their faces.
- The next day one of them came back and threw a broken pen knife on the pile. I began to grow and fast too. They fed me everything: kettles—pans—hammers—files—screw drivers—scissors. These were just an appetizer. The main dishes came along and I really started to look healthy. Lawn mowers—pipes—radiators—cabinets—automobile parts—fences—gates—old stoves.—Yes sir, the people in that block meant business.
- If their country needed scrap metal and they had it, the scrap heaps would become mountains. From attics, backyards, and basements, the metal in its various forms was found and delivered to the collection center.
- In four days I was big enough to be carted away so another pile could be stacked up. They took me to the junk yard where I was sorted, graded, and packed away for shipment. The money that the block received from the dealer was used to build a flag pole and bulletin board.
- When I arrived at the steel plant I was surprised to find how really important I was. Approximately one-third of the raw material used by the steel industry is scrap metal. I didn't have to wait long before I had an appointment with an open hearth furnace. There was fifty-five per cent of me and forty-five of pig iron. Do you see how important I was?
- It was plenty hot in that furnace. They pushed in a box of limestone which melted and formed a slag which flows on top of the molten metal removing the impurities. The heat increased and the melter knocked out a plug at the back of the furnace and I fell into a great ladle. The slag went into a smaller one.
- Later the ladle was tipped and I slid into an ingot mold where I became solidified. After I was let out of the mold I was held in a furnace called the "soaking pit" until I was brought to a uniform temperature of 2200 degrees throughout. That was hot enough but not as hot as I was going to be for the Nazis later.
- My next experience made me think I was in a bakery. I was squeezed through heavy rollers which kneaded and rolled me like a cook making pie crust. When they finally got through with me, I'll admit I looked much better than I did on that scrap pile. A few more processes and I became a full-fledged bomb.
- At this time I learned something I had never even suspected. It was that glycerin used in me could be made from fat. That's why the housewives in the block saved their waste cooking fats and pan and broiler drippings. They poured it into cans through a strainer and then took it to their butcher who paid them from four to five cents a pound for it.
- The people in that block had not contributed in vain. It wasn't long after that I found myself on an airfield across the ocean. It was a cloudless evening with a full moon lighting up the sky and when the planes came out of their hangar and began to warm up I knew my time had come.
- In a few minutes I was tucked away under the plane's belly, 4,000 pounds of me and almost half of that started out as a scrap pile next to a Chicago gas station.
- Before I realized it we were over Cologne. The roar of our motors must have scared the pants off of them. Giant searchlights crisscrossed the sky and the ack ack guns began spitting flack. Our plane leaned over and went into a dive and then I heard the bombardier release me.
- I landed right in the center of a row of factories, a knock-out blow if ever there was one. Boy, I just spread, tumbling those buildings over like tempins, only easier. I was proud of what I had done but it wouldn't have been possible if a lot of people, patriotic Americans, hadn't pitched in.
- As I told you before I weighed 4,000 pounds. Half of me was collected by residents of a single block. There must be more like me, lots more will mean victory for us. We can do this if those scrap piles continue to grow. That part is up to you. This is one of the ways you on the home front can bomb the enemy.

LITHUANIAN-AMERICANS IN THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM



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The Spanish Inquisition Comes To Life

(Essay)

By WALTER KUBILIUS

One of the ingenious contributions of the Spanish Inquisition to civilization was the "Domus Dei," a four foot square cell skillfully contrived to give its sole inhabitant an urge to see the error of his ways. A few days in the cramped quarters, unable to move or stretch, and the unfortunate finally saw the light and recognized the righteousness of the Inquisition or whoever had placed him there.

There are some who think that the "Domus Dei" is no longer in existence, and that its powerful, unbreakable walls no longer crush and humiliate the proud spirit of man. They are profoundly mistaken. The torture chambers still exist. I myself have spent many agonizing hours in their dim recesses.

A MODERN CHAMBER OF TORTURE

To begin with, the modern torture chamber is now halved in width and breadth and almost doubled in length. The doubling in length, however, is extremely deceptive. It does not, as one may imagine, permit the victim to stand erect for in the center of the chamber is an oblong box skillfully designed to press against the unfortunate's chest, forcing him into a stooping position.

The chambers are usually found not far from the travelled highway. Rarely, if ever, are they placed near sunlight, air or water. Their usual position is to be jammed in between a vermin-infested wall and the juke box in some beer garden. Other times they may be found near fume-choking kitchens, bellowing newsboys, clattering sinks, blaring radios, screaming hotel bell-hops and such.

The victim enters hopefully with nickel grasped between the thumb and forefinger of the right hand. He squeezes past the resisting folding door and jams his massive bulk through the thin sliver that is an excuse for a door way. Once inside the very walls perceptibly close in. Many will call this nothing but a psychological phenomenon, a manifestation of a mild case of claustrophobia. To this I answer with a categorical "No!" The experiences of thousands of others who have, like myself, been enticed and trapped into roomy-looking telephone booths will testify on my behalf. The booths ARE smaller after you enter. How this is done, I do not profess to know.

A VISE OF STEEL

As soon as the door is closed behind you you make an effort to deposit your nickel in the slot and find, much to your astonishment, that your right hand is caught in a vise of steel. You strain. You pull. You moan. But still that iron grip on your wrist will not let go. Finally when your sleeve is ripped off and you leave it hanging where it was caught in the doorway, you make another attempt to deposit the nickel. This time, however, you realize that it was lost in the scuffle.

Unconsciously and without thinking, you bend down suddenly. That is the beauty of these torture chambers. Your own motions betray you. As you bend the mouthpiece rips off your glasses and leaves a gash on your cheek. The wall on your right side inches in slowly and slams you a terrific blow on the head. Don't tell me that walls don't strike—I know.

"PLEASE BUY A SLUG" SURPRISE

When the nickel is in your hand you find a sign before you reading "Please Buy A Slug." You know that sign was not there before. By what devious mechanism it was hid until you were ready to deposit the nickel is one of the mysteries of our machine age. The hardy soul at this point sighs and goes out to buy a slug.

A half hour later, all preceding incidents having been repeated, he stands in front of the phone, slug in hand.

"Gimme Victory 1455," he says.

"Please use the dial, please!" A silvery seductive siren voice tinkles in his ear as the slug comes back.

We must digress for a moment here.

The English language has lately been enriched by the addition of cliches and phrases using the word "Finger". For example, we have such sentences as:

"He put the finger on him." and

"He's finger-man for McGinty's mob."

Some linguists and students of colloquialisms are under the erroneous impression that these expressions spring from the use of a "gunman" by "mobs" who were out to "put da guy on da spot" or "bump 'em off". Said "gunman" would indicate presence of the desired victim by pointing. Said act, according to linguists, constituted "putting da finger on em".

Without going into too much detail regarding "gangster" practice let me say unequivocally that the use of the word "Finger man" in such a connection is erroneous and misleading.

Hopelessly And Completely Trapped

A "finger man" is one who has mastered the art of dialing a phone and escaping the ten gleaming circular jaws that continually snap at your finger tips as you attempt to get your number. The 1-2-3's and A-B-C's are easy to handle for you have time in which to escape, but the 8-9-0's and X-Y-Z's are a source of danger. By the time your finger turns the circle, it is hopelessly and completely trapped, ready to be snapped off suddenly.

"V-I-C," you dial, "1-4-5-5", praying hopefully that you will escape the savage snap this time. You hear the bell ring. You put the receiver to your ear, first brushing off the ants that crawl on, and listen.

"Hello?" a weak thin voice, barely audible, is heard in the receiver.

"Hello?" you yell, "this is Joe Doakes calling. How are you?"

"Moe who? Speak louder, I can't hear you."

Doakes, Doakes Calling . . .

"THIS IS JOE DOAKES CALLING," you scream. The chamber reverberates and your echo is thrust back and back across the room, gaining in volume 'till you think your ear drums are at the bottom of roaring Niagara Falls.

"Better get near the mouthpiece, I can't hear you."

You have finally contacted your party, and the real torture begins. To speak to him you must place your mouth near the mouthpiece. This is impossible. You can't bend down for the narrowness of the booth prevents you. If you crawl on your knees the mouthpiece is then too high. Some have perfected Position No. 47 which consists in wrapping yourself about the coin box and breaking the collar bone against the ear phone hook. This, however, is to no avail for by that time your three minutes are over.

Exhausted, you hang up and try to leave the booth. The door jams. You try again. It refuses to budge. You mumble hopefully to yourself that it will be all right in a few minutes. You try again. Still jammed.

Jammed—Trapped

"It looks like it's uh—jammed," you laugh feebly. You use your knee and push, but the walls are strong. You kick. You begin to realize the seriousness of your predicament and start pounding with bare fists upon the walls.

Here again the fiendish ingenuity of the telephone company manifests itself. A moment ago the slightest noise in the street could be heard in the booth, but now that tomb—for such it is rapidly becoming—is perfectly soundproof.

You hammer and pound, scream and yell, but no one answers. Oh God, you murmur to yourself as your blows become feebler and feebler, can no one hear me?

"Say, bud."

"Yeah, whatta ya want?"

"Isn't there a guy in that booth pounding away at something?"

The clerk turns and listens. Sure enough, there's a sound of hammering and pounding, scarcely audible, coming from the booth.

The clerk nods.

"Yeah, must be some jerk who can't find the light switch."

Signifying that the conversation is over he walks away. The young man casts a doubtful look in the direction of the booth, shrugs his shoulders, picks up his change and leaves.

Several days pass and some lonesome wanderer passes by and opens the door. The crumpled body is found. The officer in charge tosses an old coat or a rag, anything will do, over the remains and waits for the wagon.

Quietly, without fuss, the corpse is taken away. The telephone booth, however, still stands like a death flower with arms open ready to encircle the next innocent victim.

In
THE DUGOUT

With Walter Pozer Jr.

● *Edwin Shermikas*, former athlete from the Monarchs LDS branch, has been promoted to a first class private and is now stationed with the engineers corps in Ireland . . . Ed is well known in Lithuanian-American circles in Chicago for his artistic ability . . . he writes from Ireland . . . "I believe you know by now that I'm in Ireland and boy it is very nice country here" . . . "I could put everything on canvas if I had my material here" . . . Ed also writes . . . "We do have a nice time here, we're close to a small town and go there every other evening. They have dances in town three times a week, although I only went to a few, I enjoyed them" . . . Eddy is now in line for another promotion . . .

● Next weeks column will contain an interview with *Dr. Floyd R. Eastwood*, outstanding authority on industrial recreation. Dr. Eastwood has written several books on different phases of physical education and industrial recreation. At present he is director of the physical education school at Purdue University besides being director of the university personal living classes and physical fitness for war classes.

● The landing of the U. S. Marines on the Solomon Islands is only the beginning of the biggest offense the world has ever seen . . . it marks the turning point of the war in the Pacific area . . . our goal is the full conquest and annihilation of the Japanese army and navy . . . the American people must back our marines by working hard in the war industries and buying U. S. War Bonds . . . every bond bought may mean the life of an American soldier or a soldier of one of our allies . . . it is this offense which will divert the attention of the Japs away from the Siberian borders of the U. S. S. R. . . therefore, it will save the Soviet Union from fighting a two front war in case the Japs would attack . . .

● The *second front* in Europe must be launched at the earliest opportunity possible because of the extreme critical situation in the Soviet Union . . . This second front must be established at all costs . . . and it must be done quickly before fall sets in . . . the American people together with the British and Canadians should demand the immediate opening of the second front with the cry . . . "On to Victory" . . .

● *Lou Novikoff* of the Chicago Cubs baseball team is now nicknamed "The Commissar" by Bob Elson sports announcer for the WGN. he's been called "the mad Russian" and just about everything else . . .

● *Gloria Callen*, National women's swimming champion in the backstroke event, has recently won great acclaim at the National AAU Women's Swimming meet held at Neenah, Wisconsin . . . she now holds almost all the backstroke records of the country and has broke most of the records established by the former champion *Eleanor Holm* . . . the Riviera Swimming Club of Indianapolis, Indiana and headed by *Dorothy Bemis* won the national title . . . little *Paddy Aspinall* of Indianapolis won third place in the breaststroke event . . . Paddy's former swimming coach, *Dick Papanaguth*, is now varsity swimming coach at Purdue University . . . another of Dick's protigees is the former national AAU Womens high board diving champion *Barbara Cook* of Jeffersonville, Indiana . . .

● In the near future, the writer of this column will take a number of trips around the middlewest . . . and interviews will be procured from some of the more famous football coaches such as Northwestern's and Wisconsin's coaches . . . others that may be interviewed are *Mat Mann*, outstanding swimming coach from the University of Michigan and *Eliot* the newly appointed football coach from the University of Illinois . . . Mat Mann's swimming teams have won more Big Ten and National Intercollegiate titles for the past decade than any other college swimming team of the country . . .

**What
They
Say**

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT:

"Great progress has been made in the battle of production, but in terms of what will be required to defeat our enemies we have only just begun to get into our stride. To win this war, an unceasing flood of warships and materials must pour fourth from the factories, shipyards and mines of our country.

"The men and women of management and labor who provide such material are performing a task without which victory would be impossible. The Army and Navy, united in their efforts today as never before in the history of our country, have established a civilian decoration to be called the Army-Navy production award. This award will be conferred on war facilities in which notable production records are achieved, and on the men and women who work in them.

"An Army-Navy flag flying above a factory or a mine will bear witness that management and labor there are doing their utmost to help their Army and Navy to win this war. Any Army-Navy emblem, worn by a civilian, will evidence outstanding service in the greatest production force in the world today—a united and free army of American workers."

Admiral William D. Leahy:

"This war will probably be long. It will be the toughest, hardest, most merciless war we ever fought. It calls for the united power of every American, in uniform and out of uniform, on the firing line and on the production line. The price we will pay to redeem the future of mankind will be the highest ever paid. I have no doubt of America's decision. We have mighty enemies, but we can beat them. We did it once. We will do it again."

William Green, President, A. F. of L.:

"As soldiers of production we must not fail the men in the front lines. They must have the guns, tanks, and other materials to do their job, and we must assure them a steady stream."

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LDS MERRY-GO-ROUND

● Last week this column announced the fact that John Orman, national youth secretary of the LDS had been inducted into the U. S. armed forces. This week it is our proud privilege to publish his open letter to members of the LDS.

Dear LDS Friends:

● Like so many of our fine LDSers and millions of other fellow Americans, I have been called to active service in the United States armed forces. I am leaving for camp on August 22nd and I am writing this letter to you on furlough to finish up all work and prepare everything to be turned over to the person who is to take my place.

● I have been working with you, fellow members, for almost ten years. In the course of that time, together, we have accomplished what many older persons said was impossible. We have organized a large section of the Lithuanian American youth into the LDS. We have, as I leave you to serve my country, the largest Lithuanian American youth organization in the entire country.

● I shall not be able to work with you while I am in the Army. There we shall be taught to fight and to win this war over the axis powers which have so ruthlessly enslaved and killed so many people all over the world and are also aiming to enslave us as well.

● There is a great consolation for me in the fact that, right from the start, we have worked together against the fascist menace which we knew was bound to bring on this war. We continued our fight against the enemies of our country, against the enemies of freedom through the ten years that I have had the honor to work with you. I have been called to continue that same fight in a more direct manner. I, as hundreds of others of us, have been called by my country to fight the armed strength of the axis physically, to help bring victory, to wipe out the fascist axis menace. I shall try to do my best, as a soldier, just as I have tried to do my best in civilian life.

● Those of us who remain at home, particularly the younger women, and the men who are not yet subject to call, we are depending upon you, to work twice as hard in building our organization and in maintaining its activities until we come back to take our old places.

● We are depending upon you "to keep the home fires burning," just as you are depending upon those of us in the armed forces to bring victory for our country, for our civilization, for our LDS. Let us work hand in hand. Let us hear from you as often as possible about the progress that you are making while we are training to fight the axis, or while we are actually fighting the axis with all our might.

● Please do not let our organization down. We love our LDS with all our hearts. We are leaving its activity for a short period of time—until we defeat the enemies both of our country and of our organizations. We know that we shall win. We know that our cause is a righteous one. We know also, that you will not let us down, but that you will build and build our organization, organize its activities so that during this war time we shall be able to reach new heights.

● We worked out an excellent program of activity for our organization at our convention and National Youth Conference a few weeks ago. We know that we can count on every member we have left at home to execute these plans to the very best of his ability.

● We know that we can depend on each one of you to do your share, to enroll new members to help you do your share, to build and build. We also are certain that as many of you as possible will increase your special activities which will contribute to the winning of this the holy war of civilization against barbarism. We shall do our part, we have resolved it and we have sworn to do it. We expect, and we urge all of you left at home to do your part as well.

● And so, in turning the editorship of the paper and the office of Secretary of the National Youth Committee to the person who will take my place, I am doing it without apprehension, without fear that the office will not be taken care of properly.

● I know that your cooperation will make the new Youth Committee Secretary and the new Editor of the Tiesa English Section as proud of you and the entire LDS as I am now and as I have been for the past ten years.

● And now . . . so long until we come back carrying the banner of victory for our country for our civilization, for liberty and justice!

—JOHN ORMAN.

LDS YOUTH SECRETARY LEAVES FOR ARMY, FORMER VES EDITOR MAY BECOME ACTING SECRETARY

BROOKLYN, New York:—LDS National Youth Secretary, John Orman was reelected to selfsame posi-

tion of secretary on Tuesday of last week by the assembled members of the LDS National Youth Committee.

Immediately upon his reelection, Mr. Orman applied for a leave of absence, absence which will be spent in the service of the United States—the U. S. armed forces.

However, unable to continue his duties even though elected as national youth secretary of the organization, Mr. Orman is being supplanted by an acting-secretary and editor of the TIESA english section during the period that he is in service, which is during the duration of the war.

Reliable reports emanating from quarters here, indicates that Matt Sholomskas, former editor of the VILNIS ENGLISH SECTION will be the nomination of the LDS National Youth Committee to the position of acting-secretary-editor.



MATT SHOLOMSKAS

THOUSANDS TO FLOCK TO FINEST VILNIS SPONSERED PICNIC THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, OAKS GROVE

CHICAGO, Ill.—With \$750.00 in prizes being given away, plus a most inviting program consisting of Mike Buttits and Orchestra, Roseland Aldo Chorus, Bridgeport Women's Chorus and "Shakar-Makar" Chorus, this Sunday's VILNIS late summer picnic at Oaks Grove, situated at 119th St. and Archer Ave. (Route 4A), is bound to be thronged by thousands of persons from near and far.

According to the arrangement committee, the largest attendance ever to be had, can be expected. Personalities from Brooklyn, New York, Sheboygan, Milwaukee, Kenosha, Waukegan, Rockford, Indiana will be present.

Young people by the hundreds are readying to invade the picnic grounds. Whole branches of the LDS are mobilizing to attend and carloads will stream into the grounds.

Special arrangements and a number of surprises will be in store for all. The committee in charge meeting this past Monday evening mapped out plans on how best to cater to the thousands of Lithuanian-Americans who will jam the grove.

Route 4A is the highway leading to this massive turnout.

Vasaris, Former LDS Vice-President, Is Now Corporal In U. S. Army

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Former 2nd vice-president of the Association of Lithuanian Workers, Anthony Vasaris, now serving with the United States armed forces was promoted to corporality according to recent information.



CPL ANTHONY VASARIS

