









# F.D.R. 2<sup>nd</sup> FRONT AGREEMENT SABOTAGED

3 Months Ago . . . . . Russia Still Fights—Alone



"Full Understanding Was Reached With Regard to the Urgent Tasks of Creating a Second Front in Europe in 1942."—Declarations by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, June 11, 1942.

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## SEIZE LITH CROPS

### Former VES Editor Is Now Acting-LDS Youth Secretary

BROOKLYN, N. Y. — Matt Sholomskas, former editor of the VILNIS ENGLISH SEC-



MATT SHOLOMSKAS

TION and known youth leader on a national scale officially took over the position of acting national youth secretary of the Association of Lithuanian Workers, Inc., national Lithuanian-American fraternal organization. He is replacing John Orman, official secretary now with the U.S. armed forces.

### Nazis Say Bread Is Not Necessary And That Pigweed Is Palatable

By JONAS SHIMKUS

(Via Intercontinent News)

Seizure of crops from Lithuanian peasants has become the order of the day. German Nazi authorities three weeks ago issued an edict whereby registration of all grain crop is to be made, penalty of disobedience being death of the concentration camp.

The person responsible for the carrying out of this "do or die" crop delivery to the German occupationists is Commissar von Kluge. Under him is a Lithuanian Quisling, Jacevicius.

Agricultural quotas set by the German authorities must be fulfilled by Lithuanian farmers. Failure to reach the quota, has been made punishable by complete loss of title rights or fines in the form of cattle forfeit.

About 8,000 peasant have already lost title rights and have

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## HITLER HAS FRIENDS IN CONGRESS

Who has been delaying the Second Front in the United States? President Roosevelt's fighting message to Congress and his fireside speech on the war have smoked them out.

The Congressmen and Senators who are raving and frothing today against the President's expose of their disruptions—these are the boys who have been helping the Axis by their opposition to the Second Front.

The realization of the Second Front, as pledged by our country and as demanded by its safety, requires a smoothly working war economy behind it.

The appeasers and Quislings in Congress know this. That is why they have been knifing the military policy of President Roosevelt behind a mask of economic activity, presumably having nothing to do with the fighting of our armies in Europe.

Today, the saboteurs in Congress, controlling vital committees, and bullying the rest of the Congress, are out in the open. The country sees them for what they are—deliberate opponents of a smashing victory over Hitler.

Some of these Congressmen and Senators have publicly praised Hitler and fascism. Some have visited Nazi Germany and have returned with cries of admiration.

Others have fought frantically in such vicious movements as the America First Committee and others, against a crush-Hitler program. They have preached, and still secretly believe in, a negotiated peace with Hitler in the style of Laval.

FDR has driven them out of their hiding places. They stand up for inspection in the November elections. The people must drive them out of Congress.

To every candidate, the question must be put now: Do you support an immediate realization of President Roosevelt's Second Front agreements?



READY FOR SECOND FRONT—American boys above are going through training. Thousands are already "over there", trained and ready for offensive action. Meanwhile the Russian army still fights alone. What is holding up the second front?

## RUSS YOUTH MEAN BUSINESS

### Help on Production Front, War Front, Work Sundays, Do All in Power to Defeat Hitler

(Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

MOSCOW (ICN).—Tens of thousands of young Muscovites mark Sunday's by voluntarily sacrificing their free day to un-

load grain and timber at the railway stations and wharves, and to load arms and munitions for the Red Army. Others devote the day to preparing firewood for the industrial enterprises of Moscow and its regions.

# 5. LITHUANIANS ARE HUNG BY NAZIS

## Nazis Say Bread Is Not Necessary And That Pigweed Is Palatable

been removed from their farms. Farmers are facing starvation in the midst of plenty—that plenty being shipped to the German interior.

A propaganda campaign was instituted recently, showing that it is possible to exist on potatoes and water far better than on bread and water. This say the German authorities, was arrived at following an experiment with ten of the populas acting as guinea pigs; five living on bread and water and the other five on potatoes and water for a period of ten days. Those on the potato diet, it was announced, were in much better condition. Hence the conclusion is that bread is not necessary and therefore wheat can be shipped out of the country without serious consequence to health.

### "Bread Not Necessary"

In one village a stormtrooper by the name of Gauila, instructs the peasantry as follows:

"Not much bread is required for food. One must know how to eat it. It should be eaten only when stale, and chewed for a long time. It is through the chewing process that hunger is satisfied. Don't eat fresh bread. It is bad for the stomach, etc., etc."

From this "scientific" explanation flows the following; that bread is harmful for the Lithuanian stomach and therefore should all be turned over to the occupationists. Gaulias wife assures Lithuanian peasant women that, "very tasty porridge may be cooked from pigweed".

She then goes on to say that the Bolsheviks set the bad precedent that laborers require the best in foods, and that it was time to abandon this bad impression.

All flour mills in Lithuania irrespective to whom they formerly belonged to have been combined under one milling trust. This trust is controlled by the Germans and a commissar has been appointed to each mill. His function is to see to it that no grain is ground for the peasants without special permission.

There are persistent rumors in Lithuania that occupation authorities intend to establish bread rationing for peasants amounting to 100 grams per day per head; the idea being that in winter peasants do no heavy work and therefore can very well feed on potatoes and other vegetables.

## Visited Parents A Month Back, Now Is On Missing List

CHICAGO. — A month ago Ensign Richard Peter Bukowski arrived home on furlough to visit his parents. Today his name is included among the missing in the 11th casualty list issued by the Navy Department. Bukowski graduated from the Naval Academy, Annapolis, last December.

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



PVT. PETER WASKIE  
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

## Paper Cites Liths For Patriotic Activity; Bought Ambulance

NEW YORK, N. Y. — This city's New York Journal-American cited Brooklyn Lithuanian-Americans for their patriotic work in securing sufficient funds for the purchase of an ambulance or the American Red Cross.

Patriotic services wherat the bought ambulance was officially turned over to officials of the American Red Cross was featured pictorially in the Journal.

## Revolts Against German Authorities Flare Anew; Home Of Lithuanian Quisling, Kubiliunas Is Burned To Ground; Guerillas Carry On

### Lith Girl Awarded Scholarship To Illinois University

W. FRANKFORT, ILL. — At a meeting of the scholarship committee of the Franklin County Illini Club, applications were considered for the Illini scholarship to the University of Illinois. It was decided to award the scholarship to Elsie Radzunas of 1211 East 4th St., West Frankfort.

The scholarship, which has a value of \$100, is the result of contributions of \$1.00 each, made by former Illinois students now residing in Franklin county.

### Palton, LDS'er Of Cleveland, Taken Down With Pneumonia On Leave

(The following bulletin came through to the VILNIS ENGLISH SECTION last week, but was too late for the issue of the week—Ed.)

CLEVELAND.—Home on a two-day furlough, Joseph Palton, well known member of the Association of Lithuanian Workers came down with pneumonia.

Though still quite ill at the present, Palton is on the road to recovery. It will be some time before he returns to active duty with the United States Army. Friends of his wishing to drop him a card can do so by writing to: U. S. Marine Hospital, E. 124th and Fairhill Rd., Cleveland, Ohio.

### Here's One LDS Mother That Is Proud: Son Promoted To Sergeant

Benton, Ill.—In orders just issued by Col. L. Cote, commanding officer of Sioux Falls, S. D., U.S. Army Air Force Radio School of the Technical Training Command, Anthony Bakes, son of Mrs. Anna Bakes member of the Association of Lithuanian Workers (LDS), 915 West Church St., was appointed sergeant upon recommendation of military authorities at Sioux Falls. Sgt. Bakes' promotion was based upon his soldierly qualities and attention to duties.

By Jonas Shimkus  
(Via Inter Continent News)

Lithuanian peasantry has broken into revolt at recent crop seizure edicts pushed ahead by Nazi authorities. Rationing of bread, forced delivery of wheat, inability to utilize milling machinery for their wheat, has forced Lithuanians to steal their own grain and in the dark of the night mill it in secret.

Severe penalties have been instituted by the Germans for such "thefts". Deportation of many to Germany who have been caught in the act of milling their grain in secret, has become an every day occurrence. Those that are deported, are sent to build fortifications at the front.

Inceded at the forces of occupation, Lithuanian peasants are setting fire to crops on estates and farms managed by the Germans. In the last week of July in the district of Rokiskis alone, twenty-five field fires were set, destroying three hundred hectares of still unready rye and wheat.

### Hang Fire

The Germans have been unable to cope with these outbreaks although the police have orders to shoot incendiaries on the spot. As a measure of reprisal for the fires, occupation authorities hanged in the city of Rokiskis five Lithuanians who last fall were arrested as hostages.

Generally there are many fire outbreaks in Lithuania. Unknown persons burned down a large manor belonging to the Lithuanian traitor Kubiliunas in the district of Pabirz, granted to him last fall by Reich-commissar von Renteln as a reward for his "exceptional service".

Authorities have given strict orders for all forests to be guarded against fires. Yet on July 26th near Alytus, the Germans themselves set fire to a forest from four sides suspecting that a large body of guerilla fighters were hiding in it. Thirty hectares were burned down but no guerillas were found.



### LDS Sorority Of Chicago Sponsoring "Blackout Ball"

#### NEWSY SAYS:

Well, folks, we had our meeting last Friday. Oh yes, while we are on the subject of meetings, all sisters who did not attend the meeting please take note that our next meeting will be held on **September 25th** instead of the first Friday in October. We will be having meetings every two weeks now until further notice.

Well, this meeting was the last one at which our old executive board, which consisted of HELEN LANE, President and ANN PETERS, Secretary-Treasurer, presided. We elected new officers inasmuch as we have now been in existence for a little over a year. The Secretary-Treasury position has been split up into two jobs now. At our next meeting our new officers will take over. They are as follows:

**PRESIDENT—FRANCES YURGIL**  
**TREASURER—BEE GUYER**  
**SECRETARY—ALINE ZIMONT**

Next comes our Rush Party. **Attention All LDS Girls!** We do hereby invite all girls interested in becoming sisters of the Lambda Delta Sigma to come to our Rush Party which will be held on **September 27th** at Hollywood Inn from 3 P. M. to 5 P. M. Invitations have been sent to all the LDS branches, and I believe that they were read at the meetings this week. We want as many as can to come as we would like to have you join. So don't fail us, girls, we are counting on you.

**Lambda Delta Sigma Present the Blackout!** Well, my friends, here it is. Our next dance, which will be called the **Blackout Dance** will be held on **November 14th** at Hollywood Inn. This dance will be held for the benefit of all LDS Servicemen. You all remember our Cupid's Nite Dance, and you all had fun that night, so don't forget to keep this date open as we promise you fun again. Also don't forget you will be remembering our boys in the Service when you attend this dance. The dance will be along patriotic lines, and we promise to make it interesting. Tickets will be distributed to the Sorority Sisters in the near future, and anyone can purchase a ticket from any of these girls. I will keep you advised on this subject.

Our hostesses for this meeting were HELEN KWAIN and MARTHA ROGERS. Those Grape Sodas were "goot", girls.

#### NOSEY SAYS:

Newsy and I went to the send-off party given for STANLEY BERNOT last Saturday. (By the way, I would like to know where The Escort gets his "reliable information"). It was the biggest party held yet for any LDS fellow. There was quite a big turnout. JOE SACAL, AL KLAUD, and MR. YUSKA gave short talks in honor of the occasion and STAN also said a word or two. FRANNIE YURGIL gave an announcement of our November 14th Dance. "SULLY" remembered his friend even though he could not attend the party. He sent STAN a telegram from Ohio. ANN DAMASKA's sister HELEN was shocked when GEORGE KWAIN showed her his upsers. The Escort was wondering who was next in line for STAN'S car. Well, it will eventually be left to BRUNO BARON. The crown was in store for a surprise as STAN danced one dance, and as everyone knows, that is really

### Aido Chorus Treks To Rockford, Does Good Job Singing

Boy oh boy, I'm just bubbling over with great news.

We sure are making a great headway in our singing. If you don't believe me, ask the Rockford people.

But now I'm getting ahead of myself, I am so anxious to praise our singing, that I forgot to start at the beginning.

About 10:30 A. M. Sunday Morning, twenty cars filled with Aido chorus, Sekar Makor Chorus and friends left Roseland enroute to Rockford, Ill.

The caravan was led by Mr. Mischewich, who worked hard to make this trip a success. He took the lead and played records over his loud speaker, while we tagged along in back. Our cars decorated with Red, White, and Blue crepe paper and American flags.

We had a wonderful trip, only poor Gus had a blow out, but it takes more than a blowout to discourage Mr. Urnesius from having a good time.

We all arrived safe and sound in Rockford, but being so glad to be there, poor me forgot to look at my watch to see the time we arrived.

The Rockford people are sure swell. They treated us wonderful.

We well ate, drank, sang and took pictures. Then at 6:15 P.M. our great moment came. It was time to sing.

All members were ready and willing. We stood on the platform, proud and enthused as our teacher gave us the tune to our "National Anthem" in which soldiers and people participated.

Boy it sure is swell to have confidence in your teacher. She always looks so sure and ready. It seems we have to sing good, because she just pulls out our voices, and guided by her lovely smile, we sing on to success.

Keep it up Dot Yuden, we're all behind you 100%. We will all co-

something. I wonder if HELEN KWAIN was trying to talk FRANCES into becoming a sister? TONY K. remarking how much he was going to miss STAN and wishing he was leaving. You know he has enlisted in the Navy Seabees and is subject to leave at a twenty-four hours notice. One gal while talking to BERTHA BARON almost let the cat out of the bag by telling her about the surprise shower which was given in her honor on Sunday. AL JACOBS and BRUNO BARON were official barkeeps for the evening. If VOLLIE YUSKA looked kinda sad Saturday, it was because EDDIE BARR is scheduled to leave for the Service. Also CEL RIVA tells me that PAPS may be leaving. Then too CHARLIE RADUASKAS has enlisted in the Air Corps.

My! My! What are we poor little gals going to do with all the fellows leaving us. Well, it's a great life if you don't weaken. Only half of some of the famous two-somes were at the party. For instance BARBARA URBELIS without JOE STALOR who is doing his bit for Uncle Sam. ALDONA GRAZULIS, who was usually seen with TONY G., came in with JENNIE M. and ISABELLE B. Well, I guess that just about covers it.

Adding to what Newsy Says I would like to see all you girls at the Rush Party. I'll be seeing you. Sooo long.

— Newsy and Nosey

### Redwings To Honor Drama Winners This Saturday

Hear ye! All merrymakers and those who want to spend a few hours in good company and plenty of social life.

This Saturday evening, September 19th at Hollywood Inn, we are, that is the Redwings and the Sparks are to honor their drama winners.

It is a special "heck raising" affair to blow off steam for our National LDS Drama Contest Winners. The most important item is that—**All members of each respective club will be admitted free of charge.**

To others who care to come and see operate and go up and up.

I will not name all the songs we sang, but we had three anchors, and if that isn't good, then disregard my saying so.

It was so good to see Connie M. and Helen P. but we sure missed you.

Our president of the Chorus, Miss D. Razmus, made a speech about our Chorus and invited the Rockford people to attend our Banquet, which I will write about in my next column.

Tell me; who could refuse an invitation from a charming maid as fair as she—I'm sure I couldn't.

We ended the day by spending our trip money. They had paid us to come to Rockford. All money was spent there for the Vilnis. Even good old teach donated her day's salary to the Vilnis Picnic—which in other words means, we all paid our own way and left our salary there in Rockford. So three cheers for teach and the chorus. They sure did their share in making the picnic a financial success.

Now, I want to write about a very special member, one who has been dear to us all; and has left our chorus for the time being, to join Uncle Sams forces.

We were proud to have him with us Sunday at Rockford. Dressed in his army uniform, teach stood him in front of the whole chorus, and gosh, Johnny Razmus, our hearts sang to you. We dedicated a few selections to Johnny and the U. S. Army and our eyes were full of tears.

Remember Johnny, wherever you are, our hearts and thoughts will be with you through the whole mad war.

We will wait patiently for your return to us, after fascism is wiped off the earth, so good-bye and good luck Johnny Razmus. I know Uncle Sam will be proud of you and so will we.

May I now wish a speedy recovery from illness to Miss Nellie Razmus, who is confined to bed at home, from a severe illness. Get well soon Nellie, we miss you.

Also, Mrs. Kenstavich, a great patriot and member of our Chorus. A very good alto singer—She will wait for your return to us. Lots of luck and a speedy recovery.

**"Warning":** To all Aido Chorus members—be careful, for I am on the lookout for gossip, gossip, and more gossip.

I will not spare anyone, young, or old, married or single.

So wherever you go, whatever you do, beware, I'll be there to track down all your doings—So, don't say I didn't warn you.

And so, until next Thursday, same place, same column, I remain,

What's My Name?

what is going on, a small fee of One Dollar per person will be asked.

This affair is to be most informal and so within the actual club members, we can "tear the roof down."

So keep this in mind and come to enjoy a swell night among the Hamlets, Romeos and Juliets. All club members will receive cards in regards to this matter.

Very good representation was on hand at our meeting Monday and since the issue of the National Office was important, we passed it! Everyone was in favor of the 10 cent per month increase.

Our branch is all set to go in the new bowling season with such club gifts (to bowling member) as paying entree fee and getting team shirts.

#### Volunteer Varieties

"Oh, The Moon shines bright on pretty Redwing," was a so-called theme song at our Send-Off Party of volunteer Stanley Bernot—when I had barged in at the Hollywood Inn, I was confronted immediately by G. Kwain with an outstretched hand—not to shake, by no means, but to caress the palm with some "legal tender"—and brushing past George (why not) I viewed the large gang which had come to see Stanley off—looking hastily around, I used my electric eagle eye to see what is what—and there behind the bar I saw Bruno Baron and Al Jacobs dishing out the "foam" to the "bar flies".

We really had a swell crowd—even those two favorite blondes came in to wish Stan good luck. Probably you all know now (though I predicted it almost two years ago) that "Aye Gee" and "Tee Gee" got engaged—they are Aldona Grazulis and Tony Guzasukas—"Aye Gee" was wearing the "bindsome rock" on her finger, proud to show it as an engaged girl should—naturally I had to congratulate her and get her reactions for myself. Who else came, surprising to me was, Daisy Doo, Jim Usauskas. I wonder how vivacious Aline Zimont feels now, yes, I know, none of my business—but after all who else can we link more definitely—Aline? Gosh, I feel hungry—oh—over there—I spied "Ma" Jacobs with Kugeli, homemade bread and salad—of course, I was the first one to help myself, but with Joe "the Satch" and Walter Kubellius reaching over me—the best giggle I got was when George Kwain took out his upper plate to toothpick them out by Paps Riva's plate, with Paps consciously viewing what was going on. Fran Yurgil and Aldie Pavelous led the singing of the Redwing Song, while I was sitting to help them out—Bertha Baron looked cute that night, not knowing the Sunday a baby shower was to be held in her honor. I wonder if those two certain "haybags" enjoyed our little party? A feature of the evening was when we had Stan Bernot out in the middle of the floor. He tried hard to thank everyone, but we all knew what he wanted to say—Good Luck, Stan. Stella Stankus, Helen Kasro, and Barbara W. stuck around the refreshment stand. Helen K. and Nellie enjoyed a trip down southern Illinois and "East Sunitlois".

"Another item of note is that Ed Barr, Volga Yushka's fiancée is to enter the Air Corps soon. A party was held last Sunday. Yeah, you really can notice the shortness of the male sex—the gals pretty soon will have to get engaged to each other—Jennie Mitchell kept in "close" company to who(?) from the reports I hear—so until I see all you Saturday at Hollywood Inn, I bid all of you—adieu.

—The Escort

VILNIS PICNIC SUNDAY, OAKS GROVE, 119th & ARCHER AVE.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

• The Midwest Youth Council of the Association of Lithuanian Workers (LDS) lost out on an ardent youth and the armed forces of the United States gained one. Said member of the council is **Joseph Staloraitis**, now attending officers' training school in Kentucky . . .

• While a number of pseudo-patriots do a lot of ranting and raving, the **Rimkus** family of St. Louis, Mo., are putting into practice their patriotism. Three brothers, **Stanley, Casimir and Michael**, have joined the armed forces to do their bit in the fight against Hitlerism. Mom and Pop Rimkus (Joseph and Anna) are proud of them . . .

• **Family of medics:** **Asmenskas** is the name and they reside in Chicago. All three, **Natalia, John and Peter** are doctors. News received just recently indicates Peter's leaving for the armed forces . . .

### • ROAD TO VICTORY!

Margaret Scherf wrote the following. The United States Treasury Department thought enough of it to have it published. Instead of Scherf, insert your own name:

What do you mean,  
Walking around in Nylons without runs,  
When MacArthur needs guns?

You've killed a lot of people, Scherf,  
But what have you done  
To hustle Adolph under the turf?

Oh! you bought some 10-cent stamps?  
Well, well.

An occasional dime  
Isn't going to reconstruct a griddle  
For Goering's middle.

You'd better fork over to your  
Uncle Sam  
Or you'll be sitting in the Nazi stables.  
Writing publicity for Goebbels.

. . . .

• 2nd Lt. **Elsie Auseus**, USNC, member of the LDS now stationed in Hawaii will eventually run into more Lithuanians who have arrived to the island. Recently to leave for the Jap blasted area is **Mindo Jakus**, well known Chicago youth. He is with the naval cantonment at Pearl Harbor . . .

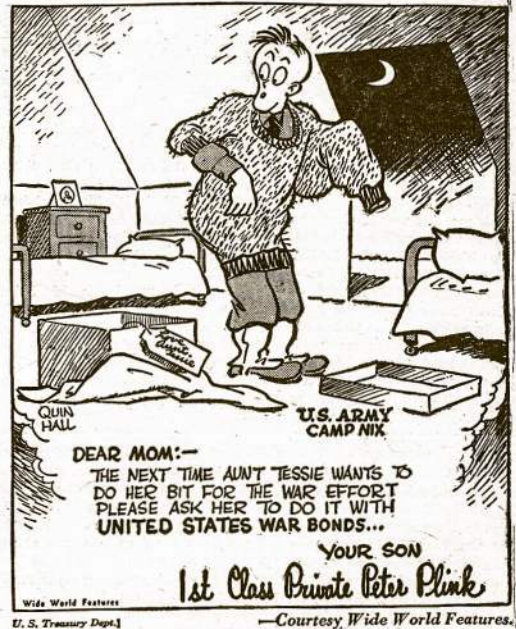
• Condolences are extended to **Otto Lillwitz** of the Chicago LDS Sparks branch. His sister, **Myra**, 21-years old died this past Saturday . . .

• Seeing active service with the Canadian WAAC'S is **Miss Frances Paknys** of Winnepeg . . . **Tom Norkus**, son of the famous restaurateur on 31st St. and Halsted in Chicago is in the naval forces at present . . . **Mrs. E. Kubilius** of Chicago, whose son **Stanley** is with the aviation corps down in Texas, plans to visit him in the very close future . . . **Anthony Adomaitis**, also of Windy City, is with an AEF unit "somewhere across" . . . Photographer for the navy is **Joseph Norkus** of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania. Home on leave recently he was tendered a gala reception by friends . . . Married this past Saturday was **Miss A. Simans** to **Joseph Beleckis**. Both are Chicagoans . . . Another couple to tie the knot the same day were **Stella Stanchikas** and **Benedict Jurenis** . . . **Jurenis** is with the United States armed forces. He holds a seargent's position . . .

• The 26th of this month at the **Amalgamated Clothing Workers Hall** in Chicago will see a gala turnout of youth, Lithuanian included, for the Russian War Relief Youth Division **VICTORY JAMBOREE**. **Lew Diamond** and his orchestra are furnishing dance music . . .

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### About Pickles And Things....

● We thought we had just about answered the last argument against a Second Front Now, when a new one was raised this week that really has us stumped. A London correspondent for the New York Times writes that a Second Front must be delayed until there are enough ships to carry the special foods which American soldiers dote on, especially pickles. Here we have a Second Front problem which may well-nigh be insurmountable—for we are now asked to wait not only until the last button is sewed on, but also until the last pickle is affixed to the last pickle.

*The pickle problem requires immediate solution. We have no doubt that some of those Chicago Tribune "mothers" will soon be carrying placards announcing that "I Didn't Raise My Boy to Be a Soldier Without a Pickle."*

● Staggering as the Pickle Supply Problem appears at first glance, we nevertheless are confident that American brains can find the answer. For example, could not the pickles be dropped from planes, with a self-opening parachute attached to each pickle? Or perhaps each pickle could be fitted out with an out-board motor and sailed straight across the Atlantic—a method which would have a special advantage since the full flavor of the pickle would be preserved by the trip through the briny deep.

● We expect, of course, to be told that the solution is not as simple as we have suggested and that a layman should not presume to speak out on matters of pickle strategy. It will be pointed out, no doubt, that the Heinz plant alone puts up 57 varieties of pickle and that our parachute or out-board motor might be practical for only 13 varieties. In fact, the defeatist New York Daily News may suggest that no progress can be made on the problem at all unless the next five years are devoted to a campaign to establish a Unified Pickle Force.

● But, despite all difficulties, we are ready to throw full resources into solving this truly big obstacle to a Second Front. The only thing that makes us hesitate is a feeling that when we have finally solved the pickle problem, we will pick up the New York Times next morning and read: "Second Front Being Delayed By Ketchup Shortage."

—Alan Mar

## NEWS FROM AND



### ABOUT THE BOYS

Joseph Staloraitis, member of the LDS Midwest Youth Council is now attending Officer's Training School in Ashland, Kentucky—not Texas as was erroneously announced last week. His address is 340 17th Street, Ashland, Kentucky.

Battalion A, 11th Battery, 4th Regiment, FARC, Fort Bragg, North Carolina is the address of Private John Gizevich, member of the Chicago LDS Redwing branch.

Edward Barr of the Chicago Monarchs was due to leave for the armed forces this past Monday.... Coming in to Chicago from California where he has been attending aviation school is Raymond Russell of the Chicago Monarchs branch. He is due to step into the armed forces soon upon his arrival.

John Orman, National Youth Secretary of the Association of Lithuanian Workers now serving with the U. S. Army is stationed in the state of New York. His address is: Pvt. John Orman, Company B, 1st Prov. M. P. Battalion, Fort Ontario, New York.

## What They Say

Joseph C. Grew,  
Former Ambassador to Japan:

"We are fighting this war for the preservation of righteousness, law and order, but above all for the preservation of the freedoms which have been conferred upon us by the glorious heritage of our American citizenship, and for these same freedoms in other countries of the United Nations. And while we are fighting against the forces of evil, lawlessness and disorder in the world, we are primarily fighting to prevent the enslavement which actually threatens to be imposed upon us if we fail. I am convinced that this is not an overstatement. Surely ours is a cause worth sacrificing for and living for and dying for if necessary."

## As We See It In Lith Circles

By GEORGE STARKAUSKAS

### SOMETHING LITHUANIANS SHOULD SEE

● Remember how a handful of fighting United States Marines held off overwhelmingly superior numbers of Japanese at Wake Island—a tiny, mid-Pacific stepping-stone between Hawaii and the Philippines—between December 7th and 21st? Paramount's production of "Wake Island" is something to see. It is a truly terrific war film that knocks you clean out of your seat—an inspiring reenactment of those fourteen hellish days America will never forget—an unforgettable portrayal of the true American character. Brian Donlevy as the garrison's commanding officer gives a performance that is notable for its deep sincerity and truthfulness. It should stand as a model for all future war films.

● "Wake Island" is the first Hollywood film about the war in the Pacific that makes sense. There is a minimum of horse-play and hokum. There are no blondes in the bomb-racks. The commander's daughter does not love a corporal. The top sergeant is not a "heavy". The comic relief is kept within proper bounds. There is hardly a trace of the swaggering and swashbuckling usual in films of this type. You can forget "Shores of Tripoli" and all the other vapid films about army life that left you with a sour taste in the mouth. This is the first one that does not insult the soldier, the first one that endows him with genuine human feelings and makes you proud of our fighting forces.

● There is the spirit of Bunker Hill and Stony Point in this epic of "Wake Island". This is the war as it was fought on Wake Island. This is the way Sevastopol was defended by the Red Army. This is the way MacArthur defended Bataan. This is the way it happened.

● "Wake Island" is the authentic story of men who gave their lives for a glorious cause, men who did not know the meaning of the word surrender. The Polish mechanic who joined the army shortly after his wife and two children were killed when the Nazis bombed Warsaw. The radio operator who was shot by a Japanese officer because he refused to get away from his instrument until he had finished his last message to America. The pilot who lost his wife at Pearl Harbor and blasted a Japanese cruiser to the bottom of the ocean before he returned his plane to safety and died in the arms of his friends. And all the others who fought with the strength of lions against overwhelming odds. These are the men who wrote history in the Pacific. They are not supermen but ordinary men like you and me and a hundred million other Americans who are to take their places. They fought well because they loved liberty. They fought hard because they hated tyranny.

● The Japanese militarists are portrayed as they are in real life, doubledealing and brutal. In this respect Paramount's film compares favorably with the Soviet film "Battle of Siberia." The true, revolting face of the enemy is revealed in two outstanding incidents in "Wake Island". In one scene the special Japanese envoy arrives at Wake Island and proposes a toast to "that great executive of your great democracy whose lasting peace it is my country's greatest wish to preserve." As you know, the ambassador smiles hypocritically, "I am on my way to Washington. I carry a message from my emperor to your president. It is a message of peace." The Americans propose a toast to Hirohito but while the Japanese are talking peace, Hirohito's fleet is preparing to lay waste to Pearl Harbor. In the other scene, a Japanese pilot machine-guns a helpless marine trying to descend to safety in a parachute.

● Hollywood has been severely criticized by our allies in England for producing, and sending abroad, offensive and belittling motion pictures that are an endless travesty on American life. "Wake Island" will go a long way to correct the impression the movies have fostered that Americans are either "criminals, sob sister or campus zanies." It will go a long way to cement our friendship with the people of the United Nations.

● "Wake Island" is a motion picture about America's fighting spirit that we can recommend everywhere, to everyone, without fear or shame.

# I SHALL NOT GO ALONE

(A Short Story)

By Nellie De Schaaf

(Horror, indescribable horror have the people of Russia gone through. The unsaitable forces of Nazism have wreaked their wrath with fire and sword in a desperate attempt to crush the Red Army and the populas of the Soviet Union, that nation which to this day fights the world's greatest concentration of troops—alone.

The courage, sacrifice, bleeding which the Soviet Union has gone through has stirred the free people of the world. They know that the mighty bulwark—the Soviet Union—stands between them and slavery. They realize as General MacArthur stated, that "the hopes of civilization rest on the glorious banners of the Russian Red Army."

Russia waits for a Second Front. Hitler dreads it. The people of the United States and Great Britain are for it. Yet, even to this day, following an agreement worked out by Great Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union whereby both the former committed themselves to open a second front in 1942—no action has been taken.

Russia bleeds, it waits. It fights desperately. The Russian people fight for us, for world humanity. Their action and deeds have inspired a youthful Lithuanian-American girl writer to submit the following story—a story which every American must have formed in his mind on the courage, sacrifice and determination of a nation of peoples who die so that liberty may live.—The Editors)

"Quick, Maxim! They are coming!" From all directions came the terrified and shrill cries of children and the hysterical weeping of women. Dasha went cautiously to the window even while putting on her heavy coat and slinging a gun over her shoulder. Hand grenades were thrust into large and roomy pockets.

Several doors away, Dasha beheld a sight that caused the blood to freeze in her veins. Poila had dashed out of the house, her hair streaming over her shoulders. Her youngest child, clutched in her arms. Its tiny head wobbled grotesquely and blood streamed from a gaping bayonet wound. The drunken German soldier who was pursuing Poila was attempting to get hold of her long tresses. Blood flowed from many parts of Poila's body but she, nevertheless, fought like a little wild cat.

Dasha could stand no more. Compassion was in her eyes for Poila; however, there was no compassion as she calmly and deliberately drew a bead on the drunken soldier. A deafening report, and the soldier dropped limply like a bag of flour. Poila, seizing the opportunity, dashed madly for the shelter of the woods. She weaved in and out, like a drunken person.

At the sound of the report of the gun, other Germans came pouring out of the house. They pointed in the direction of Dasha's house. However,

Dasha and Maxim had already slipped out into the forest.

In the forest, they met others, who, like themselves, had fled rather than be taken alive. "Maxim," Dasha cried, "We must all head for the cave. They will be searching the woods next." Even as she spoke, fires leaped like hungry, clutching claws, high into the air. Cries of terror arose from burning homes. "Aryan funeral pyres," one thin Russian spoke through clenched teeth.

Soldiers surrounded the burning homes. As the trapped devils tried to make their way outside, they were calmly machine gunned. A German soldier, with cold, merciless eyes spoke: "I always thought that Russians knew how to die. The women squeal like pigs." Other soldiers, manning machine guns, grinned appreciatively.

Maxim led the way to the cave. "We must hurry, Comrades. There is no time to lose," Dasha spoke, almost as to herself. "I wonder if we shall find Poila. Poor Poila. She always thought that we made the Germans out to be such devils. She could not believe that one human being could be so savage and brutal to one of its own kind."

After tramping through heavily wooded sections, with the branches clutching at their faces and clothing, with mud sometimes up to their knees, they finally came to the cave. It was well hidden. "The only way anyone can find this place," Maxim observed, "is through the aid of a spy, and Heaven help him if I lay my hands on his Adam's Apple!"

Once inside, one man was chosen to stand guard at the entrance, to report any suspicious movements in the vicinity. The others went inside to make plans. Although, it was only around 5 o'clock, the sky was becoming dark and the chill Autumn air clung and seemed to envelop the cave.

Maxim was appointed the leader unanimously. His leadership had been unquestioned in the Trade Unions for many years. "First of all, Comrades," he spoke calmly, "We must find out where the headquarters of the Germans will be located. Then we must destroy them—the vermin." There was a general shaking of heads in the affirmative. "We must remember one thing. Whatever happens, that is, if we are captured, we must not disclose the secret of this cave. All our lives depend on it, as well as the lives of many other unfortunate devils who will come here." A tiny light, flickering from a candle, played weird shadows across the work-worn faces. All faces were graven with the heavy responsibility which was theirs. They knew what Maxim was asking: It was a death sentence if anyone of them were captured. They had no illusions as to the treatment that they could expect.

They had seen bodies, dangling in the air, in rows. Some had their eyes gouged out; other bodies were beaten



to a bloody pulp with whips; mothers clutching babes to their breasts were bayoneted together; young girls who had not submitted to the advances of the bestial German soldiers had had their breasts, noses and ears cut off. Even small children did not escape this savage butchery. They were questioned as to the whereabouts of their parents. Asked if they knew where the Partisans were hiding. Even if they did not know, they were tortured; tiny arms were broken in many places; eyes were blackened and teeth kicked out as they lay writhing in anguish on the floor. Yes, these "superior Aryans" well served the name of "hangmen" and "murderers" that was ever on the lips of all civilized peoples in occupied Europe.

One old man of about 70 spoke up. "Comrades, I would like to volunteer to find out where these brown beasts will be making their headquarters. I have not much longer to live anyway and I wish to do one deed for my country before my toes are turned up to the sky."

There was some dissent. "No, grandfather," one young man spoke up, "if you were trapped, your old legs would not carry you far. This is no job for an old man. I want to volunteer." Tears of remorse trickled down the heavily lined face of Grandpa. His hands started to tremble and his lower lip quivered. "It is always that way," he said. "I am not yet old enough to die, but you think I am too old to fight. There should be no age limit. Does it make any difference to the Germans about the age? They torture children, men, women and the feeble alike."

Maxim looked at the old man, long

and carefully. "Grandfather," he said kindly, "You shall have your chance to go. It is not because these Comrades do not think you are capable enough. They are afraid for you." The old man's face wreathed in smiles. "Good," he said, "I shall go as a beggar. I do not need to borrow any rags to look like a beggar. I already look like a beggar." The others smiled faintly at his raillery. "To-morrow morning, I shall put my sack upon my back and go begging. There are plenty of beggars now that these locusts have swarmed over Europe. I shall not be suspected as fast as some of you younger rescals."

"There is one more thing, Grandfather," Maxim said steadily. "We shall not be able to give you any fire-arms or hand grenades. That would be a certain death sentence for you if you were caught."

"Yes, yes," the Grandfather agreed. "Don't worry, Comrades, if I have to go, I shall not go alone. I will take as many of those murderers to hell with me as I can. Listening to his impassioned voice, rising like thunder and his eyes kindled with unquenchable fire, his audience sat as if spell-bound. No longer was Grandfather an old man. Rather was he like a bull, who, after goring a toreador, has just realized his own strength. His voice was saying. . . . "These Germans shall learn that the Russian people will not submit to brown uniformed plunderers and murderers. If need be that we shall die, we shall die as free men and not as slaves."

Aid Our Ally—  
Give To Russian Relief

# In THE DUGOUT

With Walter Pozer, Jr.

● The newest addition to most of the physical fitness programs in the colleges, navy yards, and army camps are the obstacle courses . . . where the participants undergo a real test of physical capacity . . . an obstacle course usually consists of a set of five four-foot wood hurdles, a nine foot wall, a large ditch to cross by means of hanging from parrallel bars, string entanglements, ladders, tunnels, low wire entanglements, and swinging ropes . . . this is a good type of activity that is certain to toughen anyone up . . . the more strenuous courses are used for special troops such as the "Rangers", "Commandos", the U. S. Marines, the naval "Commandos", and the paratroops . . .

● The latest war picture "The Eagle Squadron" is certainly a masterpiece of information on one of the outstanding fighting units of the allies . . . it is about the lives and loves of the brave Americans who did not wait to be stabbed in the back as the rest of us did . . . they went to England and fought in the sky for a cause that all of us are fighting for now . . . it is a story of Americans from California to New York who went over for various other reasons besides that of the cause of humanity . . . the picture is full of excitement and, if you can't stand excitement, don't see it . . . otherwise put it on your "must see" list . . .

● The latest move by the draft board will affect the colleges and universities throughout the United States because it will take away all army reservists from school and place them in the camps that have been recently vacated by men who have been sent to other countries . . . schools will have a marked reduction in their enrollments . . . but the big thing is winning the war now so education should be placed on the shelf at least temporarily . . . it is a fact that the students are the ones who will do most of the technical and officership of the services because of their higher training in the various special fields of work such as engineering, medicine, science, etc. . . . physical education students will be placed in the camps where their ability will be used to train the army and navy physically . . . medical students will be highly needed in the army hospitals . . . dentists will be needed . . . science students are important . . . engineers are essential for the winning of the war . . . it is this type of higher training that will help win the war for the allies . . .

● In next weeks column, there will be an interview between the writer of this column and a coed from the University of Iowa . . .

## ALL—OUT FOR VICTORY—LDS

On a national scale, branches of the Association of Lithuanian Workers, Inc., largest Lithuanian youth embracing organization in America are voting for an assessment of ten cents to regular dues so that the boys of the organization now in service, will be maintained as members in good standing.

This action on the part of the association is most patriotic. Boys, members of the LDS now in service are pictured below:



**WHITEY NAUDZIUNAS**  
Chicago, Ill.



**CHARLES SCHULTZ**  
Kenosha, Wis.



**STANLEY PADE**  
Kenosha, Wis.



**PVT. WILLIAM TOTORIUS**  
Auburn, Illinois



**FIGHTERS ALL**—Lithuanian organization 100% behind the win-the-war effort is the Association of Lithuanian Workers, Inc. Photo above was taken during the organization's 6th biennial convention held in the city of Chicago. Here it was that Lithuanian-Americans joined the nation-wide cry for the immediate opening of second front in Europe.

Walter Kubilius Writes . . .

## Chicago Masquerade

In which a TALL man tells all . . .

● In the past few years we have read many short stories, published in various magazines, analyzing the emotions, fears, hopes and loves of a man whose bodily make-up sets him apart from the rest of the world. In the flux of an emotional struggle his heart, feelings and thoughts are dissected, each tendon of his being carefully expressed in prose so that the common man and the common woman may better be able to understand the strange wanderings through torturous channels of the human soul.

● Such stories are written about short men, fat men, men who were blind from birth, men with twisted spines and paralyzed legs, men of all sorts having this thing in common: a physical change or difference that sets them apart.

● Yet there have rarely ever been stories about a tall man. Thomas Wolfe made an attempt in one of his short stories. Paul Gallico touched upon the subject when he followed Carnera's Caliban wanderings in the sports columns. Aside from these two I have come across no others. I have often wondered at the reason for this. Sometimes I think I know why. It must be that the world of the 6-foot-6 man is chameleon-like think. It changes even as you watch. It slumbers for days, sometime weeks and then suddenly bursts in the company of children, at a gathering, a chance remark from a stranger, an attempted joke by a friend—and the net descends again. The fat man, the midget, the freak—these have their differences born in them. They are fat men and midgets first—and individuals secondly. Every tall man I have known—and I have known many—was an individualist first and a tall man second. Therein is the difference. Yet no one knows that except the tall man and—in a sense—no one really can.

● Let us say that you have blue eyes. Suppose you are told every morning, noon and night that you have blue eyes. Suppose you are questioned by strangers, interrupted at your work, stopped when you walk, spoken to when you want silence—always the same refrain: you have blue eyes, you have blue eyes, you have blue eyes, you have blue eyes. It becomes monotonous.

● Ever since I can remember I have listened to comments and questions, that were shot at me with a stereotyped repetitiousness that reminded one of a broken record that played on its single note through all eternity.

● Ninety-eight per cent of all remarks concern themselves with a statement about the weather.

"Say, how's the weather up there?" and,  
"Say, how's the air up there?"

How limited is man's intellectual ability to say something in a slightly different fashion!

● The other two per cent fall into four general classes. The first, and most common among older men who realize the crudity of the 98% just mentioned, consists in a friendly, somewhat-confidential air covered with a thin layer of shyness.

● "Uhhh," the stranger says, and the tall man girds himself, knowing the exact words of the conversation for the next ten minutes, "me and my friend here we got a little bet . . ."

He paused. Patiently the tall man waits.

"Uhh . . ." he goes on, "we got a little bet here—friendly like sort of. Now, don't feel insulted or anything—but my friend says you're seven feet and I say you're 6 feet 6. So how tall are you?"

● At the opposite end of the scale is the comedian. As soon as the tall man enters a bar or is introduced to someone, he suddenly steps out and shouts, "Jee-ZUS Ka-RIST! Lookit the size of 'im!" This is immediately followed by equally comical attempts to stand on a chair or table in an effort to be taller or to crawl on his knees, gazing upward, an exaggerated awe-struck grimace on his face. The tall man smiles and attempts to enjoy the feeble humor.

● But the comedian is rapidly losing ground, to be supplanted by the youth who has just passed his 21st birthday or had his first girl. In the full flush of newly-attained manhood he cries out, "GOD! I thought I was tall!"

● Very rarely, if ever, do women make comments about height. The few that are made are usually a casual "I think it's nice for a man to be tall," or an equally calm, "You can see everything at a parade, can't you?"

● All other statements, with or without dramatic thespian presentation, are a mixture of one or more of the above listed ones.

● The story about the tall man would deal, not with the comments, for as you can see they are few in type, though great in number, but with his reaction to a constant never-ending barrage of trite and repetitious hackneyed comments and attempted wisecracks.

● What is the effect of all this upon the mind and attitude of the tall man? It differs in each one. For myself I can only say that it has meant a desperate, unceasing attempt to strip each person of the cloak of convention and artificiality in order to find the truth underneath.

## HONOR LDS DRAMA FESTIVAL WINNERS SATURDAY; "LITTLE THEATRE GROUP" TO BE LAUNCHED SAME EVENING



ANNE PETRUTIS  
"Fifty-Fifty" Author

CHICAGO, ILL.: — Hollywood Inn, known gathering place for Chicago members of the Association of Lithuanian Workers (LDS), this Saturday, Sept. 19, will resound to verberations of drama enthusiasts, actors, actresses and playwrights.

The occasion is to honor the cast, characters and assistants of two Chicago LDS branch drama groups that participated in the LDS National Dramatic Tournament held at the Lithuanian Auditorium in the month of July.

Both the groups, Sparks and Redwings grabbed honors at the festival with plays titled "Fifty-Fifty" and "When The Wife's Away." Third place was taken by the Brooklyn branch.

## Association Lithuanian Workers 2nd District Calls Conference

CHICAGO, ILL.—To put into operation the recent decisions of the national convention of the Association of Lithuanian Workers (LDS), and further, to map out a broad line of activity falling in with the state of conditions as do exist at this time when the United States and world humanity battles the Axis menace, the district committee of the LDS 2nd District has called a conference for Sunday, October 11, at Vilnis Hall, 3116 South Halsted St.

To the conference will come representatives from the states of Indiana, Wisconsin.

## LDS Midwest Youth Council Calls Leaders' Confab For November

CHICAGO, ILL. — A broad gathering of youth leaders, representatives of youth branches of the Association of Lithuanian Workers from the mid-west area, is being called for November 15.

The conference of youth, as announced by the Midwest Youth Council which is in charge of proceedings, will revolve around activity of branches during the war period. Representation from Cleveland, Ohio, Detroit, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin is expected. The gathering will be held in one of this city's hotels.

To Launch "Little Theatre"  
Although honor and glory will be heaped upon both branch drama groups, the occasion will be utilized to launch the much discussed and Midwest Youth Council proposed "Little Theatre Group". This group, to which any member of the association that is interested in drama and acting may belong, will embark upon a series of play productions in an organized fashion. It will be an autonomous group within the LDS, such as is the year-old LDS sorority Lambda Delta Sigma.

The affair will be free to members of the Redwing and Spark branches. Others wishing to attend will be asked to pay admission. Members of the Monarch and Roseland branches are invited, especially those that are interested in drama, to join in the launching of the "Little Theatre Group".

Festivities begin at 8 p. m. Dancing is on the menu, as are a number of other novelties. Hollywood Inn is situated at 43rd and Western Ave.

## Rockford LDS To Have Hayride This Saturday

Here is the latest report from the Rockford LDS Rockets:

Many Rockets were present at the Vilnis Picnic held here, and we did enjoy everything in the line of talent of music that Chicago brought to our city.

The Anti-Fascist Committee met recently at the home of Alvina Johnson. Many important topics of the past month were discussed. We also discussed the importance of bringing before our group the correct meaning of Fascism.

LDS CORRES.