









# LITH PRO-NAZIS EXPOSED BY THOMPSON!

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### Lith-America At War

#### Youthful Son of Vilnis Reader Plays Vital Role in Aircraft Production

(Special to VES)

SCOTTVILLE, MICH.:—No one in Mason county is surprised at the achievement of Torpia Alex Lapenas, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Lapenas, farmers and produce dealers, readers of VILNIS here, who with two partners has established in Dayton, Ohio, a business highly important to the war effort and at the same time astonished the nation's aircraft and optical industries.

It is accepted as a matter of course here that young Lapenas has succeeded in a field where many older men have failed. The Chicago-born son of Lithuanian immigrants, he was reared on his parents' farm and attended the local high school from which he was graduated in 1936 as valedictorian. A year later, at the end of his freshman year at Michigan State college, Scottville High school was awarded a plaque by Phi Kappa Phi, MSC honor fraternity, in recognition of the boy's outstanding scholastic record at East Lansing.

In partnership with Olaf Mohn, 34, of Dayton, and Harry Morgan, a classmate at Michigan State college, Lapenas is turning out prisms and other optical glass for aircraft instruments.

#### Quit His Job.

The three formed their partnership in July, 1941—with an idea, the knowledge that there was a need for the product they felt sure they could deliver, and little capital. The three men were interested in making telescopes. Lapenas, while a student at Michigan State, had completed an optical flat which the United States bureau of standards had determined to be flat within one-millionth of an inch. He had an idea for making optical prisms and at Morgan's suggestion he threw up a job in Chicago to go to Dayton and talk with his former classmate and Mohns, who were employed in a Dayton factory.

While Mohns and Morgan kept at their jobs, Lapenas began setting up the "factory" in the basement of the Mohns home. The other partners hurried home from work each evening to help. Experts had told them they should have not less than \$50,000 to start their venture, but the intangibles the three brought to their effort offset the discrepancy between the \$50,000 needed and the \$200 in hand. They made most of their own equipment from cast-off material.

Getting an aircraft instrument firm to give them an order was as difficult as the task of setting up their factory. But they finally got an order—just on the eve of the expiration of a draft

deferment granted to Lapenas by his local board, which knew of his ability and had faith in him.

#### Filled on Schedule

The order was filled on schedule after many obstacles of technique had been overcome. The purchaser was delighted with the quality of the prisms and promptly reordered. Rejections on the first order were less than one-half of 1 per cent, in comparison with the 25 to 50 per cent rejections common in the industry.

So Lapenas and his partners now are on the road to a place in the vital war production pattern in the United States. They still face obstacles for they must train additional workers and develop new equipment and techniques.

(Read exclusive story on page 6).

### Columnist Charges Them With Anti-Soviet Propaganda; Pro-Nazi Newspapers Blame Vilnis English Section For Exposure

By JOSEPH SACAL  
(Editor Vilnis English Section)

Crumbling castles of Lithuanian pro-nazis, resounded throughout the nation. Propaganda organs, caterers to nazism screamed to the heavens. The newspapers, "Naujienos" (Lithuanian Daily News), "Draugas" (Lithuanian Daily Friend), "Darbininkas" (The Worker) frothing with anti-Russia, disruptive policies hoarsely shouted "No! No! It's not true. We are not unpatriotic, not un-American, not anti-Ally," but "good Americans buying bonds, supporting the Red Cross."

They lie! The three mentioned newspapers and several other of their cohorts lie! They are pro-nazi, anti-Soviet, disruptive—and Dorothy Thompson, nationally known columnist for hundreds of newspapers throws the lie to their face.

Stated Dorothy Thompson in the Boston Daily Globe, Sept.

9: "Anti-Russian activities are thriving in this country sponsored by Lithuanians, Latvians, White Ukrainians, and even some Poles, and nothing decisive has been done to discourage them."

"Draugas", "Naujienos", "Darbininkas" screamed innocence immediately following the appearance of Miss Thompson's statement. They attempted to cover up their guilt with "we're good Americans, we buy bonds, etc." But they didn't deny that they have been and still are carrying on anti-Soviet activity! As a matter of fact they have heaped more abuse, created more distrust, stirred more dissension in Lithuanian-American ranks, through their anti-Soviet mill, hampering America's and Russia's common war effort the Nazi beast.

#### "DRAUGAS" BLAMES VES

The newspaper "Draugas" accuses the VILNIS ENGLISH SECTION of supplying Dorothy Thompson with material which brought about her accusation that Lithuanians were involved in pro-nazi activity. As editor we neither deny or affirm the accusation. What we do say is this: Dorothy Thompson is right, and the past number of articles appearing in the VILNIS ENGLISH SECTION has shown conclusively the pro-nazism of named publications and their detrimental activities against America's ally, Russia.

The Vilnis English Section is American. We stand for unity of all Lithuanians in the war effort. What is more we stand united with the United Nations, with the people of America, with President Roosevelt. And, we stand united against all those whose insidious propaganda undermines peoples beliefs in a brother United Nation. For an attack, propaganda against one nation, is injury and attack against all.

"Naujienos", "Draugas", "Keleivis", "Darbininkas" realize this. That is why they protest their innocence. But we have facts and proof to the contrary. And in answer to Miss Thompson's query of "anti-Russian activities... nothing decisive being done to discourage them," let us state quite openly, **IT IS TIME SOMETHING WAS DONE!**

## HEROINE COMES TO CHICAGO!

### Girl Who Slew 309 Nazis Invited To City By Mayor Edward Kelly

CHICAGO, ILL.—An exciting new development, the personal appearance of Jr. Lieutenant Lyudmila Pavlichenko, Russian heroine—sniper who killed 309 nazis—Saturday, September 26, at the Chicago Arena, coupled with the appearance of Orson Welles, screen star, and a galaxy of other notables, has this city's Lithuanians vying for seats to the arena whose capacity is limited to 6,000 persons.

Ticket sales have soared way beyond set expectations, and Lith-Americans, some 400 who have already secured their entries, await the evening when they with thousands of other Chicagoans can honor Pavlichenko, living symbol of Russia's heroism.

Arranged by the youth division of Russian War Relief, Inc., Miss Pavlichenko's personal appearance here comes about following an invitation by Mayor Edward J. Kelly.



Mayor Edward J. Kelly

### Son Of VILNIS Reader Receives Commission—Now Is Second Looney

KENOSHA, Wis. — Second Lieutenant Eugene J. Ryshkus, son of VILNIS readers, Mr. and Mrs. John Ryshkus, was graduated recently from the officer candidate department of the Eastern Signal Corps school at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

# Idol of Pro-Nazi Press Joins Nazis

## Was Often Quoted By Newspaper NAUJENOS And Other Publications

(Special to Vilnis English Section)

Donald Day, the Baron Munchausen among modern newspaper correspondents, has climaxed a career devoted to spreading lies about Russia, by enlisting in the Finnish army to fight for Hitler.

For the past 20 years the dateline "Riga" and the byline "Donald Day" have been synonymous. For it was from that Latvian city Day sent out a stream of fabrications about the Soviet Union that found its way in the Chicago Tribune, "Naujienos" (Lithuanian Daily News), New York Daily News, and the now defunct "Jaunimas" (Lithuanian-American WEEK). Following Lithuania's attachment to the Soviet Union, Day fled to Finland from Latvia from where he continued to release "news" about Lithuania, and the "horrible Bolshevick terror" in the Baltic States, said releases being featured by "Naujienos," "Draugas," "Lithuanian-American-WEEK" and other Lithuanian newspapers of the same breed. Day was employed by the Chicago Tribune Syndicate.

Day's "eye-witness" reports of the USSR from Riga provided a model for anti-Soviet experts. It was he who helped spread canards about "nationalization of women," "famine" and other horror stories which were published approvingly by hundreds of newspapers in the U.S.

### AMERICAN FASCIST AIDE

He aided American fascist elements in the election of 1936 by cabling a fake story from Riga on Aug. 8 of that year that "Moscow Has Ordered 'Reds' in U.S. to back Roosevelt against Landon."

During the election for the first Supreme Soviet of the USSR following adoption of the new Constitution, Day cabled a story from Riga to the effect that workers in the Stalin Auto Plant in Moscow had set the place on fire. This wild yarn was exposed by a reliable correspondent in Moscow on the basis of talks with workers in the factory.

Donald Day's journalistic fancies reached an all-low during the Soviet-Finnish war with his yarns about "Little Finland" and Butcher Mannerheim.

## Wounded At Pearl Harbor, Returns To Active Duty Again

GENEVA, ILL.: — Injured during the Japanese created holocaust at Pearl Harbor, Walter Cooper, Lith youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cooper of this city is well enough to attend naval training school at present.



Walter Cooper

## Brooklyn Lith Choral, Orchestra Director Leaves For Service

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Orchestra leader and director of Great Neck's "Pirmyn" chorus, George (Kay) Kazakevich, leaves for service with the armed forces on Sept. 30th. His brother Vincent, has been in service for 7 months already.

George is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Kazakevich, and is well-known in eastern Lithuanian circles.

He has long been a pliant tool in the hands of the fascists. By donning the uniform of the Finnish army which, alongside the Nazis, is fighting the brave Soviet forces, he simply affirms publicly an allegiance which he proved by years of service to the fascists.



SORORITY SISTERS—Members of Chicago's LDS Lambda Delta Sigma. Head high, above all, is Frances Yurgil new president of the sorority. Lower three girls are Bee Guyer, Gertrude Slench and Mary Shimkus.

## LITHUANIAN-AMERICAN GIRLS DO MUCH TO KEEP UP MORALE OF BOYS SERVING IN UNITED STATES ARMY

By OBSERVER

Slightly over a year ago, in the city of Chicago, there came about a new type of organization in Association of Lithuanian Workers (LDS) youth circles. They called it Sorority—a girls group of LDS members.

It was through the efforts of the LDS Midwest Youth Council that the body was organized, over the protests of some unenlightened element who thought it to be a detriment, a dual organization.

Time went on. The male of species left for the armed services, leaving the female "holding the organizational bag." And they have held it well. In many cases better than before. Those whose protest went against sorority organization now admit they were wrong and strongly comment that "it's the best thing ever" and "it's a good thing the Midwest Youth Council had enough foresight to organize a girl's group."

Sorority's are nothing new in LDS circles. Prior to Chicago's sorority organization groups were already active in Binghamton, N.Y., Cleveland, Ohio, and in Brooklyn, N.Y. These groups hit it off fairly well, developed activity, aided the LDS generally. But in our honest opinion, none progressed as rapidly as the Chicago Lambda

Delta Sigma.

Chicago's Lambda Delta Sigma has shot straight ahead. And as far as the boys in service are concerned their comment is "They're the nuts!" Reason for such expression being the fact that the girls are doing their bit for the boys in many ways.

War has created a number of serious circumstances not only in LDS circles, but in all groups. The sorority in Chicago has eased the situation. Their affairs, the gifts to the boys in service, their plans of the future has kept morale at a good level.

The sorority has a big job ahead of them. Chicago's Lambda Delta Sigma marches ahead. Their affair of the year falls on November 14, it being called a "Blackout Ball". Proceeds of said affair go into gifts for boys fighting the Axis menace.

## Treasury Depart. Issues Circulars In Lith Language

WASHINGTON:—To stimulate the sale of war bonds in foreign language circles, the U. S. Treasury Department has issued circulars in a number of languages. Issued last week was a circular in Lithuanian.



## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

● Chicago will be honored this Saturday, Sept. 26th by the presence of *Liudmila Pavlichenko*, Russian girl sniper who killed 309 Nazi soldiers. . . . She will appear at the Chicago Arena. Pavlichenko was invited to Chicago by *Mayor Edward J. Kelly*.

Many Chicago Lithuanians are expected to be present to greet the youthful girl, a living monument representing the courage and sacrifice of a nation, America's ally, who fights with grim determination the menace to the world—Nazi Germany. . . .

● This column's thanks goes to *Ann Gerdus* of Benton, Illinois. . . . Ann submitted a number of interesting items concerning Lithuanian-American activity down her section of the country. . . . Let's have more such contributions from all our readers. . . .

● News reaches us that *Vitold Zubrus*, son of *W. Zubrus* of *Benton, Illinois*, VILNIS reader, has left for the armed services. . . . Leaving together with *Vitold* was *Guy Thorpe*, well known in Lithuanian circles down southern Illinois way. . . .

● That little lady, *Anne Petrutis* of Chicago scored a hit in more ways than one with her original play "Fifty-Fifty" when it was presented here during the LDS National Dramatic Festival. *Detroiters* who were here during the presentation were so impressed that they want copies and permission to put on the play in Detroit. . . .

● *Nellie De Schaaff's* short story, "I Shall Not Go Alone" which appeared in the last edition of the VILNIS ENGLISH SECTION has come in for plaudits. . . . She is a former member of the Chicago LDS Redwing's branch and has contributed off and on to VES. . . .

● Remember when *Prof. Vutautas Bacevicius* "piano-virtuoso" appeared in this country? Remember what "Naujienos", "Draugas" and other newspapers called him? They claimed he was a Moscow agent, etc., etc. HE NOW WRITES FOR "NAUJIENOS"!

### Chicago Notes:

*Dr. Albert J. Valiūkas* left for service with the Army Medical Corps. He is stationed at O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Mo. . . . Following are Lithuanian boys that left for the armed forces since Wednesday of last week: *Stanley Kaminski, John Andrushka, Frank Rogala, Stanley Zilinski, Frank Danbrauskas, Bruno Markovas, Walter Likowski, Joseph Zilinski, John Grushkavich, Frank Juras, Joseph Avelis, John Mazur, Joseph Batrushaitis, Frank Jablonski, Aloysius Urbanski, Theodore Sultkus* and *Alfred Roikus*. . . .

● A new pamphlet named "Vokiskieji Grobikai" ("German Ur-surpers"—Ed.) has been released by the Lithuanian Daily LAISVE. Containing thirty pages, and written by *Kostas Korsakas*, Lithuanian writer and critic who fled Nazi terror and now resides in Russia, the pamphlet is full of historical and present day facts—facts which show the never ending trend, since the crusades, of Germanic attempts to subdue Lithuanian culture and art. The height of this subjugation of course is at the present. Every vestige of Lithuanian culture has been wiped out in that nation since the invaders overran it, and German "kultur" inaugurated.

"Vokiskieji Grobikai" is something that should be read by every Lithuanian-American. It is astounding, documentary. It reveals the insatiable Nazi beast in the raw. . . . The pamphlet sells for 10 cents.

● *Prof. Kasys Pakstas*, pro-nazi individual attached in one form or another to the sheet "Draugas" which has the same leanings, wrote a booklet some while back which some people are very anxious to receive copies of. Said booklet is chock-full of pro-nazism.

"Draugas" was peddling the booklet quite openly for a while. Recently they received a call for some copies. Frightened, now that a general cleanup on pro-nazis and nazi propagandists is under way, "Draugas" announced to persons who inquired for *Pakstas's* booklet that "they never had it in stock and are not selling it".

This column hates to call people liars, but since when have you quit keeping the booklet in stock and quit selling it?

● Reported missing in action "somewhere in the Pacific" is *Charles Mernikas* Lith-American from St. Louis, Missouri. . . . Mernikas was born in Springfield, Illinois, later residing in Auburn. His uncle, *Joseph Geguzis* of Chicago reported the death of his nephew to this column. . . .

● Son of *Mr. and Mrs. Laiskonis* of Custer, Michigan was tendered a send-off party recently. He left for the armed forces. . . . Killed in an automobile accident a few miles from Scot ville, Michigan on Sept. 11th was *Joseph Stankus*. . . .

## Russia—Our Greatest Ally

# A SECOND FRONT COINCIDING WITH HEROIC RED ARMY FIGHTING SPIRIT WILL SMASH NAZIS IN 1942

By *Nellie De Schaaf*

For several days now, Hitler has been telling the peoples of Germany to stand by for an important announcement within the next 24 hours. Many 24 hours have elapsed and Hitler's announcement has still not been forthcoming. It is not difficult to surmise what the news was to be—It was the fall of Stalingrad.

Once before, Hitler thundered that it was only a matter of hours and Moscow would belong to the Nazis. His speech, to be given upon his triumphant entry into Moscow, was all set. Then, something happened. Those "inferior" Russians re-

fused to acknowledge defeat and proceeded to make a monkey of Hitler. They simply would not lie down and die and, the triumphant entry became, instead, a royal rout for the Nazis. It is no wonder then, that Hitler tears his moustache and shouts: "Stalingrad must be won at all costs." And at what cost! Thousands and thousands of German soldiers and machinery litter the battlefield, but Hitler pays no heed. More men—and still more men—from Finland—from Spain—from Rumania—from Italy—France and even Czechoslovakia, are thrown against the Russians. Reinforcements are rushed up every several hours, yet the valiant Russians hold on. A thousand dive bombers roar over Stalingrad from morning till night—incessantly—mercilessly—pouring out their bellies of lead. Yet, by some miracle the Russians are still there. But how long can they hold out?

### Second Front Needed

The body needs rest—some sleep. Nerves are ragged from the screeching shells—bombs exploding close to their faces. They have been holding out—for centuries it seems to the beleaguered Russians. Will help never come? They look to the Allies for help. Help was promised them. But, help does not come. A Second Front would do it, but it is imperative that it be opened NOW. In the meantime, the Allies are calmly making plans—"big" plans for 20 days from now. 20 DAYS!

It is no wonder that Hitler impudently turns his back to the Allies. He is counting on their inactivity. In the meantime, Hitler furious at the heroic resistance of the Russians, orders "no prisoners." Any Russian who is captured is to have all his clothing and shoes removed and is to be shot. This is the great "humanitarian" who is saving the peoples of Europe from Communism.

How long the Russians will be able to hold out in Stalingrad is all in the lap of the gods—or the Russians. No one can tell. One thing is certain, however. The indomitable spirit of the Russian will hold out so long as there is breath in his body. He has burned his bridges behind him, has chosen to fight to the last man. Hitler and his sadists cannot conquer such a peoples.

## Member Of Vilnis Editorial Staff Leaves For Pacific Coast

CHICAGO, ILL.—Leon Pruseika, member of the editorial staff of the Lithuanian Daily VILNIS, left for a tour of the Pacific coast this past Tuesday. He will speak at numerous Win-The-War rallies arranged by Lithuanian-American organizations in that section of the country.

## Chicago Lithuanian Voters Protest Decision Of Illinois Governor

CHICAGO, ILL.—This city's Lithuanian voters joined in protest with thousands following action by the governor of the state, Green, in refusing to accept the nominating petition of a minority political party.

In refusing the petition of the party, the Communist Party, Governor Green violated his sworn oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Illinois.

Chicago Lithuanians termed the governor's action as "deliberate suppression of a political party dedicated to national unity and unswerving support to the Commander-in-Chief, President Roosevelt."

Green is affiliated with the Brooks-Day-Chicago Tribune appeaser outfit.

Contribute Toward  
China Relief



# America: Beware of Disaster!

★ The failure to date of the United States and Great Britain to open up a great front in Western Europe, although three months have passed since their agreement with Foreign Commissar Molotov of the U.S.S.R. to do so, is now developing into a looming threat against the national security of our country.

★ The highly dangerous position of the Red Army at Stalingrad and in the Caucasus makes the policy of allowing the Soviet Union to fight alone against the might of Nazi Germany and its allies a menace to the whole perspective of a United Nations victory in the war.

★ The most disastrous illusion now being assiduously cultivated among the American and British peoples to block an Anglo-American offensive from the West is that the purpose of such a front is some sort of an altruistic proposal to aid the Russians. In the press, on the radio and in the legislative bodies of the two countries the impression is being left, in a thousand subtle ways, that the second front is a Russian policy, and that we are interested in it only secondarily; in the sense of coming to the assistance of a hard-pressed ally.

★ The great fact, and it cries to the democratic world for full recognition, is that the second front is just as necessary for Great Britain and the United States as it is for the U.S.S.R. Failure to launch such a front now, when Hitler is heavily engaged in the East, can well result no less disastrously for the two democracies of the West than for the Soviet Union. If Hitler, by weakening the U.S.S.R., is enabled to swing heavy forces into Western Europe, Anglo-American perspectives of military victory will recede to the dim remoteness and, the danger of a negotiated, slave peace with the Nazis will become acute.

★ A second dangerous illusion now being propagated in the United States and Great Britain to prevent a second front is an underestimation of the grave danger in which the U.S.S.R. now finds itself. Opponents of a second front are busily circulating stories to the effect that the Russians have endless manpower; that they can keep on retreating indefinitely into the vast spaces of their great country; that the approaching winter will save the Red Army from danger—in short, that there is no real threat from Hitler in the East.

★ This illusion must be resolutely fought, on pain of disaster. The United States and Great Britain must realize clearly that the Russians are heavily outnumbered in both men and material; that they have lost large sections of their most strategic and industrial territory; that the striking power of the Red Army has been greatly weakened; that the coming winter, of itself, cannot possibly overcome these losses. All of which demands categorically that, if the United States and Great Britain are to help win the war, they must go into action in Western Europe immediately. They have the necessary men and materials. Their national security, their national honor, their national pride demand that the second front be launched at once.

★ At this crucial stage of the war, when, because it is not being fully cooperated with by Great Britain and the United States, the striking power of the U.S.S.R. is being weakened, it is well that we refer back to some recent history in this general respect. Let us recall the years before the outbreak of the war. In that period the U.S.S.R., through the League of Nations, persistently proposed an international front of all democratic powers to stop the aggressions of the fascist states. But the reactionaries in England, France and the United States disregarded the Soviet Union's proposals, kept the Soviet government out of their conferences and they went, in consequence, straight to the Munich debacle. The end result was the present war.

★ Once again, this time in the midst of the war, the U.S.S.R. is proposing to its allies a great joint action, the second front, a policy that would unite all the democratic forces of the world and enable them quickly to smash Nazi Germany. But once more the Munich-minded elements in Great Britain and the United States are causing the counsels of the U.S.S.R. to be disregarded. In practice they are attempting to isolate that country in the war from the rest of the United Nations by leaving it to fight alone. There is grave danger, in consequence, that the U.S.S.R.'s international role as a powerful fighting force may be seriously weakened. This would basically undermine the whole fight of the United Nations. Let the leaders of Great Britain and the United States, therefore, resolutely guard against any such fatal possibilities.

★ The last time the U.S.S.R. was thrust aside and its proposals rejected, as we have seen, it had as its consequence the outbreak of the present war. Even though the British and American governments are pursuing an anti-Hitler, and not a Munich policy, nevertheless, if the U.S.S.R. is left to fight alone in relative isolation in the war; if its proposals for a second front are ignored, this might well lead to the loss of the war. The first attempt to isolate the U.S.S.R. brought on a major disaster, the outbreak of the war; a second time it might have fatal results, our defeat in the war.

★ The United States and Great Britain, and this means in the first line the great trade union movement of the two countries, must awaken to the acute danger in the present military situation. The American and British forces must launch the second front, must fight jointly with the Red Army; not as a mere gesture of solidarity, but with a full realization that they all have a common cause and that the defeat of one is the defeat of all. The fate of all peoples of the United Nations demands that the second front be opened immediately, in spite of the pessimism of defeatist politicians and conservative military leaders. The greatest possible mistake we Americans could make would be to let the Russians continue to fight alone. This is not only an affront to our national honor, but also the most deadly menace to our national welfare and independence as a people.

## As We See It In Lith Circles

By GEORGE STARKAUSKAS

● Illinois Lithuanian voters have a real fighting candidate to vote for in the form of Benjamin S. Adamowski, Democratic candidate for representative-at-large . . . Adamowski is running against Stephen A. Day whose connections go back to Sylvester Viereck, Nazi agent.

● In a recent speech before the Joliet Elk's club, Adamowski hit the nail on the head when he stated "Berlin has been working through congressmen of the United States." He cited testimony by Hill (George Hill, convicted perjurer in the trial of Viereck and secretary to Rep. Hamilton Fish of New York—Ed.) before a New York grand jury connecting Day with the propaganda efforts of Viereck. Adamowski asserted Hill expended a total of \$3,000 for literature emanating from Congress which was considered favorable to the Nazi cause. Included in this literature was a speech, "three steps to war", delivered on the floor of the Senate by Day's co-partner, Sen. C. Wayland Brooks.

● Adamowski further elaborated that "Day was one of the most effective assistants the Nazis had in this country".

Citing the importance of electing win-the-war candidates he went to say: "We want none who traffic in Congress with agents of the Axis powers. We want only those public servants who truly subjugate their interests and the interests of all foreign influences to the interests of the United States of America".

● Lithuanian-Americans have a job to perform before and during the elections. That job is not an easy one. It requires the utmost study into the record of all those running for office. And most important—a study of the connections which the candidates may have.

● Brooks and Day are Chicago Tribune candidates. This most vicious anti-Roosevelt, anti-progress, seditious newspaper has been and still is the spokesman of a minute group of individuals who if they had their way, would seek peace with the forces of Hitlerism. Tribune candidates must be defeated at the polls by the combined strength of all those who fight Hitler and his stooges.

● Adamowski's charges are absolute truth. His fighting words give a lead to the voters of Illinois, to Lithuanian-American voters. Every pro-Nazi candidate, every candidate who does not favor the second front, indulges in red-baiting, sabotages the war effort of our president, must be left by the wayside of forgotten men.

● Lithuanian voters must realize that we're not playing marbles now. The enemy is strong, and we may lose the war if Hitler's friends are elected to office simply because we made no study of whom we were voting for.

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# SUCCESS STORY: HERE'S HOW A LITH YOUTH DID IT

## Together With Partners He Starts Aircraft Instrument Plant

By James McConnaughey  
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● One year ago, July 4, 1941, to be exact, a young man with an idea, two potential partners and a broom, began cleaning a cellar. The idea was considered fantastic by experts, particularly since the potential partners lacked the one essential these experts all agreed was needed: \$50,000 capital.

● True, the three did not have anything like \$50,000; they had about \$200. But they also had faith in their idea and in themselves, and a conviction that what they were attempting to do was desperately needed by their war-threatened country.

● Today, the experts who laughed at the three young men have swallowed their laughs and now look on with amazed admiration. The manufacturers who did not take the men seriously when they first solicited their orders are begging them to reconsider, and the United States government sees that the year-old company gets not only top priorities, but immediate delivery on any scarce materials they want.

● The company is called Optron Laboratory (which is a briefed combination of optics and electronics). It is located at 2725 Salem Ave., and it is making prisms and other optical glass products for aircraft instruments.

● Nobody but one familiar with the optical industry can realize what a truly astounding achievement this bare record of the facts represents. The optical industry in the first place is more smart than an industry. It is surrounded by closely guarded secrets. There is practically no literature on the technical details of procedure, and no text book can tell you how to become an expert craftsman. Even the large glass companies fall time after time when they invade this highly technical, extremely difficult field.

● Yet Olaf Mohn, of 2412 Malvern Ave., "old man" of the organization at 34, and his two partners, Torpia Lapenas, of 462 W. Fairview Ave., and Harry Morgan, of 1381 Kumlter Ave., both 25, thought they could lick the problems that had floored many older and more experienced men and corporations.

The three were brought together originally by their interest in telescopes, in making telescopes, that is, Lapenas, while a student at Michigan State college, had made an optical flat, which was tested by the bureau of standards at Washington and found to be flat within one one-millionth of an inch over six inches.

● Translating this into understandable figures, it would mean that if the optical flat could be expanded to a disk 250 miles across, there would be not more than one-inch deviation from the level over the entire surface. The number of men in this country who are capable of such precise work can probably be counted on the fingers of two hands.

● That was what bothered young Lapenas. He saw that the United States was approaching war, and that in the past we had relied too much for this kind of work on the craftsmen in Germany and Sweden. Yet precision optical glass products are vital war necessities, and this coun-

try, Lapenas knew, would be in desperate straits if it could not produce these products.

● Lapenas went to work for the Gaertner Scientific Corp., in Chicago, as a prism maker. He stayed for three months. Then the revolutionary ideas about prism making, seething in his brain, demanded expression. He had been in correspondence with Harry Morgan, whom he had known at Michigan State, and Morgan advised him to come to Dayton. Morgan and Olaf Mohn were working at the Moraine Products Corp., at the time.

● The three—two physicists and an engineer—got together and talked and planned. They knew what they wanted to do, but the problems confronting them were formidable, if not insurmountable. In the first place, the machinery used to make optical equipment was and is very expensive. In the second place, they had no more chance of getting such equipment, even if they had had the money, than a playboy does of getting a set of new white side-wall tires from his local rationing board.

But they had an idea that maybe they could improvise, that with hailing wire, imagination and work they could construct a few of the essential tools they needed. So Lapenas began cleaning the basement in Mohn's house. The basement was to be their shop.

● Then the three, getting this chunk of metal from one friend and that piece of rough machining from another, began fashioning a turntable. Morgan and Mohn devoted their nights, Saturdays and Sundays to the basement shop, but they continued at their salaried jobs during the day.

● This was imperative—those weekly pay checks represented practically their entire capital. Finally the turntable was completed. From Wright Field the men found out what manufacturers wanted what. They wrote letters, asking for permission to submit samples. Most of the plants replied very politely that they would keep the young company in mind. Two were more encouraging. The first one asked for samples and, after receiving them, promised them an order, instructing the men to reserve so much "plant space" for the job. Would that be the laundry room or the coal bin, they wondered. The second concern replied that the samples were not quite right, and sent two more blanks. Then appeared a representative of the first company, the one which had promised them an order. When he found that the Optron Laboratories were set up in the basement of a private dwelling, he was extremely sympathetic but left—without an order. The second-chance samples went out to the other company and a long silence ensued.

● It was a silence packed full of drama and potential tragedy. For Lapenas, the only full-time employe, was 1-A in the draft, and his number was up. He went to Michigan to see his draft board, explaining the situation. The draft board knew something of his ability, and gave him a two-month extension. At the end of two months he was either to produce an order or else.

Fifty-eight days passed, and so did the mail man. Desperate, Lapenas went to Indiana to plead personally for an order. But optical glass was



Torpia Lapenas  
Youthful Genius

not only expensive but rare as pre-cut stones. The company did not feel like taking a chance. While he was in Indiana his grace time ran out with his draft board. He returned mournfully to Dayton. And there was an order for 600 prisms.

● On the heels of this order came a representative of the firm which had placed it. His face fell, his jaw dropped when he saw the "plant." But his company was so frantically in need of the prisms they could not get elsewhere that they were all but forced to take a chance.

● And now the men had their precious order, but they still didn't have the equipment needed to execute the order. Or the money to buy the equipment. Again they resorted to ingenuity, sweat and perseverance. The fixture they needed would have cost \$400 to make if they had followed the traditional methods. They had an idea it could be done differently, and far more cheaply. Older heads in the business advised that the method they had in mind had been tried, but had not succeeded. The trio nevertheless went ahead with their plans, because they had to. They didn't have \$400.

● When they finished the piece, they found it had cost them \$60 for the materials and outside labor needed. They had saved \$340 and, even more important, months of time by their method. They had evolved a method whereby they could take an order and make the plate for that order in two weeks.

This was such a revolutionary development in the industry that their bigger and older competitors would not credit their ears. They had to see before they were convinced.

● But now they faced further problems. They had to get into production for the job, and they had neither the necessary equipment nor man power for production work and Mohn and Morgan were still holding their daytime jobs; they still needed the money for operating expenses. So Lapenas worked all day struggling with the problem and Morgan and Mohn worked half the night. The neighbors got suspicious; the landlady heard a rumor that they were making bombs and came quickly to investigate. Mohn's wife had a job on her hands, coping with the neighbors, looking after her baby and feeding the three basement dwellers.

● It took the three several months to iron out the kinks in their "production line," and almost as long to arrive at the correct formula for

their casts. On this secret they could get very little help; they had to arrive at the right answer through trial and error. On a tip, they began using dental plaster as a base, and finally worked out the proper formula.

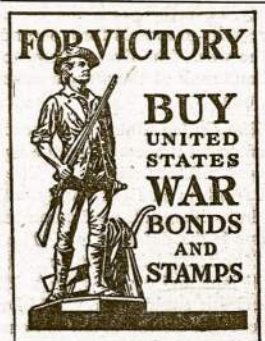
Eventually the job was completed. The doubtful aircraft company which had placed the order was delighted with the quality and speed of the work, and responded by placing an order for several thousand more. The rejections on the first order had been less than one-half of 1 per cent. Twenty-five to 50 per cent rejections are common in the industry.

● Now they had to move, and finally, Mohn and Morgan felt justified in giving up their daytime jobs. They found new quarters in an abandoned grocery store on Salem Ave. and went to work on the new order. Suddenly they found themselves swamped with orders. Companies which, a few months ago, had laughed at them, now were pleading with them to take their orders and name their own price. Others offered to buy them out, lock, stock and barrel, at any price. The trio modestly refused and went on with their work. The country was at war, and they wanted to continue working with their own methods, convinced that these were the right methods.

They now have orders that will tax their capacity for the next two years, and they will have to expand, will have to train new employes.

● In the meantime, this combination that draws from the heritage of Sweden, Lithuania and America is continuing to work nights, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. They know how important their work is, and they are awed and humbled by their success. They feel that giving up all social life, all outside activities, was a small price to pay for their contribution to the war effort. How great that contribution is they will not tell you—you have to find that out from other sources. It is almost enough to say that other companies, with practically unlimited capital, have tried to do this work and have failed, with millions of dollars worth of orders rejected. When it is remembered that optical glass is almost as rare as helium, the difference between success and failure in this field becomes enormously important.

● The end of this success story cannot yet be written. The men consider their present position merely a step toward their eventual goal. They want to probe into even bigger and more occult spheres of the optical and electronics fields. And those who know them and have followed their brief careers predict that same day, perhaps not too far in the future, they will be the acknowledged American leaders in those fields.



# In THE DUGOUT

With Walter Pozer Jr.

## A LITTLE ABOUT IOWA CITY

● One of the greatest little university towns in the country is little old Iowa City—once capital of the state of Iowa . . . the State University of Iowa is located in the city and the Iowa River runs through the town along the center of the university . . . the business district of the city is located immediately next to the campus of the university . . . Saturday nights are the big nights at the university town because of the visiting farmers coming in from around the country near the city . . . then again, the cadets of the U. S. Naval Air Corps' Pre-flight training school located at university usually get their leaves on Saturday nights . . .

● The University of Iowa is a very large school with its buildings spread over a wide range of land on both sides of the Iowa River . . . the school's administration building is located at the eastern edge of the campus . . . with the LAS, physics, library, and other buildings located close to it . . . the students Union Building is located at the bottom of the hill at the very edge of the river . . . here there are all sorts of activity going on from early morning to late at night . . . the ballroom is very spacious and well decorated . . . student activity offices are located around the ballroom . . . there are student lounges located on all floors of the building.

● The Stadium, field house, and residence halls are located west of the river . . . here the Naval Cadets reside and take their course of indoctrination for physical fitness . . . in field house itself is very large and spacious with plenty of spectator space for basketball games . . . the gymnasium is located in the same building as the field house . . . here there are very good facilities for a great variety of different sports . . . all this is available because of the cadets physical training program . . . the cadets residence quarters are located immediately across the street from the field house . . . an old double winged Navy plane is placed in front of the cadets halls . . . Iowa also has the largest indoor swimming pool in the world . . .

● The University of Iowa has about 7,000 students who take all courses except agriculture and home economics which are located at Iowa State College of Ames, Iowa . . . there are many different types of activities going on at all times of the week for the university students . . . one of the chief everyday activity is studying until about ten o'clock and then going either to Whetstone's for a coke or George's Place for a beer . . . most of the sorority girls prefer George's Place (fraternity men also go there) —"It's really a Dive"—so says a Sigma Delta Tau girl . . . (her name is "Goody" and she's the president of the house) . . . in next week's THE DUGOUT, there will be a little interview with one of the other Sigma Delta Tau girls which might be of interest to you . . .

● The Washington University (of St. Louis, Missouri) and Iowa football game was certainly a swell game with a lot of action seen on both sides even though the score was uneven . . . as seen from the press-box, Iowa really showed a lot of power and drive especially by Farmer (left halfback), Burkett (right end), and Youel (quarterback) . . . Iowa has a very good pass combination in Farmer and Burkett who made one touchdown and gained a lot of yardage . . . Lee Tevis of Washington was the outstanding player for the opponents . . . Lee's runs through holes number 3, 4, and 5 were the most successful plays Washington had . . .

● The U. S. Navy cadet's band, the Washington University band, the University of Iowa military band, the Iowa Scottish Highlanders band gave a very nice performance between halves of the game . . . Marilyn Anderson, world's champion baton twirler from the University of Iowa, really gave a swell exhibition of baton twirling also . . .

# FRIEND OF LITH PRO-NAZI PRESS, DIES INVESTIGATED BY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

(Special To Vilnis English Section)

WASHINGTON.—Idol of Lithuanian pro-nazis, quoted frequently by the newspapers DRAUGAS, NAUJENOS, KELEIVIS, praised by appeasers and reactionaries, Congressman Martin Dies and his Committee on Un-American Activities is under investigation by the Justice Department. There has been no official announcement that that such inquiry is in progress, but it was learned that certain officials of the Department are studying complaints against the Committee from private sources, together with evidence supporting these complaints.

The precise nature of the charges is not known, but it has to do, apparently, with the methods employed by some of the nightshirt Fascists,

now under indictment for conspiracy, to avoid testifying before the Dies Committee. Twenty-eight persons were indicted last month on charges of conspiring to undermine the morale of the armed forces. Several of them had been subpoenaed by the committee, but most of them never were questioned.

The Department seems to be interested in the way some of the native Fascists escaped exposure by Dies. Gerald Winrod, the Kansas anti-Semite, for example, was brought to the attention of the Dies Committee as far back as 1938. Literature turned over to Chairman Martin Dies disclosed that Winrod was conducting an anti-Semitic campaign through an organization called The Defenders. John B. Metcalf, one of the committee's earliest investigators, since dismissed, recommended that the committee delve more deeply into Winrod's activities.

## Winrod Never Called

But Winrod never was called before the committee and the evidence Metcalf collected against him never was spread on the public record. The story since has been told that Winrod's friends intervened with Dies through a relative of the chairman to protect the Kansas Goebbels.

George Sylvester Viereck, another of the indicted 27, and already in jail on charges of failing to register properly as an Axis propaganda agent, escaped questioning by the Dies Committee under similar circumstances. He was one of the first witnesses placed under subpoena when the Dies Committee was formed in 1938. Nevertheless he was permitted to go to Germany and never was questioned after he got back.

In his case, Rep. Hamilton Fish (R. N. Y.) an old friend, came to the rescue. He asked Dies to do nothing to embarrass Viereck. Later, Viereck operated an ingenious propaganda system from Fish's office by employing George Hill, one of Fish's secretaries, to insinuate pro-Axis materials into the Congressional Record and to arrange for wholesale distribution of this material at public expense.

## Dies' Finances

The Government is understood to be interested also in the finances of the Dies Committee and its Chairman. The committee maintains branch offices in several cities and has a large staff in Washington.

Dies always has refused to accept private contributions for the Committee, although he has said several times that such contributions were offered.

However, he himself has received large fees for magazine articles and lectures, and some of this money may have been turned over to the committee. In any case, it would have to be reported to the Treasury Dept. in his income tax returns.

The Justice Dept. recently has come in contact with the Committee's work on two fronts—in its investigation of the Dies Committee's complaints against more than 1000 Government employees and in the grand jury investigation leading to the conspiracy indictments. On both fronts it has run across information which has aroused its curiosity about certain aspects of the committee's work.

This curiosity has been whetted further by information recently volunteered by outsiders.

## Active Member of LDS Now Serving with US Coast Guard

WAUKEGAN, Ill. — Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Paulauskas, Ignace Paulauskas left for service with the United States Coast Guard this past Wednesday.



IGNACE PAULASKAS

Young Paulauskas was an active member of the Association of Lithuanian Workers (LDS) in his city, and has participated in midwest Lithuanian youth activities.

## Noted Lithuanian Writer, Organizer Dies in Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, PA.—Active in Lithuanian circles since his arrival to the United States, Joseph Batrushaitis, writer, and national figure organizationally, died this past Monday, September 21.

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## LDS MERRY-GO-ROUND

### ● Real Patriotism Demonstrated

Chicago's recent youth branch meetings demonstrated real patriotic spirit by voting for the 10 cent assessment to dues so that the boys in service, or those leaving, can be kept in good standing.

According to the votes cast, only three persons voted against the assessment. However, news from other branches, especially down Massachusetts way, shows a large percentage of youth members voting against the assessment . . . Chicagoans are very much surprised over this action.

### ● "Little Theatre Notes:

Plans for the organization of a "Little Theatre Group" composed of those members of the LDS interested in drama move ahead. George Kwain, newly elected 2nd vice-president of the LDS is in charge of organizational arrangements . . . Meanwhile this past Saturday a social function honoring the cast, characters, and assistants of two branch drama groups, the Sparks and Redwings took place. The affair was rather small and in many ways fell short of the set purpose.

### ● "Fifty-Fifty"

The prize winning play at the LDS National Dramatic Tournament, "FIFTY-FIFTY", written by petite Anne Petrutis of Chicago will be presented for the second time with the original cast at the LKM Chorus fall concert . . . Detroiters meanwhile, have written asking for the privilege to present the play there . . . "FIFTY-FIFTY" is certainly going to town . . .

### ● More Boys Leave

Ray Russel of the Chicago Monarchs arrived from California this past Monday, so he could have several days with his parents prior to leaving for the armed forces . . . Iggy Palauskas of Waukegan, a real swell fellow and known by most LDS'ers here and on the East Coast left for the Coast Guard Wednesday . . . Bill Raisins, Monarcheer, enters service in the close future . . . Helen Lane of the Sparks is awaiting call for service with the WAAC'S . . . Editor of the VILNIS ENGLISH SECTION, Joseph Sacal, fought his way out of 4F classification. He is in 1A now and scheduled for induction September 30th . . .

### ● The Girls, Bless Them

Chicago's LAMBDA DELTA SIGMA has big things on the line. They're arranging a "BLACKOUT BALL" for the 14th of November . . . The affair will be novel, in more ways than one. From what has been announced, "shelters" and other essentials utilized during blackouts and bombings will be featured. It's to be the real McCoy, so say the "sisters" . . . Proceeds of the "blowout" will be utilized on Chicago boys now in service . . .

### ● Youth Leaders

Feeling that now, more than ever, a program of activities coinciding with the trend of the times must be worked out, the Midwest Youth Council is calling a MIDWEST YOUTH LEADERS' MEETING for November 15. Said meet will take place the day following the "BLACKOUT BALL" sponsored by the Chicago LDS Sorority. Out of town representation is looked forward to, as is good representation from local branches of the LDS . . .

### ● In The Sports Field

Chicago bowlers started the ball rolling last Wednesday at Marazano's Bowling alleys. The general setup looks good, and a fair season is predicted . . . Meanwhile it is understood that ROSELAND is pushing bowling plus, as is ROCKFORD, Illinois.

### ● Why Not Send It To Them?

A good portion of Chicago LDS'ers now in service are receiving the VILNIS ENGLISH SECTION. They write telling their friends that it's swell to know what is cookin' back home. However, there are some boys NOT YET GETTING THE PAPER. Why couldn't the branches or some good friend of the boys not receiving the VILNIS ENGLISH SECTION subscribe the paper to them? . . .

### ● This Saturday . . .

Many will be the LDS'ers attending the YOUTH VICTORY JUBILEE this Saturday. The jubilee, billing Liudmila Pavlichenko, Russian girl sniper as the main feature, will also have Orson WELLES as master of ceremonies. LEW DIAMOND'S orchestra will play for the dancing . . . Those LDS members who have tickets should remember the following: THE JUBILEE HAS BEEN SWITCHED FROM THE ADVERTISED HALL AND INSTEAD WILL BE HELD AT THE CHICAGO ARENA, 400 East Erie Street . . . YOUR TICKETS WILL BE HONORED THERE . . .

## LITHUANIAN-AMERICANS TO FLOCK TO CHICAGO ARENA THIS SATURDAY; RUSS SNIPER, WELLES ATTRACTION

CHICAGO, Ill.—Hundreds of Lith-Americans who bought tickets to the youth division of Russian War Relief YOUTH VICTORY JUBILEE being held this Saturday here, were notified that due to the larger than usual public attendance expected, the Committee has taken

larger quarters for the occasion. The Chicago Arena, situated at 400 East Erie St. will now house the YOUTH VICTORY JUBILEE.

All tickets will be honored at the Chicago Arena, and all persons are urged to remember that the jubilee is at CHICAGO ARENA, 400 East Erie St.

Special attraction will be the personal appearance of Liudmila Pavlichenko, Russian girl sniper and—ORSON WELLES, movie star. Other items of interest include Lew DIAMOND and orchestra, UKRAINIAN DANCERS, NEGRO PEOPLES THEATRE, JACOB SCHEKUROFF, former soloist, DON COSSACK CHORUS. Tickets sell for 55 cents and \$1.10. Starting time is at 8 p.m.



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