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HULL, CONGRESS ASKED PUT BRAKES ON SOWERS OF DISCORD AMONG LITHS

By STANLEY AUSRA

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Secretary of State, Cordell Hull and the United States Congress were called upon last week by the Lithuanian Daily *Laisve* to restrain "certain elements behind the scenes" who are spreading fascist propaganda and discord among Lithuanians of America.

The appeal for intercession of the State Department was contained in an editorial, addressed as an open letter to Cordell Hull and to members of Congress, appearing in the May 15 edition of the Lithuanian Daily.

Calling attention to "a very serious situation which prevails among the Lithuanians in America" the open letter urged the State Department to discontinue recognition of Antanas Smetona as president of Lithuania and to halt alleged disbursements of "frozen" funds of Lithuania to all former officials of the Smetona regime "and the Lithuanian pro-Nazi propagandists who came here from Europe during the war."

Antanas Smetona and his former Minister to Washington Povilas Zadeikis were accused of inspiring the Lithuanian Council of America and the Lithuanian National Council, which are claiming to speak in the name of all Lithuanians of America, to release statements which were misleading.

Leaders of the Lithuanian Council of America, which the open letter charged was the Siamese twin of the Lithuanian National Council, were assailed as Hitler enthusiasts.

"Who else," the editorial asks, "but the chairman of this Council exclaimed in June, 1941, 'Long live the independence of Lithuania', which was brought by the Hitlerite hordes? Who else, if not the paper published in English by the secretary of that Council, shouted, 'Three Cheers for Hitler' when he occupied Lithuania?"

The consulates of the former Smetona regime were charged with carrying on fascist activities under the personal instructions of the "former" president, and the editorial stated that there were "other individuals, who came to America from Berlin" who are "disseminating Hitler's propaganda."

Stating that "our most important task is to support the war efforts of America and ...

to unite the people," the open letter declares that "any attempt to divide the American people today should be discouraged and stopped."

As a prerequisite to achieve victory, therefore, the open letter opines that "our State Department should discontinue recognizing Mr. Smetona as president of Lithuania," and adds that "all disbursements of money to him and his former minister in Washington should be stopped."

Likewise "the Lithuanian pro-Nazi propagandists who came here from Europe during the war should not be permitted to carry on their pernicious activity."

Expressing confidence that the State Department and other responsible institutions of our country "know that neither the authors of these numerous resolutions nor the so-called councils represent the opinion of the Lithuanians in America," the open letter concludes that the Lithuanian people are demonstrating by their work their patriotism and devotion to America.

Lithuanian American Serving in U. S. Army



ANTHONY GURSKY

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SHE BOPPED HIM — Apprentice Seaman Audrey Pearl Roberts, on Shore Patrol duty at WAVE training station in New York, ordered drunken man to quit trying to enter gate. He wouldn't, so she knocked him cold with her club. Here, Comander C. H. Morgan, executive officer of school, returns her salute. U. S. Navy Photo

VILNIS SHAREHOLDERS CONVENTION BIDS FOR VICTORY 1943

The annual shareholders Conference of the Workers Publishing Association, Inc. held at the Lithuanian Auditorium last Sunday gave great impetus to the cause for victory.

Throughout the day's long session, delegates from many cities, from farms and from mines devoted enthusiastic reports on the splendid progress shown in their territories on work carried out to help win the war.

That the "Vilnis" stands in the vanguard of progressive newspapers in fulfilling her honored duty to her country by raising the vital issues confronting our country and helping her readers more fully to rally to the aid and defense of our government was attested by the splendid reports that were presented.

Delegate after delegate arose to say that they were increasing their purchases of War Bonds, that the Lithuanians must show all other language groups that they will not remain behind in this great campaign to raise money, contribute blood to the blood bank and further assist and give aid to the Red Cross.

These were the stirring issues that dominated the entire assembly. Here were a people filled with an indomitable spirit of patriotism unlike so

many of our race who devote more time to political squabbles and petty issues that the major issue of winning this war is secondary to them.

The "Vilnis" in its broad scope to carry the President's message to the Lithuanian people is frequently even daily, attacked by certain newspapers as being interested only in the salvation of the Soviet Union. To them it means nothing that our boys are laying down their lives on the battle fronts so that we at home may remain a free people—they look for issues—they confuse their own followers and render them subjective to their principles of non-cooperation in our war effort.

The delegates at this great shareholders meeting established a great precedent which all Lithuanians should be truly proud.

A. Delegate

Germans Use Men To Replace Horses in Norway

LONDON (ONA).—Germans in Norway are now forging men to replace horses for plowing, Norwegian sources reported today.

Seven or eight patriots are used as a team for plowing fields around the Grini Concentration Camp, where Norwegian prisoners are held.

ABOUT SOME MOUTHPIECES

By Laukuviškis

How They Are "Remaking People Anew."

Readers of detective stories know that in the underworld language the noun "mouth-piece" means some one who speaks for somebody else. Usually it is some shyster-lawyer.

The biggest underworld character, der Schicklegrubber, also has his mouthpieces — right here in America.

Some time ago one of the Nazis mouthpieces made a curious announcement in "Naujienos" that in German occupied Lithuania the Nazis are "remaking people anew . . . helping them to emerge out of their old skins . . ."

In fact, if one were to believe what the Nazi mouthpiece said, it won't be long now before the people of occupied Lithuania will be a "master race."

And that was not printed in the humor column, but as honest-to-goodness news on the first page.

The Nameless Boy of 14

How the Nazis are "remaking people anew" in occupied countries you will see in the photograph of a nameless Greek boy of 14. We publish the photograph on this page and pray that such "remodeling" will end soon. More yet: We are sending our sons into the Service, buying Bonds and even giving our blood to hasten the day when such brutalities will be only a horrible nightmare.

He Speaks in the Present Tense

The same Nazi mouthpiece ("Naujienos") in its May-10th issue prints another piece of "news" fresh from Berlin ("By mail through Lisbon.")

In it Mr. Grigaitis tells us that the bolsheviks ARE (note the present tense?) dropping small boxes, pencils and other articles from airplanes in the fields and meadows of Lithuania. They even drop a pipe or two once in a while, although they never drop any tobacco with them as there must be a shortage of good old Machorka in the Soviet Union.

And what is the purpose of that strange bolshevik activity in the land of our forbears? Grigaitis explains it a la Berlin as follows:

To destroy Lithuanian peasants! You see, everyone of these articles that the bolsheviks "drop" explodes at the slightest touch. And, naturally, the Lithuanian peasants are thusly removed to the happier hunting grounds.

We read papers and listen to the radio, but for many months have not seen or heard of any bolshevik war activity in that part of the world where Lithuania stood before and "Ostland" is now. But "Naujienos" speaks in the present tense and even names places and names where bolsheviks are "destroying" Lithuanian peasants.

The reason is self-evident: To excuse the Hitlerite murderers and spread hatred against our Ally in the war against the Axis.

Why Nazis are Closing Schools?

No one can deny that the schools are closed in every Nazi-occupied country. Old Lithuania is no exception.

Lithuanians are touchy on the school question as under the Czar they too did not have any schools. And when the Hitlerites closed the schools there, their mouthpieces had to manufacture some excuse for such action.

On May 12 "Naujienos" writes that the reason schools are closed in Lithuania is because the bolsheviks had deported teachers to Siberia!

Back to the Boy's Picture

The photograph of a Nazi victim on this page is a gruesome sight. But still I'll ask you to take another look at it. When you get real angry at the Nazis, I'll tell you more about their mouthpiece, Mr. Grigaitis, the owner and publisher of "Naujienos."

In that dirty sheet he publishes more Nazi lies in the May 15th issue.

There he tells his readers, that when Lithuania "celebrated" its first anniversary of freedom from the bolshevik yoke, the Nazis collected 373,766 marks to help the poor and unfortunate. Mostly the victims of bolshevik brutality.

According to "Naujienos," the Nazis, in occupied Lithuania organized a "mutual assistance" organization that works not a bit worse than did the Red Cross, which even Grigaitis admits, was abolished by the Nazis.

If there were some poor and unfortunate people in "Ostland" due to the bolshevik "occupation," there certainly are none now as the Nazis are taking very, very good care of them. So says the Nazi mouthpiece "Naujienos."

Want to look at the picture of a 14 year old Greek boy again? Now you will understand why I hate Nazi stooges and mouthpieces.

"IDLE CHATTER"

• A REPLY

A Chicago lad who had been attending officers' candidate school tells of an incident that occurred recently in class. The professor had outlined a certain set of conditions, then inquired of one of the candidates what he would do in such a situation. "Send two squads to infiltrate, carrying hand grenades," answered the lad. "Nonsense. What makes you suggest such a crazy idea?" scolded the professor. "Well sir, that's what we did at Bataan," answered the lad.

• INCIDENTAL INFO.

A navy psychiatrist who spent the weekend at a country house near Chicago, where there were 10 other guests, said he found more clinical material over the weekend than he had run into in a year and a half in the Navy.

• TATTOO DIVISION

Two sailors from the same ship were putting on a wrestling match on deck. One Sailor was tattooed all over his chest. The match was friendly enough all right until the un-tattooed gob noticed his girl friend's name tattooed on his opponent's chest. He lost his head and started slugging and was disqualified. The fight—with no holds barred—continued below

deck and we don't know who won.

Casablanca Fable.

Erika Mann, who was in Chicago last Sunday to speak at Mandel Hall under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. for the benefit of the World Student Fund, repeated her story about the famous meeting at Casablanca:

Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin met for breakfast one morning during the Casablanca conference. They were in very high spirits. Churchill said: "I feel fine. We're winning the war, and last night God visited me. He told me we were going to win the war, that everything would be fine, that the British empire would be most sound and that I would be prime minister of the United Nations."

There was a slight pause, then President Roosevelt said: "My friends, that is most interesting. But last night I, too, was paid a visit by God. He was most kind. He told me we were going to win the war, that everything would turn out well; that we would be strong and rule the air, and that I would be president of the United Nations."

There was a moment's ominous silence. Then Mr. Stalin rose. "Gentlemen," he said. "There must be a slight mistake. I don't remember promising anything to anyone."

Speaking of unconditional surrender and Gen. Sherman, Representative Fritz G. Lanham of Texas, the House of Representatives' best story teller, was telling this one to colleagues:

Sherman and Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, Confederate States of America, were old friends at West Point, and when they met to arrange the terms of surrender, Sherman told Johnston, just as Grant had told Lee a few days before, that it was "unconditional surrender."

Neither one knew much about military law, so they agreed that Col. Breckenridge of Johnston's staff, who had been a class behind them at the academy and whom both knew, should prepare a rough draft. As Breckenridge labored, Johnston brought out a bottle of fine old bourbon which had been given him the day before by a Georgia plantation owner. Neither of them hurried Breckenridge after that.

Breckenridge finished just as the bottle did, and Sherman began to examine the document in an amiable frame of mind.

"Oh, I guess it is all right, Joe," he said at length, reaching for the pen. "But one thing is not quite clear to me. Which one of us is surrendering?"



STARVING—Picture recently smuggled out of Greece shows a 14-year-old lad whose only food is bits he gleams from streets and deposits in tiny can. Sunken eyes stare hopelessly.

Sparkette Spikes Rumors Sparks Are Washed-up

So many people have been going around with the faulty impression that we Sparks are practically washed-up. If you are one such person, please let me assure you that you have been greatly misled. While it is true that the branch on a whole is not up to par like in the good ole days when it was the leading branch practically of the entire L. D. S., it is wrong to say right now that our branch is the most inactive. Like most branches, because of present war conditions, activities have been greatly affected. But still many of the most active people in LDS activities: Midwest Youth Council and 2nd District Delegation are Spark members. The following are a few interesting notes to back up all that has been said:

Now take CECELIA (CEL) RIVA, a popular, well-liked person not only in the Spark Branch but by all Chicago branch members. She is also an active member of the Chicago Chapter of the Lambda Delta Sigma Sorority. We can all take our hats off to Cel for she is the first Spark member to donate her blood to the Red Cross. She also does her share of letter writing to many of the LDS boys that are in service. Of course, the branch is also proud of her because she is the girl star bowler of the LDS Bowling League.

Next take Cel's husband DOMINICK (PAPS) RIVA, a popular bowler, good sport and loyal supporter of many LDS affairs. He used to teach baseball and was the former Sec. of the L. D. S. Bowling League, (which was a job.)

Take FRANCES YURGIL, that sweet versatile lass of many possibilities. No LDS affair is quite complete without her. She holds the office of President of the Chicago Chapter of the Lambda Delta Sigma Sorority and was the L. D. S. Bowling League Secretary for the girls' groups. She also served as Secretary to the Midwest Youth Council and was an attendant of the MYC school. But aside from all the activities she has participated in, most everyone knows that Frannie is the Chicago L. D. S. actress, for she received the LDS Oscar award for two years in succession. Many of our readers will probably remember her in her many performances in the operettas and plays sponsored by the L. K. M. chorus, Yes sreee, the Sparks are proud of Frannie.

Now, many of the new com-

MYC Calls Meeting Of All Youth Branches June 7

At the MYC meeting Thursday night, May 13th, it was decided and agreed upon that on June 7, 1943, all the L.D.S. Youth branches — Monarchs, RoseLanDerS, Redwings, and Sparks will meet at Hollywood Inn at 8 P. M. There a report will be read by the secretary of the MYC explaining how this came about. A point that was stressed was that the presiding club must have some form of amusement for the other members present. Each club will have its turn at presiding over the meetings in alphabetical order. The first meeting will be conducted by the Monarchs.

Present at the meeting were the following members from the Redwings: Aline Zimont, Lillian Sherman, Tony Urbikas, George Kwain, Al Jacobs, George Juozaitis, Valeria Bernot from the Sparks; Aldona Pavilionis, Franny Yurgil, Ann Savukas, Stella Bedokis, from the Monarchs; Tex Zebraitis, and the second district; president Mr. S. Juska.

Mr. Juska stressed the fact that the clubs should keep their members who are in the armed forces in good standing. He also gave a little speech which dealt entirely with George Kwain, (Say by the way George, why didn't you attend the conference May 2nd??)

Now I'm going to cut this column short for I haven't got all the information necessary to complete this correspondence about the meeting. Until next week I remain, a member of the MYC.

A correspondent

ers to the Spark's branch or any branch of the LDS probably are not familiar with JOSEPH ROCK, but I'm sure all the old timers remember him. Joseph has not been very active in the activities of the branch, but this was because he has a responsible job. But together with his wife they were loyal supporters of the many affairs that were given. I would like to mention at this time that Joseph is ill and I'm sure that he would welcome visitors. Those of you who would like to visit him, his address is 2107 S. Halsted St.

So you see by just mentioning a few names the Sparks are still alive. There will be more next week.

Burned up Sparkette!

LONDON. — Some 13,000 Russians who had been captured by the Germans in the fight for their homeland and sent to Africa as labor units were joyful to be released by the allied sweep in Tunisia.

Lithuanian-Americans In U. S. Armed Forces



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REDWING NEWS

My topic for today is the Farewell Party for HELEN KASRO and FRANK VESELY. The party was held at the Jacobs' residence last Wednesday, May 12th. Some of the highlights of the evening were as follows:

ANN JACOBS, NELLIE GIZEVICH and HELEN KASRO were discussing the question, "Did you see Stella Stankus' ring?" "It really looks good." It sure does look swell, that ring she got at the Merit Award banquet... George Kwain claimed he was properly dressed for the party. You shore were! Jurgie overalls is the best thing to wear in a basement... What would a party be without a song from HELEN KASRO. It seems as if Helen will have to change her theme song from "Spring Time in the Rockies" to "Anchors Away"... What is an affair without the "Peeority Sisters"?? I wonder what their pass word is. Could it be "Let's celebrate New Years"!!!! ALINE ZIMONT will have to find herself a new nick name, because she is very poor as Cupid, for she's not making any progress not even a millimeter... It was good to see FRANNIE YURGIL. I hope she mingles around a little longer... Oh! yes, AL JACOBS was the only live one around the party. When I say live one it means he was doing his dog imitations which make girls shriek in a blood curdling frightful tone of voice. By golly if I was offered a chance to return to my native land, I'd jump at it, than have to be scared out of my ((Censored)) every time I hear a dog's voice and a hand around my ankle representing the dogs mouth... There was a very interesting confab after the speeches on the identity of the "Two Drips and a Drop". I'm very happy to inform you that

Redwings To Have Swim Party Sunday, May 23

The Redwings have arranged a swimming party to be held at the Skyline Athletic Club pool on Sunday, May 23. Participants will meet at the 188 West Randolph Street entrance at 11:00 A. M. for a two-hour swimming session to be followed by dinner in the loop.

The committee feels that the presence of Two Drips and a Drop would be especially appropriate on this occasion and cordially invites their attendance.

All persons interested may call Crawford 0246 for further details.

Redwing Swimming Committee

I was a prospective suspect. But also very happy to inform you that if I were the writer of the L. D. S. Circle, I would be walking with my head in the clouds. Now Helen, wouldn't you feel the same way if you wrote it?? So let's both congratulate the Drips and the Drop on their splendid work. (But when we do find out, we both have a big bone to pick with them, and I can warn them right now that if they keep up their writing, they're going to get their feet in quick-sand and won't be able to get out of it)... STAN BERNOT (who is stationed in Chicago) insisted that Helen was going to be very fortunate (like he is). He said that if she is looking for adventure, well, she'll get it. "She'll travel all over Chicago"... FRANK SOLOMON is still located at Great Lakes. Frank is known as the Captain of the Heads down at Great Lakes... CEL RIVA claimed that she would be a good girl. (and she sure was)... FRANK VESELY spent his last hours with the Redwings and friends with a happy look on his face. Even though Frank did get on my nerves a few times, I always thought he was a nice guy. We hope that Frank and Helen will return to us as soon as possible so we can celebrate their coming back. How about it you two, are we going to see you soon??? With that last remark I'll say good night until next week, when I shall take my little typewriter out of hock. Til then.

Redwingetta



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SOVIET YOUTH MEET IN MOSCOW

L. K. M. News

At the May day Meeting of Soviet youth held in Moscow, young Red Army men who have earned the high awards of the Soviet Government for personal valor; and young workers, collective farmers and intellectuals contributing their labor to the cause of the defeat of the enemy, declared to the world their preparedness for the coming decisive battles against Hitlerite Germany, their readiness to fulfil with credit the May Day Order of the Supreme Commander-in-Chief, Marshall of the Soviet Union Stalin.

Opening the meeting, the commander of a youth air regiment, Major Mikhail Erenkov, reported that during two month's operations in a sector of the Western Front the fliers of his regiment killed over 3,000 Germans, destroyed 72 river crossings, smashed 50 enemy artillery batteries and 300 trucks, and blew up six ammunition and fuel dumps.

Eighty per cent of the personnel of this regiment has been awarded orders and medals. The young Red Army men have become seasoned warriors, have learned to strike at the enemy without missing.

Addressing the youth of Great Britain and the United States, Major Erenkov said, "We rejoice in your every victory. Let us join the forces and the efforts of the Allied armies and deal a fatal blow to the enemy."

The writer Boris Gorbатов, who works at the front, spoke warmly of the loyalty of the Russian people to their homeland. "We have seen much during these two years," he said. "We have seen the bonfires in which the Germans burn our girls, the gallows on which the Germans hang our youth, the ditches and pits filled with the bodies of old people and children. The Germans hope to trample underfoot and intimidate our youth. This will never happen! Our generation does not know the abject feeling of fear. Terror breaks weak souls, while the souls of the strong become hardened.

"A 15-year-old boy in Rostov proved this in his short life and heroic death. He did not fear the Germans. Boldly he constructed a radio set and listened in to Moscow. Each day the Germans posted the communique from Hitler's headquarters in the streets of the town, and each day under this communique appeared another—written in a childish hand on a page torn from a copybook. 'Don't believe the Germans,' it read. 'They lie. They have not taken Stalingrad. I listened to Moscow and here is the truth...' Then

followed a true report on the war.

"Each day this young boy exposed Hitler, and Hitler could do nothing to him. Truth, great truth, was on the side of the youthful hero. The Germans could only shoot him—they could not conquer his spirit. We adult warriors will learn from this boy to be firm."

One of the glorious defenders of Stalingrad, Hero of the Soviet Union Sniper Vasili Zaitsev, spoke to the youth. "It is a great happiness to know," he said, "that you have justified the hopes of the people which entrusted its destiny to the Red Army.

"The snipers have a saying: 'A living German should be viewed only through a rifle sight, and only once at that—for the first and last time!' I shot my first German near Stalingrad on October 5, 1942, and within three months I had accounted for 242 of them. In September, when we arrived in Stalingrad, our unit had no snipers. But by the new year we had three dozen excellent marksmen!

"We know that the enemy is still strong; we will not have an easy victory. But we will achieve it at any cost."

Guerrilla Evgeny, representative of the Ukraine, which never submitted to the Germans, was warmly welcomed by the meeting. In five months his detachment, operating in the area of a large railway junction, derailed 11 trainloads of German soldiers and arms and wiped out 1,500 Hitlerites.

Gen. Michailovich May Be Eliminated

LONDON, (ONA) — The future of General Draja Michailovich, commander of Chetniks in Yugoslavia, was the second-ranking issue among the exile governments today, after the Polish-Soviet split.

Reports circulated that Michailovich would soon be eliminated as a political factor as war minister of the Yugoslav Government in London, but like authoritative Allied circles had no exact information on this point.

The Communist newspaper Daily Worker reported that important diplomatic moves were taking place aimed at Michailovich's political career, which was represented as objectionable both to the Soviet and British governments. The British government, the Daily Worker said, has expressed itself in the "Most formal possible manner" against Michailovich.

I've been thinking, yes actually thinking. What about? Well every week I've made an appeal to you to come down to the chorus. But apparently I'm just blowing off steam for nothing. Maybe I just haven't got the technique for writing. Surely some of you still have the chorus in mind. The chorus needs you and needs you badly. Think back when you were a loyal chorus member like myself. How would you feel if you came down to rehearsal on Friday and found ten or twelve members? And then think how you would feel when you found twenty-five to thirty? It is a big difference when the membership is small and when it's large. Another item you should think about is, not to think entirely of yourself now days, give a little thought toward the other fellow. The other fellow is our boys who are in the service of our country. This might seem old and repeated but it's the truth and you can't keep away from the truth. The chorus has twenty-one members in the armed forces. That's a large amount. It makes a big hole in the chorus which has to be filled up. But here is our difficulty. Instead of having a shortage of men we have a shortage of girls. There is a saying, "It's up to the women to keep the organizations in life." That's true all over, but where are the "WOMEN"??

I'm so happy to hear that JESSIE SHAIKO is coming to rehearsal Friday. But she would like to see RUTH and LOUIE WENGEL, STELLA STANKUS, STELLA KELLY, VOL-LIE JUSKA, GERTIE SLENCH, and ESTELL MELESH. Which reminds me if GERTIE and ESTELL can attend bowling and Sorority, then why can't they attend chorus rehearsal now that bowling is over? Remember that you met your one and only at the chorus. Surely you owe the chorus a little of your time! To me and other chorus members it seems that it's about time the ANDRULIS TWINS join the chorus. Also NANCY JURIS and the BURDIS girl. We certainly would like to have these girls in our chorus. Don't let the little thing like, "Oh! I'm too young or too old to join," cause it doesn't make any difference. Has anyone any information as to the absences of ALEX ZIMONT, HELEN ARMAN, HELEN PAKSTYS, BRUNO MIKAL, JUSTIN TARVID, OLGA PUTNAM, JULIA JANUSH, VOL-LIE JUSKA, MARY KUCHTA, MARY SHIMKUS, FRANNY YURGL, etc. . . .

Before I forget I also heard that JOHN CHESNA is coming down to rehearsal tonight.



WHY NOT? — Linda Anne Aurand, 4, of Chicago, wants to know why she can't be a first-class WAAC, since her daddy is Major General H. S. Aurand, directing the Sixth Service Command.

Glad to hear you're back to stay. I hope you bring a whole bunch of your friends along . . . I always stick my foot into everything, so here I go with another apology. This time my apology is to TEX ZEBRAITIS. If I would have known that you were performing, I wouldn't have written that you were a traitor. It might have been wrong to write it, anyway all I can say is I'm sorry TEX, if I can help it it won't happen again . . . I saw JOHN PATECKAS dancing as usual at the Vilnis Shareholders Affair. Where he gets all that energy I don't know? . . . Later in the evening I saw JUSTIN and ALEX who came in to cut the rug but were disappointed when they didn't find any girls. Too bad boys, better luck next time . . . TEX and KAY ZEBRAITIS left immediately after the meeting . . . As always the mysterious Fellow PETE was seen trying to learn the Polka. Of course the teacher was VALERIA BERNOT. The spectators were PEARL JOHNSON and TONY URBIKAS . . . My thoughts are tangling up in such a fashion that I am forced to say—Well you know what—so 'til next week, I remain your little brat of brats.

"Percy Stuffedshirt"

P. S. Remember chorus rehearsal this Friday (TODAY) at Hollywood Inn, 2417 W. 43rd St., at 8:00 P. M.

The Vilnis English Section

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Whence The Ability to Resist

Two years is a long time for any nation's peoples to stand under the strain and gunfire of modern warfare. Yet, the heroic people of the Soviet Union have for two years beaten off the attacks of the Nazi hordes, regained lost territory and are now on the offensive and winning new battles every day.

Heroism alone could not have achieved such results. Nor was it mere good fortune. The answer is obvious; the physical condition of the average Russian must be superb.

The Chicago Sun, in its magazine section "Parade", carries an interesting story of the national athletic program of the Soviet Union, showing the effects of that program in pictures of sturdy Russian youth. The story surely must come as a surprise to many who for so many years have believed in the myth that was spread about "hungry Russia" and of the starvation that existed in the Soviet Union under the "dictatorship" of Stalin.

Of the government-sponsored athletic programs the Parade says:

"The key to Russia's secret is the vast, government-sponsored sports program that has been under way since 1921, with its trained physical culture teachers, 10,000 public playing fields, 3,500 gymnasiums and 650 stadiums, its huge tournaments and government honor medals. Under its influence the average Russian youth today is five pounds heavier, more than an inch taller, and has almost an inch greater chest measurement than his counterpart of only six years ago.

"Unlike America, where active participation in strenuous sport is almost entirely confined to schools and schooldays, Russians indulge in sport through thousands of clubs that have been organized everywhere, from the largest cities to the smallest collective farms. Membership is voluntary, activity lifelong, and competition keen.

The might of the Soviet Union then, we can say, has been built upon the contentment, good health and the determination of the people to continue building in peace the country that promised so much to those who just a quarter of a century ago groaned under the hell of the Czar.

It is estimated that 1,600,000 new men are waiting every year to go into uniform. And women too, for they are taking their stand on the side of the fighting armies of men."

Our own nation can learn much from the Soviet Union in promoting a program that would correct the manpower waste now existing here as nearly 4 out of 10 men examined for the U. S. army are rejected because of physical unfitness.

Destructive To Labor

The 77th and 78th Congresses have thrice been offered in one form or another the infamous Hobbs Bill (HR 653). It is the so-called anti-racketeering bill, which rather than to prevent racketeering, is aimed to destroying and terrorizing organized labor. Labor should speak out against that bill.

Let your voices be heard against this vicious bill. Send for a copy and acquaint yourself with its full meaning.

Lithuanian-Americans In U. S. Armed Forces



VACLOVAS BAUBLIS
West Frankfort, Ill.



JOSEPH BAUBLIS
West Frankfort, Ill.

How Germans Are "Disengaging" Enemy

WASHINGTON (ONA). — The Swiss newspaper National Zeitung has made its own little collection of retreat, when the Wehrmacht (Hitler's Army) is doing the retreating.

Here are some typical examples of retreats on various sectors:

Demyansk: Evacuated "without interference from the enemy."

Rzhev: "German rearguards disengaged themselves from the enemy without being noticed."

Gzhats: "Left to the enemy through planned non-combatant movements."

Sichevka: Evacuated without enemy Pressure."

Vyazma Area: "Evacuated through planned troop transfer without enemy hindrance."

Tunisia situation "Rectified without the Americans even knowing what it was all about."

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Contribute to USO
SMASH THE AXIS

As We See It

Turkey may be the next theatre of war. Her foreign minister, Menemencioglu, stated that Turkey "is willing to fight on behalf of her obligations," which includes an alliance with Britain.

Other indications point to new events in the Balkans.

Here is a bit of Swiss humor. "National Zeitung" collected some half-dozen of German definitions of retreat and observed ironically:

"The Germans are able to fool the adversary by compelling him to take a town without engagement where he expected heavy fighting."

When the German army is beaten and has to retreat, Herr Goebbels' propaganda office announces: "German disengaged themselves from the enemy without being noticed."

Daniel J. Tobin, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, wrote in union's magazine, the International Teamster:

"What a blessing it is for Russia and for the world that the Dunnes and the Trotzkyites did not Succeed in overthrowing Stalin.

"If they had, nine chances out of ten Hitler would be controlling Russia today as he is controlling Poland, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Holland and other countries once free, now in slavery."

Very true, Mr. Tobin.

American Trotzkyites are still at their job. Recently, they are campaigning against the Soviet Union because the Soviet government shot two Hitler's agents, Alter and Erlich, who were Trotzkyites. The sole purpose of this campaign is to arouse hatred against the USSR and thus help her enemies, who are also our enemies, namely Hitler and his Axis.

It seems to me that Dr. Eduard Benes, president of Czechoslovakia, is accepted with more enthusiasm in Washington than was Gen. Sikorski. Maybe it's because he has a better mission.

His approach to the Soviet-Polish disagreement will be of great importance in Washington.

Equally important is the mission of Lord Beaverbrook. It is rumored in London that he will discuss in Washington the break of Soviet-Polish relations.

Both diplomats, Benes and Beaverbrook, will go to Moscow after the Washington visit.

Ewald Schubens, a German soldier, was killed on the Leningrad front. On him the Russians found a letter from his wife, Maria Frau Schubens. She writes:

"I am terribly afraid to stay in Essen with our child. Essen must look like Stalin-grad because here there are nothing but ruins left. You can't imagine what it is like unless you see it with your own eyes.

"Until yesterday there was no water or light. There is still no gas. We spend every night in the bomb shelter. The night before last an alert was sounded six times between 9:30 p. m. and 4:30 a. m., and all that time w stayed underground.

"It is more than the nerves can stand. Essen is nothing but a pile of ruins. That's the truth."

Other countries have already paid, and now the Germans are paying a high price for Hitler.

And they will have to keep paying until Hitler and his gang are eliminated.

Lituanus.

The Nazis Sold Me Into Slavery For 17 Marks

By Janet Weaver

MOSCOW. — Number 415 is still discernible on the right sleeve of 16-year-old Vera P.'s coat. This was the number given her in May 1942 when she arrived at a big plantation in Germany to work for the landlord who had purchased her after she was brought from Kursk together with a trainload of other Russians who had been mobilized for forced labor during the German occupation of that city.

Vera spent five terrible months in fascist Germany, three of them in a hospital. She was finally sent back home with a trainload of sick people in October 1942 because she was no longer able to work.

Vera is a small blonde girl with a face and smile like a baby's, and so delicate looking that one wonders how the Germans ever thought of forcing this frail girl into heavy farm labor. She came to Moscow recently to participate in a meeting of Soviet youth on Sunday.

HER OWN STORY

I met her a few days before at the home of a friend, where she told me in detail of the horrible experiences she had in Germany, giving the dates and even the time of day when various things happened, as if they had been stamped in her memory as indelibly as the number on her coat which she had tried unsuccessfully to completely erase.

I am giving her story just as I took it down in shorthand as she told it to me, leaving out only some names, for her friends 17 other Kursk girls are still in Germany.

"When the Germans occupied Kursk in the Fall of 1941 I was a freshman in high school. My father was chief bookkeeper in a big enterprise; my mother did not work. My brother Vladimir is in the Red Army.

"In the latter part of April 1942 the Germans began the mobilization of all people from 15 to 60 who were not working. On May 4th I received a notice to appear at the labor exchange. I ran away to a village and failed to show up.

HER FATHER THREATENED

"When I returned to Kursk I was called a second time. My father went with me to the district commandant who threatened that if I refused to go to Germany my father would be sent and I would be tried before a military tribunal.

"My father was almost 60 and not very well, and I was

afraid for him. I was also afraid that I would be shot or sent to prison, so I decided to go to the labor exchange. There I was given a superficial medical examination and declared fit for work.

"On May 25 I was shipped to Germany. Forty-five people were crowded into each car of the freight train, like cattle. There was straw on the floor, but we had to stand up because it was so crowded. In every car there was a German soldier with a rifle.

"We left in the evening. After being on the road for 18 hours we were given 200 grams (7 ounces) of bread for every three people. At Minsk we were given a thin, water, soup. In Berlin we got four potatoes.

"Further west of Berlin we were taken to a camp fenced in by barbed wire. We spent the night in a dirty, damp barracks. In the morning we were given 200 grams of bread and some soup, and were then lined up in the yard with our things.

THE SLAVE SALE

"Various German men and women came to look us over and select the girls they wanted to buy. The girls were chosen on the basis of their good looks and strong bodies. I was not sold the first day. The next day, at 12 o'clock, some German landlords bought me along with 17 other girls from Kursk. They paid 17 marks apiece for us. There was one Jewish girl in the group but she was blonde and the Germans did not know she was Jewish. The rest of us knew, but we did not tell anyone. She was also a member of the Young Communist League.

"I am not a member of the Young Communist League, but about four of the girls were. There was a policeman with the man who bought us. We were put into a freight car, and at 11 o'clock at night arrived in another town. We were locked up in the police station for the night, and the next morning the landlord came for us.

THE WEEKLY FOOD

"We arrived at the farm at 9 o'clock in the morning. A Pole who acted as an interpreter for the landlords took us to our living quarters, the loft of a barn, where we had to sleep on doubledecker bunks covered with straw. The Pole told us that our weekly food ration would be one and a half kilograms of bread, 100 grams of sugar, 75 grams of margarine, 100 grams of sausage and some potatoes. He said that we

would work from 6 A. M. to 6 P. M. and would receive seven marks a week.

"Although we were very tired and hungry we were sent to work in the fields immediately. At 6 o'clock we came home, had some watery soup and were sent to bed. But by 9 o'clock we could not stand the hunger pains any longer and got up and ate our whole week's ration of bread.

"The next day we had to go to work without breakfast. At night we managed to slip out and get carrots and lettuce from the fields. That was how we lived, each day like every other.

BEATEN BY OVERSEER

"The superintendent often beat us. He was a very cruel man and not only beat us for taking vegetables, but he kept for himself part of the meager rations we were supposed to get. Once he beat my friend and me when he caught us taking potatoes; and another time when he saw us pick up an apple that had fallen from a tree.

"After we finished work at 6 he always forced us to clean the pig pens and cow barns. We were never allowed to leave the farm. The superintendent even refused when my friend and I asked to go to church. When he asked us why we wanted to go we said that we wanted to pray for the war to be over soon so we could go home.

"God is everywhere," he answered. "You can pray in the field as well as in church."

TELLS OF ACCIDENT

"When I had been working for two months I fell from a tree one day when we were picking fruit, and my kidneys were torn loose. Finally I was sent to what the Germans called a 'hospital,' which was completely filled with other Soviet people who were sick and who were being treated very badly.

"In general the Germans constantly tried to impress on us that we were Russians, that we were 'uncultured' and 'inferior' and therefore did not deserve to be treated like people.

"While I was in the hospital the German army occupied Voronezh. The head of the hospital ran into the ward yelling: 'We have taken Voronezh. Soon Stalingrad will be ours and that will be the end of the war in Russia. The Red Army is kaput,' he shouted, trying to tantalize us.

"When the doctors saw that I was not going to get well soon, the landlord said that he did not need me anymore.

Finally I was taken to the station and put into a freight train filled with other sick people. The Germans did not want to keep people who could not work and evidently they were afraid of epidemics.

HER TRIP HOME

"When the train arrived at a small town in western Ukraine we were given documents and told we would have to get home the best way we could. A group of us went to the edge of the town and managed to get on a German munitions train going to the front, but the patrols threw us off and threatened to shoot us.

"We walked for a while and then got on another train, and in two days we were near Kursk. I had to make the last five kilometers on foot, but I was so weak that the short distance took me ten hours.

"I arrived home on October 17th. My mother did not know me for I was dirty and ragged and nothing but skin and bones. I had sold my clothing on the way in order to buy food.

"My mother took care of me and then the Red Army came and our city was free again. I am feeling better now and am going to school. At first I hesitated to tell the Red Army men that I had been in Germany because I felt ashamed of it. But when one of my friends told a group of Red Army men, they all grabbed me and kissed me and I had to tell my story a hundred times.

"They told me that I had nothing to be ashamed of and that I should talk about it so that all our people will know what the Germans are like. I am telling it to you because I think Americans should know too."



218 DAYS — Delmar D. Wiley, 21, of Glenwood, Iowa, reached South Pacific base 218 days after his plane was shot down in Solomons. Natives helped him from island to island.

Danes Hoping For Invasion

WASHINGTON, (ONA) — The idea is going around inside Denmark that it may be the "Springboard" for an Allied invasion of Europe.

The Swedish newspaper Svenska Dagbladet, in a dispatch to the office of War Information, quotes an unidentified Danish paper as saying that an attack through Northern Germany is a "Distinct possibility," since it would be a direct route to Central Europe and would enable the Allies to strike directly at Germany.

In the event that the Allies decide to invade through Ger-

many's "Vulnerable" Baltic Coast, the Danish paper comments, Denmark is the most likely "Springboard." The Danish paper adds: "Our past and present difficulties will be considered trifling compared with the difficulties in the event of an invasion."

The Svenska Dagbladet, a Stockholm paper, also carried a dispatch from its Danish correspondent, who reported another "Serious" sabotage incident in Copenhagen. Eight armed men entered a leather factory, overpowered the guards and set fire to the workshop, which was "almost destroyed."

WRITE TO THE BOYS
IN THE SERVICE

French Communists Propose Unity Of All Forces

LONDON, (ONA) — The French Communist Party, in a resolution smuggled out of France, proposes that General Charles De Gaulle become the head of a provisional government of the French Republic and General Henri Honore Giraud the head of a Reorganized French Army.

This formula for unity was disclosed today as General De Gaulle and the French National Committee in London studied General Giraud's latest communication regarding a conference in North Africa.

Informed quarters with chan-

nels to political elements inside France said that the Communist formula was known to have the support of the French Socialist Party.

Fighting French spokesmen here contended that the end of what they call the "African Phase" of the liberation of France and the beginning of the "European Phase" made even more urgent the establishment of a union of all free Frenchmen in free French territory.



"MISSION to MOSCOW" mirrors history!

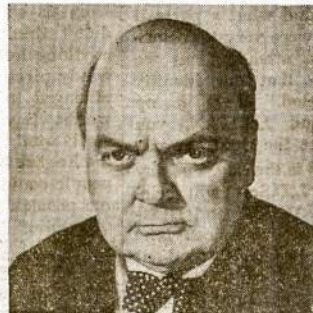


PREMIER Joseph Stalin (right) is played by Manart Kippen (above). Because he looks, acts and speaks like the Soviet leader, Kippen, Russian-born actor, was selected from more than a score of candidates for this very important role.



WHAT IS UNQUESTIONABLY THE GREATEST CAST OF CHARACTERS IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD TODAY, not to mention the history of motion pictures, is found in Warner Bros.' "Mission to Moscow," based upon the best-selling book by former Ambassador Joseph E. Davies. Truly, the world is its stage, and the world's greatest figures are its players. Men like Winston Churchill, Joseph Stalin, Maxim Litvinov and many others, shaping the startling and exciting events that preceded the global war, were the fascinating material of the book, and they come startlingly to life in the gripping film story.

The chief production difficulty encountered by the Warner Bros. studio in dramatizing the great events which comprise the "plot" of "Mission to Moscow" lay in the fact that the characters involved are contemporaries whose likenesses, and, in a few cases personal mannerisms are known to every newspaper reader in the country. Spurning mere impersonations of such notables, Warner Bros. undertook the tremendous, painstaking task of duplicating them. The pictures on this page show some of the striking likenesses which help make the film an exciting experience in discovery.



PRIME MINISTER Winston Churchill (left) is played by Dudley Field Malone (above), famous trial lawyer who is the friend and virtual duplicate of the British statesman. Malone regards his role as a personal contribution to the war effort.



SOVIET AMBASSADOR Maxim Litvinov (right) He is played by Oscar Homolka (left).



PRESIDENT OF USSR Mikhail Kalinin (right) is played by Vladimir Sokoloff (left).



VICHY STATESMAN Pierre Laval (right) is played by Russian-born actor Alex Chirva (left).



FORMER AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA AND HIS WIFE Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Davies chat informally at the Warner Bros. studio with Walter Huston and Ann Harding who portray them in "Mission to Moscow," which is based upon the best-seller of the same name by Mr. Davies. Left to right: Mr. Joseph E. Davies, Ann Harding, Walter Huston and Mrs. Davies.



RUSSIAN GENERAL Marshal Semson Timoshenko (right) is played by Kurt Katch (left).



NEGUS OF ETHIOPIA Haile Selassie (right) is played by Leigh Whipper (left).



COMMISSAR OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS Vyacheslav Molotov (right) is played by Gene Lockhart (left).



GERMANY'S FOREIGN MINISTER Joachim von Ribbentrop (right) is played by Henry Daniell (left).



SECRETARY OF STATE Cordell Hull (right) is portrayed by Charles Trowbridge (left).

LDS CIRCLES

Last week we reported on the weather for last Saturday. To make sure you haven't forgotten the forecast, it was COLD AND CHILLY. You must remember this when we brought our wa-bit inside the Hollywood Inn it agreed with him so completely that it hopped and jumped and snooped. Oh, everything got under his skin. Meaning that people have turned the little red fox on our bunny's trail. Our bunny was big and fat, but now it looks like the last rose of summer, it's so skinny and fragile. It will take a few weeks until our wa-bit comes back to its normal shape and size. Therefore, we have nothing on the agenda for this weeks column. Only a few things we picked up from a few telephone calls. For instance, the party at The Jacobs Draetee Auditorium last Wednesday. The party was given for HELEN KASRO and FRANK VESELY, and what a party it was. We were very unfortunate in not attending, as we understand that our identity was revealed. Keep it up KASRO and LILLIAN, you might strike the right one yet.

May 23rd is the day. The day when the L.D.Sers will celebrate AL JACOBS' and DENNIS KWAIN'S birthdays. The party will be celebrated at Helen Kwain's mother's farm. All L.D.Sers are invited to attend. . .

We would like to complement Newsy and Nosey on the most surprising column they turned out last week. Keep it up, we need more like yours. . . There is still a question on our minds as to whether or not the Escort will continue his column in the Vilnis English Section

. . . We are also anxious to see that once well known column turned out by Angel Pye of the Monarchs. How about it Angel, how about informing the rest of the L.D.S. about the Monarchs branch? It's still in existence isn't it? Well how about letting us know it??? What about the Sparks writing a few articles? . . . Oh yes, what are the RoseLanDerS doing—if anything? The Vilnis English Section would appreciate it very much to receive more correspondence from other organizations besides the L. K. M. and Redwings and Newsy and Nosey. Articles big and small would be accepted.

We are really sorry to disappoint you this week by writing such a short column. But since our wa-bit was stricken with a serious illness which was caused by the strenuous workouts it has been receiving and with the lack of vitamins in our rabbits rationed diet, his condi-

tion was so critical that we didn't dare leave it for a second for fear that it might pass away, (and we're sure you wouldn't want that to happen?) Now that the crisis has passed and it is well on the road to recovery, the doctor advised us to take him out for an airing (you know the good old Chicago air-refreshing isn't it??) at some future date if its condition warrants. Due to the vigilance we kept at our poor rabbits bedside which has worn us to a frazzle, it is now the rabbit's turn to watch over us. We remain the three very depressed rain drops.

"Two Drips and a Drop"

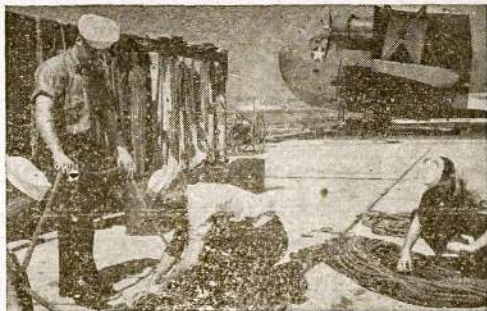
Newsy & Nosey Write—

Newsy Says:

Well, folks, here we are again this week. Surprised to hear from us so soon again? We didn't think we would have anything left to say after that windy piece last week, but we managed to scrape up a few words. Say, my fellow spies really went to town last week in the English Section. I bet some people could cheerfully slit some people's throats. Meow or something!

Well, folks, the *Lambda Delta Sigma Sorority Sisters* are going out to paint the town a dark shade of pink. You know we will have to be a little conservative. This will occur on Friday night, June 4th. We will all meet for dinner that evening. (The place has not as yet been decided upon, my sisters, but please keep up with the column and I will advise you as soon as possible.) After dining we will all trot over to the Harris Theatre where the new comedy hit "Kiss and Tell" is being staged. The critics are giving this play good write-ups so don't forget to bring along your hankies to wipe away the tears of laughter. After that is over with what we will do, well, that remains to be seen. ESTELLE MALESH is taking care of all the arrangements. By this time you should have informed her, my sisters, as to whether or not you are going. If you have not already done so, however, call her up at Prospect 3319 and perhaps arrangements can still be made whereby you can still attend. Remember the date, June 4th.

Also another date to remember is June 11th which is also Friday. We are deviating from our usual procedure of meeting every first Friday of the month during the month of June due to the outing to see "Kiss and Tell." Therefore, the meeting comes up on June 11th the sec-



Official U.S. Navy Photograph

A dramatic story of pilots, flight crews and planes is told in "Cavalcade of Naval Aviation," a Naval Aviation Exhibit of official photographs, to be on display at the downtown Chicago Public Library from May 16 to 29 and at several neighborhood libraries in June. One of the striking pictures points out that as in the days of the square-riggers, the quality of the crew is the determining factor in winning battles. Whether on planes or ships of the line, these men know their jobs.

ond Friday, so please make a note of this in your date book.

NOSEY SAYS

Reading last week's V. E. S. we note that those new dirt finders "TWO DRIPS AND A DROP" tell us to keep up the column and we can reach their category. Which category is that???? We do, however, agree with their comments as regards the literary endeavors of the famed ESCORT.

Last Wednesday I dropped in at the Jacobs Residence alias "Draftee Hall" where another send-off party was in progress for FRANK VESELY and HELEN KASRO. The first one I noticed was FRANK "COOKIE" KUCHINSKAS who looks in tiptop condition after his trip to California. Also it was good to see FRANNIE YURGIL, in a becoming black and white dress, back in circulation again. TONY URBIKAS was trying to collect some blackmail money for some pictures he had, but he didn't succeed. VALERIA BERNOT did her part at the party by being stationed at the victrola. LIL SHERMAN was busy dancing as usual. It just wouldn't be LIL if she wasn't dancing every minute. I wonder what happened to that cake auction which GEORGE KWAIN started so enthusiastically???? ANN JACOBS was flying around all evening making sure everyone signed the cards while hubby AL JACOBS was flying around finishing selling his book of tickets for the picnic in June. GEORGE JUOZAITIS came down with MALVINA to be Master of Ceremonies for the evening. FRANK VESELY did not have much to say, but the fellows kept talking about his bowling. HELEN KASRO told us that she had enlisted in the Waves as she felt that was the best way she could do her bit to whip the axis. JESSIE SHAIKO seemed to me on the quiet side that evening. Can you possibly know why??? STELLA STANKUS made her speech with tears in her eyes as she will miss HELEN as HEL-

EN is one of her very best girl friends. Well, we will all miss HELEN and FRANK, too, for they both have been quite active in the L.D.S. work. When COOKIE make a remark about the Coast Guard guarding the coast, COAST GUARDSMAN STAN BERNOT really stood by his guns and told them what was what about the U.S.C.G. Atta boy, STASH! CEL and PAPS RIVA came down to help along in the send-off. One girl seemed to take a nick out of CEL every time she came near her. I bet CEL was counting the scratches when she got home.

Sunday NEWSY and I went to the Share Holders Banquet at the Lithuanian Auditorium to see if we would catch a glimpse of those "new dirt diggers". The young folks sure are vanishing from sight these days it seems as there were very few of the youth there. I saw VALERIA "JULIET" BERNOT sitting all alone, but not for long because soon along came TONY "ROMEO" URBIKAS to keep her company. ZIM BERNOT and ALINE STANONT came down to see Stan's cousin FELIX and SULLY who were in on week-end passes down from Great Lakes. Later they saw to it that the boys got on the right train back to camp. They told me later it seems that the Navy didn't know where it was going when it came to trains. Maybe it was because the boys were afraid they would be late. JESSIE SHAIKO went along too. Which reminds me, she advises that FRANK VESELY is also stationed up at Great Lakes and she had already received a phone call from him. Boy what promptness. I sure had a hardy laugh when I heard that LIL SHERMAN would not come down to the Auditorium in fear of bumping into those "TWO DRIPS AND A DROP". Boy that was really funny.

Well, is our column in your category now, you "Two DRIPS and A Drop"???

NEWSY and NOSEY