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## "TRIBUTE TO RUSSIA" WEEK TO BE OBSERVED THROUGHOUT NATION; STADIUM MEETING HERE JUNE 22

### Nation To Honor Our Soviet Ally

In every state of the union, men, women and children of America will join their government and military leaders in a national "Tribute to Russia Week" beginning on June 20th and ending on June 27th. Sponsored by Russia War Relief, the week will mark America's tribute to the courage and achievements of the Soviet people who, on June 22 enter their third year of war.

A special Russian War Relief Committee consisting of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Wendell Willkie, Bishop William T. Manning, Thomas W. Lamont, William Green, Philip Murray and others are directing the observance.

The nation's largest halls and stadiums have been engaged for these ceremonies—The Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles, the Chicago Stadium in Chicago, Randall's Island Stadium in New York, and hundreds of other large halls in every section of the country.

### Varied Ceremonies

Well-known industrialists, government officials, labor leaders, Soviet visitors, educators and churchmen will address audiences representing a cross section of the American public. In Los Angeles, Leopold Stokowski will conduct the Los Angeles Symphony; in Chicago, Fabian Sevitzky will conduct the Chicago Symphony and the nation's leading artists, including Paul Robeson, will take part in ceremonies being held in other cities.

Many of the meetings will have local flavor. In Scranton, Pa., the Anthracite Coal Chorus will sing several Russian numbers; the Mine Mill and Smelter Workers of Perth Amboy, N. J., will hold a party and toast the Red Army and its leaders. Post-War American-Soviet relations will be the main topic of discussion at a "Tribute to Russia" dinner in Catskill, N. Y. These are only a few of the ways in which the American public will commemorate June 22.

An important part of the June 22 celebration has already been launched. It is the "Write

to Russia" campaign, in which 5,000,000 Americans will send individual letters of friendship to individual citizens of the Soviet Union. The campaign enables Americans in every walk of life to write to "A Russian Friend," "A Russian Mother," "A Red Army Soldier" or any other individual desired. It is expected that recipients of these letters will reply to their new American friends.

The "Write to Russia" program was suggested by the hundreds of letters which Russian War Relief has received from the Russian people—Red Army men, their wives, mothers and children—thanking the relief agency for the aid sent and expressing the desire to hear from Americans. As a result of these letters, the directors of Russian War Relief concluded that an expression of the friendship and admiration which Americans feel for our Soviet allies would be a significant addition to the material aid which Russian War Relief is continuing to send at the rate of \$1,000,000 per month in the form of medical supplies, concentrated foods and seeds.

Russian War Relief expects to reach its goal of 5,000,000 letters by June 22. They will be forwarded in the same Soviet ships which carry relief supplies to the Soviet Union and will be distributed by Soviet authorities. The letters will be translated in Russia and replies to them will be translated here.

## Lith Intellectuals Arrested by Nazis

### Attempt To Organize Lithuanian Army to Fight Russia Failed

STOCKHOLM.—Recruiting of "volunteer corps" of Lithuanians to fight on the Russian front has been suspended by Reichcommissar von Renteln "owing to the lack of response," Nazis admit.

Several members of the Lithuanian General Council, puppet of von Renteln, have been arrested for refusal to sign recruiting proclamation.

The former Berlin corres-



HIS ANNIVERSARY — Year has passed since Victory the Rooster attached himself to group at Anti-aircraft Artillery school at Camp Davis, N. C. So men fixed up party for him. Here he pecks at cake, meanwhile provided with napkin.

## SMETONA'S MOUTHPIECE SLANDERS LITHS WORKING FOR RED CROSS

CLEVELAND—Berating and slandering patriotic and democratic Lithuanians who refuse to follow the usurping fascistic ex-president of Lithuania, Antanas Smetona, the weekly "Dirva" of Cleveland, on April 23, resorted to a typical Nazi propaganda trick to attack unified efforts of Philadelphia Lithuanian Americans on behalf of the American Red Cross.

Pursuing a line similar to that used by the Chicago daily "Draugas," which on December 4, 1942, called certain contributions to the Red Cross as the "work of swine," the "Dirva" now impugns that "godless reds" may divert to Russian War Relief funds collected for the Red Cross.

Not daring openly to attack contributions to the American Red Cross, the item, which is signed by "A Northsider," alleges that even if the money is turned over to the Red Cross, "the credit will not go to the contributors... but to the godless enemies of Lithuania's

freedom."

Obviously displeased with the poor response of Lithuanian Americans to a phony fund for "Liberation of Lithuania," the correspondent of "Dirva" uses violent language against all opponents of the fascistic Smetona: "Kinsfolk, whatever you may be, whether a professing good Catholic, or a free-thinking nationalist, remember this, that all who do not work together with A Smetona, President of Lithuania, for the restoration of Lithuania, are, besides agents of Moscow and Warsaw, either conscious or confused enemies of Lithuania's freedom."

Referring to unified cooperation of Lithuanian Americans with the recent Red Cross Drive, the "Dirva" had the following to say:

"Lately Lithuanian Catholic priests have become the friends of open godless reds (in the collection of contributions for the American Red Cross) ... These contributions, of which we speak here, were repossessed by the followers of the Kremlin. Moreover, the people are saying that these contributions will be donated, not where they were intended to go, but to the fund of Russian War Relief. Even, if out of fear of responsibility, these contributions are turned over to the Red Cross, the credit will not go to the contributors and the priests, but to the godless enemies of Lithuania's freedom."

Behind the smoke-screen of red-baiting, "Dirva" conducts un-American propaganda and not only disrupts Lithuanian American unity behind the war effort, but sabotages campaigns which are necessary for victory.

# ABOUT A WORN-OUT SHOE

By LAUKUVIŠKIS

## But Still They Use It

The bogey of "Bolshevism" that Hitler built his anti-Communist Axis on is worn out like an old shoe just before the expiration of Stamp No. 17. But our pro-Axis Lithuanian papers still use it as a newly discovered novelty.

Beginning with "Naujienos", on the "left", and ending with Tyslava's "Vienybė" on the "right," these Lithuanian papers published a second "Letter from Sweden."

If you remember, in the first "letter" they told us how fortunate were those Lithuanians who, at the beginning of the war, were lucky enough to "repatriate" to Germany.

That was some time ago, when the Hitlerites still had hopes of winning the war. Since then the situation has changed in favor of the Allies. Now let us see what the mysterious "NN" writes to his friends, the pro-Axis Lithuanians in the USA.

I will acquaint you with only one phase of the "letter" which, I think, will give you a fairly good estimate of the contents. The question now seems to be: How will Hitler keep the Lithuanians in line now that he has "liberated" them? Our pro-Nazi informer from Sweden tells us:

"The only effective weapon that the German are using now is—the scare of Bolshevism..."

We believe it. Hitler is liable to do anything. But how do Mr. Grigaitis, Rev. Prunskis, Simutis et-al feel about finding themselves in such company?

## To Whom It May Concern:

For some time now the Lithuanian Catholic press has established a "news bureau." They dish out "bulletins" right and left. Most of them are "innocent" enough. But once in a while they publish such information from "Ostland" that could never be gotten out without the sanction of Herr Goebels.

How do they get their information and what is the purpose of spreading the Nazi lies? Who is at the head of the "LKFSS?" Could it be possible that all this information from the Nazi published Lithuanian paper "L-Laisvė" is being gathered by our "refugee" (by the grace of Hitler) Mr. Pakštas?

## Appetite of an Old Man

The older Mr. Grigaitis gets, the bigger his appetite grows. Judging from his writings one gathers that Mr. Grigaitis

would eat all the enemies of Hitler without any salt.

In his editorial "Apžvalga" ("Naujienos", June 12th) Grigaitis teaches Stalin how to "reorientate" towards the Lithuanians and asks:

"Is it right for Russia to keep in its territory such traitors of Lithuania as Paleckis, Gedvilas, Salomėja Nėris, Liudas Gira and similar elements?"

Of the four "traitors" one of them, Liudas Gira, besides being one of the most prominent poets of Lithuania, is also wearing the glorious uniform of the Red Army and fighting for the freedom of his beloved Lithuania. True, he still is on "Russian territory" and for that fact Grigaitis will never forgive him. He should have been in a Nazi concentration camp long, long ago. The other three are members of the civilian government of Lithuania who were fortunate enough to escape to "Russian territory."

Now for "similar elements" that Mr. Grigaitis tells Stalin to oust from "Russian territory." I will mention just a few. Every one of them is wearing the uniform of the Red Army and is shedding blood for the same cause for which our own boys are dying. They are:

Generals: Vincas Vitkauskas, Vladas Karvelis, Zemaitis, Chempas.

Lieutenants: Razeliauskas, Antanas Vaišnora, Petras Gaivenis, Antanas Vaichunas.

Red Army men and women: Povilas Lazutka, Petras Norėika, Benediktas Stasiunas, Juozas Gladutis, Antanas Vallys, Kostas Bandaraitis, D. Ramanavičiūtė, Birutė Lazauskaitė, Karolis Juodinskis and Fifty Thousand more.

We would not be surprised to hear Kubiliunas, Germantas, Biržiška and other Lithuanian quislings calling them traitors. Yes, even Hitler himself would classify them as such. But when in our own midst somebody starts that kind of talk as Mr. Grigaitis did in his editorial "Apžvalga," what are we supposed to do? We could call him a scoundrel of the lowest type, but name-calling is not in our line.

All we can guarantee to Mr. Grigaitis and his ilk is: Your ideas, together with the Hitlerite Axis' are doomed forever!

In fact I wonder if Mr. Grigaitis himself believes that every Lithuanian that is fighting the Axis, no matter on what soil, is a traitor. How about our own boys in the United States Army? Aren't they fighting the Axis, too? Are they traitors too, Mr. Grigaitis?



**ATTU BUGGY RIDE** — Frank Hooper, of Wyconda, Mo., wounded in fighting at Holtz Bay, Attu Island, gets ride to waiting ship on a captured Jap hand cart. Many Americans suffered frost-bitten feet as result of cold weather and dampness that prevail in fog-shrouded island most of time.

## Polish Soldiers Tell Of Hitler Terror

Several Polish soldiers of the 15th Infantry Division and 17th Tank Division of the German army recently surrendered voluntary to the Red Army.

At his interrogation Private Paul Pradelski stated: "In a private talk with friends my uncle said, 'The Germans will lose the war; all their special communiques are lies.' He was arrested the same day and his public execution fixed for the following Sunday. Five Poles were hanged that Sunday.

"German agents made rounds of the houses, eavesdropping to find out whether political subjects were being discussed by the Poles, or whether the people were listening to foreign broadcasts. On the information of these agents, numerous Polish families were arrested and flung into the concentration camp near Cracow. Not a single Pole has ever left this camp alive."

Private Alfons Bekisz spoke with hatred of the invaders. "The Germans evicted my family from our native village, Zalisszczewo, 28 kilometers from Gdynia, and took all our property. We owned 150 morgen of land, four horses and 21 head of horned cattle. All this was turned over to a German

named Grinke and we were banished to another village. The Germans banned the Polish language, and those of us who use it are confined in concentration camps. Even the church sermons are read in German."

Felix Swerczinski has already tasted the life of a German war prisoner in the camp at Grossborn. In addition to Polish soldiers taken prisoners in the fighting near Tuhol, Swerczinski stated, many of the Poles evicted from Gdynia were also confined in that camp. Each day the prisoners were sent to load firewood, and each day they had to carry back five or six of their comrades who had no strength to walk. On some occasions the war prisoners died of hunger and exhaustion.

"The Germans brutally beat us," Swerczinski said. "Once I saw a German cook heavily lashing a Pole because the starving man had attempted to get another helping of soup. In Gdynia the Germans recently shot 10 young Poles because they allegedly pelted with stones a German troop column passing by."

In one sector of the front  
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## REDWING NEWS

Oh, the sun shines bright on my pretty Indian friends, the Redwings. When did the sun shine on them? Why, yesterday of course. Excuse me, the day was Sunday at Cannon Grove. Goodness was it hot. I think that JESSIE SHAIKO will agree with me about the heat and the good time that we had at the picnic. Some of the words my little nose struck on were: "How are you Jessie?" "Oh I'm fine, I'm still in one piece." That was a lie because Jessie had on a two piece slack suit. (I believe it was blue and red, and very attractive). Why do you make false remarks??

NANCY GORDON was seen with the handsome Billy boy. She was assisted by her sisters, the FAMOUS ANDRULIS TWINS.

STELLA and LEONARD KELLY were seen parading around like they were looking for a cool spot. Did you find one, pals??

I understand that FRANNY YURGIL walked to the picnic. I wish I could do that, but my feet would hurt tremendously if I even attempted to think of walking.

Say, it was good to see ED BARR at the picnic. (Girls, he is just as handsome as ever.)

GEORGE JUOZAITIS and FAMILY seemed to enjoy the dance hall very much. Anyway the young one enjoyed dancing with daddy.

Time out.

Thanks for the pause, I just saw something interesting. Wait till I walk over to the bar and get a better view. Just as I thought! TONY URBIKAS was trying to get a picture of FRANK BURNETSKY and visa versa. But, I'll bet the pictures were spoiled because as the cameras clicked, that Hollywood screen star, TONY GUYER stuck his profile in the center.

Wham! Bang! Stop! What's going on here? Now is that nice, VALERIA? And you, ED ZINY was that nice? You should have seen them slugging each other in the dance hall. I wonder what the occasion for the slaps in the face were for?

What's the matter, RAY no lipstick? Yes, my fellow-friends Ray Russel didn't have anyone at the picnic to keep up his title (Lipstick Kid).

Boy oh boy, if I could whistle on paper would there be a big whistling right now. Did you see that gal that ED URBIKAS had last Sunday. She's a blond and her name is Mary. I think she is a prospective Redwinger. Oh, Baby . . .

Speaking of prospective Redwingers, well, last week if you recall I said that ED URBIKAS



**HIS FANS**—Sammy Angott, training in New York for his bout with Henry Armstrong, entertains his two nephews, Sammy, left, and Jimmy Serio. The four-year-old twins dropped in to watch Uncle Sammy, and you bet they were cheering for him.

## Roseland Aido Chorus News

This is your old friend, Daisy, back again after a little vacation. Hope you didn't miss me. (No such luck, huh?)

Friday, at Chorus rehearsal, the attendance could and should have been much better. JOSIE S., JOSEPHINE WIRBA, ALDONA and some of you other chorus members: How about coming this week please? We really and truly need you.

Say, AMBROSE, what's the idea of dragging that chair around with you at rehearsal Friday? Too tired to stand, I bet. RUTH, you shouldn't talk so much. I might hear what you're saying and it might accidentally (on purpose) get into the paper.

Did you hear MILLIE C. singing Friday? She really has a beautiful voice. How's about us hearing it more often, MILLIE?

Friday, we also sang "Happy Birthday" for one of our most regular members, DIANA GU-KAS. Was she surprised! I hope you had a nice birthday, DIANA.

BERNICE, how's about singing a little louder next time. I couldn't even hear you. What's the matter, HELEN M., you weren't singing Friday? Could it be you're heartbroken? Could be.

came to the meeting to see what it was like before he joins. Well, he is filling the blank out.

Guess I'll shut my trap for this week. 'Til Sunday when I shall see you at the Vilnis Picnic. I remain your little spylett.

*Redwingetta.*

I was very happy to see three of our best tenors there Friday and singing for all they were worth. Of course, you know I mean: GUS, PAULY and WAL-LY or didn't you guess?

Let's all make a resolution, shall we? The resolution: We promise to be much, much quieter at rehearsals so that our wonderful, wonderful teacher doesn't have to get nervous anymore. Do we all solemnly promise? Hope so.

Sunday, June 13, we sang at the Apskričia picnic at Cannon Grove in Summit, Ill. Saw a few of our old acquaintances. Everyone appeared to be enjoying every minute of it. MILLIE and BERNICE: who were those two handsome brutes?

Did you girls see those servicemen? Cute, weren't they? Almost sprained my ankle trying to catch one of them. Now I know what they mean by "man shortage." Woo, woo!

WALLY and PAULY: where did you ever acquire those bee-yoo-tiful sunburns?

One thing I really missed at the picnic and that was that wonderful dancing couple—GUS and FRANCIS. Why weren't you two dancing?

Boy, MR. and MRS. KLIBAS had a carload of girls. Pretty weren't they?

Did you see RUTH and HEL-EN trying to find some water? What did you want it for, girls?

Didn't NANCY have on a very pretty dress?

I took a walk around the town and what do you think I saw—nothing. It was deserted. Guess the whole population was asleep. The only living thing I saw was the cutest little squirrel you ever did see. But, seriously, it's a beautiful town and we had loads of fun, didn't we, Squirt?

## LDS Youth To Hold Basket-Social Sunday, July 11th

*Sunday, July 11th is the day when all the LDS'ers are going to meet in the wild woods of Buffalo Grove. This social will be the first since the three branches, Sparks, Redwings, and Monarchs have merged, jointly holding meetings and other activities.*

*Roselanders are especially invited to attend the outing.*

*Everyone is to bring their basket of lunch. Liquid refreshments will be taken care of.*

*There will be games, dancing, sun-bathing, horse-back riding for the so inclined, and an all-round good time for everybody attending.*

*This will also be a good time for all you married couples to enjoy a day out in the fresh air with your kiddies. Bring them along, too.*

*Everyone should try to be there around 10:30 A. M. The place is Buffalo Grove, Justice Park. Transportation is simple: Bluebird Buses leave the New Trailway Terminal, 20 E. Randolph, every hour on the hour and make stops at the following places: Ogden and Ashland Aves., Ogden and Western Aves., Ogden and Kedzie Aves., 22nd and Crawford Ave., Cicero Ave. and 22nd Street, Cicero and Archer Aves., Airport and 63rd St., Clearing and Argo.*

*Those residing on the South Side will find it convenient taking the 63rd street car to Argo, and there boarding the bus to Justice Park.*

Now, chorus members, don't forget to come to rehearsal Friday, June 18th at 8 P. M. because we have to sing at the Vilnis Picnic, Sunday, June 20th and we must make a good appearance. You'll be there, I'm sure.

Don't forget, the Chorus' picnic is JUNE 27TH AT JUSTICE PARK. So, if you want to have a rip-roarin' time come to the Roseland Aido Chorus Picnic, June 27th. There'll be refreshments, entertainment and dancing. See you all there. Participants on the program are: Roseland Women's Chorus, Cicero Women's Chorus, Latvian Mixed Chorus, and Roseland Aido Chorus.

So you can see that it will be worth while to be there and see and hear these wonderful choruses.

Don't forget to be there. I'll look for you.

Memo. Rehearsal, Friday, June 18 at 8 P. M., at 10413 S. Michigan Avenue. "Daisy"

# They Said Last Week

*Dr. Frank P. Graham, Public Member of the War Labor Board:*

"Economic and political discrimination on account of race or creed is in line with the Nazi program. America, in the days of its infant weakness the haven of heretics and the oppressed of all races, must not in the days of its power become the stronghold of bigots. The world has given America the vigor and variety of its differences. America should protect and enrich its differences for the sake of America and the world. Understanding religious and racial differences make for a better understanding of other differences and for an appreciation of the sacredness of human personality as a basis to human freedom. The American answer to differences in color and creed is not a concentration camp but cooperation. The answer to human error is not terror but light and liberty under the moral law."

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*Vice-President Henry Wallace:*

"All the schools of the world will have to be reborn after this great conflict if the boys who have died are not to have died in vain. Many of the teachers will of course continue to be women. In the building of character and the communication of enthusiasm women throughout history have demonstrated a unique capacity. In the years to come it will be even more important for the schools to teach character than to teach facts. In the teaching of character, the essential thing will be the ability of the teacher to kindle enthusiasm — enthusiasm for knowledge, but especially enthusiasm for the greater good."

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*Professor Charles E. Merriam, Member of the National Resources Planning Board:*

"We literally stand at the gates of an age of plenty, key in hand, fumbling at the lock. General objectives have been outlined, but we now face the patient preparation of more detailed plans and specifications, programs of legislation and administration, national State and local, by public and private agencies. The winning of the peace in the fullest measure calls for unity and good-will—the price of victory in war and peace alike. If we can follow, and I believe we can, the way indicated alike by our ideals and our interest, we can anticipate an economy which puts a sound floor under social security, including health, housing, education, employment, and that has no ceiling above on initiative, enterprise and achieve-

ment. It will be found that our American traditions of justice, equality, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are not obstacles to prosperity but its essential conditions, underlying all genuine advance. We can unite security and freedom."

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President Roosevelt:

"From time to time since the present war began there have been reports that one or more of the Axis powers were seriously contemplating use of poisonous or noxious gases or other inhumane devices of warfare.... We promise to any perpetrators of such crimes full and swift retaliation in kind, and I feel obliged now to warn the Axis armies and the Axis peoples, in Europe and Asia, that the terrible consequences of any use of these inhumane methods on their part will be brought down swiftly and surely upon their own heads. Any use of gas by any Axis power, therefore, will be immediately followed by the fullest possible retaliation upon munitions centers, seaports and other military objectives throughout the whole extent of the territory of such Axis country."

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*Chancellor Harry Woodburn Chase, of New York University:*

"To effect a just and workable peace after this war is perhaps the most difficult task ever faced by humanity through all the long ages. The intense hatreds that seethe under the surface in the occupied countries will make it extremely difficult to keep just punishment from degenerating into indiscriminate massacre."

## Polish Patriots Meet in Moscow

MOSCOW. — The Union of Polish Patriots held its convention here last week.

The convention hall was decorated with banners bearing such legends as "Long Live Poland," "Death to the German Occupants" and "Hail the War Alliance of Poland and the Soviet Union."

Col. Zigmunt Berling, commander of the new Polish division formed to fight in Russia, emphasized the desire of Poles in Russia to get in action alongside the Red Army.

Col. Berling, some time ago, criticized the Polish government-in-exile for giving a hand to Nazi propaganda against the Soviet Union.

## Labor and Political Groups Work for Unity In Czechoslovakia

LONDON (ONA) — The first working class movement to be reorganized as a result of the dissolution of the Communist International in Moscow will be that of Czechoslovakia.

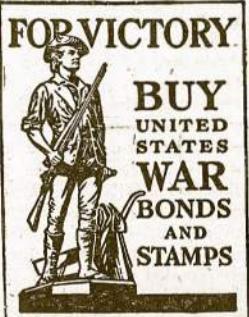
This, it was learned today in Allied circles, will be undertaken by representatives of Czechoslovak labor parties, including Communists, now in Great Britain.

The labor groups, which had issued a common manifesto on May 1, will soon put forth a new statement announcing a united effort for the defeat of Hitlerism and the liberation of the homeland. It will cover all common problems of the struggle inside and outside Czechoslovakia, including the underground resistance movement.

Negotiations are going forward among representatives of the social democrats, social nationalists and communists.



PENNIES—British pennies are used as buttons on this white birdseye pique model designed for hot days in town. Dress was featured at a recent luncheon-fashion show at Waldorf-Astoria, New York.



BAZOOKA—Here's a picture of that American "bazooka" gun that knocks out tanks. Lieut. Carl Peterson of Dearborn, Mich., fires gun, which sends destructive rocket at approaching tank, while Corp. Albert Salo of Ironwood, Mich., loads it.

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**The Vilnis English Section**

(Edited By Editorial Board)

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Phone VICtory 1455**The "Zoot Suit" Case**

The vicious hand of the fifth column in this country seems to be working in a co-ordinated drive to stir up race hatred everywhere and to divide the people and hamper our country in its war effort.

Within less than two weeks we have the "zoot suit" events in Los Angeles County spreading to Philadelphia and Baltimore; the KKK strike against upgrading of Negroes at the Packard Motor Co.; the strike in Mobile, Alabama shipyards growing out of the anti-Negro race incitement and just a few days ago an unauthorized walkout against Negroes in a Brooklyn plant.

The lynching spirit that led to the riots in Los Angeles on June 5, 6 and 7 is being whipped up from two sources. Working from the "American" angle of this race hatred anti-Mexican drive is the Hearst Press of Los Angeles which has raised the lynch spirit against the Mexicans to such a feverish pitch by its inflammatory stories, making the word Mexicans synonymous with the "zoot suit killers", while as a matter of fact zoot suits are being worn by the Anglo-Saxon, Latin and Negro.

Mexico's fifth column movement is operating from the "Mexican" angle through the Sinarquistas; Los Angeles being the center of activity of this movement.

Hearst and the pro Axis Sinarquistas seem to understand each other and their programs with respect to Mexico and the United States fit together perfectly. They each have a hand in promoting the hostility that is taking place in Los Angeles under the guise of the "zoot suit menace".

Outside of the insignificant but vicious Sinarquistas group, the Mexican people in Los Angeles are just as patriotic as any other group of American citizens and should be given the same protection against incited hoodlums and misled sailors. A probe should be started immediately into the matter to determine where the responsibility should be placed. That is the only way that will show the world that Hearst and his followers do not speak for America.

It is comforting to note that the flare-up of race incitement today is not due to an increase of race hatred. On the contrary, there is evidence that America is beginning to recognize that Negro, Mexican, Chinese or any other minority groups have a full right to share in citizenship and to contribute to victory.

**Immediate Action Urgent**

The Smith-Connally anti-labor bill is now before President Roosevelt for his signature. It has passed both the House and the Senate.

The Smith-Connally bill provides restrictions on labor activity, on the right to strike, and prohibits political contributions by trade unions. It provides the opening wedge for hampering restrictive legislation designed to destroy the labor movement.

All honest leaders of the trade union movement and all progressive people believing in the right of labor to collective bargaining and to the free expression of labor through their unions want this bill vetoed. They urge every liberty-loving citizen to take immediate action by wiring or writing to the President and asking him to veto this vicious anti-labor bill.

**Lithuanian-Americans  
In U. S. Armed Forces**

VYTAUTAS USAS

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Madeksha, 2462 Blue Island Ave. Before entering the Army, he was a well-known accordionist. Vytautas is in the Air-Corp and in the near future will be visiting with his parents and friends in Chicago, Ill.

**It Was Hitler Who  
Brought Russians, An-  
glo-Americans Together**

With the perspective of a quarter of a century after the event, we can see that the Russian Revolution of 1917 completed the work of the French Revolution of 1789. It was very violent. It had many features which the world outside the Soviet Union did not like. Time was needed before the barriers of misunderstanding could be removed. But Hitler was able—with remarkable success—to play against the democracies because of this hostility of the democratic world against the Soviet Union.

Hitler was not alone in underestimating the military preparedness, the ardor, and the patriotism of the Russian people. It was he who finally brought the Russians and the English-speaking people together, for every American and every Englishman gloried in the defense of Moscow and the defense of Stalingrad, knowing that they were a curb to Hitler's evil and brutal domination. The Anglo-Soviet Pact brings to an end Soviet Russia's long exclusion from the affairs of Western Europe. Within its framework, I believe all the outstanding problems of the European Continent can be solved if the leaders are given sufficient time and have patience.

(From an address by Dr. Edward Beneš, President of Czechoslovakia at Chicago Stadium, May 23, 1943.)

**As We See It**

The *Morale Minutes* published this poem by a soldier on Battan:

*"And if our lines should sag and break  
Because of things you failed to make,  
That extra tank, that ship, the plane  
For which we waited all in vain;  
Will you then come to take the blame?  
For we, not you, must pay the cost  
Of battles you, not we, have lost!"*

This is a poem which Mr. John Lewis should commit to memory.

Professor Arthur Upham Pope, in a letter to the New York Times, warns the American people against those who are helping Hitler by attacking the Soviet Union. He says:

*"It is particularly unwise and unfair to malign a gallant ally or its chosen leaders on whose courage endurance and organized effort so much has and still depends. Mutual suspicions are easily engendered to our mutual danger; old animosities are easily heated up again to the delight of our enemies; and the Nazi propaganda machine is ready in many clever and devious ways to assist both operations."*

*Fear and hatred of Russia has been the greatest weapon in Hitler's powerful psychological arsenal. It represents now his own great hope for prolonging the war. Why should any American aid and abet him?"*

To the so-called socialists Dr. Pope says:

*"Thanks to Russia, Germany has lost more than three and a half million men, colossal masses of costly material and formidable prestige. What if this vast power, destroyed at such a cost, were still intact, still threatening, still to be overcome? Our debt to Russia is immeasurable. Shall it be paid in calumny, misrepresentation and hate?" But we hate only Stalin and the Soviet regime," say the detractors. No such distinction can be made. The Russian people have profound confidence in their government and in Stalin. He is their leader; they want no other."*

It is hypocrisy and cheap demagogic to say that one can love the USSR and hate its government and its leadership.

It is a disguise for Nazi propaganda.

A news item from Moses Lake Air Base says that Maj. William G. Barrett, Boston psychiatrist, stationed there, believes that the Nazis are becoming so fearful of retaliation and retribution for their crimes that nothing will save them from mental disintegration.

I don't know whether the learned Doctor is right or wrong, but I do know that since the Nazis have been put on the loosing side, some Lithuanians are showing signs of mental disintegration.

For instance, one Lithuanian newspaper published the following as important front-page news:

*"We have written before that the Bolsheviks are dropping in Lithuania from their aeroplanes various articles (small boxes, pencils, etc.) and when touched very easily explode."*

*"Now it is stated that, in the district of Shumskai, three peasants found a pipe in the field and when one of them tried to turn its stem, the pipe exploded."*

*"One peasant was injured seriously and the other two sustained slight injuries."*

*"Near Vilnius some children found a small box which exploded when they tried to open it. Two boys, 11 year old Stasys Lauchka and 9 year-old Jurgis Jokubas were shattered to pieces."*

After reading this piece of "information" delivered "via Lisbon" to Chicago, I am inclined to believe that Major Barrett is right.

LITUANUS

# Just Once On The Merry-Go-Round

By Mike Quin

San Francisco

"It makes you think you've gone crazy" said Ed.

"I don't know," said Relix. "I don't know. Sometimes I feel I just don't know."

"It's because we been away," said Ike. "It makes everything look crazy."

"You can't keep the grass from growing," said old Andy.

"You can't keep the kids from yelling."

"I used to play on those swings," said Jerry. "Hell, I used to ride on that merry-go-round."

"Where's the war?" asked Ike. "These people don't know there is a war."

The green lawns of Golden Gate Park rolled brightly beyond the benches, gleaming in a warm summer sun. Families and couples sprawled here and there amidst the remains of picnic lunches and scattered Sunday papers. Old men sat peacefully on benches feeding crumbs to the birds. Sedate couples wheeled gaudy baby carriages awkwardly along the red-gravel paths. Small dogs scampered this way and that, in and out people's legs, across the lawns, leaping and barking around the children.

From the nearby playground came a shrill confusion of children's laughter, yelling, squeaking swings and clattering see-saws. Through this came the giddy, monotonous music of the merry-go-round calliope.

"It don't make sense," said Ed. "I don't know why but it don't make sense."

"I'm gonna ride on that god-damn merry-go-round once, just for the hell of it," said Ike.

"They won't let you on," said Selix. "You're too big. That's for kids."

Long days of convoy sailing, nightly blackouts, the murderous bark of machine guns, the deafening boom of heavier guns, the screams of drowning men, the sight of blood mixed with salt water—all that was still more real in their brains than these laughing, loafing families and the piping of the merry-go-round.

It was all too quick.

Last night, outside the Golden Gate, groping for the port through submarine nets and fog. Gun crews still at their posts. Planes droning overhead. It was still war.

Then morning, the ship alongside a dock, the gangplank over the side. Shore

leave, and suddenly this.

Ike was all for the bars, but Ed kept talking Golden Gate Park. The streetcar was right there, so they piled on, and now—

"I don't get it," said Ed. "They don't know there is a war."

"Well, what did you expect?" asked Ike.

Pete hadn't said a word since they entered the park. Dogs were scampering everywhere, and every time one come within ten feet, he leaned down, whistled, patted his leg, and snapped his fingers. But they paid no attention.

Now at last one came and sniffed around him. He massaged its head, patted its rump and rubbed its back. "I used to have a dog," he said. "Not like this. I had a black one."

"They don't know there is a war," said old Andy.

"War, war, war," said Jerry. "Can't you talk anything but war? Forget about it."

"Ain't much sense in talking anything else," said old Andy. "Nothing else is going to mean anything 'til we get it won."

"Life goes right on," said Felix. "You wouldn't know anything had changed."

"It's like you had a war," said Ike, "and then right in the middle of it a park with a merry-go-round, and kids playing and green grass, and—"

"People making love," said Ed, looking over toward the bushes.

"And dames in slacks," added Pete, looking ahead on the walk.

"And riding bicycles," said Felix, looking elsewhere.

"You can't keep the grass from growing," repeated old Andy. "You can't keep the kids from laughing."

"Yes you can," said Ed. "You can ruin the soil so grass will never grow there again. I've seen it."

"You can stop the kids from laughing too," said Felix. "I've seen it."

"Yeah. When they're hungry," said Ike.

"And their bellies swell up," said Felix.

"That's why," said old Andy, "we got a war to win. And nothing means much 'til we win it."

"Just the same," said Ike. "I'm gonna ride on that merry-go-round just once, for the hell of it."

"They won't let you," said Felix. "It's for kids."



**POET'S SON IN KHAKI**—Twenty-five years ago Joyce Kilmer died in khaki, in World War I, after writing immortal poem, "Trees." Today his son, Lieut. Christopher Kilmer, is in training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., with mortar platoon.

## Newspaper Hits Ban on Argentine Communists

The Cleveland Plain Dealer comments editorially that suppression of Communists is one of the best indications that the Argentinian coup d'état is not a "victory for the 90 per cent of the population who are pro-United Nations and pro-democratic."

Ohio's leading morning newspaper notes that the Rawson cabinet "included in its membership two of the country's most prominent pro-Axis figures and then set out to suppress Communist newspapers while doing nothing about those papers which, day in and day out, have been promoting the cause of Adolf Hitler."

The Plain-Dealer concludes that it will keep its "fingers crossed" before passing judgment on the Ramirez regime.

**LONDON (ONA)** — Spreading guerrilla warfare throughout Greece has been marked recently by the capture of large numbers of Italian soldiers by Greek irregulars, reports to Greek exile government officials disclosed today.

Pete was out of the war and out of the picture. He had found a dog that would run and bring back sticks no matter where you threw them. "Here boy," he was yelling, "Get it! Get it!" Then he'd clap his hands and jump up and down.

In two of the latest operations of Greek patriot bands, 400 Italians were taken prisoners near Grevena, in western Macedonia, and 41 Carabinieris were captured at Pharsala, Thessaly.

German authorities, seeking to pacify the Guerrillas, dropped leaflets by plane offering Amnesty to those who surrendered before May 20.

## Lithuanian-Americans

### In U. S. Armed Forces



**ANTHONY GUZAUSKAS**

After a 2-week furlough, Tony Guzauskas has left for Louisiana where he is stationed. He had been visiting his parents and friends in Chicago. Before Tony entered the Army, he was an active LDS member (Sparks branch).

## ONE WAY TO BRAND HIM



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### L. K. M. News

Here I am again, your super-super reporter. I haven't much to say this week because it doesn't seem to do any good anyhow when I write and say, "Your presence is vitally needed at the L. K. M. Chorus." If you are between the ages of young and old, you are wanted for the chorus. Also, if you're an alto, tenor, soprano or bass you are the one who is being paged to join the chorus.

"What do I have to do to join the L. K. M.?" All you have to do is come down to Hollywood Inn, 2417 W. 43rd St., on a Friday night. No application blanks, no questions, just come in, sit down and sing.

Some of the incidents of Friday's rehearsal were:

TEX ZEBRAITIS had a hard time trying to find something, but what he was trying to find is beyond my recollection...

Say who is this soldier that was seen with LILLIAN SHERMAN before rehearsal started? (Say Miss Sherman, what's the matter with the civilians, not good enough for you. Huh??) The only thing for me to do is to join the Army and I might advance in Lil's heart. However, the chorus is in need of men so I can't join, even for Lil.

There was quite a bit of happy air for JENNY MITCHELL. Why? Because she heard from her flame who is in Africa.

What's this "grunting" business?? Now let's not get technical Teach. What is it? What kind of riddles are you talking of?? "Healthy tones" from the "gutter". It's all new to me, but we love it. Tell us some more.

Say, did you see that beautiful blond? I believe she is a soprano. Her name is, let's see, her name, it slipped off of my tongue. I guess you'll have to wait till tonight when I find out her name is Irene. (Confusing yes??)

Everyone who was at rehearsal last Friday felt like kings and queens, because they learned the three verses of the United Nations song. Imagine all three verses in one rehearsal. The fact that those present learned all the words shouldn't stop others from attending tonight. (This is a military secret—don't breath it to a soul, but I don't know the last two verses.) This means that you are safe, because the words are very easy to learn and the melody is one that will stick with you like fish does to water. You're probably wondering since the words are so simple why don't I know them. Well, to make a long story short, just before I came to rehearsal I was out hunting for chorus members, and came in late.

You would be doing the chorus a favor if you came down tonight because we are in desperate need of chorus members for our big performance this Tuesday at the Stadium (June 22). Also on Sunday, we are going to the Vilnis Picnic to sing a few ditties. Where will the Vilnis picnic be held? At Justice Park (Archer and Kean.)

As you may know, I can keep on rattling for hours about the chorus rehearsal, but space is limited so I'll make a swift change from the silly giggling me to a more serious me. And what a change it is from the

happy to the more serious angle of the chorus.

Why is L. K. M. CHORUS existing? For the simple reason that we have an honor roll of twenty-one. These fighting boys are going to come back very soon and they will want to have something to come back to, a place where they can see all their friends. They will want to sing with them like they did before they were called to the aid of Uncle Sam. If I had the space, I would quote the various paragraphs from the letters that I have received from our boys, but I'll summarize all the letters. They write: "I hope the chorus is still going in full swing even if I'm not there to help with the bass or tenor section. Keep it going. After all this blood-shed and the horrible sight of seeing your buddy fall and never rise again, a fellow wants to have something that will help him forget the terrible sights of battle. Something that is harmless, something cultural, something that will help us smile again."

A month ago I mentioned that we have an Honor Roll with two golden stars on it. Those two stars are for ED SHERMIKAS and a fellow named KENOSHA JOE (last name unknown). Everyone in the chorus who knew those boys have a special place for them in their hearts. Of course, we constantly think of ART WALLER who is a Marine; AL MILLER (Army); LENNY KLASTOW (Navy); ED DOCKUS, AL VESTART (Army); ED ZINY, JOE SALORITIS, BILL RASINS, and LENNY KELLY of the U. S. Signal Corps; TONY GURSKI, TONY JANIS, GEORGE GRABER, LEON YONIK, JOHN BERNOT (Army). Ah! And yes WALLY POZER who is in the Navy.

I better say bye bye because I have tears rollin' down my check. As usual I remain ever waiting for your attendance on Friday.

Percy Stuffedshirt



Every morning in occupied Europe Nazi guardsmen inspect the towns, the rivers, looking for floating bodies of waylaid soldiers. Every morning they find them. Hostages are shot, more men are sent to the slave camps of Ger-



many, but the battle continues, for every German soldier killed means a gun and ammunition for further fight.

The war is still far from our shores and we may use "nices" methods to rid the world of Hitler and his cutthroats.

We must work for Victory; buy War Bonds every pay day.  
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SGT. STANLEY YANUKENAS

Sgt. Stanley Yanukenas of Chicago, Ill., at present is in the Army Hospital at San Francisco, Cal. He was wounded at Attu. He is shown here with his father who resides at 3310 So. Halsted St.

### Polish Soldiers Tell Of Hitler Terror

(Continued from page 2)

Soviet scouts captured the diary of the 2nd Company of the 270th German Sapper Battalion, which spent a long time in Poland. In this diary the Germans themselves tell of the terror they visit upon the helpless Polish population.

"For almost three weeks," one entry reads, "our company has been staying in the small town of Fordon. The population consists mainly of Poles, who show an unfriendly attitude toward us, as the Catholic priests preaching in the church against the Fuehrer and the Reich incite them against us. We shot publicly two priests, together with eight other Poles, in front of the church." Another entry reads: "The Graudenz population is obviously not yet pacified. Posters calling for sabotage have been pasted up. As a reprisal, 10 Poles were publicly shot, and it was forbidden for the population to appear in the streets after 7 P. M. Nevertheless, shots still ring out in the evenings. Our company was also assigned to comb this locality because someone fired at our non-com."

A student of Social Research visited a local insane asylum. In one of the cells sat a man whose only garment was a hat.

"My good man," cried the interested student, "that's no way to be sitting around. Why don't you put some clothes on?"

"Because," replied the inmate sadly, "nobody ever comes to see me."

"But," said the student, "why do you wear a hat?"

The nut shrugged his shoulders, "O," he exclaimed, "somebody might come."

# LDS CIRCLES

The Second District Picnic was a gigantic success. When was this picnic? Last Sunday, of course. Was there a crowd? You couldn't get past Frank Burnetsky. Why? Because it looked like and felt like Maxwell Street. The reason for the resemblance of this most beautiful street was the chanting of the bar maid and deep baritone voice of Mr. Five by Five, FRANK BURNETSKY, and the smell of the favorite Lithuanian dish of "kapustai ir kibasus". How does Frank fit into the picture? Simple as ABC. He had an imaginary camera in his right hand and was waving his left hand trying to get someone to buy this camera. He wanted to sell it for ten dollars spot cash, but you should see his new camera which is an exact duplicate of the one Tony Urbikas has. What are you trying to do Frank, cut in on Tony's territory??

The talk given by FRANK "COOKIE" KUTCHINSKAS was of great interest to the youth who were there at Cannon Grove.

After the inspiring talks, we had a little bit of music. The Roseland Aido Chorus and Cicero Women's Chorus sang a few numbers for the audience.

MR. JUSKA was seen darting in and out like one of those pesky mosquitos, in other words he was all over the grove.

Little Billy kept NANCY GORDON pretty busy all day. Wonder where Jack was???

It was good to see STELLA and LEONARD KELLY together.

Last week we said that we hoped to see ED BARR hopping around very soon and there he was strutting his tall handsome form around the picnic grounds. His escort was the Lipstick Kid, RAY RUSSEL.

Among the late arrivals were TONY, BEA, and BOBBY GUYER.

This is a sixty-four dollar question. Who is the life of a party? That's right, FRANNY YURGIL was the real life of the party toward the end of the evening.

At our first glance of VALERIA BERNOT we thought she had the measles. But with further investigation, we found they were only mosquito bites.

GEORGE JUOZAITIS was passing around HELEN KASRO'S letter among the various L. D. S.'ers. From the expres-

sions on their faces it seems that Helen enjoys her studies at the Hunters College.

Nothing more to say except that the Vilnis Picnic is going to take place this Sunday, June 20, 1943, at Justice Park on Archer and Kean. We shall be there to greet you. 'Til that lovely day, we say cherrio.

## Two Drips and a Drop

P. S. At first we thought it was very improper to have a P. S. at the end of a column, but after reading the L. K. M. column we found it was very much permissible. We wanted to mention this earlier but such minor things do slip your minds. Yes, we are referring to Newsy and Nosey. We did chase you away because we have a sneaky feeling that there won't be a peep from you this week, or are we wrong? Maybe our columns are getting shorter, but we do have something every week about the L. D. S. Circles, whereas, you only have one column a month. That's all our sweet little chickadee's.

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JUMPER — Ann Savage, Columbia player, wears this smart jumper frock for marketing in Hollywood. It's cotton printed with tiny green and yellow fish riding green and purple waves. blouse.

# CZECHS ARE THANKFUL, WRITES THEIR MILITARY LEADER

MOSCOW — Colonel Ludvik Svoboda, Commander of the Czechoslovak Military Unit in the USSR, writes (in connection with the May Day Celebration):

"We Czechoslovak soldiers and officers in the Soviet Union recently received our baptism of fire. Our greatest wish has at last come true—with arms in hand to batter the German-fascist barbarians who occupied our native Czechoslovakia, destroyed her independence and now torment our freedom-loving people. Czechoslovak soldiers were given an opportunity to fight on the Soviet-German front, the most important front of the struggle against Hitlerism, where the ultimate fate of our Czech people is being decided.

## Will Never Forget

For long the Czech people has regarded the Russian people as an elder brother and during the hard trials always looked to it for support and defense. The Czechs will never forget that in the most critical moment—in 1938, in the Munich period—their great friend, the Soviet Union, remained true to them.

Now the old friendship between our peoples has become even more strengthened in common struggle against a common enemy. Our friendship has been cemented by the blood shed in battle and no one will ever be able to break it!

## Solidarity Necessary

We Czechs know better than anyone else that only the solidarity of the Slavs can insure true freedom and independence for the Slavs. The absence of solidarity amongst the Slav peoples can only aid our ancient enemies—the German imperialists. We Czechs also know that the Slav peoples can have no better nor more honest friend than the Soviet Union, which has sacrificed so much in this war for our common interests. By their heroic struggle against the fascist hordes the Soviet soldiers lay the road to freedom for all the enslaved peoples and for our Czech people among them.

## Czechs Are The First

We are the first of the Allied troops on the European Continent who have taken our stand shoulder to shoulder with the Red Army, with that Army which saved world civilization at Stalingrad, and by its heroism, fearlessness and persistence kindled an ardent hope in the hearts of the peoples en-

slaved by Hitler, and infused in them fresh strength. As sons of the Slav people we are proud that it was none other than the Russian Army, its leaders and warriors, who stemmed the furious onslaught of the Hitlerite hordes, inflicted heavy defeats on them, and taught an excellent lesson to the conceited German generals, contemptuous of the Slavs' military abilities.

We are proud that the Soviet Government has highly estimated our modest military services in the sacred struggle against the common enemy of our people and decorated the soldiers and officers of the Czechoslovak Military Unit with orders and medals. We accept this decoration not only for ourselves, but for the entire Czechoslovak Army, for the entire Czech people, each representative of which would regard it as most fortunate to be in our place.

On behalf of all the soldiers of the Czechoslovak Military Unit and on my own behalf, I congratulate the Red Army and the entire Soviet people on May Day. May the fraternity of the Slavs and all freedom-loving people of the world live forever."

A preacher came across a group of small boys sitting on the ground in a circle. On closer inspection a dog proved to be in the midst of the group. The preacher demanded, "What are you doing to that dog?"

"We're not doing anything to him," answered one of the boys.

"We're just telling lies. The one who tells the biggest lie gets to keep the dog."

"My gracious," exclaimed the preacher, "that's terrible. I never told lies when I was a little boy."

The boy looked up at him a moment and then looked down. "Give him the dog," he said.

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