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3RD SHIPMENT OF GIFTS FROM AMERICAN-LITHS RECEIVED IN MOSCOW

By R. SHARMAITIS

MOSCOW (via Press Wire-less). — At the end of April, 1944, J. Paleckis, chairman Presidium of the Supreme Soviet Lithuanian SSR received the third shipment of presents sent by our brothers and sisters — Lithuanian-Americans. A considerable portion of the presents are intended for children living in Children's Homes.

Nine cases were received containing 596 pairs of children's shoes, 60 pairs woolen socks, 20 sweaters and other things. Besides this 95 individual parcels were received for Lithuanian children and Lithuanian soldiers.

Of particular interest are the woolen sweaters, socks and scarves. Among these are socks made by Petrikienė and Reklie-nė; sweaters made by Kalvaitienė, Laukaitienė and Borkauskienė; scarves by Užkurienė, Meškauskienė, Kazlauskienė, Augulienė and Pakalniškienė and others. To the sweater knitted by Čepulienė was attached a letter expressing deep sympathy with Lithuanians fighting at the front. A number of similar letters were received with the presents.

Extremely interesting also are the individual parcels. Most of them have been prepared by Women's Educational Clubs or by American-Lithuanian women. These parcels manifest kind feelings from our dear friends in America for evacuated Lithuanians.

In the course of my conversation with Stasys Brasiškis, Chairman of the committee for receiving American presents, he said: "We are sure that our children and fighters in Lithuanian units of the Red Army upon receipt of these presents will write individual letters of thanks to American-Lithuanians. However, I wish to take this opportunity to convey our gratitude to our brothers and sisters in America for their kindness to evacuated citizens of Lithuanian SSR. We thank our kind sisters for knitting warm garments and comforters. We thank all the men and women who are organizing and shipping presents from the United States."

The chairman of the committee asked us to inform American-Lithuanians that their third shipment like the other two will, in accordance with their wishes, be distributed to Lithuanian Children's Homes and among the soldiers of the Lithuanian Red Army Units, invalids and wounded and Lithuanian Partisans.

British Periodical Demands Polish General's Resignation

LONDON (ONA).—The influential British periodical, The Economist, demanded the resignation of General Kazimierz Sosnkowski as Commander-in-Chief of the Polish armed forces and suggested that the American and British Governments bring pressure to that effect on the Exile Polish Regime in the interest of restoring Russo-Polish relations.

The Economist expressed the view that no assertions by the Polish Government would carry much weight with the Russians as long as the anti-Russian activities of the Polish Army continued.

"Sosnkowski is not indispensable as Commander-in-Chief," the Magazine said in an editorial. "If the French can abolish the office while their troop fight on different fronts, cannot the Poles accept the same logic? "It is no kindness to the Poles to keep an unrepresentative general at the cost of losing a representative government. Once the Russian case was met to this extent, it should be the task of British and American diplomacy to bring home to the Kremlin how serious the consequences would be to lasting peace and cooperation if the reply to the concessions by the Polish side were to be a further Russian refusal to recognize and negotiate with the London Polish Government."

From 12,000 to 13,000 workers from Jamaica will be imported by the War Food Administration to work in farm labor shortage areas this summer, the Department of Agriculture said.



JUNGLE FIGHTERS—Lieut. Gen. Joseph R. Stilwell, left, commander of the U. S. Armies in Burma, China and India, chats with Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill, leader of famed Merrill's Marauders, somewhere in Burma. These two men have made jungles particularly hot for Japs. U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.

Hunger, Rickets, Death In War-Torn Countries

By BERT WYLER

BERNE, SWITZERLAND, (ONA) — Swiss relief officials told here of the ravages of hunger, Rickets and Tuberculosis in scattered parts of the continent, from Spain to Finland.

One who had just come from a camp in southern France described as "Living Skeletons" a large number of malnourished cases housed in the camp's hospital. A look at the dinner table, he said, was enough to move visitors to tears. Hot, dried fruit was their main dish and the plates were always licked clean.

The situation in Holland was pictured as steadily deteriorating, with recourse to the black market of little use since the prices were out of reach of the average citizen. A pound of butter, it was reported, costs \$18 and a pound of sugar \$8.

The Infantile Mortality rate in Finland, another report said, had risen in the province of Lappmarken from 9.3 per cent to 15 and 20 per cent. Rickets is prevalent everywhere, with 80 per cent of the children in Salla suffering from the disease. Tuberculosis has also increased considerably.

In Spain, it was revealed, thousands of children live on thistles and grass. Little bread is available and that little is usually unpalatable. Thousands who wait hours in line for oils, beans and soap are turned back empty-handed. Hundreds of men walk every night as much as 30 miles in bare feet to buy bread across the Portuguese border.

The situation in Belgium is said to be so bad that many

school children collapse from weakness. Tuberculosis and Rickets are making alarming progress. One town of 52,000 inhabitants has more than 3,000 children suffering from malnutrition.

In Greece, the majority of newborn children were said to be dying because of malnutrition. Many young women are physically too weak to bear children at all. Among the rest of the population, Tuberculosis has become so widespread that it can no longer be treated successfully.

Member Veterans Get \$100 Each in AFL Union

CLEVELAND, O.—On their return from the war all members of Local 18, International Union of Operating Engineers, AFL, now in the armed services will be given a check of \$100 by the union. Machinery has been set up to make payment promptly after deposit of service withdrawal cards.

"It is little enough for us to do for the fine effort that our men have made in fighting for our country," local President Frank P. Converse said. "It is not a lot of money but we hope that it will be a sufficient amount to tide these members over until such a time as we can find employment for returning servicemen."

The local has also set up a work promotion division, the Ohio Foundation, to plan for post-war jobs. It is already working with the state and local governments on the preparation of needed public works construction programs.

WHILE THEY TRY TO RESURRECT THE PAST OTHERS ARE DOING THE REAL JOB

By LAUKUVISKIS

Truly Historical Document

The mossy crowd of Lithuanians in the U.S.A. of late has begun to show some life. If their energies were directed toward the winning of this war, they would deserve nothing but praise. But so far we can't see any indication in that direction.

Instead of mobilizing for the war effort, this conglomeration of various shades of political dregs is going to try to rejuvenate itself by basking in the multi-Vitamin rays of the past.

They are calling "local conferences" in various parts of this country where even such politicians as Grigaitis, Simutis and Rev. Prunskis will have the undisputable right to tell the audience how good it was to live under the dictatorship of the late Antanas Smetona, when the rest of the world still believed that the people of Lithuania were not "ready for the democratic self-rule."

While they are doing that, let's see how much water has run under the bridge in the meantime.

It is almost a year now since press associations announced all over the world a piece of news that made many a Lithuanian heart glad and gave the heehy-jeebies to others: *A Lithuanian Division of the Red Army made a sweeping drive on the "unconquerable master race" in the Orel sector!*

When the smoke cleared and the inventory was taken, this was the result of the Lithuanian Division's march towards its Fatherland:

Over 13 thousand Nazis killed, 60 inhabited localities freed from occupation, 4,000,000 rounds of ammunition taken. Among the shooting irons that fell into the hands of the Lithuanian Division were: 5 heavy artillery guns, 15 light field cannon, hundreds of machine guns, etc.

All this was accomplished by the sons and daughters of the people that are still "not ready for self-government" — so says our moss-backed old fogies.

That Historical Document.

Remember — all that happened almost a year ago, and far, far from Lithuania proper — on the Orel front. By now, I suppose, this Lithuanian Division (maybe two) are much closer to home. Home — where they left their loved ones, where every day and every hour some one is waiting for them.

For months the people of occupied Lithuania did not know what their brothers and sisters did to the Nazis in the vicinity

of Orel. But only for a few months. You see the Red Army has ways of reaching the people of occupied parts, and in this instance it was the duty of the same Lithuanian Division to let the folks at home know what they are doing and what to expect.

It was on a cold night last December that millions of leaflets were dumped over Lithuania from planes. In them the people of occupied Lithuania were told what their brothers and sisters in the Red Army are doing.

Six months have passed and today, while I'm penning this, before me lies a copy of the above-mentioned leaflet signed by:

One General
Seven Captains
Fourteen Colonels
Eight Majors
Four Jefeitors (I do not know the equivalent rank in the U. S. Army)
Twenty-eight Lieutenants
Twelve Sergeants
Fourteen Enlisted Men and Women.

"And others".

It would take too much space to have the entire leaflet reprinted here. I hope it will be reprinted in another part of the Daily, but I couldn't resist the temptation of publishing the names of the signers. Glance over them and maybe you, like myself, will find some one that you know. So here they are:

Major General Vladas Karvelis.

Colonels:
Juozas Barauskas, Juozas Bartasiusas, Liudas Beržinskis, Bronius Gertus, Albinas Gintautas, Kazys Gudelis, Jonas Macijauskas, Bronius Maziška, Pranas Petronis, Kazys Stasiulis, Antanas Surkus, Vitalijus Talkevičius, Stasys Tamošius, Adomas Urbas.

Captains:
Albinas Daukša, Balys Kvedarėlis, Edvardas Lisauskas, Juozas Pajaujis, Povilas Račinskas, Antanas Skardis, Leonas Volbekas.

Majors:
Feliksas Bieliauskas, Bronius Bitinaitis, Jonas Jadogalvis, Anatolijus Kaulis, Vladas Lunė, Petras Sargelis, Jonas Soblys, Antanas Stanislavovičius.

Jefeitors:
Emilija Arunaitė, Victoras Augūnas, Jonas Ruikys, Jonas Žilinskas.

Lieutenants:
Bronius Adomaitis, Bronius Bakutis, Kazys Banyš, Vacys Bernotėnas, Kazys Butkus, Stasys Čeponis, Vladas Damorauskas, Stasys Filipavičius, Vytautas Girdžius, Stasys Jurginis, Vladas Kavoliūnas, Jonas Klėčius, Jonas Ladyga, Stasys Mal-

UNITED NATIONS FACTS



AERIAL REVENGE!
THE NORMANDIE SQUADRON OF FRENCH FIGHTER PILOTS HAS BEEN ACTIVE ON THE EASTERN FRONT SINCE DEC. 1, 1942, FLYING RUSSIAN-BUILT PLANES THEY AID THE RED ARMY AS IT DRIVES BACK THE GERMANS!

ANGEL OF MERCY!
VERA LEBEDEVA WAS AWARDED THE ORDER OF LENIN AND THE FOR VALOR MEDAL BY THE U.S.S.R. PARTICIPATING IN EIGHT ATTACKS, SHE CARRIED OVER 100 WOUNDED FROM THE BATTLEFIELD, SHOT FOUR GERMANS WHILE DEFENDING HER CHARGES!



PRELUDE TO INVASION!
GREAT BRITAIN PRODUCES MORE WAR MAPS EACH MONTH FOR USE BY THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN TROOPS THAN WERE PREPARED DURING THE ENTIRE WORLD WAR I. 9,500,000 OF THESE MAPS WERE USED BY THE ALLIED FORCES IN THE NORTH AFRICAN INVASION!

akauskas, Jonas Marcinkevičius (famous writer), Jonas Matulis, Jonas Mudrickas, Pijus Petrukaitis, Povilas Putrimas, Alfonsas Randakevičius, Dovydas Restas, Vytautas Rūkas, Edvardas Serepka, Juozas Siaučiušas, Stepa Simonis, Zelmanas Svarčbergas, Jurgis Torņau, Jonas Žilinskas.

Sergeants:
Bronius Baliulis, Adomas Jakubauskas, Vladas Justus, Vladas Klėčius, Pranas Leliūnas, Alfonsas Povilaitis, Stasys Tatarūnas, Pranas Ulevičius, Povilas Valančius, Antanas Vyšniasauskas, Mykolas Zolotas, Petras Zelyus.

Enlisted Men and Women:
Albinas Binkis, Juozas Bružas, Bronius Girdžijauskas, Salomėja Grigaitienė, Aleksas Kazlauskas, Antanas Mėlynis, Jonas Rožė, Jadvyga Rutkevičiūtė, Aleksas Rutkauskas, Vincas Simonavičius, Vladas Suchockis, Irena Šiupinytė, Ona Vilkevičiūtė, Povilas Zadeika.

Some of these names are well known to Lithuanians even in this country. All of them are known in Lithuania. Most of them are from among 3,300 Lithuanian men and women that received high decorations from the government of USSR.

Who doubts their ability to shape their own destiny? Just wait 'till next Sunday. You will hear the voices of Grigaitis, Simutis, Rev. Prunskis and lesser "stars" speaking as though from a tomb at their "local conference": "They are Quislings! They are not ready to govern themselves! They ought to be glad we let them drive the Nazis from Lithuania. After that we will rule that country ourselves or by our appointed representatives—in a democratic way!"

And again I must say: "Oh, phooey!"

Ex-Guerrillas Staff Front-Line Station

A certain railway station in the Soviet front-line zone is staffed entirely by former guerrillas. They are all local people who have inherited the trade of railwaymen from their fathers. When the Germans reached the station, its staff took to the forests. Soon German trains were blowing up on the line. In their fear the fascists fortified every station, every trackguard's cabin, and set up alarm devices made of empty tins and thin wire. But the guerrillas learned to beat all these tricks with skill and ingenuity.

In the spring of 1943, when German punitive detachments were flung against them, the guerrilla railwaymen, with their families, broke through the enemy ring and reached unoccupied territory.

Now the heroes have returned to their own station and are energetically restoring the town which the Germans burned down.

SHIPYARD EMPLOYEES

BUILDING & REPAIRING U.S. NAVY VESSELS

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JOHN GARFIELD MET TITO'S PARTISANS

By David Platt

I see by the Morning Freiheit that John Garfield, the movie star recently returned from overseas for USO Camp Shows, regards his meeting with Tito's partisans in Yugoslavia as one of the outstanding achievements of his nine-week tour.

As related by G. Einbinder who interviewed Garfield in Hollywood for the Freiheit, the screen star lacked words to describe his emotions on "seeing these heroes who have already become a world legend," in the flesh. "Such things people can only feel," he told Einbinder.

Garfield and his band of entertainers dropped in on the Partisans unawares. To Tito's soldiers, they seemed to have "fallen out of the skies." Even though they could not fully grasp the entertainment put on by the Americans the Partisans applauded with the greatest enthusiasm. It was not so much the entertainment that evoked their applause, said Garfield, as the "friendship and comradeship we Americans brought as a token of partnership in their superhuman struggle."

After the actors finished their show, the Partisans repaid them in full. Gathering their singers and dancers, they sang their songs of struggle, of suffering. They sang of the "strength of the spirit and their burning hatred of the terror-crazed, murder-mad Nazi executioners." Following this came Yugoslav people's dances "full of heroic stubbornness, expressive of tremendous vitality, patience and determination." Then came a banquet and greetings. When Garfield finished his speech of only three words, "Zshivo Drug Tito" (Long Live Tito), a "storm of applause broke out." Both the Yugoslav and American National Anthems were played.

Everywhere Garfield saw pictures of Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill. The actor told Einbinder that he saw many women among the Partisans. Their faces, he said, "expressed strength and great vitality and determination. Looking at them, one felt that the enemy, falling into their hands would receive little mercy."

"How did the Partisan men look to you?" Einbinder asked: "Terrific," replied Garfield, his eyes blazing. "Old as well as young. They're tall. Giants: Stern. Forbidding. Alert with fire in their eyes and hearts."

At the end, one of the Partisans presented Garfield with a revolver taken from a dead Nazi. Another presented him with a Partisan cap for his daughter.

Flashes and Closeups

Bette Davis has been elected

president of the Hollywood Canteen for the third time, an honor she richly deserves. . . . This story by Leonard Lyons deserves a wider circulation than he could possibly give, which is why we're repeating it here. . . . The Soviet Embassy sent word to the Signal Corps Film Unit that Stalin wanted to see the War Department's Battle of Russia. . . . A plane was about to take off for the Soviet Union. There was no time to prepare a Russian narration. Stalin saw the film. A Soviet translator stood behind him and translated the commentary sentence by sentence. Stalin was apparently delighted with the film. He ordered 500 prints made at once. Russian captions were super-imposed. On Red Army Day the film was shown in every leading theatre in the Soviet Union.

Scientific Workers Aid Collective Farmers

Ten teams of scientific workers recently left for the Soviet countryside to give practical aid to collective farmers in the spring sowing. The Kazakh branch of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR has become patron of the farms of the Alma-Ata Region. The scientists arranged 20 meetings with farmers of that region, and are also publishing a daily news bulletin for the field camps. In the Karaganda Region, scientists have developed the cultivation of berry and vegetable crops in the desert and have introduced the cultivation of Academician Tsitsin's perennial wheat and couch-grass hybrids.

New Decorations for Soviet Naval Officers

The Order of Ushakov, recently instituted by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, is awarded to officers of the Navy for outstanding successes in elaborating, conducting and securing active naval operations as a result of which victory over numerically superior enemy forces is achieved.

It is worn after the Order of Suvorov of the corresponding class. The Order of Ushakov, First Class, is a platinum five-pointed star, in the center of which is a golden circle. The name "Admiral Ushakov" is embossed in gold letters on its upper part. A relief portrait of the Admiral appears in the center. The Order of Ushakov, Second Class, is the same as the First Class, with the difference that the star is of gold and the circle of blue enamel, with silver letters and portrait in relief.

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet has also instituted the Order of Nakhimov, to be awarded to officers of the Navy for outstanding successes in elaborating, conducting and securing naval operations as a result of which an enemy offensive operation is repulsed or active operations of the Navy are insured, considerable losses inflicted on the enemy and the main Soviet forces preserved.

It is worn after the Order of Kutuzov of the corresponding class. The design is a five-pointed star containing in the center a circle with the name Admiral Sakhimov on its upper part, and inside it a portrait bust of the Admiral.

The institution of Ushakov and Nakhimov Medals for naval rank and file, petty officers and sergeants who distinguish themselves has also been announced.

ALADDIN'S LAMP PRODUCES AN UGLY GENIE!



Woman Is Chief of Passport Division, State Dep't

Only one person—the President — can leave the United States in wartime without the consent of a woman, Mrs. Frederick William van Dorn Shipley, Chief of the Passport Division of the State Department.

For the past fifteen years Mrs. Shipley has served in her present post, and in her twenty-nine years in the State Department she has worked under a galaxy of historical figures, William Jennings Bryan, Lansing, Colby, Hughes, Kellogg, Stimson, and Cordell Hull, current State Secretary.

In no sense a career woman, Mrs. Shipley's forthrightness is sometimes mistaken for ascerbity by persons who come in casual contact with her. As the only woman chief in the State

Department she sits in on conferences with other division chiefs. She thinks men waste a lot of time in conferences because they like to show off to each other—and tells them so to their faces.

In an illuminating article on Mrs. Shipley in the Good Housekeeping magazine, Nanette Kutner tells of early vicissitudes which have perhaps left an imprint on the personality the world sees.

Twenty-nine years ago, Mrs. Shipley returned from the Panama Canal Zone because of her husband's illness. Forced to earn a living, she got a job in the State Department, helping to evacuate American citizens from war-torn Europe.

Because of her keen knowledge of passports, Mrs. Shipley was instrumental in catching the German spy, Gustave Rumsch, when he tried to sneak passports to the Nazi hairdresser, Johanna Huffman.

In appearance Mrs. Shipley looks like a smartly-groomed middle-aged clubwoman. She believes that if a woman can afford the time and money she should visit a beauty parlor once a week.

For the past twenty-five years she has lived in the same wide-porch two-family house in Chevy Chase. Her sister and niece live there with her.

Soviet sniper Alexander Govorukhin has killed 393 Hitlerites with a little over 400 bullets. Govorukhin recently won a shooting match on the Leningrad Front in which all contestants were famous snipers. He has received the Orders of the Red Star and the Red Banner, and the "For Valor" and "For the Defense of Leningrad Medals."

LITHUANIAN-AMERICANS WE ARE PROUD OF



ANTHONY ULSKIS
Oregon City, Ore.

Anthony is widely known as he has always participated in Vilnis affairs. He is also one of our Vilnis English Section readers.

Anthony surprised his folks by coming home on a ten day furlough. He received his boot training at Farragut, Idaho, and expects to return there after his all too short visit to the home front.

Loads of luck to you, Anthony, and won't you let us hear from you sometime?



FELIX PREIKSA
Chicago, Ill.

The sailor with the twinkle in his eye, pictured above, is Felix Preiksa. (If you have any complaints on how we spelled your name, Felix, WIRE US. Don't you dare!)

Felix has been in the Navy for a year and a half and for almost a year nothing was heard as to his whereabouts. Contacting the Red Cross, the Jacobs family of Chicago finally got in touch with him. He wrote that he was well and that as soon as the enemy was licked he would be among his friends again.

His parents are in Lithuania and Felix has heard nothing from them. Let's hope that after this war is over that Felix and his parents will once again be reunited.



Above, we have Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Detroit. John, like his parents before him, has always been a staunch supporter of the Vilnis. At present, he is stationed in St. Louis, Mo.

His wife is an accomplished pianist and furnishes the accompaniment for the women's chorus. She also takes part in radio programs. She hopes to travel by plane, along with her sister Antoinette, to visit her husband. Loads of luck to the both of you!

Let Them Laugh

By Cpl. Stephen E. Merrill

Smoke-hazed hell, filled with men in khaki,

Wandering, watching leaning 'round the walls;
A ping-pong table with its busy pellet clicking,
And in a corner dancers move like clockwork dolls.

Two pianos clucking like a pair of weary hens.

Each with its clustered brood, singing lonesome songs;
While the laughter and the chatter of a thousand soldiers

Pulses like the throbbing of a dozen beaten gongs.

The room is bravely blazoned with the flags of many nations

And they almost brush the seething heads that move around the hall;

The honored arms of regiments make gay the oaken pillars
But above the noise and laughter seems to float a bugle's call.

The cannon's roar, the plane's roar, the spiteful bark of rifles

Will ring in these ears that now are full of laughter's breath,

And those that sing and those that dance with carefree gayness,

Will hear the song of bullets, and will dance with Death.

These men are due for glory and may die in Freedom's battles,

They will fight, and build a future and help win a World's release—

But tonight, God, let them laugh and sing and when their work is finished,

For the dead and for the living, grant a lasting Peace.

CHOOSE YOUR RECREATION WISELY

In the sense in which it is generally used, the word recreation is applied to diversion or amusement. But in its broader application, recreation is far more than mere amusement. Genuine recreation actually refreshes and recreates the body or mind—the ideal recreation develops both the mental and the physical faculties. Beware of the health-destroying habits and pursuits which are regarded by unthinking as recreation.

Choose your recreation not because they are "smart"—not because others persuade you that they have found the ideal pastime.



ANTHONY PUMPUTIS
Chicago, Ill.

It's a good thing we had the photograph of one soldier for our column today or it would have certainly seemed as if the Navy were taking over. Anthony Pumputis (sorry we don't have your name in English, Anthony!) represents another branch of Uncle Sam's favorite sons. He is one of the boys in khaki. Anthony was wounded in action but writes that he is getting along fine and hopes that the enemy will soon say "Uncle" so that he can come home once more. The enemy can't holler "Uncle" too fast to suit us either. Won't you write in to the VES, Anthony? We would like very much to hear from you—as would all your other friends.

Course Will Further USO Security Program

An indoctrination course to further the United Service Organizations' program to make its 1,000,000 volunteer hostesses military security-conscious, will be begun toward the end of May by the inter-agency Security Committee in cooperation with national headquarters of USO, the Office of War Information reported.

The course is intended to help volunteer hostesses recognize the value of odd scraps of military information to the enemy's "bits and pieces" intelligence system. Material for the course emphasizes the need for seeing that such information is not passed about freely in USO clubs.

The Department of Agriculture reports that the War Food Administration's dairy payment program has halted the downward trend in milk production.

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Don't Waste Your Time

Dirva, an anti-Semitic Lithuanian Weekly, published in Cleveland (on May 12th) viciously attacked Rev. Stanislaw Orlemanski and Prof. Lange. That newspaper is also trying to arouse Lithuanian-Americans against our own State Department and its foreign policy. The Dirva states:

"How does the Lithuanian question stand in Washington today? What has President Roosevelt promised Stalin in regard to the Baltic countries?"

Basing itself on "information" in the Chicago Tribune that the two Poles were sent to Moscow by Washington, this anti-Semitic sheet goes on to say:

"The incident should force us Lithuanian-Americans to make inquiries in Washington as to what is being done of the Lithuanian question. We are working and fighting FOR AMERICA. Is it possible that the American government would dare to make secret promises to Stalin in appreciation for our hard labor and effort? Is it not time to send a Lithuanian delegation to the State Department or elsewhere to find out?"

Lithuanian fascists and other reactionaries could send a delegation, but it would be representing only a small minority of Lithuanian-Americans. They would also be wasting time and money.

The State Department can't stop anybody from coming to Washington, but the officials of the Department are not bound to meet everybody who does.

Sometime ago the Poles sent a delegation, but they didn't convince Mr. Hull that he had to see them.

As for the "Fighting and hard labor", most of the Lithuanian-Americans are doing it because we consider it our duty to our country and because of our love for America.

We are fighting to defeat and crush fascism. The anti-Semitic, fascist group of Dirva evidently has a different reason for their "hard labor and efforts". They want President Roosevelt to deliver Lithuania to them as her future rulers.

We cannot believe that this group is doing its bit for the war effort when they are persistently trying to put "Lithuania's question" as the most important issue now.

The great majority of Lithuanian-Americans consider the war our problem. We are working and fighting to win the war, as it is our duty—the most important duty at present. We don't think that President Roosevelt or Secretary of State, Cordell Hull owes us anything. On the contrary, we owe it to our country to work and fight to win the war.

We are wholeheartedly supporting the President, our Commander-in-Chief, not because we want him to do something for us as individuals or as a group, but because we deem it our duty to defend America and to defeat the Axis.

This is the position of the great majority of Lithuanian-Americans. We are sure that both Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Hull know it and will not be impressed by any delegation which tries to misrepresent us.

Dirva's editorial only betrays its lack of loyalty and its un-American stand.

Speed Reconstruction In the USSR

MOSCOW (ONA).—The pace at which reconstruction is proceeding in liberated areas of Russia was indicated with the disclosure in the press that 76 industrial plants and cultural institutions have been rebuilt in the Kharkov area alone in the first three months of 1944.

Reconstruction in that district, which takes in Kharkov, Sumy, Stalinsk and Voroshilovgrad, is under the direction of Col. Grigori Ginsburg, chief engineer in the area's bureau of war industry construction, who has just been awarded the order of the Red Star and the Stalin-grad defense medal for his direction of fortifications work under fire.

The work is handicapped by the lack of timber in the area, the normal scarcity of it in the Ukraine having been aggravated by the German practice of burning of forests preserves before retreating.

Isaac Newton Scholarships

Fifteen Isaac Newton Scholarships for students in the mathematics and physics departments of Soviet higher educational institutes were recently established by the People's Commissariat of Education. Three of the scholarships have been awarded to students of Moscow University. The Scientific Council of the University selected two girl students of mathematics and a student of physics as the most deserving candidates for the scholarships.

Twenty-two-year-old Lida Kopeikina displayed outstanding ability in mathematics even as a child; in 1938 she won first prize in a contest in the Moscow secondary school. After brilliantly graduating from the secondary school, she entered the mechanics and mathematics division of the University, where she is at present a senior, but is already doing post-graduate work.

Anna Kolosovskaya, also 22 and in her sophomore year, is engaged in independent research in aerodynamics. The unusual ability shown in her researches earned her the Newton Scholarship. Vladimir Ugarov, 21 years of age, the third recipient, will be graduated this year from the physics division of Moscow University.

**YOU CAN BACK UP MacARTHUR
AND HELP TO SHORTEN THE
WAR BY SUBSCRIBING TO
UNITED CHINA RELIEF**

As We See It

To anyone who stretches his memory back several weeks, it is rather amusing now to hear Ohio's governor, Mr. Bricker say that the United States, Great Britain and Soviet Russia must stand together now and after the war.

It is the stand that Mr. Bricker so bitterly opposed only a short time ago. What made him change his position? Does he want to compete with Mr. Thomas Dewey who likewise changed his position on the foreign policy?

Not exactly.

Both Mr. Dewey and Mr. Bricker are swimming with the current.

The primaries in Florida and Alabama, in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and in some other states have shown that the American people want a win-the-war President.

The trend is towards Roosevelt.

The defeat of Joe Starnes in Alabama and Mr. Dies' "illness" just after the primaries in many states, are unmistakable signs convincing even Mr. Bricker that his position is not acceptable to the American people. The Chicago Sun, in its first page editorial says:

"Millions of Americans who care little for political parties as such recognize with every passing day the nation's continuing need for the kind of leadership Franklin Delano Roosevelt has given it. We think it time, therefore, that the people make clear their insistence that Mr. Roosevelt accept renomination and re-election."

Recent events have already proven that.

Isolationism is death. The old republican policy would be detrimental to any candidate. Even Mr. Bricker is convinced of that.

That's why Messrs. Dewey and Bricker have changed their tune in their recent pre-campaign speeches.

Will the trick work? I mean, is it possible for any candidate who has changed his foreign policy over night, to win the confidence of the American people?

I don't think so.

Of course, as a weekly bulletin of the Democratic National Committee states:

"Multi-millionaires plan to pour millions of dollars into an Anti-Roosevelt fund."

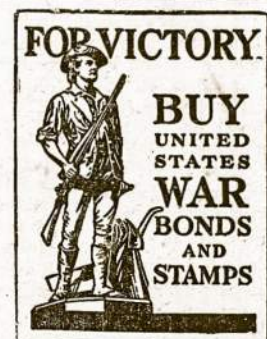
A coalition of "conservative industrialists", publishers and merchants in the Midwest have joined together against President Roosevelt. But they did that in Florida and Alabama, too and have been beaten there.

American labor and the democratic people of America must be alert. They must work hard—must continue what was done in the primaries of many states.

Above all, the American people must insist that Mr. Roosevelt accept renomination.

It matters very little whether the Republicans nominate Mr. Dewey, Mr. Bricker, or anybody else. The American people want Mr. Roosevelt. This has been amply demonstrated by recent events.

VINCE RUDIS.



Stefan Kozakevich in All-Soviet Song Program



Gliere, known in this country for his Red Poppy Ballet, especially the Russian Soldier's Dance, is the oldest of the composers represented. Prokofieff, one of Gliere's pupils, composed two of the songs, "Fir Trees" and "Aniulka", after his return to the Soviet Union in 1934 from a successful tour of Europe.

Four songs of the Red Army new to the Chicago public will be sung. These are a part of the special musical literature of the Army and its ballets and choruses. The Red Army Ensemble was already on its way to sing these songs in America when the war broke out.

Miaskovsky is known in the USSR as the Dean of the Soviet musical world. Three songs of his and several by his students appear on the program.

Shebalin, Director of the Moscow Conservatory of Music, who develops the musical trend

begun by Tchaikowsky, is thought of as one of the most representative of the Soviet composers.

Songs by eighteen of the foremost composers of Soviet Russia will be performed for the first time in Chicago at an All-Soviet Song Program sung by Stefan Kozakevich, Chicago baritone, presented by the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship at the Art Institute Monday evening, May 22 at 8:15 p. m.

"An Exceptionally interesting concert!" says Nicolai Malko, Chicago conductor who was formerly Musical Director of the Leningrad Philharmonic. "This is the first time in Chicago that we will have had a chance to get a full and up-to-date picture of Russian song—original folk songs, songs by the best composers, and the special Red Army group".

SOCRATES ON HEALTH

I would have you know that neither in any other struggle nor in any kind of practical life will you get on worse because you have brought your body into a good condition. For the body is useful in all pursuits which men engage in, it is of great importance to have it in the best possible condition. Weakness of memory, low spirits, ill temper, and even insanity often penetrate the mind of many persons so deeply through their bad physical condition as to cast out and dispossess knowledge itself.

Surgeon General Fears Tuberculosis Increase

Dr. Thomas Parran, surgeon general of the U. S. Public Health Service, warned that an increase in tuberculosis in this country probably would result from the war.

Tuberculosis is raging with epidemic force in the conquered countries of Europe, he told the 40th annual meeting of the National Tuberculosis Association at the Stevens Hotel.

Increases in certain industrial areas of America indicate that a rise may occur here, he said.

Attention All Golfers

Our First M Y C Golfing Outing of the 1944 season will take place Sunday, May 28th at the usual place, Glen Eagles Golf Course, at 1 P. M.

Those who intend to play, please contact either Geo. Kwain at Lafayette 2561 or Johnny Peters at Victory 4846, as the dinners must be ordered in advance. The entire cost will be \$3.00, which includes golfing and a steak dinner. Prizes will be awarded winners of both the men's and women's division.

Those who have no means of transportation, get in touch with either of the above-mentioned and reservations will be made.

Hoping for a nice day and to seeing every L.D.S. golfer out.

M. Y. C. Golf Committee

Roseland Highlights

Here I am again with a few words to give you the low-down on our doings.

Have just heard a rumor that EDDIE KOVELL is due home next month for a furlough. Swell, I hope we will see you at the hall, EDDIE.

The chorus sang at the 104th hall Saturday and the audience seemed pleased with the job we did. The applause sounded good to our ears.

The chorus received a letter from EDDIE CHIPAS, telling us how he misses the Chorus beach parties and picnics. We will have plenty of those again

when you get through with your job, EDDIE!

Where, oh where is she? I mean JOSIE SHATKUS, we sure miss you, and your ready smile JOSIE. Hope you come back soon!

Ah, I hear a familiar voice! Yes, it's RICHIE MISEVICK, home for a few days from Missouri. Too bad he didn't get a chance to visit the Chorus.

Don't forget members, that we are singing at a picnic in Willow Springs this Sunday so all be there.

Have heard that the reason CONNIE M. didn't show up Saturday is because she was entertaining the Army. I know you had a nice time!

Teach sure has her troubles! After lining everyone up on the stage the way she wants them, HELEN M. and BERNICE K. came wandering back, and she had to re-do it! Never a dull moment!

At their Mothers' Day Affair, the Roseland Woman's Chorus certainly had a cute idea when they presented a red carnation to all mothers in the audience who have sons in the service. It was a lovely thing to do. The carnations were donated by MRS. PURGELIS. (I hope I have her name spelled right).

The heat is getting the best of me, so I'll sign off and retire to the ice-box 'till next week. . .

SARCASM DEPT.

"Are you the girl who took my order?" asked the impatient man in a restaurant.

"Yes sir," replied the waitress politely.

"Well I declare," he remarked, "you don't look a day older!"

MISS NOSITALL.



"He's an A-card holder. Just gloating over his contribution to the war effort."

DO YOU KNOW YOUR FIRST AID?

*Not All Cripples are Born
Some are Man-Made!*

Recently, a photograph appeared in the PM showing a policeman and another woman attempting to aid a victim who had been struck by an auto. Maybe some of you also noticed it.

What made me furious was the fact that although all police, or so I have been told, are required to take from 15 to 30 hours of First Aid, the manner in which this policeman was going about it seemed to disprove this statement.

First of all, and the most important thing is the matter of treating for shock. In any accident of this type, the victim suffers a great deal of shock. To force her to a sitting posture increases shock — and is precisely what the policeman had forced the woman to do. According to hospital statistics, more deaths result from shock than the injury itself. Pretty tall statement, isn't it? Yet, the hospitals should know what they are talking about. The reason for our great number of fatalities in auto accidents is due to well-meaning but dangerous help from people with no knowledge of the fundamentals of first-aid.

The improper handling of victims before they come to the attention of a doctor, accounts for a great many of the deformed spines and permanent cripples, that we encounter on the streets.

If you don't know what to do when you come upon the scene of an accident (unless it is a case of stopping arterial bleeding or serious bleeding you will do the victim a favor by letting him remain in a prone position. As long as the victim is in this position no further damage can be done to his spine or to broken bones in his body. One thing that everyone can safely do, however, is to see that the victim is covered, as this decreases shock. It is not silly to cover a victim with a blanket in the summer time as shock causes the body to become cold. If a person is lying on his back, do not try to make him more comfortable by placing a pillow or a coat under his head. Many times the skull is fractured and by putting a pillow or other article beneath it may cause the bone to enter the brain.

The proper handling for a victim who is to be transferred to a stretcher is as follows: First of all, as we said, keep the victim warm. Then, one person should hold her head rigidly so that it would not move around too much, one person on the left side and one on the right should grip her clothing tightly

at the shoulders and hips, respectively. Another should take hold of her feet. Then at a given signal, all would move in unison so that there would be no jarring of the spine whatsoever and the victim would be transferred to the stretcher. If such care were exercised there would not be such a great number of paralytics or permanent cripples as a result of an auto accident.

100th Year Of Pasteur Childrens Hospital

The 100th anniversary of the founding of the Pasteur Children's Hospital in Leningrad was recently celebrated. During the blockade of the city, the staff achieved great success in the treatment of children gravely wounded by the artillery shelling and bombardment. In this period a number of works on problems of child surgery, urology, etc., were completed.

The hospital was partially damaged during the siege, but through the resourcefulness and devotion of the personnel not a single small patient suffered. Measures carried out by the staff contributed to the preservation of the health of children during the trying months.

The anniversary was also the occasion for honoring Dr. Bakkel and stretcher-bearer Petrova, who have worked at the Pasteur Children's Hospital for half a century.

GIRL SAVES 300 SOVIET CITIZENS

Twenty-three thousand Soviet citizens have been saved from German slavery by 20-year-old Vladimir Yegorov and his guerrilla detachment operating in the Leningrad Region. When the war broke out, Yegorov was preparing to enter a university. The Germans occupied his native village and he fled to the forest, where he joined the guerrillas. In his first operation he displayed such skill and daring he soon commanded a detachment and became known as a master of lightning raids. When the Red Army offensive opened on the Leningrad Front, his group blew up numerous railway bridges and stopped trains carrying Soviet citizens to slavery. Yegorov's detachment was awarded a Banner of Honor. Under this banner the youthful commander recently led his detachment into Leningrad, where it was warmly welcomed.



"OUR AGENT REPORTS THAT MANY AMERICANS BUY BLACK MARKET GASOLINE - OTHERS ARE MAKING A FORTUNE FROM COUNTERFEITING COUPONS. HEIL, HITLER!"

The Grief of a Girl

By Ilya Ehrenburg

There is in the Russian word "devushka" — girl — something of moving purity and tenderness. A Russian word for a Russian girl . . . who has not murmured the beloved name, cut it in the bark of a tree, traced it with a finger across a frosted window-pane? Nadya, Anya, Masha, Zina, Klava . . . girl, lass, maiden . . . the word stands for our first love, a childish and exacting love, when every word has a nobler sound, as though it had never been uttered by anyone before; when the heart is brimming with avowals and chaste passion.

The Russian girl, intense and austere as our winter, the girl sung by Pushkin and Turgenev . . . Tanya, Asya, Lisa . . . friend of our schooldays, affectionate and exacting . . . Her letter lies in the young soldier's heart and in battle he feels against his cheek her quickened breathing.

Varya Nikolayeva lived in Genichesk. She was 16 when the Germans came. She wept when she saw people hanged: "Crying, you low slut," said a German. "We are doing this to keep order." Varya could not stop crying. "Do you want to hang, too?" the German demanded. "You don't? Then laugh!"

Varya was driven away to Cologne. They hung an identification tag around her neck and commanded, "Work!" A lame German was in charge of the camp. He used to punish those guilty of some fault. He sent for the girl Nina Kahlukova and gave the order, "Strip her. Thirty strokes with the lash," and counted them. She lay motionless. Suddenly she lifted her head and spat in the

lame German's face. She was dragged away to the "torture hut" — there she was tortured and there she died.

Four girls were released from Cologne and returned to their homes. Marfusha Sokolova arrived in Novotroitskoye minus her right arm; Nina Mamonova reached Mikhailovskoye minus the fingers of her left hand; Shura Chernyaeva had lost her sight, and Varya Nikolayeva was suffering from an incurable illness.

Dante's *Inferno* had its circles. Let us go further—to the city of Heidelberg, where on February 14 students on vacation held a party. The parents of a certain student had a Russian girl, Zina Baranova, who was what they termed an "Eastern servant." The young Germans forced her to strip, then died for her. The letter I have before me now says, "Zina did not survive the disgrace. When I was let out of camp I went to see her, but her mistress drove me away. Jadwiga, a Polish girl, told me all about it. Zina hanged herself in that house, but what happened afterward and how they buried her I could not find out. . . ."

Russian soldier . . . hero of Stalingrad, Kursk, Korsun, the Dniester — you hear what the Germans did to Zina, a Russian girl? If you know what love is, if you have a heart, you will never forgive this thing. You will go to Heidelberg, too. You will find her violators. You won't deny yourself the honor of defending a girl's honor.

Thousands of our girls are languishing in Germany. They may be saved. They must be saved. These are our flowers, our birds, our love. They are awaiting you, soldier of Russia.

Of, By And For Servicemen & Women

WAIT, CHICAGO!

By Serge S. Logan

Chicago, wait for me; I'm coming back,
To see your life before my eyes.
Let the street cars ramble on my streets
And as before, drag listlessly along.

Let me see the smoke rise high from your factories
And settle soundlessly on peoples all and spires tall.
Lashing, spraying waves of Lake Michigan,
Keep rolling until I'm back, and walking by your side,
But, please, Chicago, don't change until I return.
I may be back in glory and then, maybe not,
But I'll be home to stay.

Chicago, wait for me; I'm coming back.
I want to see the streets, lit like candles
In early morn, then die out to greet the sun.
I want still to meet the rush of busy crowds;
Running, hustling, happy crowds,
And cross the Avenues just to hear
The horns blow loud from every passing car and bus.
Don't pass me up and forget me, my windy City;
Don't go ahead and "make-up" your face.
Let me help make you "Chicago Beautiful."

Chicago, wait for me; I'm coming back.
Let your winds, once again, blow into my face
And hold me in their eager arms.
My eyes recall familiar scenes where I once romped and played.
Your ways and means mean much to me
No matter where I am
For you are mine, Chicago, and I love you.
Bide until I return to help you change.
You are the gay, roomy home of hundreds like me;
Wait, and we'll all make you great.

Chicago, wait for us, we're coming back.
And behind us more and more.
We have fought for you;
Some died, some bled; we're fighting still.
Our hearts are beating precious life
Just to come within your bosom and laugh again.
To see your light in romantic splendor,
To hear the tongues of hundreds from all over the world:
This, Chicago, is all I want — I crave — we crave.
Your fighting men are talking,
Wait until we are back to change.

Editor's Note: Serge E. Logan is a young Russian-American, living in Chicago, Ill., where he goes to High School and is the Editor of his High School paper.

WAC-Y

The first officer candidates in the Women's Army Corps were lined up at Fort Des Moines for their first lesson in infantry drill. A red-faced second lieutenant, fresh from Fort Benning, Georgia, stood before them with knees shaking. "To assume the position of attention," he said, "you place your feet at a forty-five-degree angle."

They placed their feet at a 45-degree angle. "Now you place your hands at your sides with your thumbs parallel to the seams of your pants." His face turned three shades deeper red. The women placed their thumbs parallel to the seams of their pants. "Now you throw out your chest . . ." One hundred and fifty women threw out their chests.

The young lieutenant viewed his troops, "And now," he stammered, "You tuck your hips under them."

(Chicago Daily News)

NOTE TO OUR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

Write In!

We are all interested in how you are getting along, what you are doing (so long as you do not divulge any military information) etc. Let's hear from you wherever you are. If we can't print your letters one week, we'll be sure to put them in the next week's issue.

We expect to be in **Drugs** for some time to come, **Drugs** and others notwithstanding.

16,880,000 Women In U. S. Work Force

Washington — The number of women working or available for work in the United States stood at 16,880,000 in March, 610,000 more than the March, 1943 total, the Bureau of Census reported today.

The male labor force, however, dropped 1,500,000 to 34,480,000 from March, 1943 to last March.

G. I. TID-BIDS

PORTLAND, Ore.—Pvt Bill Lewis hitchhiked 200 miles recently and arrived here two hours late for his own wedding. The wedding had been scheduled for 8 P. M. but Lewis missed the last bus from his camp and took to the road. He traveled by garbage truck, ambulance, an ancient Ford and a street sprinkler and reached the church at 10:15 P. M.

One of the army camps had something different in the way of contests. The servicemen were urged to submit photographs of their sweethearts and wives, and the prettiest was to be picked from the photographs submitted. They were put on their honor, however, not to cheat by submitting pictures of movie queens.

After 14 months of service in Iceland, a G. I. who returned to a camp in the States eulogized it as "paradise."

He said that the "deadly monotony of life on the bleak isle was broken only by sporadic visits by enemy reconnaissance airplanes.

"Usually they came in very high, intending to photograph our installations. They came at noon when the brilliant Arctic sun's reflection on the snow almost blinded our A. A. batteries.

"However, when our men were issued green sun-goggles they brought down several German planes and captured many pilots."

Waxing further on the subject, he said that there was very little entertainment for the boys, with the exception of a Red Cross theatre. Whiskey is sold at \$30.00 a bottle and one soldier sold a dollar watch for \$25.00. Women are outnumbered 200 to 1. (Note to women:—and this is Leap year!)

Long haired ponies are imported from Russia as a substitute for beef, as they are the only ones that can stand the climate. This is the soldiers only change from dehydrated eggs and potatoes. "Horseburgers with onion and pickle" make a most popular afternoon snack in the I. B. C.

A sentry guarding a bridge for a unit of the Second Army on maneuvers was told to cry "White" if anyone approached. If the party didn't give the proper countersign "smoke," he was an enemy.

At midnight a figure approached. "White!" cried the sentry.

"No suh," came a voice from the darkness, "Ise cullud."

The Marines at Guadalcanal stick old razor blades in trees for the Japs to cut their hands and feet on when they shin up to snipe.

The proud pappa of a seven-pound baby boy is Coastguardsman Stanley Bernot. Mother Aline (Zimont) and son are doing nicely, thank you.

WASHINGTON.—The average age of the 1,114 generals in the U. S. Army is 51 years, which is one month younger than average age of the generals on active duty at the expiration of World War 1.

Philadelphia, Pa.— "Spike" Howard, 66-year old wrestler, recently held a party at which 250 guests appeared to celebrate his 1,000th free blood donation. The blood he gave on the occasion went to the American Red Cross for the use of the armed forces.

From the last letter received from Joseph Sacal, former Editor of the V. E. S., he mentioned that he was stationed with a group of French soldiers. If Joe doesn't learn his oui, oui's now, he never will. According to Joe, he would like to live in Spain at the conclusion of the war, that is, if Spain is successful in getting a democratic form of government.

We think that by the time the war is over Joe will be so homesick for the States that Spain won't appear so alluring.

Frank Solomon, of the Redwings, is working in the Dental Laboratory at Great Lakes. This is the same type of work that he was doing in civilian life—the difference being that he is in Uncle Sam's uniform now.

Louis De Schaaf is at the port of embarkation awaiting shipping orders.

Benny David, of the Sparks, is home from Long Island, New York, on embarkation leave.

BADLY OUT OF PLACE

Little Mary, whose parents had just moved to the city, had been operated on for appendicitis. On her first day at school the teacher, not knowing this, asked: "Mary, where is your appendix?"

"In the Cook County Hospital in a bottle," replied Mary.