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LITHUANIAN PEOPLE CELEBRATE THEIR LIBERATION

By JONAS SHIMKUS

VILNIUS (Press Wireless).—The complete liberation of Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic from the German invaders was celebrated February 3rd in Vilnius, the ancient Capital of Lithuania, by a joint festival of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet Lithuanian SSR Council of Peoples Commissars, Lithuanian Central Council of Lithuanian Trade Unions, and the Executive Committee of Vilnius City Soviet.

The sessions were also attended by representatives of public bodies, Red Army, by Stakhanovites of factories and by intelligentsia.

The session was held in the Dramatic Theater which was decorated with flags and bunting and was filled with the foremost people of the Republic. To greet the festival the Lithuanian people came in delegations from Zemaitia, Klaipeda Territory, Kaunas, Siauliai, Ukregiai and other towns, ujezdai and volosts. Also delegations of privates and officers and generals representing the third Belorussian and first Baltic fronts.

On the platform at the Presidium of the sessions were leaders of the Lithuanian Government, prominent scientists and writers. The festive session was opened by Paleckis, chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet Lithuanian SSR. A storm of applause greeted his first words in which he expressed sincere thanks to the heroic Red Army and its Commander-in-Chief Marshal Stalin for the liberation of Soviet Lithuania from the Fascist yoke.

When in Moscow, capital of our Motherland a salute was fired in honor of the heroic liberation of Klaipeda, in honor of the liberation of all Soviet Lithuania. This joy of new victory was celebrated together with the Lithuanian people and by all nations. "Our vast Soviet Union," said Paleckis, "Today on this, our historic holiday, our feelings and hopes are directed to the best friends of the Lithuanian people and the Great Stalin." His speech was met with loud and prolonged cheers.

Gedvilas, chairman of the Council of People's Commissars of Lithuanian SSR then took the floor. "Expulsion of the Hitlerites from our country will go down in the history of Lithuania as the greatest event in the life of the Lithuanian people", he said. "Henceforth our native land will be cleared from Hitlerite aggressors who tried to convert free Lithuanian Soviet

Republic into a downtrodden German colony; who strove to exterminate the Lithuanian people. Vilnius, Kaunas and Klaipeda have been reunited within the bounds of a single Lithuanian state. The valiant Red Army has given effect to the historic desire of the Lithuanian people; it reunited the Lithuanian people in a single state."

On behalf of the government Gedvilas warmly congratulated the working people of the republic on their radiant holiday and continued: "In these days the whole Lithuania addresses its first words to the Supreme Commander-in-Chief - Marshal Stalin and the Red Army led by him, who have driven out the German invaders far beyond the boundaries of the republic; who are smiting the enemy in his own land in East Prussia, in German Pomerania, in Brandenburg Province and in Silesia. Glory be to the Red Army and to the Great Stalin."

These words, expressing the feelings and thoughts of the Lithuanian people evoked prolonged ovation and exclamation. In the name of the Lithuanian people Gedvilas conveyed warm thanks to privates, sergeants, officers and generals of the Third Belorussian and first Baltic fronts, liberators of Soviet Lithuania. With renewed force ovation broke out when Gedvilas conveyed fraternal thanks to the great Russian people and to the other peoples of the Soviet Union, whose sons and daughters rendered fraternal aid to the Lithuanian people in their days of trial. The speaker related in detail the brutal atrocities of age old enemies of the Lithuanian people, about outrages committed by the German slave drivers on the toilers of Soviet Lithuania.

"For three years", said Gedvilas, "The Germans were devastating our land, looting our property, exterminating the Lithuanian people, destroying our culture and statehood. Those were three darkest

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Through the Red Cross the American people serve the men of their Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. This 1945 War Fund poster reproduction symbolizes Red Cross service with the Army.

A SHARE IN KINDNESS

An Editorial

Nothing in life is more difficult for peace-loving people to bear than war with all its grim horror, its unending trail of sorrow, its disruption of homes and its utter waste of life and property. Yet the people of this nation are in the third year of the world's most horrible war.

Each day more blue stars in service flags turn to gold as this son, that brother or that father falls on a distant and unknown battle-field. Each day hundreds, or thousands of men are carried back to hospitals with grievous wounds. Each is a member of some American family. Thousands, yes millions, of American men in uniform are fired beyond belief of battle, and homesick for home and family. Yet they know they must keep on.

There is no one of us but would give everything to lighten the burden of sorrowing families who have lost their men, or calm the fears of those whose men have been wounded. We would give all we could to ease the pain of the injured, or still the homesickness in those who must fight on.

Today, as the American Red Cross opens its campaign for funds, we can do our share in lightening the burden of sorrow, in calming the fears, and in easing the pain of the wounded.

The American Red Cross was created just for that purpose and through its channels of Mercy we can do most for those who need our help.

The Red Cross is at the front keeping alive the atmosphere of hope for the men who are fighting; the Red Cross is in the hospitals cheering the wounded and sending messages home to anxious and fearful relatives; the Red Cross is sending blood plasma and surgical dressings to save the lives of American youth; the Red Cross is here at home to aid and assist families in distress.

This is Your Red Cross and through it you can do your share in human kindness and blunt somewhat the horror that is War.



House Gets Bill to Aid Veterans, Was Workers

WASHINGTON — A bill to provide vocational education and retraining for demobilized servicemen and war workers was introduced by Senators George (Dem., Ga.), Thomas (Dem., Utah), LaFollette (Prog. Wis.), Aiken (Rep., Vt. and El-lender (Dem., La.).

The bill would authorize an annual \$97,500,000 appropriation to be divided among the states for planning, development and operation of retraining and vocational education programs.

TRACING OUR FAMILY TREE

By LAUKUVISKIS

Just One More Story

Being only human, our acquaintance, the Grandfather, wants you to tell him something about America. He has heard many stories, hard to believe about the far-off land. Is it true that anybody can pick up as much money in America as he wants to? Is it true that people work there on Sundays and fry their food in pork fat even on Fridays? You will have to answer many questions before he will tell more of his many experiences.

Presuming you want to be truthful, you will tell him that many stories he heard about America are pure fiction. In fact you will stress on the hardship that is the lot of emigrant peasant youth in a strange land. About the periodic unemployment, small wages and high prices; about long searches for a job, etc.

He will listen patiently and after shaking his snow-white hair will admit that he wouldn't like to live in America. True, he has had to carry a heavy cross, but at least the people all around him speak his language, he owns his warm corner on the stove and does not have to worry over unemployment. And besides, every year conditions are improving. Take for instance the military service. . .

Since ever he can remember, Lithuania was under the rule of Russian Tsars. Military service was always compulsory and it wasn't for a short period of 3 or 4 years but *twenty-five years!* No, young men did not go to their draft boards to be inducted. Draft officials hunted them down like rabbits. Everybody knew what the "recruit hunters" meant when they descended on the village.

Very few young men ever slept at home in fear of "recruit hunters". And of those unfortunate that were caught, very few ever returned home from service. Just look at our neighbor Straukas. They caught him at the church while being married. He came back after 23 years an old man and soon died. No, there was no such a thing as a furlough. Once caught, you had to serve full time at one stretch—if you lived that long.

But of course that didn't last long (Grandfather will tell you). In about 10 years after the last uprising, in 1875, hunting of recruits was abolished. The government established birth registration so the officials would know just where to find you when it came your time for military service. But compared to what it used to be it was only a joke. From that time one had to serve the Tsar only six years. And then that

insignificant period was soon shortened to 3 years and 8 months. That's why now father himself is not afraid to take his son to the draft board when he reaches his 21st birthday.

No, politically speaking times were getting better and better. Of course people were deathly afraid of war, famine and epidemics. And of the latter two they had plenty, almost as often as the periodic appearance of unemployment in America.

Right after the last uprising against the Tsar they had two especially bad years. Crops failed almost entirely. People were really starving when the government shipped some corn from America. Of course there wasn't enough corn to go around, so they mixed the corn meal with buds and young shoots from birch trees.

The famine was followed by a smallpox epidemic. Then people really began to fall like leaves from trees in autumn. Vaccination was unknown at the time and there were hardly any doctors. Tamošius lost eight sons and daughters—4 of them in one week. He buried them all by himself. Made pine-board coffins, dug graves with no one helping him.

At this time he will take to the window. Through a thick ice on the glass there is always at least one "peep-hole" to see what's going on outside. He will show you a small hill about a thousand yards from the house. You can't see it now, but there is a huge deep grave on top of that hill. It was dug on the order of the government to bury the victims of that epidemic. But as usual, the Tsars order came too late. By the time the common grave was dug all the dead were already buried. That's why it was never used and now children play there in summer time.

Yes, Tamošius did well for his family. He brought to this world many children, as any God-fearing individual should, and he buried his dead decently in the Holy Ground. Only two daughters are still living. One we are acquainted with—that's the Lady of the House. Another, a widow, lives close by on her own piece of land that Grandfather divided in equal parts when he married the girls off.

His son-in-law with whom he is living was what is known as a "free worker." That is, he wasn't a serf but worked for Duke Oginskas. True, he is 20 years older than his wife, but so much better. When he married he was too old to be recruited for military service. And before that he was too valuable to the Duke and that's why the "recruit hunters" just

SPORTS OUT OF ADAM'S HAT

IRVING GREENBERG
A NATIVE OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK, WAS STOLEN RIGHT FROM UNDER THE VERY NOSES OF THE N.Y. YANKEES BY JEAN DUBUC, DETROIT TIGER SCOUT.

MARTY BRILL
WENT TO THE DAME AFTER FAILING TO MAKE THE TEAM AT PENN.—HE SCORED 3 TOUCHDOWNS FOR THE IRISH AGAINST HIS EX ALMA MATER.

MORTON SMITH, THOUGH A TEAM MEMBER, WASN'T USED IN THE 1937 RYDER CUP MATCHES, BUT WON THE BRITISH OPEN QUALIFYING MEDAL THE NEXT WEEK.

MEL HILL
SCORED OVERTIME GOALS FOR BOSTON IN 3 GAMES TO ELIMINATE THE RANGERS FROM THE 1939 STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS—THE RANGERS HAD OWNED HIM SIX YEARS BEFORE!

Lithuanian People Celebrate Their Liberation

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years in the history of the Lithuanian people.

The historic hour was struck. By the will of the entire Soviet people, the greatest injustice has been rectified. Free and happy, our Republic will again blossom forth in the family of fraternal peoples of the Soviet Union, under the Stalin constitution. Today, when all Lithuania is free and when more than six months have elapsed since the liberation of Vilnius, it is a pleasure to review the results of the first victories of the great work performed within the brief period.

Gedvilas here cited figures and achievements. Before the audience unfolded a magnificent picture of the rise of towns from the ruins and ashes; of the revival of enterprises and centers of culture. More than three hundred thousand pupils are now attending schools in Soviet Lithuania. Ten theatres and thirty-six cinemas have reopened their doors. Hospitals are functioning in all ujezd and more than four-hundred-fifty enterprises have been restored and set going. The largest towns in the Republic, Vilnius, Kaunas, Siauliai and Panevezija are now supplied with light and water. In the rural areas too, the consequences of the German occupation are being eliminated. The land of which

naturally "missed" him.

But it's about time we stop our chat with the Grandfather. We still have a lot to see and much ground to cover before we catch up with the present.

the German and the kulaks have robbed them has now been returned to their rightful owners the working peasantry. Forty-two machines and tractor stations and two-hundred-sixty machine and horse hiring establishments have been rehabilitated.

"The triumph of the liberation of Soviet Lithuania", said Gedvilas in conclusion, "is the triumph of victory of Lenin-Stalin national policy, is the triumph of the friendship of the peoples of the Soviet Union, the triumph of wise leadership of the Great Stalin."

The consoling words of the speaker were covered by ardent and prolonged applause.

Would Raise Salaries

WASHINGTON — A bill to increase the salaries of the President, vice-president, cabinet members, speaker of the House, senators and representatives was introduced by Representative Vinson (Dem., Ga.).

The measure would raise the President's salary from \$75,000 to \$100,000 a year. This increase would not go into effect until Jan. 20, 1949, the day on which Mr. Roosevelt's current term expires.

The bill would give the speaker, the vice-president and cabinet officers \$20,000 a year and members of Congress \$15,000.

This part would be effective Jan. 2, 1947, when the current Congress expires. The speaker, the vice-president and cabinet members now receive \$15,000 a year, and congressmen \$10,000.

DYNAMIC DETROIT AIDO CHORUS

Did you notice how the ladies in waiting of our chorus turn up their "snapas" to the local boys every time we are favored by a visit from a member of the armed forces . . . Who said wolf?

And then you can hardly blame the love starved girls and even the paper wives when a great big, handsome brute appears on the scene. You sure can slay 'em, Tony. You'll never be able to lug all the trophies of war home on your shoulders if you do that to the Japs.

T. Padolski is no mope, but a real go-getter, as all them wish-bones on his sleeve will testify. The place for the blow-off party was nice and there was a record turn-out of our feminine contingent and throughout the whole evening our honored guest T. P. had to constantly call upon his diplomacy to maintain peace among all those bewitching models with graceful contours of irresistible loveliness. Hope you had a good time Tony and won't forget to write to us when you go back.

Even the fattest, oldest and most somnolent of us is not insusceptible to gaiety when the occasion arises and of the approximate fifty people gathered, everybody joined in either

dancing or singing, thus demonstrating the ecstatic fact, the tumultuous exultancy of living. And though our impulse to play is beaten down and buried in us (don't know why), maybe because, in our secret depths of realization, we grieve the loss of that capacity for simple joyousness. There is ever a special enchantment for us, a poignantly wistful enchantment in the graceful, sylphlike creatures cavorting around in delirious glee called dancing. So even we try, and that, my friends, would perhaps have been funny if it were not tragic.

When the whole place was reverberating to the songs of Mike McDonalds swine, we began to look around in apprehension. We expected the old "krouit" to commence pitching us out in a most undeplomatic manner. Maybe he didn't dare give us the bizness because he likes our business. Just then the waitress brought us another round and this is where we decided we didn't like to come here any more and support someone who may even be a good "Germaniac" for all we know, in this, a good many concurred. So let's hereafter work out a better plan to receive or send away our friends. Let us support those who support our press, our organization.

A. C. M.

DETROIT SORORITY DOINGS

Since I had to get my hair done up and then waited on my money to bring that dress I was to show the girls up with, we were a little late in arriving, though most of the sisters were already there.

Our Sorority is strictly a closed club and if you think I'm going to report on what we did or said . . . well you gotta 'nother guess coming.

What if we did exchange a few choice bits of gossip. I'm not above digging into some juicy morsels myself . . . so what?

We're not much for any of that educational progressive stuff for ourselves. We believe that we are doing our two-bits if we send a few packages now and then or write a letter.

Lectures we don't care for, it's boring. As for blood donations in a group, that's out. Any member wants to, it's O. K. by us . . . individually.

In between we do manage to get a little fun. One must seek a little release for excess energies, don't you think? So we have little social gatherings.

This time it was Ruby Jesky's turn to throw the feed and sister . . . she really slammed the whole works. A bowl full (big enough to wash junior in) of Bicard's in cracked ice.

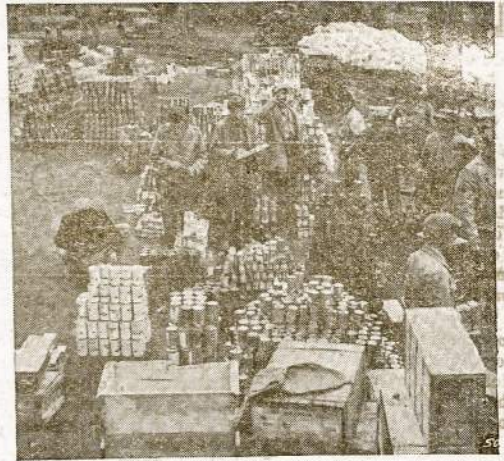
A bushful of hot dogs to roast over real logs in a real fireplace. We powdered the birchlogs which caused them to flame into the colors of the rainbow. It really was very lovely.

The feed was fit for a queen. There were cookies, cake (coffee for the boys in the basement) ham, salads and too many good things to mention, and if the doctor hadn't warned me to watch out for fattening foods, I could have put away some more.

The Jesky's are reknown for their hospitality. Their home out Vassar Drive (a real love nest) is tastily furnished and modern, reflecting an atmosphere of friendliness and warmth very fitting to our host's personality.

This, no doubt, had its desired effect on the size of the gathering for most of our poplars were there and even Pops Frankie Min. and wife Mary

Oh, Lady! Here Are Your Canned Goods!



War Pool Photo.

ITALY—If you've been wondering why many canned products are rationed here's one reason. Stacks of food in cans are at the fronts and therefore, you may find them in substitute packages in your grocery store. GI's and natives (above) are sorting from broken boxes for re-packing and shipping to fighting fronts somewhere in Italy. The boxes broke—but the cans are okay.

MOTOR CITY NEWS

The Wee Hours of the Morning

When you gotta you gotta—by that I mean that I have to make the deadline so that Detroit will be represented in this weeks English Section of the Vilnis.

Boy-oh-boy Sunday Eve the Chorus gathered at a party for Tony Lane who is home on furlough from the Southwest Pacific area. Tony is looking as fit as a prize fighter—gee—he certainly put on the beef—and, came over for the first time.

Our sister Laura is getting a little uppish lately. She required the services of a chauffeur and a car. Albina dear, call on me next. I have a right to a little service. After all, I've done for the Sorority.

The boys, while waiting for their wives to finish the "meeting", doled away the time in the basement playing penny ante and smelling the cork.

At three in the morning we started waltzing home. Some with hearts full of joy, other with bellys full of beer. Latest reports, Wallie threatened to rob Judy's little piggy bank for the next Sorority gathering while brother Serv. was heard inquiring about the wisdom of investing in G. M. stock.

To Mike Jesky and Ruby we say a humble thank you for all your patience, food, drink and everything. Besides the expense, we caused you a lot of work. Maybe someday we can repay you in kind.

SORTY SIS

girls, did you notice that his hair is curlier than ever? Nice seeing you again Tony. It must have been just like the good old days for him to hear us sing the Lithuanian folk songs (so lustily). You understand, of course, that all this happened with the help of liquid refreshment.

The Operetta rehearsals for "Kada Kaimas Nemeiga" are going smoothly and may I remind you that this production will be produced on April the 29th at Lithuanian Hall.

I presume that everyone received a card to notify them of the fact that the Aido Chorus has a date with the photographer on Sunday after rehearsal. The men please wear white shirts and bow ties and the girls will wear white blouses and long skirts.

THIS AND THAT

We would like to see Frankie Price—the romantic tenor (ex-Marine) come down to rehearsal regularly. Not only because of the operetta, but also because Jake Jacobs would miss those cigars that Frankie supplies. Jean Liminsky, of Santa Monica, Calif., writes home that she had Alphonse Urbon as an unexpected guest. It seems that one chorus member will always look up another for old times sake.

So long—have to get to bed.
Blue Monday Correspondent
A. V. L.

THE WEATHER



COOLER WITH SCATTERED LIGHT SHOWERS—Used fat saving can't be either scattered or light. It's vitally needed.

LITHUANIAN-AMERICANS WE ARE PROUD OF

Lithuanian Youth of Waukegan

By BERTHA STUKUS

Irene Mickus, who is 5'5" tall, is fortunate to have two step-brothers and two sisters: Anthony and Stanley Yukna; Bernice and Josephine Mickus. This 18-year old girl works at a department store; she earned enough money to buy twelve war bonds.

There is no special ambition connected with Irene's life. She does have some interests in Sociology, however, but as far as she knows, she will not enter college.

In Lithuania, Irene has a grandfather and two uncles who are in the Russian army. Unfortunately the family does not hear from any of these. Irene has an urge to take a trip to Lithuania some day after the war to see the way of life there.



CPL. ANTHONY YUKNA

Anthony "Tony" Yukna is the only one in the services. He is a Corporal in the United States

Air Force. The following is a comment from Irene about Tony:

"Tony has been in the service for three years and has been overseas approximately that long. My brother is 30 years old, about 5' 10" tall, has light brown hair and grey eyes. At the present he is in France."

So far Tony hasn't had a leave and it's hard to determine if he will get one in the future. The family receives about one letter from Tony in every two weeks. This isn't often enough as far as Irene is concerned.

Irene has a boyfriend in the Navy—William Whited F1-c.

WAUKEGANITE WOUNDED



PAUL RUDGINSKI

Paul Rudginski, 19, was wounded in action. This news was received on February 13th by his family who live at 19 Philippa Avenue. On February 19 a letter was received from Paul saying he was O.K. Paul was overseas just eight days when he received the Purple Heart.

THE ESCORT PAID US A VISIT AGAIN

By Mail, of Course



BKR. 2-c AL KLAUD

When three generations of the Klauds went to the West Coast recently, I could guess why, but for a while it was a military secret. Now it can be told why Mama Klaud, Ida Klaud and Daughter Klaud left Chicago so suddenly on a long trip that this time was necessary. Yes, you guessed it. Bkr. 2-c Al Klaud had landed somewhere in that vicinity.

After a short reunion with the family, Al didn't forget his many friends at home either. Just received a nice letter part of which I would like to share with the readers of VES, especially the Sports Section of LDS in Chicago.

Wrote the Escort:

"Received all the VES and caught up with the news. And was I surprised at many things I read! Especially the death of Johnny Razmus, because I knew him so well. My parents and his were very good friends . . . Received V-Mail from Julius and he sent me Joe Sacal's address. I guess I'll write to Joe again. I would like to hear from him . . . And I will have to apologize to Jessie Vesely for leaving town without saying good bye. Oh well, you know how it is. . ."

Yes, Al, we do know how it is. And without being sentimental we will confess: We all miss you, Al! So hurry and get through with your part in this man's war. See if you can do it before the next LDS Golf Turney, ha, Pal? *Tēvelis.*

Mother Receives Word of Death of Her Son

28 January 1945

Dear Mrs. Kuncewicz:

It is with deep regret that I write of the death of your son, Technical Sergeant Joseph M. Sungaila, 36220655, a member of my command who died 12 October 1944 from wounds received in action.

Your son was a member of the 325th Glider Infantry, 82d "All American" Airborne Division.

Technical Sergeant Sungaila was an outstanding noncommissioned officer and a key man in his platoon. He was thoroughly dependable, well liked, and a great asset to his company. Your son was wounded in Holland by enemy small arms fire while his organization was attacking enemy positions.

Your son was buried in Holland, and I can assure you that this was accomplished in a most befitting manner by his comrades with a Catholic Chaplain officiating. For further in-

formation concerning burial or disposition of personal effects an inquiry should be addressed to The Quartermaster General, Army Service Forces, Washington, D. C.

Putting aside family ties, the admiration, respect, and affection of comrades are a soldier's most priceless possessions, because collectively these comrades are unfailing judges. These possessions I believe your son had earned in full measure. Death of such a man leaves with each member of the Division a lasting sense of loss, from which there comes to you a deep sense of personal sympathy.

Sincerely,

JAMES M. GAVIN

Major General U. S. Army
Commanding

Mrs. Mary Kuncewicz
6824 27th Avenue
Kenosha, Wisconsin

LADIES DAY

WASHINGTON—According to a deluge of press releases and telegrams from the National Institute of Diaper Services—which it seems have about run out of the things—all female members of Congress will put their heads together to try and solve the babies' problem.

They met in the office of Rep. Mary T. Norton (D., N. J.) with representatives of the Office of Price Administration and the War Production Board. These agencies insist they need the cloth for the war effort and the diaper purveyors insist the babies need some of it themselves.

dance or who was to be a delegate to a conference and so on.

At the time that these grievances from one another were spoken, we made friends and temporary enemies while each had his own idea of how to build the LDS into a large fraternal organization. We had a common thought: "Onward to bigger things!"

Now since being away from the activities we're all working together in the struggle against aggression and Fascism. We are pooling our efforts so we can go back to our friends and have disagreements once more. Oh how I miss those friendly "Rows".

Receiving the card was a fine way of saying "Come on back G. I, we're waiting. Thanks again to the best branch in the LDS.

BILL RASINS.

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

Christmas Card Carries Memories of Friendly "Rows" to GI



I received the Monarchs Christmas greeting today and was quite overjoyed about it.

I know you're thinking that the card arrived late and are thinking it didn't carry its full meaning.

No, in spite of that I was very pleased that the LDS Monarchs remembered their members in service. I am proud to say that I'm an LDS Monarch member as I did while home. It may have been just a card but I, like all the other Monarch servicemen, see in it the club saying a special hello to us on this side of the pond and wanting us to come back to more work, fun and sweat for the LDS.

Many times I think to myself about all the arguments and disagreements that were had. I recall how each of us came to verbal blows over such things as an orchestra for an annual

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For Postwar Security

A very important gathering of the United Nations will take place at San Francisco on April 25th. In fact, it will be a historical event which will determine the whole future of the people of these nations and what is important to us, that it will mean the future security, peace and prosperity of our nation or vice versa. Therefore, it is evident that all of us must from this day, make it our business to look towards Washington to watch just what our representatives are doing to prepare to meet their obligations to us in their conduct in those all important questions which are to be decided there.

In his message to Congress on Bretton Woods on Feb. 12 our president said:

"International political relations will be friendly and constructive, however, only if solutions are found to the difficult economic problems we face today. The cornerstone for international economic cooperation is the Bretton Woods proposals for the international monetary fund and international bank for reconstruction and development.

"These proposals for an international fund and international bank are concrete evidence that the economic objectives of the United States agree with those of the United Nations. They illustrate our unity of purpose and interest on the economic field. What we need and what they need correspond—expanded production, employment, exchange and consumption—in other words, more goods, more jobs, more trade and a higher standard of living for us all.

"This point in history at which we stand is full of promise and of danger. The world will either move toward prosperity or it will move apart into necessarily competing economic blocs.

"We have a chance, we citizens of the United States, to use our influence in favor of a more united and cooperating world. Whether we do so will determine, as far as it is in our power, the kind of lives our grandchildren can live."

Important Legislation

Congress has before it enabling legislation to put into effect the agreement reached at the Bretton-Woods Conference. The Dumbarton-Oaks program for the United Nations will also be presented in specific legislation.

These bills must be ratified if the United States is to be in a position to operate in the post-war period with the rest of the United Nations. They must be passed in time for the gathering at San Francisco if the United States is to meet the other nations politically prepared.

The Bretton Woods basic principle would appropriate necessary funds, it would maintain for Congress full control over American currency practices. Yet, if it is to pass, immediate and powerful intervention of the people is required. Not all sections of the capitalist class have accepted the president's new concepts of government. Some very powerful ones still yearn for the old ways, the ways that separated the nations after 1918.

It is not too soon for labor and all other sections of the people to join together to see that every Congressman, every member of the Senate is appraised of the fact that the people want post-war security, peace and prosperity. A post-card or a letter will convey to them your feeling in the matter.

Two Chicago Lads



PVT. WALTER SKULMAN

One of our more recent new members in the armed forces is Pvt. Walter Skulman. He put aside his drawing pencil for the duration to do his part in the finishing touches on the Nazis. The organizations for which Walter has made many signs will miss his genius and will probably have to be content with less artistic signs for their affairs. They will remember Walter as one who gave his time free of charge to the organizations.

Walter is the son of Mrs. Ethel Zald who has a beauty parlor at 2505 S. 52nd Avenue, Cicero and step-son of Mr. Mike Zald who is well known among the progressive Lithuanian circles.



FRANK CHERNAUSKAS

The branch of service this fine lad is in is evident when you look at his uniform. Just last week he said goodbye to his mother, sister and friends and went back to his duties. He spent three weeks at home with his mother and sister who live at 2938 Emerald Ave. It will soon be three years since Frank joined the Navy. He has seen action in Africa, Italy and France. As you see, he still keeps smiling; must be he is confident that victory will be ours.

AS WE SEE IT

A "very prominent" Washington expert is well satisfied with the results of the Yalta conference. He feels very much relieved for:

"The Red Army will not dominate Germany . . . A week ago it was fully expected that the committee of 10,000 Germans in Russia would take over the German government under Moscow. However, the conference agreed on the joint control of Germany."

Outside of those "very prominent" and less prominent experts, and anti-Soviet commentators, very few people expected this committee to take over control of the post-war German government.

I am afraid that this prominent expert did not go far enough to rid himself of unfounded fears. His imaginary "bad intentions" of the USSR is still holding the best of him. Because the conference agreed to have the Allied Reparations Committee for German headquarters in Moscow, he is afraid:

"This means that Russia will have great economic and political control over Germany . . . Control of reparations after the last war influenced Germany's entire political system."

It seems to me, this "prominent expert" is neither prominent nor an expert.

If we are to follow his reasoning we will have to believe that little Switzerland had controlled the League of Nations whose headquarters were in Geneva. But that would be silly to believe.

It is true that the Soviet Union will have more influence on post-war Germany than Great Britain or any other country, but that is not because the Reparations Committee will be seated in Moscow, but because the USSR is playing the most important part in defeating Hitler, and because she is closer to Germany than either Great Britain or the United States. "WILSON'S LINE"

The so-called Curzon line, proposed as a boundary between Poland and the Soviet Union, originally was chartered by American geographical experts for Woodrow Wilson, then President of the United States.

Premier Clemenceau accepted it, so did Lord Curzon, then British foreign minister. The Polish "colonels" and barons however refused to abide to it. And later, with the help of the French army, sliced a good piece of Ukraine, Belo-Russia and Lithuania.

A prominent Washington columnist, Drew Pearson writes, that Premier Stalin while presenting the above mentioned facts to President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, asked them:

"Do you want me to tell the Russian people that I am less Russian than Lord Curzon? Do you want me to tell the Russian people I am less Russian than Clemenceau? Do you want me to accept less than they proposed for Russia?"

As to the both Polish governments—emigre in London, and Lublin, Stalin is supposed to have said:

"Are we going to discriminate in favor of a government which fled to England and remained there in safety? Or are we going to recognize the Lublin government which remained in Poland and risked the danger of fighting underground?"

And Stalin won his point.

Whether Mr. Stalin did ask these questions or not, the argument in favor of the Lublin government is convincing. What kind of democracy would it be to force upon the Polish those who have not done a thing to help them free themselves of the Nazi yoke, and who claim legality based on the former government which sided with Hitler and thus almost destroyed Poland?

VINCE RUDIS.



CLOUDY AND COLD, followed by rain or snow — Just the day to save an extra tablespoon of used cooking fat!

ROSELAND AIDO CHORUS WEEKLY

This write up is going to be a little out of the ordinary but I think it will acquaint all you outsiders a little more with the members of the Roseland Aido Chorus. To begin this time, I will tell you a little about the operetta this Chorus is staging on March 18, 1945 at the Venetian Hall which is located at 139 East Kensington Avenue. This operetta is out of the ordinary, and I'm sure everyone who comes will be more than glad they came. As you will later see, the actors selected for this operetta entitled "Kada Kaimas Nemiega" are the best. The operetta is full of song, dance, laughter, love and host of other things that will make it live in your hearts for many, many years to come. So buy your tickets early, the price being so low, only \$1.00 including tax, which means the tickets are going fast. They can be purchased from any of the Chorus members and Chorus boosters. Everyone is invited, so come one and all, and come prepared to laugh all your cares away.

There will be songs that will make you want to sing with them and after the the operetta you probably will be singing those songs. There will be a dance after the operetta to a mighty fine orchestra.

Here I am talking about the operetta in general, but right now I want to introduce some of our main characters and tell you a little about their background. In short here is a little biography of the characters in a condensed form.



ALBINAS PETRONIS

First of all there is the well known Mr. Albinas Petronis who has a business located at 106 West 115th Street. Mr. Petronis plays the part of Burbia in the operetta. He not only does all this but holds the position of President in the Lithuanian Chicago Business Men's Association of Cook County. His acting is tops, and he will cheer you up with his songs and laughter. He is one of the well known men of Chicago, not only Roseland. He rates first among all of us here at the Chorus. You will all think of him as tops just as soon as you see him in the operetta.



HELEN BRUZAS

Next in turn comes the ever loving Helen Bružas better known to most of us as Barbara Tachunaitė. Many of you have heard her over the Sophie Barkus program because she has been there for 7 years now. You have all heard her on the radio so why not give yourself a treat and see her at her best, playing the role of Katrė. She has also been the president of the ever-known Šakar Merkar Chorus. She teams up with Mr. Petronis in this operetta, so you can all be sure of a mighty fine cast so far. Just wait till this gets further. You will all love Helen Bružas when you see her just as we all at the Chorus do. I can assure you she will rate tops in your hearts.



NANCY ROMAN

Honors go next to that pretty gal that is going to be Marytė, of course I do mean that wonderful Nancy Roman. As many of you know Nancy Roman has acted in many operettas before, such as the Grigutis, Apsigavo and a host of others. Now she displays her best in "Kada Kaimas Nemiega". She has sang many solos, duets, and with various choruses, but she says Aido Chorus is best. We all agree with you there without any doubt. Nancy's husband, also a member although now he has taken up a new task and that is serving with Sea-Bees at the Iwo Jima Island. We wish him a speedy return and the

best of everything. Nancy displays, her best with Petras, and I'm sure you will love her songs, and of course some of those love scenes sure are tops, I'm sure none of you will want to miss that.



SYLVIA PRAN

And now, the chorus soloist, Sylvia Pran (Neutout). I'll bet that some of you have never seen a girl that can act and sing as beautifully as Sylvia. We are all proud to say that Sylvia, together with 75 other voices auditioned at the Bismarck Hotel, and Sylvia got first prize, so you see I'm just not kidding when I say she rates tops among everyone. She has been on the road travelling with Henry Kublick and his entertainers. She has performed at many places not only here in Chicago. Places like California, Michigan and North Carolina. She has been a member of the Junior Civic Opera, and while down in Clinton, North Carolina, she sang as soloist for a Community Organization. She has been with the Aido Chorus for about 7 years now. Sylvia's husband is now in the Marines, and he is serving at Hawaii now as a Radar Technician. She takes the part of Bronė, and I'm sure you will think that part was written especially for her. I guess one could say it fits her to a T.



VEDI YUDEN

Three Cheers for our men and of them we have special honors for Vedi Yuden. Ah Yes,

we have with us some of world's best, and we are sure proud of them all. Vedi Yuden takes the role of Vitas and I must say, even though during the play he makes you get sore at him, it is just the role that makes him do that, because he is one that you just can't get sore at. Vedi, too like many of our stars, acted in various other operettas, like for instance Nebraigta Kova, Alkis, Grigutis, Apsigavo, plus a great number of others. He belonged to the Minors Quartet in Pennsylvania, and the Lyros Chorus also in Pennsylvania. He has been on stage many years now, but I think he does his best now. Although Vedi hasn't had any voice training, I'm sure you will all agree with me that his voice is much better than some who have had years and years of teaching, coaching and experience. Anyplace he performs he leaves with the highest honors, and I'm sure you will all think he deserves them once you see him in this role.



PAUL DAUDERAS

And last but by no means we give honors to Mr. Dauderas. He has taken the role as Petras. Mr. Dauderas has performed in various other operettas like the Chocolate Soldier, Laimas Veikslas, Karnivalo Varpas, and many others. His voice will thrill millions. He really makes a team with Nancy Roman. Mr. Dauderas has been acting for many years now. I know you will think him tops for enjoyment and relaxation.

I guess I took care of the leading characters, and now you can all see why I say this is going to be the best operetta ever staged for the public in Lithuanian. Why not come and see for yourself, it is going to be staged on March 18, 1945 at the Venetian Hall. Get your tickets early so that you will not be disappointed later. Next week I will give you all a little about the Characters that have a minor role. And they too deserve credit, because as you will see, this isn't going to be their first performance.

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27 YRS. OF THE RED ARMY AND NAVY

From a message by Mikhail Kalinin, Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, on the occasion of the Red Army's 27th Anniversary:

For the fourth time in the course of this Patriotic War the Red Army is celebrating its birthday in the midst of a fierce struggle on the war fronts.

Our Red Army men and officers have expended much effort and energy in the defense of the country for whose sake so many fine lives have been sacrificed. In their obtuse arrogance the Germans thought to repeat their piratical raids of the past on the Soviet Union, and haughtily believed they would avoid the errors which in their opinion were committed in past wars on Russia.

On this 27th birthday of the Red Army we can proudly record for posterity that we, like our forefathers, have upheld with credit the frontiers of our country, and that now our troops are pursuing the enemy on his own territory, striking blow after blow at him.

The Red Army's successes are not fortuitous; they are due to the Soviet system which provides the Army with modern weapons in larger quantities and of better quality than the enemy's, to the deep devotion of all the Soviet people to their country, and their readiness to dedicate all their strength to

the defense of its honor, liberty and independence.

The Red Army's successes follow from the firm alliance of the three great powers, from their common efforts at the front and in the rear. They are backed by the blows dealt not only by our Army, but also by the Armies of our Allies which are steadily moving forward to meet it.

Our military successes owe their value to the fact that they are cemented by the common aim of the Allies to defeat Germany as a constant fomentor of wars and an insatiable aggressor will be compelled to acknowledge himself utterly beaten and to surrender unconditionally.

The aim of the United Nations is the noble one of establishing an enduring peace among nations, promoting on this basis the welfare of all peoples and developing and strengthening democracy.

Our Red Army, its men, officers and generals, know that the German beast is ferociously fighting back and trying hard to save its skin. But the torments of our girls enslaved in Germany, the tears of mothers bewailing their slain children, the blood of millions annihilated with unexampled cruelty, are a call to our Army to fight until the fascist fiends are completely vanquished.

LKM Chorus News

The most important affair ahead of us is our LKM banquet of March 11. We're trying hard to make it a fine one—George and Jack are really working and striving to make it the best one we've ever, ever had. It's really going to be an elegant one,—worthy of our fine and loyal "remėjai" for whose honor the banquet will be given. Oh sure, you've all been at banquets—but we think you'll find something at our's you've never seen! Guess what? Well—come and see for yourselves—Lithuanian Auditorium, 3133 S. Halsted Street, March 11.

LKM sang last Sunday, Feb. 25, at the Ashland Auditorium, Abekienė and Kenstavičienė really sang beautifully as always. The audience loved their songs—and I don't blame them! It was lovely! As for you LKM members who didn't show up—well—who am I to say anything!

The chorus collected \$52.00 from its members and "remėjū" for the collection Sunday. Three cheers to Jack for trying so hard to boost our donation up. When Jack does something, he really works at it.

I wish you could have all heard the Jewish chorus—it's been a long time since I've heard such fine perfected choral singing. The Russian chorus at the end of the program was superb—it was something really wonderful to remember!

Bouquets to Völlie Yuška, a brand new member—but she worked hard to study the songs and came down Sunday. A lesson for all of us. To Bertha and Jennie Mitchell who came in spite of the obligations! To all of you who came to show others what the Lithuanian Chorus was like.

We're really booked up for a long time to come—Poor Ann's Calendar!! Only how about some men—all you men—and altos in the women's section especially!

We've missed you, Bee Guyer, Bertha Dočkus, Helen Dabulskis! How about you, Tex? And Kay too! Bill Cook—gee, could we use you!!

B.

Roseland Chorus Weekly

(Cont. from page six)

Our most beloved teacher is working harder than ever before, trying to make this a record breaking success and Teach, for you we will do it. As all of you know, Teach Dorothy Yuden has been teaching choruses for the past 10 years. She has received her musical training at the Wyoming Seminary and Conservatory of Music. She too has acted in various plays, operettas, and programs. She has sang duets, solos, and done a great number of other things. She has been teaching this chorus for quite some time now, and we all hope she will do so for quite some time to come. She is welcomed wherever she goes, and receives the highest awards possible. She has gone far in her musical career, and she is known in many places besides Chicago, Pennsylvania, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Rockford and many other places too numerous to mention. Dorothy Yuden is putting forth her best efforts to make this a success, and I know she will do it with such a fine cast behind her.

Outside of this I want to welcome to our chorus two more new members, which are Paul Gauditis and Vera Butkus. We are very pleased to have you, and I do hope you enjoy being with us. It sure is swell having you with us. If there are any more of you that would like to join, just come down to 10413 So. Michigan Ave. on Friday evenings at 8:00 and you will find our Welcome Mat out for all of you that are interested.

Another thing before I close, is that we want to yell, THREE CHEERS for Charles Blatz. He has donated \$50 to the American Red Cross. As you all know Charles Blatz has always contributed to a worthy cause, and now more than ever he has shown his patriotism. We all look up to you Charlie and say Hooray! You too rate tops among us all. Keep up the good work, and some day you will get repaid. I'm sure there are many who appreciate your kind offering. Too bad there aren't many more like you.

I guess I have said enough for this time, so as all good things come to an end, this too must end and so until the next week, I close, hoping to see you all preparing for that day; remember, March 18, at the Venetian Hall at 3:00 P.M. Goodie Bye for this time. See you all on Friday, at 7:45 P.M. SHARP. We have a lot of things ahead of us so be there, and be there early.

So-long for this time.

M. E. G.

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM ROCKFORD

And a good time was had by all those who attended the LDS Banquet. The cooks did a good job of seeing there was enough of everything to go around. It sure was good. To those who served, we want to say thanks; bartenders, too.

Events at the affair: May we welcome Evelyn Grey and the two children. You must make it a point to be present at more of the doings. Another person we would like to see more of is Stanza Gedraitis. Bring the little boy too. May we extend a welcome to the boys who have come home. This means you, "Chuck." It's nice to find you looking and feeling good. Hope to see more of you at our affairs too. Glad to have had you with us as your time draws near, Stella. We'll be seeing more of you. Thanks to the Chicagoans. It was swell for so many of you to have been able to attend. A good performance was given. Every one enjoyed it.

Say, Danny, how was the sandwich? I see where Algird had another like it. (Arf, arf!) Thanks to Vi. Where did I hear of the man shortage? Girls, girls, the boys are just bashful to ask for a dance. A little encouragement is needed. You know? How about it boys?

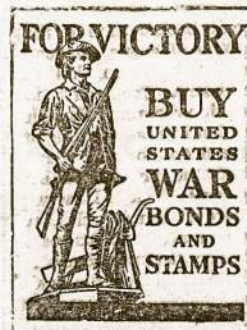
How are you doing Brenda? Long time no see. Bring Sylvia again.

Many members of the armed forces were unable to join us in all the fun. Better luck next time, Pete. Congratulations are in order. He is with the Air Force in Yuma, Arizona. Too bad to see your plans fall thru Sgt. Tony Twarjonas. Maybe some time in the near future you'll be able to attend some of the affairs of the LDS. We find his brother, John, waiting for a new assignment in New Orleans. His brother-in-law has received an honorable discharge from the Navy. Leslie Fepf, better known around as "Moses". Glad to have you back. What about those members that are far away from home? Yes, "Ricky" Ahlen, Jack Mandel, John Gedraitis, William Getts, Sue Bliznick (Cobina) let's hear more from you people.

Don't forget boys and girls, we have many members who are waiting to hear from us. So find time today to write.

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OPEN HOUSE

Feeling slightly like a new bride, our news, today will run along similar paths . . . you know—some that's old, some that's new, some that's borrowed and some that's blue.

Surprises are nice and seeing old L.D.S.'ers make an appearance at the Tri-Club meetings is even more surprising. Sure was nice to see such ole timers as Mrs. Bogdal and Mrs. Casper. You liked it, didn't you. . . well, come again.

A speedy recovery is extended to Mildred Frieberg, a Sparks member, who is recuperating from an operation. Eve Stulgaitis should just about be through with her bout of bronchitis.

Since the curfew, Kay Zebraitis has had to find other means of entertainment and guess what it turned out to be . . . yep, cooking. A master of Culinary Arts, herself. Uhhmm . . . are those fudge and pecan cookies delicious. Go on ask her, she'll give you some.

Cookies remind me of food, food reminds me of restaurants and all this brings me to Julia Kunsky. Manager of one of the Thompson's chain, keeps her quite busy. With the shortage of everything now . . . nothing to sell and all that, why whataya know, we might see Julie at our meetings down right soon.

If you see Monica Cook powdering her nose more than necessary, it's not because she needs it. Hubby Bill presented her with a lovely compact for her birthday. Speaking of birthdays, brings to light that two young ladies celebrated theirs last Friday. Greetings to an L.K.M.'er, Victoria Walters and to Joanna (2 years), daughter of Ann and John Peters.

Johnny Gizevich, residing in Italy as of recent (by request), finds that he isn't able to see the best scenes of the country from his foxhole.

The Tri-Club is holding an affair on March 17th at the Jacobs home, 6054 S. Moody St. It will be a real old-fashioned St. Patrick's Day party with snakes galore. The music and food will be imported from Cork County, Ireland and best of all, no curfew hour will be observed. Al O'Jacobs and George O'Kwain promise a pleasant evening to all. Admission will only be a paltry sum not worth mentioning.

Notice to All . . .

Anywhere from 7 to 8, the Brighton Park Caravan starts making its rounds collecting all who are interested in reaching the L.K.M. Chorus rehearsal. Lately it's been necessary to hop on the running board, but don't let this discourage you, prospective members, we've already started a kitty for a bus and then . . . well . . . we'll ride in comfort. Don't misunderstand me because it's not bad riding now either, only that occasionally in the mad scramble I have a little trouble in finding my own feet.

A former member, Helen Armon, and her guests, paid us a visit and one which all of us enjoyed. I see, Helen, where you didn't lose your bright smile in Washington at all. Or was it that you were so happy to be back?

Valeria Urbickas came back and that makes teacher, Ann Peters, very happy because now Val can do the py-ner playing.

What is this great mystery enveloping the lassies of L.K.M.? Why my gosh, the girls are in a tizzy because of not knowing who Romeo is.

Several Roselanders made an appearance to request the L. K. M.'ers audience at their operetta. Why sure we'll come. Don't we want you to come to our affairs? Well . . .

If at this writing, Vince Bogden hasn't been hospitalized, he will soon be. An operation will be necessary to do away with a blood clot that has formed on his ankle. Good luck to you, Vince, and may you have some nice nurses.

You don't have too much time left so you'd better take that suit to the cleaners tomorrow. What with he service nowadays you don't want to be disappointed and not get it back in time for the L. K. M. Banquet. Sis has been dragging Mom all around the loop for days trying to get her a dress. (She doesn't give a nickel for Mom's opinion, but she does go for the nickel). I've been wondering just how many days I shouldn't eat in preparation for this gala dishout. On second thought, from what I've been getting at the butchers lately, this will all be figured out for me. Can't hardly wait for March 11th because that's the day, but I'll bet you're just like me all set and waiting for L. K. M.'s Banquet. Incidentally, if you're a late-comer and haven't heard, well here goes. Although holding a banquet is an annual affair, this years will out-do all previous ones due to the fact that the chorus is celebrating its 25th year of existence. Graduating from the small to the large hall at the Lithuanian Aud., makes it necessary to present a great deal more to the chorus' boosters and patrons AND



BACK HOME FOR KEEPS—A New York concern had the idea that servicemen would appreciate other pin-up pictures than "cheesecake" glamor girls in bathing suits and had an artist paint a series idealizing mothers, wives and sweethearts. Result—more than half a million requests for the pictures have been received. Above is one of "Back Home for Keeps" series, showing sailor with his bride

BOWLING HI-LITES

Captain Paskier's team lost three games because she was absent. Tsh, tsh and it was to the last place team, the Die-Hards (they do).

Who says John Peters isn't the nervous type? With his first shot of the evening, a beer frame confronting him, he gutters the ball.

Why is it that the teams bowling on alleys 9 and 10 always finish last? Could it be that the entrance to the tavern is directly in back?

The only time that Lil Sherman bowls good, her team goes ker-flooy on her.

The "Cigar Twins" George Juozaitis and Herman Sachs, didn't do so hot judging from their scores but then maybe the smoke got in their eyes.

Vollie Juska and Ed Urbickas are the regular fillerins. They don't miss an evening.

Boy, was Al Lerner hot? He finished up with a 583 but Tony Paulus nosed him out with a 584. What a setup this turned out to be . . . both Paulus' took first place for the men and women respectively and the Lerner took second place. (Hello Mom, how am I doing?)

Helen Kwain and Johnny Gricus practically turn in their resignation papers when up comes the lonely strike of the evening.

Joe Rock always gets them two in a row . . . first two strikes and then two railroads.

Aldona (Sweater girl) Pavilionis was seen cutting up quite a bit and she wasn't using scissors.

Lil and Ed Gedwill can't take these soldier furloughs anymore. It tells on them Monday nights.

PIN BOY



believe me, folks, they're all set to do it. Remember that you'll enjoy true Lithuanian food while seranaded with dreamy dinner music, a fine program and then a chance to stretch those gams to the strains of the one-two-three.

Sorority meeting tonight sisters, so wash up and jump in your helicopter. Plenty parking space on the roof so you won't be late. JANITOR.