









# LITHUANIA VIGOROUSLY PLUNGES AHEAD

President Paleckis Scores Warmakers And Fascists Who Attempt To Incite The People Against Nation Who Aided Most To Win Peace

By Justace Paleckis  
President of Lithuania USSR  
VIA RCA

To Editor Vilnis English Section

Five years have passed since the day our country was plunged into a most frightful conflict mankind has ever seen. The enemy, fascism, succeeded for a time in laying hold of vital territories of our nation and enslaving millions of people.

For you Americans, perhaps, it is difficult to conceive of the tremendous waste and ruin Lithuania has withstood. But with the aid of the people of the Soviet Union who sacrificed seven million of its people to stem the nazi tide and eventually defeat it in conjunction with its allies, our country rises anew, and vigorously plunges ahead.

The courage and heroism of the people of Lithuania, of you Americans who aided in the shattering of the greatest war machine, your unparalleled courage and endeavor together with that of the great Soviet Union gave us victory and an opportunity to establish ourselves as a democratic nation.

Thousands of Lithuanians driven from their homes at the first onslaught of the Nazi hordes retreated to the banks of the Volga. There they organized the first Lithuanian divisions which later with the combined strength of the Red armies drove the age-old foe to its own borders and eventual defeat.

### *Terrible Suffering*

Our nation has suffered tremendously. Not only has it writhed in agony under the heel of the Nazis, but has withstood native fascist element who sought to maintain enslavement of the people.

Today the major portion of these Lithuanian fascists reside in Germany, some emigrating to your country to carry on their nefarious activity. The blood of Lithuania is on their hands and the instruments of propaganda that they carry are marked with the swastika.

These envoys of reaction work hard stirring up dissension in Lithuanian ranks. They together with other American fascist groups promote war hysteria and indulge in promiscuous slander, typical of those who have been trained in secret by German nazism.

Lithuania is grateful for the

## VILNIS

Weekly English Section

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1946



Smiling Lithuanian Red Army men, Romuladas Jausonas and Kazys Grigaitis armed with tommy-guns assisted in beating back Nazi troops and in establishing a Lithuania free of fascist element.

## UNITED LITHUANIAN ORGANIZATIONS CALL MEET FOR POST-WAR ACTIVITY ON PEACE, FALL ELECTIONS AND FURTHERANCE OF CULTURE AND ART IN LITH CIRCLES

CHICAGO, Ill.—This city's combination of forty-three Lithuanian organizations that comprise what is known as the United Lithuanian Committee,

is out to make post-war history.

Organized during the early years of the war, this outstanding group carried the ball of

tion of blood donations, Red Cross contributions amounting to thousands of dollars, sale of War Bonds to the tune of \$50,000, and most important—the unification of Chicago's Lithuanians behind the war effort.

United Lithuanian Committee for the post war period has a task of similar importance. With war clouds edging closer the committee is taking on the responsibility of organizing for peace, giving assistance to brothers in need in Lithuania, orientating Chicago Lithuanians for the November elections and furthering the cause of culture and art.

This staggering task is to be carried through at a conference called by the leadership of the organization, it to take place at Chicago's Lithuanian Auditorium on October 12.

Organizations throughout the city have been contacted with a request to send representative to the gathering, according to Mr. Houston Zebraitis, president.

### Reason For "Apple" Herbie's Dislike Quite Obvious

Herbert Hoover complained that UNRRA food was going to the Yugoslav Army. Just imagine an army which fought the fascists!

assistance Lithuanian-Americans have made in the form of clothing and medical gifts. Across the seas we extend our sincere thanks.

Lithuanians of Lithuania and Lithuanians of America, we march ahead, confident that the maintenance of peace and goodwill and a better world will predominate regardless of reactionary and fascist war mongering.



Mr. Zebraitis

victory on a scale as yet to be equalled by any combination of Lithuanian-American organizations.

To the credit of the United Committee goes the organiza-

## AMERICAN VETERANS COMMITTEE, AMERICAN LEGION IN CHICAGO ANTI-LYNCH RALLY

A giant anti-lynch rally to protest Southern race terror was set this week for September 16 at 6 p. m. on the corner of Chicago's State and Madison Street.

Sponsored by the Chicago Citizens' Committee against lynching, the demonstration climaxes a number of neighborhood rallies held since the mass killing of two Negro couples in Monroe, Ga.

Sponsors of the demonstration include the Chicago Chap-

ter of the American Veterans Committee, Giles Post American Legion, United Negro and Allied Veterans of America. Outstanding speakers including Michael Quill, New York's Labor City Councilman and President of the Transport Workers Union (CIO), Canada Lee, outstanding Negro actor, Reverend Malcolm Dobbs, Alderman Kells, Illinois State Chairman of the Democratic Party will address the assemblage.



President of Lithuania, Justace Paleckis, whose article addressed to Lithuanian-Americans appears on page 1 of the Vilnis English Section this week.

## AVC Group Reverses Procedure; Is To Pin Medal On Parents

The guys that came back from the wars are going to shell out medals this time, instead of receiving them. So decided the Chicago Lifth branch of the American Veterans Committee.

The incident occurred at a recent meeting held by the group who went on record to throw a banquet honoring their parents, this to take place at a swanky establishment.

Procedure in reverse was felt necessary by the guys who created a lot of worry and strife for Mom and Pop—especially during the time they were in service. So taking this into consideration, plus what the parents have done for them during growing years, the Joes have taken a vow and will endeavor to show their appreciation for

services rendered.

It might be added that the AVC'ers have big plans in mind, and according to recent news it's to take place on the floor of Hollywood Inn, September 20.

## Carpenters Refuse To Build For Anybody. But Veterans

Cleveland — The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners (AFL) here ordered its 4,500 members to refuse to work on anything but housing for veterans. The order was in protest against a Wage Adjustment Board order slicing their wages 2½c an hour.

## Lithuanian Youth Of Latin America Organize For Voice And Peace

Via Mail

To Vilnis English Section

Buenos Aires: — An Argentine committee of Lithuanian youth leaders, three of whom are Biruta Martha Skrandis, Vytautas V. Liksas, Rosita Bendoraitis have issued a call to Argentine Lithuanian youth for organization of clubs throughout the nation.

The intent of the group is based on a wide scale to include young persons regardless of political or religious affiliation, to work out a program of cultural, educational, and sport endeavor.

## AVC Seeking Facts On Veterans Taking Subsistence Beating

The Chicago American Veterans Committee announced the other day that it was collecting statements from veterans "who have taken a beating" from the recent limitations placed on subsistence allowances granted under the on-the-job training program of the G. I. Bill of Rights.

When the statements are gathered, "the facts will be presented to the American public," Sidney Ordower, executive secretary of the Chicago area council of the A.V.C., said.

"But we can take effective action only if the veterans who are taking the rap let us know the details of their specific cases," he added. The A.V.C. is located at 123 W. Madison St.

## Arresting Those Who Filipino Police Now Fought Japanese Rule

Filipino police, backed by military police with light and medium artillery, have arrested several hundred members of the Hukbalahap anti-Japanese guerillas. Hundreds of additional warrants have been issued, with Huk leader Luis Taruc the special object of a manhunt. (Other reports indicate Taruc may already have been kidnapped and murdered). President Manuel Roxas, who collaborated with the Japanese, called it restoring "law and order."

Mobilization of Argentinian youth of Lithuanian extraction behind the policies as laid down by the late President Roosevelt of the United States is an important issue in this nation. United and in unison Lithuanian youth could in conjunction with other progressive groups carry through a plan for peace and security, gain a voice in national affairs.

Latin America reactionaries in agreement with U. S. big business have formed a desperate group of adventurers designed to destroy the cornerstone of peace, Big Three unity.

### Peace in Danger

The people's peace is in danger. An ever increasing number of important persons speak out in behalf of a new war and keep silent about peace. Their attacks seems to be directed against the Russians as well as the people of colonial countries.

The people of these lands want above all else, peace. Peace to rebuild their bombed homes, to plow their blood-soaked fields again, and to build schools for their children and hospitals for their sick.

Latin - American Lithuanian youth think it a necessity to preserve the peace of the world, just as do their North American cousins. With this in mind, organization of youth clubs is of vital significance.

Members of the organizing committee beside aforementioned three are: Stephen Kucinkas, Valeria Dumblauskas, Edward Pilkauskas, Rosita Paccesas, D. Gorytis and Victor Cyzas.

## Declares U. S. Being Pushed Into War By "Short-Sighted" People

Los Angeles — The United States is being pushed into a third world war by the "short-sighted people directing American policy," Florida's Senator Claude Pepper declared at a press interview here.

### Foolish People

"Those foolish people who tell us we can never get along with Russia and encourage us to widen, instead of bridge, the gap between the two nations, who want us to go back to the Hoover and Coolidge and Harding enmity for Russia, instead of the Roosevelt friendship will divide the race of man into two mutually destructive forces," he said.



Congressman Sabath

"The meat situation is an outrage. One day 40,000 cattle come into the yards and a short time later only 300. There is no justification for the difference. The reason it takes place is the big fellows send out the word 'Don't ship, don't ship!' That goes all over.

"The money-hungry interests don't care what happens to the meat-hungry plain people. It amounts to criminal sabotage.

"I wouldn't be at all surprised if there were not a nation-wide agreement by the managers of big business to make one final, desperate stand against the forces of liberalism set in motion by Franklin D. Roosevelt . . . They want their 30 lousy pieces of silver."

—REP. ADOLPH SABATH.

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF NATION'S PROGRESSIVES FOR ELECTIONS IS TO BE HELD IN CHICAGO, SEPTEMBER 28

The nation's progressives were called upon the other day to "find common ground for joining their strength and to redefine a program that will fulfill the needs of the people," in the November election.

The call was issued by heads of eight leading independent organizations for a conference in Chicago Sept. 28 and 29. The conference is sponsored by National Citizens PAC and the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

*Independent voters who backed President Roosevelt are*

*appealed to participate in the November elections so that "the voices of privilege, of hate and bigotry" will not dominate the 80th Congress as they did the 79th.*

The call was signed by Frank Kingdon, C. B. Baldwin and Elmer Benson of the National Citizens Political Action Committee; Harold Ickes and Jo Davidson of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions; Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations; Jack Kroll, chairman of the CIO's Political Action Committee; A. F. Whitney, presi-

## Chicago Communists Are To Observe 27th Anniversary Of Organization With Three Neighborhood Meetings Featuring Secretary

Henry Winston, newly elected national organization secretary of the Communist Party, will make his first public appearance in Chicago in many years in a series of three neighborhood meetings to discuss "27 Years of the Communist Party".

The Communist Party celebrates its 27th anniversary this September amidst the growing struggles of the common people for security, democracy and peace. It was in Chicago on Sep-

tember 1, 1919 that the Communist Party was born. Henry Winston was secretary of the Young Communist League before he left for four years service in the army. Winston is a Negro, born in Mississippi and has been active in the labor and people's movements for more than 14 years. The scheduled neighborhood meetings will take place on Tuesday, September 24, 8 p. m. at the People's Auditorium, 2457 W. Chicago Ave.; on Thursday, September 26, 7:45 p. m. at the Parkway Ballroom, 45th Street and South Parkway; and on Friday, September 27, 8 p. m. at the Finnish Workers Hall, 2409 N. Halsted Street.

tember 1, 1919 that the Communist Party was born.

Henry Winston was secretary of the Young Communist League before he left for four years service in the army. Winston is a Negro, born in Mississippi and has been active in the labor and people's movements for more than 14 years.

The scheduled neighborhood meetings will take place on Tuesday, September 24, 8 p. m. at the People's Auditorium, 2457 W. Chicago Ave.; on Thursday, September 26, 7:45 p. m. at the Parkway Ballroom, 45th Street and South Parkway; and on Friday, September 27, 8 p. m. at the Finnish Workers Hall, 2409 N. Halsted Street.

# THEY SCREAM "RED" — AND GRAB BASES

Red-baiting on a world scale has become an instrument of the American imperialist drive. Atomic bullying has unleashed an anti-Communist crusade that would make Hitler's experts now in the dock at Nuremberg, turn green with envy.

Our professional red-baiters — many of them ignoramus when it comes to world affairs, all of them consciously using this weapon to obtain their objective—are having a holiday.

Our press and radio, often taking the cue from the foreign-policy misleaders in the State Department, are engaged in an orgy of unrestrained mud-slinging against every democratic force that refuses to surrender the fruits of victory over the fascist Axis.

This is an outcome of our present foreign policy, of the repudiation of Roosevelt's Big Three policy.

In China, for example, we are piling up material support to Chiang Kai-shek's war against the Communist-Democratic forces, while we pretend to adhere to the Big Three under-

standing on China by continuing Marshall's so-called mediation.

MacArthur by-passes the Allied Council in Tokyo and turns Japan into a forum for red-baiting. In Germany we seek to repudiate the Potsdam agreement and center our political activities against Communists and the Social Unity Party.

In Latin America, we are trying to inaugurate a full-fledged anti-Communist crusade, with the aid of the reactionary forces there.

We justify our intervention in Greece, alongside the British, on the ground that it is better to have a Royalist-fascist dictatorship than communism.

And the over-all justification for our present policy is sought in presenting the Soviet Union as the present and potential aggressor. Actually, it is the United States that has the only stockpile of atom bombs in the world, the largest airfleet, a navy greater than all other navies combined.

Our government is ashamed to enumerate the new bases we have oc-

cupied in the Atlantic, Pacific, Latin America, the Middle East, Africa, Europe and East Asia.

There was a time not so long ago when any military man using the words of Admiral Halsey "it's nobody's damn business where we go" would have been denounced as a jingo by public opinion and driven out of public life.

Horse-trading by baiting, using atom bombs and super-carriers as chips, brings up to the point where statesmen and commentators use language that is indistinguishable from the rantings of a Martin Dies.

A professional red-baiter like Rep. Dirksen can get the House to publish his nonsense, under the title of "Communism in Action," as an official document, a creed for a foreign policy.

We are asked to consider it an affront to our national prestige that the Soviet population in 1970 will be greater than ours. We are told seriously that the Soviet Five-Year Plan for reconstruction is a downright act of aggression against the United

States, whose present industrial capacity the Soviet Union hopes to reach only 20 or 25 years from now.

Lunatics are trying to convince us that matters can be settled simply by dropping an atom bomb on Moscow. That is the idea behind Dirksen's document. We who have suffered our own Pearl Harbor are being told by these hotheads that we must inflict Pearl Harbors on the Soviet Union, which saved so many American lives in the great war.

It is surprising how some prominent supporters of Roosevelt's policies have been brow-beaten by our red-baiting rowdies into joining the crusade for ever greater and more powerful armed forces.

Many who have become the victims of this hysteria will yet rue the day when they permitted themselves to tag along after the atomic bullies.

The American people are not as far gone as the loud-mouthed jingoists would like the world to believe. This, and not the so-called lack of military preparation, is the real obstacle to the warmongers.

## THESE ARE THE TIMES

By Matt Sholomskas

Military men, out of proportion to peacetime needs, are taking over leading posts of our government. This dangerous trend has been noted by two former members of the administration.

Harold L. Ickes, who resigned from his post of Secretary of Interior after the Pauley oil incident, puts the blame for the trend squarely upon the shoulders of President Truman.

In his column in the New York Post, Ickes points out that an "exclusive aristocracy of ten top wartime Army, Navy and Air leaders" hold important posts in our civilian government.

Stating that "President Truman has set one of the worst possible precedents" by permitting a military junta to take over reins of government, Mr. Ickes declares:

"The government of this country was intended by the founding fathers to be operated by civilians, not by professional soldiers. It should be kept so.

Donald N. Nelson, former chairman of the War Production Board, shares the views of the former Secretary of Interior. He makes these views known in his book "Arsenal of Democracy".

"The War Department" Nelson warns, "henceforth will be one of the most important and influential branches of our Government, and the question of military control will confront us not only in war but in peace."

"The lesson taught by these recent years of war is clear: our whole economic and social system will be in peril if it is controlled by the military men."

There you have the opinions of two persons once prominent in our government. The opinions carry much weight coming as they do from two men who held responsible posts in our government. Probably if they were expressed by persons with backgrounds different from Mr. Nelson and Mr. Ickes they could be regarded as views of alarmists.

Inch by inch, and step by step military men are taking control of the government. Recognition of the fact immediately raises the question: "Are we heading for military dictatorship?"

Senator Carl A. Hatch, Chairman of the Presidential Commission to evaluate results of the Bikini bomb test, has said that the tests have shown that present armies and navies are outmoded and that war itself is a thing of the past. When the Senator said that war is a thing of the past he wasn't far from wrong. The next conflict, with its atom-bombs and rocket bombs, would be a catastrophe.

The New York Times Washington correspondent observes: "The most striking fact in the capital today is that war-talk is increasing while America's ability to wage war is decreasing. And the corollary of this fact is that a war psychology is developing. . . ."

It would appear to us that "a war psychology" overshadows America's ability or inability to wage war. "A war psychology" is usually father to the deed. Decreasing our ability to wage war will not of itself avert war. Something is necessary to disperse the "war psychology" which is a problem for our statesmen and not for your scribe.

## Lith Editors Line Is Now Understood By Everybody

Detroit, Mich.:—Lithuanian-Americans told recently that editors of the newspapers Draugas, Naujienos and Sandara visited Senator Arthur Vandenberg before his flight to UN proceedings, can now understand their political line.

Gerald K. Smith, native firehopper revealed the tieup when he announced that Sen. Arthur Vandenberg clears everything with him. Speaking to the pro-fascist Christian Youth for America, Smith declared Vandenberg "takes orders from the America First Committee on international affairs." Smith asserted he told the reactionary Senator that if he didn't do as Smith wanted "he wouldn't be sent back to the U. S. Senate from Michigan." He kept referring to the Senator as "my good friend."



**CHECK IT!**—Harriet Schroeder of Elmnurst, Long Island, N. Y., was declared prettiest Adam Hat check girl in New York, in novel beauty contest held at Palsades Amusement Park, N. J. She won over more than 200 other hat-check girls. She has winner's trophy beside her and gets a modeling contract with a famous New York house.

## Former Nazi Agent Is Now Employed By Chiang Kai-shek

Former Nazi agent Adelbedt Schulze is now employed by the Kuomintang, the New York Times revealed. Schulze was chief of the Peiping Nazi community's Gestapo during the Japanese occupation.

## As We See It

By George Starkauskas

● That pious element over at the DRAUGAS establishment have their difficulties. They have an English section that appears one week, disappears for four months. The sheet is erratic, as are its editors.

A recent edition reaching us the long way round, digs deep in horror baskets and comes out with "Lithuania Today" in the following fashion:

"They are forced to don rags. They are driven to the railroad station in columns. The majority are taken to Siberia . . . The work is extremely harsh and food is extremely bad. . . . Only the strong survive. . . . A recent letter from a deportee prays for a speedy end of their misery by the atomic bomb."

For children's consumption, age below ten, this type of prattle would be appropriate. But the major portion of us, including readers of DRAUGAS, have passed the Mother Goose fable stage.

● Amazing thing about the rhetorics indulged in by these pious people is that they have no authentic material to base their stories on. You take the stuff as is, as *THEY* say it is.

Since all these terroristic actions are being conducted against Lithuanians, and it's to be presumed the nasty Russians are doing it, can the DRAUGAS editors produce at least one Lithuanian who has returned from the wastes of Siberia to relate agonies gone through?

Probably they'll tell us that everybody died, which still doesn't answer the question of who told DRAUGAS about Siberia, the deaths, slave labor and rag apparel. And as regards the possibility of a letter reaching them, hasn't DRAUGAS stated, stated, and stated that an "iron curtain" exists in Russia, that letters are censored and snipped?

● Yet they were able to receive a missile from somebody in Siberia in which the individual is quoted as saying that he "prays for a speedy end of their misery by the atomic bomb." How that sneaked through "iron curtain" censorship is a mystery. Methinks we'll drop a note to Uncle Joe and have the censor shot.

Actually the childish ravings of DRAUGAS originated nowhere else but in the office of and head of DRAUGAS "blank curtain" editors who take Lithuanian-Americans to be blank-headed enough to accept preposterous fables.

● We're willing to bet, guarantee, that the Siberia letter writer sits in the office of DRAUGAS at the moment and is probably knocking out another letter "praying for a double-atomic bomb on Russia, to end his misery." Nothing would please him better. "His misery" lies in the fact that the Russians knocked the Nazis for a loop, and with them went the Lithuanian variety for whom he weeps.

● Hitler may be dead, but he has children. And some of those children write for newspapers, work up agitation for another war in conjunction with American fascists generally. And we think the shoe fits the editors of DRAUGAS, who regardless of their backward and childish propaganda methods, would relish, what they would classify as "a religious war". Yes, about as religious as the CRUSADES which in the name of GOD laid waste to Lithuania and destroyed thousands of its people.



## Cleveland LDS Opens Bowling Season With Flying Start; Meanwhile Branch Prepares For Numerous Other Winter Activities

The bowling season started off today (Sept. 8) with a flying start. There was quite a turnout, but we'd like to see many more. But we need more women to make up a couple more teams. Come on girls, put away your knitting and sewing and come down to the Mercury Bowling Alleys, 1810 E. 79th off Hough. This Sunday did not count officially as the bowling season, just practice games to get the averages of each individual. Asquilla Mazan had high game for the girls, with 181 (four strikes the last two frames). The other girls did fairly well considering that some haven't bowled for a number of years and some had just bowled a few times. But there are many weeks ahead to better yourselves. So come on down next Sunday and very Sunday after at 1 P. M.

A lot of new business was discussed

at the last L.D.S. meeting. Save Nov. 2 for a night of dancing and superb entertainment. Yes, the LeaDer'S are planning a social affair. Also be sure to attend the next L.D.S. meeting for the "Lost Week End" and entertainment to follow.

Congratulations to Peter Boika who became the father of "Quintuplets". Yes, five of them this time, all well and very much alive. They are about two weeks old. These Quintuplets are very unusual as they can walk already and have four feet. (They're rabbits).

We wish the best of luck and all the happiness to Joe Jankus and his bride. They were married August 31 in Kentucky.

I'll try to have the Bowling scores for you in the next article if the bowling secretary John Balchunas, has them ready. So long for now.

## Chicago LDS Sorority Has Election Of New Officers; Group Proceeds With Plans For Large Affair, Profit Going For Club Building

Vacation season is over for the sorority sisters. Now they will have a full program for the coming season. At the August meeting Helen Kwain was elected chairman and her sister-in-law Frances Kwain as social-secy. Remaining officers elected at the September meeting were Albina Batutis, Financial Secretary, and Olga Jacobs Recording Secretary. Frances Yurgil will receive a press card which will entitle her to write to the Tiesa and Vilnis English Sections. This will be the officers first attempt at holding office in the sorority. May they fully and successfully fulfill their duties. It's a wonderful experience. Who knows but what another National officer may spring up from the sorority as did Aldona Povelonis who is the National 2nd Vice-president. Formal installation of new officers will take place at the October Meeting.

From the report of the Bunco Committee this is to be the greatest affair. Proceeds will go toward building or purchasing a LDS home in Chicago. The sorority is the first youth group to pledge toward it and to sponsor an affair with proceeds going toward the clubhouse.

All the sisters who were on the inactive list will make it a point to attend the October meeting and also aid in making the Bunco affair the greatest yet to be held. Tickets went on sale at the last meeting at sixty-cents each. Exactly thirty days from our meeting the affair will take place. Please see that the tickets are sold immediately. Julie Gizevich, Helen Misevick, Louise Burnetsky, and Mary Urbikas have never served on a bunco committee, therefore, it is necessary to give them the needed support in carrying out the plans they will make. Prizes are being solicited from business houses as well as sorority members. Plus Bunco, a four piece orchestra will furnish the musical program. Special finger sandwiches, and liquids will be served.

Since three of our sisters are on the arrangements committee of the Fine Arts Festival, a contribution of five dollars was given to help the preparations along. Several well-wishers were also received at a dollar apiece. Phyllis Rasins, Aldona Povelonis, and Anne Peters are on the committee.

It has become necessary to make several revisions and corrections of

the Sorority by-laws. To further discuss the matter a special meeting will be called possibly after the Bunco Party at which each sister is to be present. Post war plans will follow. Interesting and vital items will be brought up for full discussion to keep the sorority sisters quite busy this season. A rush party will take place in November at which several LDS fens will be admitted to the LDS sorority.

A floral piece was sent to Mr. Moccus step-father of Stella Bedokis who passed away a week ago. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her and her family.

**GIFT OF GAB** — Following the meeting a snack was arranged by sisters Gertie Slench and Phyllis Rasins . . . Angel Pye-Volga Jankel received a belated wedding gift—a bathy mat . . . Being it the Sorority fifth anniversary, Aldona Povelonis LDS 2nd Vice-President uncorked a fifth of wine and made a toast — bravo! That's a way of showing appreciation for those who voted for her. . . All the sisters joined her by taking a swig for a bigger and better sorority in the future . . . Our new chairman Helen Kwain celebrated her birthday about a week ago and a wedding anniversary . . . Anne Peters keeps busy putting up preserves and pickles . . . Bee Guyer who now lives in Pontiac, Michigan spent a week in Chicago with Tony. Too bad there wasn't a sorority affair going on, we would need his assistance as he did aid in many instances . . . Frances Kwain's father is very ill, therefore she could not attend the meeting . . . Nancy Gordon is donating as a prize a permanent wave for the Bunco Party . . . The last one she donated, a man, Frank Burnetsky, won it. Probably got a manicure and touch up at the same time . . . Aline Bernot had her hubby pay her dues as he attended the Vet's meeting which was at the same hall and the same time as was the sorority meeting . . . Al Klaud, Joseph Sacal, Julius Urbikas, and Joseph Stalor who were very much in favor of the sorority being organized are very busy working in the Vets group . . .

Helen Misevick was reported ill. Hope it isn't very serious and good health follows as she is on the Bunco Committee. . . . Mildred Zalis has

## DETROIT AMERICAN VETERANS COMMITTEE CONVENTION DOWNS JIM-CROW; INSISTS STATE DEPT. CLOSE ALLY BREACH

DETROIT. — Discrimination against Negro World War II veterans attempted by the Barlum Hotel received a smashing setback when the American Veterans Committee holding its state convention at the hotel, won an injunction restraining the hotel from barring Negro veterans from an AVC convention dance last weekend.

This is the first time this notorious Jimcrow hotel has been smacked into line and today all progressive Detroit was lauding the initiative of AVC in dealing a real blow against Jimcrow here.

The convention of 107 delegates from 40 chapters in their platform debate called upon the President and the State Department to close the breach which has been created between the victorious Allies.

The convention declared, "Their wartime unity is even more sorely needed now to construct a people's peace within the framework for UN."

### ASK STATE BONUS

While not putting itself on record in actual words for a national bonus, the convention asked for "Congress to provide adequate compensation for past services rendered that we may meet our pressing problems of the moment. Also we call upon the people of Michigan to support the November referendum

for a veterans bonus."

The vets also called for the state bonus to be financed not from the pockets of veterans and those least able to pay but it must be financed by those "with the ability to pay."

## Use New Bait In Attempt To Trap Recruits For Service

Bait for Army recruits is the statement that better meals will be served and that the KP system maybe abolished. Jobless pay to veterans will total \$4,000,000 by the end of the fiscal year June 1947. Some 1,700,000 ex-service men are now enlisted in the 52-20 club.

## CIO Turns Broncho Buster, Dons Boots

Rock Island, Ill. — Hey Joe! What do you know the CIO's in the RODEO.

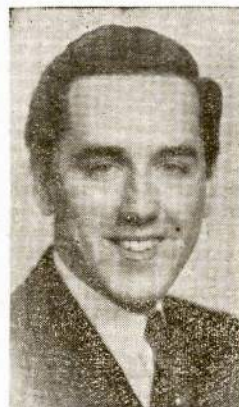
The Quad-City, Illinois, Industrial Union council is staging an old time, wild west, frontier day celebration with wild horses that go high wide and handsome, flaxen-haired cow girls and broncho busters.

## Art Festival Playright And Star

Whitney Tarutis, Chicago attorney will star in the LKM Chorus presentation of "Student Prince" which will be featured at the Lithuanian Fine

Arts League National Festival.

Coupled with this presentation will be a drama written by Joseph Nedvar, named "Ant Nemuno Kranto". Roseland Aido Chorus will stage the latter.



WHITNEY TARUTIS



JOSEPH NEDVAR

enrolled with the University of Chicago where she hopes to receive a masters degree in psychology . . . Dutee Rasins will further her art studies at the Art Institute this fall.

. . . A special den will be made for the card players at the coming affair. . . . Remember October 6th on your calendar of events.

SISTER FRANCIE

## Chicago LKM Members Flock Back To Chorus Rehearsals In Preparation For Fine Arts League Festival "Student Prince" Offering

By looking at last week's English Section it set me to wondering why there wasn't any correspondence. Perhaps many of the correspondents, like myself, have set off for their vacations. Upon returning from the far North I find all the Chorus members full of energy and excitement, for our coming days will be crammed full of work.

But before I proceed to explain our tasks I want to mention our outing to Paul Stogis' farm, on last Sunday. The morning started off very dimly but this didn't dampen the spirits of most of our members. Armed with a busload of people, food and refreshments we set forth joyfully on our way.

Upon our arrival Mr. and Mrs. Stogis and daughters greeted us very warmly and invited us into their beautiful home. When we say beautiful we mean just that! It really is a paradise and a good remedy for jangled nerves. Not only is their home beautiful but also the grounds surrounding the home—all those flowers and vast orchards certainly kept our minds off all day to day problems that we again confronted upon our arrival home.

We wish to say many, many thanks to you Mr. and Mrs. Stogis for the wonderful day we spent with you.

Last Friday evening was our first meeting since our vacation period started. It was indeed surprising to see so many of our members down to a meeting. As a rule in almost all of our organizations we find a handful of the same people present. Well, this time the tables were turned and we found about half of our membership present and discussing our problems.

As you have all heard our biggest task is in helping the Art League to have a successful Convention this fall. Our own Chorus pledged itself to do its share by helping to collect ads and then too to appear on the program with its presentation of The Student Prince. Rehearsals are well under way for this never-to be forgotten Operetta.

Soon after this on December 1st is our own Concert. Plans are already being laid for this Concert and it seems we will have a surprise for all of our staunch supporters on that date.

We have read so much and heard about our LDS Youth Branches engaging in sports, that we decided at our meeting to elect Steve Koraso as Sports Director and to start a bowling league of our own. We will soon be able to announce when we start bowling and at what alley. Perhaps we can have a few competitive games with the LDS.

At this time we want to ask all of you people that intend coming back to the Chorus to do so immediately. It will mean that much less work for Joe, our maestro, and you will then be able to make your appearance with us. You cannot expect to do your best with only a few rehearsals to your credit. We are really proud of the fact that we have so many new faces among us at present but there are still about half a dozen of you that were with us last year that aren't attending rehearsals.

We hear Alex Vaizgela met with an accident. We wish you a very speedy recovery.

I didn't get a chance to attend Lorraine's wedding. But from the entire Chorus we say congratulations!

All the women present at the outing to Stogis' farm last week-end came

## Appeasement Of Franco Helps To Maintain Regime

Captain Francis Noel Baker, reporting for the Overseas News Agency after an incognito trip into Franco Spain, asserted that appeasement of Franco—not "outside interference"—strengthens the fascist regime. Spanish patriots, he said, hoped for an economic blockade against Franco: "They were ready, even eager, to suffer greater privations for a few months if that would lead to their liberation."

## Hirohito Caricatures Not Allowed In Japanese News

"Lese Majeste" for publishing irreverent cartoons and writing about Emperor Hirohito is charged in a legal suit filed against Kyuichi Tokuda, general secretary of the Japanese Communist Party, and three editors of the Communist newspaper Red Flag. A self-styled "true emperor of Japan" named Hiromichi Kuzawa was also included in the action filed by Motoaki Fukada, a private citizen.

## Collaborator Is Now Phillippine President Says Jap Puppet

Joe Laurel, puppet ruler of the Philippines under the Japanese, can't understand why he's in jail pending trial while his associate, Manuel Roxas, is President of the Republic.

Pleading for his release on bail, Laurel reminded the People's Court the other week: "One of those who collaborated with me has been elected President of our Republic."

home with an armload of flowers. Thanks for the beautiful bouquets.

That beer you fellows were guzzling down last Sunday was donated by our Joseph Kenston. Some of the other liquids were donated by George Cernauskas and Leon Yonik. Thanks to every one of you!

Heard Mrs. Garsinskas was entertaining her son and daughter-in-law from Michigan. Bring them down to rehearsal—as we all know Tony Guyer was once a very active member of the LKM and took part in many plays.

Once again we see Lucille Matuz and husband back among us. Welcome back and we're glad you didn't make California your permanent home.

## LMS Festival Participant Writes . . .

## CRACKS DOWN ON "SPECTER OF THE ROSE" AND ART FOR ARTS SAKE LITH ELEMENT

After seeing "Specter of the Rose," produced by Ben Hecht who thumbs his nose at social significance and return to the ivory tower, we cannot but think how well the situation applies to some element associated with the Lithuanian Fine Arts League Festival.

Built around a ballet dancer, a "genius" who hears voices and has a mad urge to kill, the film contains a great deal of sterile talk about the "holy cause of art" as distinguished from the "amateur confusion called social consciousness."

Dedicated to the "seven arts



of dance and song . . . may they keep our troubled planet green with spring." Specter of the Rose, once again demonstrates a perverted outlook on world affairs stemming from a sophomoric aversion to any form of social change. This terribly conceited and dull movie is peopled almost entirely with frustrated Saroyanesque characters in retreat from political problems.

"The suffering of the masses is a minor matter compared with one man's tears," cries a cigar-smoking Bohemian poet (Lionel Stander). "To hell with the problems of the world, China, Russia. People should listen to the poets instead of to politicians . . . who remove souls and substitute newspaper headlines."

Listen to this dangerous escapism and we'll all wind up

behind the eight ball. To this frenetic exponent of art-for-art's sake, anyone is a "politician" who concerns himself with social causes. A poet, on the other hand, is a creature apart who lives only for art. That makes him a natural leader and a source of inspiration to all (page the man on the flying trapeze). This is the way a painter in the picture expresses himself: "You ask me what I am talking about. I am talking about something." That's Specter of a Rose in a nutshell.

In this atmosphere of cynicism and confusion, the macabre ballet scenes, George Antheil's music, Lee Garmes' photography, and the acting of a group of newcomers left us completely unmoved.

Ben Hecht says he made Specter of the Rose to rescue "art" from the "great brains" in Hollywood. He has accomplished nothing of the kind. He has merely used Art with a capital A as a prop to express deeply-rooted anti-social ideas which not even a Louis B. Mayer would dare to introduce so boldly at this time.

## National Pilgrimage To Protest Wave Of Lynchings

A national pilgrimage on Washington, D. C., to protest the current wave of lynchings in the South and demand action against the killers is being planned for Sept. 23, the newly-formed American Crusade to End Lynching announced.

Chairman Paul Robeson, in announcing formation of the group, termed the lynching a "national disgrace" and said many prominent Americans in all walks of life had joined with him in planning the march on the Capitol.

has already accepted on one of our committees—ditto Aldona Svitovis.

Certainly seemed good to see some of our former Chorus members down to rehearsal. Among these were Mildred and John Chesna, Estelle Bagdon, Helen Kwain and Mrs. Garsinskas. Again we welcomed four new members among us — Ann Miron, Irene Roman, Mrs. A. Blaskis and John Mitchell. Certainly are glad to have you among us.

To all of you Chorus members — please don't forget we have a special rehearsal tonight. From now until the Convention we will hold two rehearsals a week on Tuesday and Friday. Let's see all of you down!

UMPIRE

# Fine Arts Festival Expected To Draw Thousands

## Wartime Fears Of Disease Return Justifiable

Wartime fears that returning troops would spread malaria and strange tropical diseases have proved nearly groundless, but the danger is not yet over, medical authorities reported. While the period of greatest danger has passed, Capt. J. H. Sapero, Navy Quarantine Officer, said there is some fear that infectious hepatitis, a type of jaundice, may show up later in returned troops and cause them liver trouble.

## LDS Conference To Map Program Of Activity For Midwest

CHICAGO, ILL.—Members of the Association of Lithuanian Workers (LDS), tried and true, will convene in conference on October 13 in this city.

Called by the leading committee of the area, the 2nd District, proceedings will involve



Julia Skeberdis

representatives from all lodges within jurisdiction whose job will be to hammer out a program of activity based on perspectives to be discussed.

Miss Julia Skeberdis, secretary of the committee in charge of conference arrangements, has predicted a broad gathering, with youth lodge delegates topping the list.

## To Observe Wedding Anniversary Saturday



Anthony Guyer



Bernice Guyer

A happy 11th Wedding Anniversary to my son and daughter-in-law

Anthony and Bernice Guyer

We sing you "Deep In My Heart" in honor of that day

September 14th

Your Loving Mother

Anna Guyer

## Roseland Aido Chorus Plunges Ahead With Rehearsal Of "Ant Nemuno Kranto" Which They Will Feature At Fine Arts League Festival

Well, how does everybody feel now that the journey to Rockford is over with? It was quite some trip and one to be remembered for a long, long time. For all those who weren't able to come along, I will give you some highlights of the day. We started on the trip early Sunday morning. And even before we started we had our troubles. Why? Our President had to be awakened.

While on our merry way, we had music, yep, that's what I said. Mike had his amplifying system and played polka's for us all the way down. When we hit the highway, that's when all the fun began. Cars racing each other, honking horns at everything and everybody. Oh, what fun! When we finally hit the picnic grounds they had hot coffee and hamburgers waiting for us as appetizers to the full meal they were preparing for later in the day. The program was really superb and I must say the Rockferdites treated us like a million. It's really a pleasure going out to see them because we has so darn much fun. After the program, the chorus got together and sang Happy Birthday to Joe Sharkey and later we all went to the table where food was waiting for us. It was quite late already when we left, but even so, we were practically the first ones to leave.

While at the picnic, I saw many familiar faces from Chicago, not only from Roseland. Some of them were Leon Yonik, who incidently was making a hit with the pretty Rockford girls; Mr. Kirka, Mr. Karvelis, Leon Pruseika, Connie Abek, Josephine Wirba, plus many many more, much too numerous to mention. They had a really big crowd there and I'm sure everyone enjoyed themselves. We wish to thank everyone in Rockford who helped make our stay so enjoyable and we do hope to see you all soon.

Speaking about trips we have another one coming up in November. The chorus is travelling to Kenosha, Wisconsin on November 17, and from what I have gathered, I think they are really going to put on something special. Our Chorus has done a lot of travelling in its time, and it seems as though every time we go somewhere we have a repeat performance. It sure makes me feel good to know that the chorus is willing to travel like that because it means so much. I know that no matter where we go there is always a ray of sunshine left when we leave. The Chorus is preparing for more bigger and better things in the future and we certainly have gone ahead to a very good start.

We have started learning the play we plan to put on for the Meno Ir Sajuna Convention to be held here in Chicago. We are presenting the play, 'Ant Nemuno Kranto' and you can take it from me that it is going to be something everyone is going to remember for a long time to come. I only wish I could at least review it a little for you, but at the present time I'm sorry I can't tell you much more except that it is going to be one of the best things you all have ever heard. It isn't going to be a long play but one that will be just right. We realize that there will be many other groups that will want to show their talent, and we must give them all a chance. We have selected some of the best talents the chorus has ever had and we are going to show our best then. We are putting forth our best efforts and I have full confidence that our efforts will not be in vain.

I won't be able to say much more for this time, except that I hope to see each and everyone of you down at rehearsals and let's all be on time.

NEXT WEEK: Our picnic.

MISS C. IT ALL

## Over Forty Groups Prepare For Chicago Stage Appearance

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Topped by Ivan Kirov of Selznick Studios and Biruta Ramoska, opera star, the Lithuanian Fine Arts League national festivities in Chicago, Ill., from October 20 to 27 is not only scheduled to be the largest, but will be the only demonstration of its type by a Lithuanian-American group, announced Vincent Bovinas, national secretary of Lithuanian Fine Arts League this week.

The varieties included in the arrangement which consists of art exhibition, handicraft, sculpture, literature, drama, music, will attract thousands of Lithuanian-Americans from the four corners of USA.

A partial list of groups and individuals numbering thirty four to appear on the program of festivities has been compiled by the Fine Arts League. They are as follows:

Roseland Aido Chorus, Chicago—Cicero Womens Chorus, Cicero, Ill.—Roseland Womens Chorus—Women's Chorus, Cleveland—Women's Chorus, Detroit—Aido Chorus, Detroit—Bangos Chorus, Toronto, Canada—Men's Chorus, Windsor, Canada—People's Theatre Group, Detroit—Fine Arts League Theatre, Brooklyn—Laisvės Chorus, Hartford, Conn.—Quartet, Montello, Mass.—Duet, Toronto—People's Dance Troupe, Toronto—Girls' Sextet, Detroit—Duet, Detroit—Double Men's Quartet, Newark, N. J.—Brooklyn Singing Groupe—Duet, Aido Chorus, Roseland.

### More To Appear

Solo appearances will be made by the following:

Biruta Ramoska, Aldona Klimas, Violet Cypas, J. Krosin, Ignace Kubiliunas, Jeane Brown, Ona Mineikis, Gertrude Ulinskas, Anacleta Zigmant, Ruth Zigmant, Nancy Roman, Dorothy Yuden, Josephine Shatkus and Helen Mazil.

The national committee and Chicago arrangements committee will release more names of individuals and groups as soon as confirmation is received.

Greatest drawing will probably be concentrated on Chicago's LKM "Student Prince" in condensed form, Roseland's Aido Chorus "Ant Nemuno Kranto," written by youthful Joseph Nedvar, and Brooklyn Fine Arts Theatre Groupe "Pries Srovg."

BACK YOUR FUTURE WITH U.S. SAVINGS BONDS

## Pre-Festival Critique

# BLINDING CULTURE FLASHES, THUNDERING ART ERUPTIONS TOO CONSISTENT TO STOMACH WITHOUT SOME PROTEST

By Observer

It was once told us that a sure sign of success in the writing game was indicated when people began to growl over items you had written. If such is the case fame and fortune are with us this very day.

When we started this column never in our short career did we dream that the Lithuanian-American world was composed of some egotistical personalities, who yet have to find somebody they love better than themselves.

We've lost count of the snarls from ladies and gentlemen of the ARTS, "whose prestige is suffering because of an upstart who classifies himself a qualified critic."

To say that we entered the lives of these disturbed people without care as to whether what we say had any truth, would be a dastardly fib. Nor would we mount the pedestal afforded licensed critics. But we do take a stand, and legitimately at that, when it so happens that we are the ones who look, listen, and sit through what has been typed as Lithuanian culture and art. And if the glare hurts our eyes and the noise aggravates the ear drums, the right to announce the cause is ours!

We've suffered these blinding culture flashes and thundering art eruptions for a lengthy period of time. Wrong is not corrected through silence, nor does the budding artist improve his work without comment and objective criticism. The business of "you scratching my back, and I yours" is as kaput as a pickled herring.

### Lessen Pain Now

That is why we take pains to write a column of this type now, so our pain and that of others be lessened at future shows we expect to attend.

Let not the artist of any particular field, whether in song, dance, music, sculpture or painting set him or herself on a level above criticism. In Lithuanian circles too long has such a situation existed.

Perhaps for the time being there is a sense of affrontery in an article which pans an individual or group of artists. But in the long run the "proof of the pudding" will out in the form of better presentations.

Our job now, before the LMS

national festival, during it, and for years after is to be critical of Lithuanian culture and art, if we are to advance it forward.



**SHAPELY** — Galveston, Texas, is planning a personality contest for Aug. 11. One of leading entries is La Verne Simpson, above, 20 years old. She hopes not only to win first place but to go on to state and national contests.

## "Communists Served Well" Says Head Of Army Intelligence

"Communists who served with me served well", Paul Helliwell, Miami attorney and former colonel in Army Intelligence, told the Exchange Club in El Comodore Hotel, Miami. Mentioning one such Communist who served under him, Helliwell said: "When he was given an order he carried it out to fulfillment efficiently and intelligently."

## Meat Trusts Attempt Responsibility Dodge

Chicago — The American Meat Institute attempted to dodge responsibility for the new meat crisis by charging that the situation was caused by the restoration of OPA controls.

In Chicago many shops had only chicken and cold cuts at present.

# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

● Mr. Roy Mizara, former prexy of the Association of Lithuanian Workers (LDS) following a tour of Canada recently, announces that the Lithuanian Fine Arts League Festival can expect excellent representation from that country . . . It is reported that two well-known soloists, Helen Degutis and Marion Stradzevicius, are coming in for the occasion . . .

● Canadian Lithuanian organizations representing the cities of Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Windsor, Winnepeg and Sudbury met in congress last week. Over ninety delegates were present, representing the major portion of Lithuanians in Canada . . .

● As the LMS festival nears more artists acknowledge their participation plans . . . Gertrude Bataitis of Dedham, Mass., is submitting two oil paintings . . . Natalia Jasiukynaitis, New York City, who has had her works displayed at several art exhibits previously, not only will submit paintings for the festival but will also make a personal trek to it . . .

Other individuals to be represented are Robert Feiferis, young artist who arrived recently from South America . . . also, Lillian Rauduvinis of Pittston, Pa., Al Kairukstis of Noank, Conn., John Gresh of Bridgeport, Conn. . . Many Chicagoans will be among those participating and this column awaits their names . . .

● In Chicago for a short stay is Ursula Palevicius, wife of Dr. Palevicius of Detroit . . . The family had been vacationing at Fox Lake, Wis. . . .

● The newspaper DRAUGAS calls the Red Cross in Lithuania a "so-called Red Cross" and states that relief to Lithuania is taken over by the Central Committee of the Communist Party. UNRRA Director Fiorello LaGuardia must then be a liar and paid Moscow agent, if such is the case . . . Also pity the poor Communist Central Committee who has the task of snagging bales of material that DRAUGAS & Co. have sent—verbally . . .

Just to indicate how fouled up the DRAUGAS line is, is this statement appearing recently in their English section:

"The University in KANSAS received some men's and boys' coats, several suits, knitted goods, shoes, stockings and underwear for distribution to students. The shoes appeared to be either of Russian or Lithuanian make, the underwear and clothing were substituted and bore Vilnius labels."

My, my! Are our American students in such dire need??? Then again, maybe it's the answer to the deliberate shortages created in these United States . . . Clothing from Russia and Lithuania . . .

● That new letterhead which will soon appear on LMS Chicago Arrangements Committee stationery was designed by Phyllis Rains, Chicagoan in charge of art for the LMS National Festival . . .

● Lithuanian-American veterans of the newly formed American Veterans Committee branch in Chicago ran into a regular teletete the other night. A meeting of theirs coincided with one called by LDS Sorority girls, resulting in a pickle and beer party . . .

● The LDS 2nd District which has been doing its bit in organization and reorganization of branches in the midwest can now announce the formation of a new branch in South Bend, Ind. A big opening splurge of the new-born is scheduled for November 23, with several artists and speakers from Chicago making a trek down that way . . .

● There's a terrific beating of gums by the editors of DRAUGAS who claim that Washington big-wigs have put on the Black List the proud Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce of Chicago.

Of course they accuse Lithuanian Communists and a certain "you know who" of the Vilnis English Section of instigating the deed.

The reason why the DRAUGAS crowd is attempting to put the finger on VILNIS is to save their own face. If anybody has been attempting to blacklist groups, the clergy gang and Oracle Grigaitis can take credit for camping on the Capitol steps with Junior G Men badges.

Truth of the matter probably boils down to the Chamber of Commerce refusing to abide by, or accept, the pro-fascist policy as expounded by DRAUGAS. That's why the latter screams RED now . . .

● Chicago Lithuanians who want first hand dope on the international situation should listen to war correspondent, news commentator and author, Vincent "Jimmy" Sheean who sounds off on the "Struggle for democracy at home and abroad" Monday, September 30, at 8:15 p. m., in Orchestra Hall under the auspices of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee . . .