

REFUSAL TO CONTINUE ROOSEVELT PROGRAM CAUSED DEMOCRATIC DEFEAT

Lithuanian Taryba Aided Defeat With "Kiss Of Death"

Big business with the help of its vast press and propaganda apparatus grabbed control of both houses of Congress. The sad ineptitude of Harry Truman and his refusal to continue the progressive program of Roosevelt is the chief cause of the Democratic defeat.

When President Truman took to the fold red-baiting forces, surrendered to instead of fighting reactionary interests, the death knell for the Democratic forces tolled. A kiss of death was administered when the President cowed to pro-fascistic forces such as the Lithuanian American Council (Taryba). Instead of winning Lithuanian voter support, his tactics drove them to register protest by a Republican vote.

Lithuanian-Americans as all
people in the nation

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LITH VET CHAPTER CHAIRMAN APPLAUDS ACTION OF VETERANS WHO TOOK BULL BY HORNS AND MOVED INTO VACANT HOMES



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Vilnis Editor To Be

By Joseph Sacal

Armistice Day 1947. The boys who manned the howitzers, M-1s, tanks and planes returned to serenity — oh yeah! The war has just begun.

Sixty weary home-seeking Chicago veterans took the bull by the horns and moved into vacant homes at the Airport Homes.

William Rasins, chairman of the Al Blozis chapter of the American Veterans Committee who lives nearby stated his opinion regarding the squatter movement.

"It's the best thing that could have happened," stated he. "We

Estonians Saved—Why Not Anti-Fascists From Franco?

In a letter to President Truman, the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, through its National Commander, Milt Wolff, called for intervention to halt the pending deportation of 56 anti-fascist Spaniards.

"Forty-eight Estonians, who entered this country illegally, were saved from deportation by Presidential intervention. Certainly, the same treatment can be afforded anti-fascists and friends of democracy who will face certain imprisonment, torture and death if forced to return to Spain," the letter stated in part.

"In the name of simple justice, we urge you to show the usual American hospitality to these fighters on the side of freedom," the letter continued, "Franco can only interpret the deportation of his foes as an indication that democratic America is winking its collective eye at fascist terror in Spain. Humanity demands an affirma-

Lithuanian Hitler Propagandists Tour U.S.

Skipitis, Agent De-Luxe In Berlin During Battle For Democracy

By Anthony Dalgis

When Adolph's Nazis stomped through Lithuania, greeting them were a number of Quislings. When the armies raced headlong minus pants back in the direction of Berlin with the Red Army on their tail, with them ran a motely assortment of Lithuanian fascists, pro-nazis and puppet office holders.

Before the actual struggle, there was that Lithuanian element who beat a hasty retreat to Berlin lest they be caught up with by their own people and shot as Gestapo agents, traitors to their own nation.

When the war clouds spread and the Red Army was poised at the German-Lithuanian border to meet the thrust of Nazi forces, sitting in Berlin was Dictator Smetona, Rapolas Skipitis accompanied by other cohorts deeply engrossed in relaying



Four Lithuanian patriots, Pozela, Giedris, Griffenbergeris, Ciornis. Executed by Smetona firing squad in 1926 for opposition to dictator. Skipitis (see story adjoining photo) was Smetona right hand man.

"Voice In Government . . ."

TWO WARS WITH FIFTY MILLION DEAD IN LESS THAN GENERATION

The Churchills of the world—and that means the Tafts, Vandenberg, Hearsts and Hoovers of the U. S. A.—never wanted an all-out war against the Nazis with a complete uprooting of fascism. In fact, Churchill tried to delay the second front as long as possible so that when victory was won, there would be no peoples' governments in Europe but a British-dominated Europe.

In the two world wars, nearly fifty million people died, ordinary people who were victims of the war-breeding system we lived

under. The fight against the war-makers is just as urgent today as it was a generation ago.

The world wanted a lasting peace after World War I—they got another war within a generation. It was not peace but armistice. This time the world is determined to have a durable peace, not a brief armistice broken by the plottings of the Big Business circles in Wall Street who now think they can achieve that world empire sought in turn by the British, the German, the Japanese and now the “get-tough” imperialists.

Cable From Spain . . .

CATHOLICS HATE FRANCO, HOPE UNITED NATIONS WILL ACT, NEWS MAN REPORTS

The Catholic Basque provinces of Spain “are today a poverty-stricken, corruption ridden land where a man who dares to say what he thinks is thrown in jail—or worse,” William Attwood cabled to the New York Herald Tribune. What's more, these people are overwhelmingly opposed to the Franco regime, and are fighting to overthrow it, he reports. Following are excerpts from his article, filed from San Sebastian:

To any one who has seen Fascism in operation, the aspect of the Basque provinces of Spain is a familiar

manding identification papers.
RESISTANCE

Here, too, are the trains that run on time and the workers who cannot strike and the shop windows filled with an abundance of goods at prices which only the rich can afford. And here, finally, you will find a well organized resistance movement where the term “anti-fascist” doesn't sound as old-fashioned as it does in most of the postwar world.

You do not have to be here long to understand this or to discover how deep-rooted and universal is the smouldering resentment to the Franco regime among the Basque people.

Flash! Flash! Flash!

LITHUANIAN DAILY KIAULENOS “SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT” ON FRENCH ELECTIONS

The Communist Party topped all other parties in Sunday's French election.

This is not surprising since the Communists always come out on top where the Red Army is present.

The Soviet Union was too clever to have the Red Army men patrol the streets on election day in uniform. But I saw with my own eyes thousands of Red Army men disguised as General DeGaulle.

The Communist Party was the only party that was allowed to carry on an election

The whole election was shrouded in secrecy. Even the ballot was a secret ballot.

One can understand the results of the election only if one is thoroughly familiar with the strange oriental-slavic mind which pervades Paris itself and the slavico-oriental mind of the provinces.

I sit writing this dispatch cowering in fear at a sidewalk cafe table in the Place Vendome. Whether this dispatch will ever reach Kiaulienos I doubt, for some secret agent of the Soviets has already ordered two dozen cocktails

THESE ARE THE TIMES

By Joseph Sacal

A United States Army "Scottsboro Case"

● Taking the current elections into consideration, fact remains that wherever candidates fought red-baiting, presented the issues and battled, they won election.

● Such is the case of Congressman Vito Marcantonio of New York. United Republican and Democratic reactionaries were unable to unseat this fighter for freedom and human rights.

● We had met the Congressman on one or another occasion, but got to know him best during the United States Army Scottsboro Case. It was during our term overseas with U. S. Criminal Investigation that it came to our attention that two Negro soldiers had been sentenced to life imprisonment for rape. Their names—Frank Fisher, Jr., and Edward Loury.

● The two young men were awaiting transportation to a U. S. federal penitentiary from Paita, New Caledonia, enlisted men's stockade. It was here that we began checking into the case and came out with information which indicated that a "railroad" job had been done through the efforts of a white lieutenant and a prostitute, Louise Mounien, who had been talked into falsely testifying against the condemned.

● Having the facts to support and substantiate the prejudicial evidence utilized against Loury and Fisher and the backing of Monsieur Lair, gendarme responsible for the Paita area who was ready with a sworn statement, plus knowledge of the situation by a good friend of mine, Agent Bonsal, son of Stephen Bonsal, aide to General Pershing at Meuse-Argonne.

AVC, Writers, Form National Committee To Oust Senator

A National Committee to Oust Bilbo, sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress, was announced by Quentin Reynolds and Vincent Sheean as co-chairmen. The Committee will conduct a campaign for one million signatures by January urging the Senate to act on charges that Bilbo won re-election through fraud and intimidation.

"Ousting Bilbo would not only remove an avowed member of the Ku Klux Klan from the Senate," Reynolds said, "but would represent a setback for the system of terror, disfranchisement and race supremacy. It would also encourage the increasing number of white and Negro citizens of the South who seek the democratic right of franchise and free election."

Endorsement and active participation in the Committee to Oust Bilbo was voted by the New York Area Council of the American Veterans Committee.

As We See It

By George Starkauskas

Mickey Finn Advice

● The press which roared, lied, and whooped it up for the Republican Party is now rushing in to give the Democratic Party its friendly advice. The substance of the advice is that the Democratic Party from now on must never, never again "do a Roosevelt." It must never, never again form an election coalition with the independent labor and progressive groups the way FDR did when he wiped the floor with the Hooverites four elections in a row on the basis of fighting conservatism and reaction.

● This is Mickey Finn advice. If followed, it will return the USA to the pure and simple tweedle-dee and tweedle-dum set-up, which began to weaken with the rise of the Roosevelt-labor-progressive coalition.

● The Tories of America want to strengthen their own coalition—which includes the GOP, Big Business, the Southern poll-tax reactionaries, the American fascists and anti-Semites. They also want the progressives to give up their coalition. That is the sum and substance of the advice which the pro-Hoover press is handling out to the Democratic Party leaders.

● The truth is that while the Democratic Party cannot be the sole vehicle of the new political alignment needed in America to halt the GOP drive toward reaction, its future has been well defined by H. Wallace who said it must go progressive or die. The lesson of the elections is that the country

Cleveland LDS Submits Bowling Averages While Detroit Clamors For Their City To Be Site Of National Tournament

BOWLING AVERAGES OF NOVEMBER 3, 1946

24 Games	G.	P.	Avg.
1. J. Mazan	18	3146	174-14
2. J. Balchunas	24	4019	167-11
3. J. Skogus	24	4014	167- 6
4. J. Baron	9	1501	166- 7
5. E. Skeivis	21	3463	164-19
6. J. Trus	24	3911	162-23
7. Z. Garbincus	21	3395	161-14
8. J. Johnston	24	3813	158-21
9. M. Molner	24	3762	156-18
10. J. Brand	18	2824	156-16
11. G. Johnson	24	3711	154-15
12. G. Palton	24	3662	152-14
13. J. Karson	24	3651	152- 5
14. J. Borenski	24	3615	150-15
15. J. Cervasi	24	3539	147-11
16. F. Raizis	24	3420	142-12
17. F. Kovacic	9	1284	142- 6
18. J. Palton	21	2981	141-20
19. J. Williams	22	3111	141- 9
20. J. Wojtila	24	3324	138-12
21. J. Barsky	24	3306	137-18
22. J. Kellat	21	2830	134-16
23. C. Starkey	21	2819	134- 5
24. J. Butkus	24	2089	128-17
25. J. Gates	9	1116	124
26. J. Krop	15	1846	123- 1
27. Al. Lincevitch	18	1116	119-14
28. Wm. Hagedorn	15	1760	117- 5
29. P. Ziburis	21	2397	114- 3
30. Ted Hale	23	2624	114- 2

W. L. H-3.T.

1. Benny's Old Bar	18	6	6	24
2. J. Skogus	14	10	4	18
3. J. Balchunas	13	11	4	17
4. J. Mazan	9	15	4	13
5. G. Palton	9	15	4	13
6. J. Trus	9	15	2	11

AVERAGES

4. G. Palton	17611	734
5. J. Mazan	17356	723
6. Joes' Bar	16989	704

INDIVIDUAL HIGH SINGLES

1. J. Mazan	231
2. J. Johnston	222
3. J. Trus	211

HIGH SERIES

1. J. Mazan	592
2. J. Johnston	582
3. J. Skogus	567

TEAM SINGLE GAME

1. G. Palton	921
2. Benny's Old Bar	877

TEAM HIGH 3 GAMES

1. Benny's Old Bar	2473
2. Balchunas-Palton	2392

GIRLS AVERAGES 24 GAMES

	G.	P.	Avg.
1. Acq. Mazan	2384	132- 8	
2. M. Skleris	3154	131-10	
3. A. Zebrys	21-2458	117- 1	
4. M. Metalis	18-2101	116-13	
5. N. Jablon	15-1728	115- 3	
6. A. Hagedorn	6- 690	115	
7. Pam Balchunas	2743	114- 7	
8. J. Butkus	5- 534	106- 4	
9. Ann Kovacic	12-1121	93- 5	
10. Lois Bejger	21-1844	87-17	
11. Alice Klutch	18-1481	82- 5	
12. Ella Strebech	18-1422	79	

HIGH SINGLE

1. M. Skleris	192
2. Acq. Mazan	165
3. Auldy Zebrys	154

HIGH SERIES

1. Acq. Mazan	454
2. M. Skleris	435
3. M. Metalis	418

The above are the averages and team standings for the eighth week of bowling. Congratulations to the bride

Chicago LDS

GUTTER GAGS



On Saturday, November 23rd the National Youth and Activities Council of the L. D. S. will meet in New York.

There the decision of the site of where the forthcoming National L. D. S. Bowling Tournament will be made. Cleveland seems to hold the spotlight for the 1947 tournament because of a "psychological aspect" while Detroit making an impressive bid seems to be in the same spot held in 1942, by the National Office.

As I mentioned last week the Redwings plus many other bowlers in Chicago prefer Detroit. This city has ideal conditions to hold a tournament especially for the first one after the war. Bowlers of the 1942 Midwest Tourney can surely vouch for this. It is to be understood membership can be gained on presentation. But, since the N. Y. A. C. is taking its decision in its own hand I'll wait until then.

In the Chicago L. D. S. Bowling League performance last week we saw that the Kraml and Ridgeview Dairy Teams still maintain very commanding leads. No changes of places in the standings have been made one way or another.

Thus the results of last week's roll-offs were as follows:

Lerner Food team gained two decisions over the Wally Service team

the Skyliners was 3 pins short of 500 in his series for high man of the Skyliners.

TEAM HI SERIES

Chicago Butchers	2937
Lerners Foods	2902

TEAM HI GAME

Chicago Butchers	1060
Redwing Havern	1031

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

Hupke	183
Zaur	182
F. Kwain	178
G. Jouzaitis	173
G. Kwain	173
Urbelis	172
Surna	172
Zebraitis	172
Mockus	168
Urban	167
Damaska	166
Silinskis	164
Paulus	163
Klaud	161
Dargis	161
Rizekus	160

IND. 3 GAMES

Draeger	677
Hupke	646

IND. HI GAME

Hupke	274
Koveikis	273

TEAM STANDINGS

	W.	L.
1. Ridgeview Farms	21	9
2. Kraml Dairy	21	9

Los Angeles LDS'ers Move Full-Steem Ahead With Plans For Adding Members As Transfer Completion Nears

Another meeting of the Los Angeles LDS English Speaking group has come and gone, and again we are one step closer to our charter and branch number. Transfers are almost completed and the membership is now in the throes of deciding a name for themselves.

Sunday, Nov. 3, was a somewhat cooler day, and although the meeting was held outdoors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peters (former Chicagoans) the membership needed no second invitation to come indoors after the meeting.

Twenty-five younger members were present, and this, for a group being organized, we think is quite well. Whether it was just pride in our group, or just curiosity, we don't know—but there were approximately 10 older group members who attended the meeting.

Our first affair, to be held jointly with the ALDL and LDS older branch has a definite date now—January 26, 1947 at Mizara's Yugoslavian hall. Inasmuch as we are to handle all exploitation of the dance plus any entertainment to be presented, additional members were chosen for the committee, which is now composed of Lela and Gedmin Bulat, Al Casper, Vi Bogdal, Gloria Mokslaveckas, Hal Repeckas, Tom Bondy and Aldona Sarapas.

Our own initial effort is tentatively set for between Feb. 9-16. It is hoped to present a Valentine's affair with a dramatic effort and dance to follow. Making up the arrangements committee for this affair is Al Casper.

Open Letter:

Detroit Takes Up Cudgels In Battle For LDS National Bowling Tournament Site

In a week the LDS National Youth and Activities Committee will meet in solemn council to pass upon various activities of the LDS for the coming year. Among the topics to be discussed is the site of the coming National Bowling Tournament. A SITE THAT IS DETROIT'S BY RITE.

After the first National Bowling Tourney in Cleveland, Detroit by implication and insinuation was given a green light to have the next tourney. Detroit promptly went into high gear with their plans, always believing that their efforts were to result in a National "Invitational" Tourney. At the last moment "arm-chair" sportsmen of the NYC refused sanction on the mild pretext that it was not national in scope. Detroit invited all LDS teams to participate. The fact that a Brooklyn and a Pittsburg team (if memory serves) that journeyed to Cleveland, could not participate, did not change the invitation one iota.

Sanctioned at the last moment by the Midwest Youth Committee, the tourney was given and carried to a successful conclusion with the clockwork precision of a well-gearred automobile plant. Accommodations were practically next door to the bowling establishment. Everyone knew when and where they were scheduled to bowl ahead of time. Within two hours all scores were tabulated and positions were announced and posted.

Now once again the Resident Committee favors Cleveland as the site on the vague promise of a national tournament.



PIN-UP HOSTESS—Betty Jones, a Walter Thornton model

Chicago LDS Redwings Open Winter Season Activities With Social Saturday Evening At Southwest Side "Auditorium"

If you want to have a "wonderful time" tomorrow night then attend the REDWINGS SOCIAL at the Jacobs Auditorium, 6054 S. Moody Street.

Many L.D.S.'rs remember the various "Veterans Socials" held in the previous years, I know. But tomorrow evening we are having the vets back and others to raise hell.

The committee has organized a real program strictly ENTERTAINMENT! Not the usual "guzzling" social but something with varied performances plus the scintillating and enticing refreshments.

A miniature "Smorgasbord" is an example of what you can enjoy. Music a necessity at a social will be the kind you can dance to without trouble. "Plenty of room" to stomp your feet to a polka, or even participate to a "Conga Dance".

The price! Oh, the price for all this full evening of fun is the mere sum of One Dollar—Too much? Heck, no! Just think! food, refreshments musical endeavours and hearty friendship for a measly buck!

Remember! Tomorrow night at Jacobs Auditorium, 6054 So. Moody St., November 16th! We also expect to have a few notables present—Who—come down and see! Meet the Redwings then—so you can know them when they hold their Winter Dance, February 8th at the American Legion Hall.

We are inviting everyone to bring friends tomorrow nite also.

SOCIALITES

your New Year's Eve cele-

So tramp down to Sokol Hall this Sunday afternoon after dinner and enjoy the Vilnis Concert. I wish Redwingers would come down to especially applaud "Fritzie."

BOWLING

E-Day in Detroit! That's what the Redwings are hoping for upon the decision of the N. A. Y. C. in New York. We went on record last week as preferring Detroit as the site for the National L. D. S. Bowling Tourney in 1947.

The Redwing Bombers in fifth place of the Chicago L. D. S. Bowling League played first place Ridgeview Farms last Wednesday. Read the results of this match next week.

Open Letter to Angel Pye: Thank you, my fellow scribe, for your so-called criticism. But let me enlighten you publicly what the score is! Which I see reading between the lines is rather difficult for you.

Firstly, I am, "The Escort" of the REDWINGS BRANCH and in other words I strive to push the branch in every possible way. Whether it be persons or branch itself. Comments are my own with facts.

In regards to the A. V. C.—they have three men on their committee to do their own publicizing.

And in regards to some of the other comments, I have specially prepared "Sympathy Chits" at my disposal to present to the various "friends". They can receive them at their own request.

Vilnis Concert This Sunday At Sokol Hall Will Be Well-Attended By Members Of Chicago LKM Choral Group

By looking at this winter's calendar we see many large affairs scheduled ahead of us. The most important and most immediate one being this Sunday—that is the Vilnis Concert at Sokol Hall. We see advertised a gallant array of stars and two Choral groups, so I'm sure none of you will want to miss this affair.

Naturally as tradition has it our own LKM is one of the Choral groups appearing.

Next in line for one of the large events of the season is our own Concert on Dec. 1 at the Lithuanian Auditorium. It will be known as Musical Moments—Continued. By that we mean if you remember that last year our Concert was Musical Moments and naturally we just continue from there. The Detroit Aido Chorus has been asked to appear at our Concert but as yet we haven't heard a thing. So Detroit—let's hear from you! If the Detroit Chorus should appear, aside from this we have soloists, dancers, duets, etc.

Our newly formed quartet consisting of Agnes Kenston, Paul Stogis, Connie Abek and our own Maestro Joe Kenston should be well on their way home to make their first appearance in Chicago at the Vilnis Concert. By all reports they have had quite a successful tour and now we are awaiting to hear them.

That certainly was a very interesting meeting held by the Chorus last

Friday evening. Many decisions were formulated and discussed and by this coming spring season we will see a change in our singers. A fund has been set aside to buy uniform formal for the girls and packets and ties for our fellows. Good luck to all you new, young people that took obligations to fulfill.

We hear that Edith Snyder, one of our younger element and really a hard worker at affairs, was recently hospitalized. The Chorus sent her a gift and a bouquet of flowers—we hope that this small token will help speed your recovery.

Another on the sick list is our Jennie Mitchul. She was one of our dancers in The Bartered Bride—get well Jennie and soon, we need you.

We certainly were pleased to have Jerry Keller back with us—girls take note he's quite a handsome lad! Jerry has been going to school in the evenings so was missing from our ranks for a few months.

Congratulations to you Bertha Mitchul—we hear you are going to tie the knot around Thanksgiving time. Best of luck to you.

Believe it or not—Ruth bowled a 160 game last week. Rather astounded some of our best bowlers. Say, Mr. Marquardt we miss you at the Bowling alley.

At this time I wish to say thanks to all you swell people that sent me cards during my recent illness.

Pearl Johansen took over for Joe at last Tuesday's rehearsal. She's one gal we can always rely to help out in a pinch. I don't remember if we have extended our congratulations on your

Chicago LDS Northerners Whoop It Up

LITH-AMERICAN CROWDS WEND THEIR WAY TO CHICAGO VILNIS CONCERT AND DANCE AT SOKOL HALL THIS COMING SUNDAY

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

● The *Lithuanian Fine Arts League* convention-festival was a howling success according to **Mildred Jamison Stensler** of Livingston, N. J.—so much so that she had to check in for an appendectomy upon return to the state of marshes, swamps and Pulaski Skyway.

● In a letter to PEOPLE IN THE NEWS, Mrs. Stensler writes:

“I knew I would need a week to recuperate from the Chicago Meno Convention, but I had no idea it would come this way. I am lying, most uncomfortably I can assure you, on a narrow hospital cot, with a hole in my side through which a little old apendic was supposed to come out of. But you can't tell me that the doctor didn't drive in there with a jeep to search for it. However this gives me a good opportunity to voice my thanks, and that of the *Sietyno Chorus Octette* of Newark, N. J., to the Chicago Lithuanian people who made our stay at the convention memorable.

“First, a song “*Vai Broliai, Broliai*” to our patron **Joseph Bendokaitis**, for introducing us around town, the very first night of our arrival. Orchids to the **KENSTONS** for letting us use their piano and hall for those post-concert song sessions.

“A bottle of the very best to our Vilnis friends, **Joe Sacal, Vincent Andrulis, Leon Pruseika, John Maziuka, Alice Yonik, Anne Sweeney** and others who stood by patiently while we trotted through their offices and plied them with a million questions.

“A bouquet of ‘mums’ to **Nancy Roman** who missed three of the play ‘*Prieš Srovę*’ to sing the back stage choir number us, and stare hungrily at the roast turkey and fresh ham for the first time.



“Just making last-minute plans for the Vilnis Concert-Dance this Sunday.”

The big day is this Sunday, November 17, 3 P. M. LKM Chorus, Mildred Chipas, Wanda Zalis and Edward Low-