

Resist Rent Rises

Says Industrial Union

WASHINGTON—(FP) — A call for the organization of tenants across the country to resist landlord drives to sign them up on leases with a 15% rent increase was made by the CIO.

Arrest Three Lith Gestapo Agents!

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Posed As Refugees

In American-Run

DP Camp In Germany

Special to VES

Three Gestapo agents, Sakalauskas, Vasilovicus, Sidlauskas were turned over to Lithuanian authorities last week following investigation by American military authorities.

The three, according to investigators, in conjunction with a German named Garbert Paulhaber who acted as chief, were responsible for organizing wholesale massacres of Lithuanian citizens during occupation of the Baltic country by Nazi armies.

Sakalauskas, Vasilovicus, Sidlauskas worked in cooperation with Lithuanian quislings who arrested and tortured opponents of the swastika way of life, who any sense whatsoever gave aid to partisans during the years long period of World War II.

Center of the Gestapo agents was in the city of Kaunas, Lithuania.

In this city that hundreds of Jews were battered to death on the streets through an organized pogrom conducted by Sakalauskas, etc.

During the final stages of the war, Sakalauskas, Vasilovicus, Sidlauskas, Paulhaber and other assistants fled to Munich, Germany where together with "refugees" of the same ilk they were interned by American authorities.

Here in a Lithuanian "displaced persons" camp the four war criminals operated silently until exposed by undercover agents. Their modus operandi, according to the undercover agents, was to agitate innocent Lithuanians who through panic fled to Germany, against return to Lithuania where "communist terror, imprisonment" awaited them.

The arrest of the four culprits marked the beginning of a drive to cleanse displaced persons camps of numerous pro-Nazi element, and created panic throughout camps in Germany. Ironically, many criminal element were receiving financial assistance from an American Lithuanian relief organization.

Trial and conviction of the arrested is expected soon. It is expected that the death sentence will be imposed.

HOAX EXPLODED; LITH PHONIES STILL CARRY ON

Lithuanian reactionary newspapers lies following a pattern set by those interested in another world conflagration, collapse one after another. And new ones take their place.

The latest newspaper fraud to bite the dust is the one about the shadowy "international brigade" sent by Moscow to "invade" Greece.

Every newspaper columnist writing on the Marshall Plan and on Greece strutted this "international brigade" before readers. They used it to justify our rushing military aid to the fascist-monarchist minority which acts as a quisling for alien powers—mostly Wall Street.

Now, hours later, absolutely irrefutable official information tells the world that THERE IS NO INTERNATIONAL BRIGADE either in Greece or any place else near it.

A special United Nations investigating team reported this week that "it had received little first-hand evidence to support Greek government charges that detachments from an international brigade were among fighters said to have invaded Greece".

These little, deadly truths appear now after

lines about an "outside invasion of Greece" and after unscrupulous journalists have launched the lie which marches on a thousand feet.

Meanwhile, Congress voted for rushing military aid on the grounds of a non-existent "invasion."

The lie had done its work. The Greek fascists will get their rake-off, their guns, jeeps, trucks and black-market supplies.

This Big Lie tactic has been used in every single international incident. It was used to steam up the country in the "Iran case" where also there appeared the shadowy forms of "Soviet invaders" whom later no one could find. It is being used by the Chinese grafters in the Kuomintang to get more American money and arms.

Before the "invasion" tripe was exposed as a lie, thousands of Greek citizens were rounded up and herded into concentration camps. The lie has collapsed. But they remain in prison.

Lith-Americans here should spurn these hoaxes about "Communist" invasions, plots, conspiracies and all the rest of the reactionary

Speaking Of Things To Come...

CHICAGO - DARIUS-GIRENAS "MEMORIAL" CEREMONIES EXPECTED TO PRODUCE BARRELS OF RED HERRINGS

By VES Staff Writer

Darius-Girenas — names honored by Lithuanian-Americans. Their bodies rest in Lithuania following the fateful crash of their plane after spanning the Atlantic.

There's a monument erected to the two who ventured and perished. People of Lithuania place flowers around it.

In the United States, Chicago to be specific, a memorial was erected in Marquette Park honoring Darius and Girenas. Of cut stone, it is indeed a tribute to the men who died.

People also place flowers at the base of this monument.

When the flyers plane crashed in German territory ugly rumors to the affect that the Nazis had shot them down, circulated widely. It was a possibility. The Huns were preparing for war.

But worse than the rumor, was the fact that last year a man applauded by the Nazis, Congressman Alvin E. O'Konski,

was a featured speaker at memorial services held at the Chicago Darius-Girenas monument.

In charge was the Darius-Girenas American Legion Post.

It wasn't tribute that was paid to the flyers, the affair became a political arena with red-baiting, pro-nazis beating their guns and defaming the name of Lithuania and her people, once and for all free of the tyranny of Dictator Smetona.

Again this year, in the same spot and along the same tone, "honor and tribute" will be paid Darius and Girenas.

In charge is the Darius-Girenas American Legion Post.

Instead of O'Konski, Congressman Fred Busbey will carry the ball.

Louspeakers will reverberate with red and pink herrings to the applause of a clique who hate democracy, and who frothingly hope for another war so that tyranny could be re-established in Lithuania.

Such is the scheme of things, such is the reason why this Sunday, July 27 "memorial" service for Darius and Girenas are being held. It offers a "field" day for every rabid anti-progressive, reactionary, pro-nazi to sound off.

What Price Murder?

There is one law for some people in the United States. For murder, they pay the death penalty or life imprisonment.

There is another law for big corporations. For murder, they pay \$1,000—and go free to kill again.

That was the fine paid last week by the Centralia Coal Co., for the "willful neglect" which led directly to the death of 111 miners on March 25, several of whom were Lithuanians.

The Winner!**LITHUANIAN NATIONAL FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION
MEMBER-DRIVE PRIZE TAKEN BY DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

Mrs. Lillian Gugas of Detroit, Michigan, secretary of Association of Lithuanian Workers (LDS) lodge 208 copped cash prize honors offered by the national office of the organization to those recruiting most new members to the LDS during a set period.

The young woman who was awarded a trophy on behalf of her activity at the past national convention of the organization, is one of seventy drive workers who to date have signed into the fraternal group over 200 new members.

Of those enrolled into the LDS since a drive for members was begun, fully half of them were brought in by those comprising the younger generation.

According to members of the LDS national executive board,



LILLIAN GUGAS

the program of activity sponsored by the fraternal group has in the main been responsible for attracting new members. Stressed, since the war, has been a sports program. But

many lodges have also gone into cultural activities.

At the national LDS convention held in Boston, delegates adopted a resolution vowing to enroll 2000 new members within a period of two years. The idea is to maintain a staple national membership of 10,000.

Three months ago a cash prize was awarded to LDS member Al Petravich of Los Angeles who to date is still top man in member-getting, having to his credit 21 members. Runner-up is Mr. J. Mockaitis of Bridgeport, Connecticut with 19.

With the coming of the fall, many new LDS clubs are expected to be formed as a result of informative material being released by the associations' National Activities and Youth Committee.

**Liths Participate
In Sports Meet
Packed By 70,000**

Moscow: — The Dynamo Stadium here last week was the scene of 70,000 spectators and 30,000 sportsmen from all parts of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Among those nations that boasted a large athletic representation were Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

**Royal Gum Ad
Girl Can't Make
Her Checks Stick**

You see her genteel smile in the street car and "L" ads.

Her name is Lady Iris Mountbatten, of New York. She is a cousin of the King of England and a cousin to Phillip Mountbatten, betrothed to Princess Elizabeth.

She advertises chewing gum. The flavor lasts.

New York police picked her up last week. Her checks bounce.

Delegation From Lithuania Present**Youth Of World Arrive For****Special to VES**

PRAGUE: — Lithuanian youth arrived in this city week. Down winding cobblestone streets stroll with them youthful representatives of many lands.

About 5,000 boys and girls, in their teens and early twenties, are here for a four-week World Youth Festival.

On the program is listed folk dancing, movies, sports, contests, parades, flower carnivals, church services, political discussions on current affairs.

An American party of 85 has finally arrived. All of them are in good health. They are being hospitably treated by the Czechoslovaks and are housed in "Roosevelt College", a large dormitory near some railroad tracks.

Here and in nearby Masaryk and Tito colleges are housed 1,100 French, 1,000 Italians, about 800 British, 450 Russians, 350 Yugoslavs, 700 Austrians, 350 Poles, 280 Bulgarians, 200 Hungarians, 100 Albanians, 25 Lithuanians. Representatives from China, Viet Nam, Indonesia and Peoples Mongolian Republic have not yet arrived.

Among the American representatives is Michael Scott and

wife Sheila, bespectacled delegate of the United Office and Professional Workers CIO. He is here to act as the mission's press chief. Another noted American present is Desmond Callan of Milton, Massachusetts former prisoner of war and student at Columbia University.

The United States State Department which originally promised all assistance, including transportation to the festival, at the last moment backed down and complicated matters re-

garding travel aboard government transports "Marine Jump-er" and "Marine Tiger".

The long journeys and final arrival of youth representatives from most countries is expected to produce an international body that will strive for understanding among nations.

Names of those representing the Republic of Lithuania were not immediately available, but will be revealed when registration is complete.

While Gaiety Reigned**TRAGEDY STRUCK HOME OF CHICAGO
LITHUANIAN-AMERICANS LAST WEEK**

By Nellie De Schaaf

To most of us South side Chicagoans last Tuesday night, July 15th, was just another Tuesday. We kicked off our high heels after returning from work and relaxed our tired and cramped members in comfortable and disreputable house slippers. We kept a sharp weather eye peeled for our next approaching favorite radio program. The children sprawled on the floor, their ears glued to the radio, listening to "Captain Midnight" and other

"thrillers". We held our respective hunko, bridge, and pinocle parties and life went on -- serenely, calmly and smoothly.

However, tragedy was stalking on the heels of this tranquility.

In the home of Joseph and Pauline Oaks Rogers (Radzevich), formerly of West Frankfort, Illinois, two anxious and frantic parents waited for word of their boy, Richey. Richey, who only the previous week had

celebrated his 14th birthday, and whose birthday present still

Richard had gone swimming in the afternoon and cheerfully assured his mother that he would return shortly. The afternoon wore on. Evening approached and still no sign of Richey.

The mother became alarmed and called the Police. She notified them that her young son had not yet returned from the beach. She also inquired whether any accident had been reported.

The policeman answered that a boy had been drowned and that they were still searching for the body. A short time later a life guard, Peter Dausvardis, came upon the clothing still lying on the beach. He took the clothing to the Police, who in turn asked the parents to come down to see whether they were the clothes of their son. The parents readily identified the pitiful objects as those belonging to Richey.

For three terribly long days and nights the parents clung to the slim hope that their son would be found alive. At 11 A. M. on Friday, the body of Richey Radzevich was found. It was floating in the lake between two sections of a breakwater.

All the people in West Frankfort who knew Joseph and Pauline will be very sorry to learn of the cruel tragedy which has befallen two such swell people.

Lith-Americans Approve 'Wallace For President' Move Sweeps Nation After Parley

Special to VES

Fresno, Calif.: — Speaking for Lithuanian-Americans, a member of the San Francisco CIO Industrial Council hailed the Wallace-for-Presid. boom held here, and which got down to brass tacks to nominate Henry A. Wallace as the Democratic party's 1948 candidate.

Already on a nationwide scale Lithuanian progressives have indicated support behind Wallace, fighter for peace and freedom.

Attending the Fresno conference were some 300 Democrats, headed by former state Atty. Gen. Robert Kenny, who from one of the three divergent factors in the state Democratic apparatus. Although Kenny is national co-chairman of the Progressive Citizens of Ameri-

ca, neither the PCA nor Wallace were direct sponsors of the conference.

In his keynote speech Kenny charged that Pres. Truman's party leadership amounted to a "fraudulent fixed fight" with the Republicans on all major issues and said Wall Street was "counting happily on a race between Dewey and Truman" in 1948.

A draft letter to Wallace submitted to delegates by Kenny is said in part: "We, the Democratic voters in California, determined to make the Democratic party a truly liberal second party in America, call on you to continue your courageous leadership in the fight for peace in the world and economic security at home."

A statewide Wallace-for-President committee set up by

the delegates will select a slate of pro-Wallace delegates for the national Democratic convention which will be submitted to California voters in the June 1948 primaries.

If Wallace fails to win the Democratic nomination, an effort will be made to run him as an independent candidate, Kenny said. Although the issue of a third party was skirted, Kenny as chairman ruled out of order a motion to have the meeting go specifically on record against such a party.

The California conference may serve as guide for a 11-state Wallace organization meeting in Denver this fall, delegates said. The states mentioned were California, Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming and Montana.

Organization Out To Combat 'Loyalty' Purge

New York (FP) — The American Civil Liberties Union said here it would help victims of the government's "loyalty" purge who fired from federal service with inadequate hearings or none at all. Implementing a broad directive by Pres. Truman, the House recently passed a bill permitting government agencies to dismiss employees suspected of disloyalty without formal charges or hearings.

House 'UnAmericans' Pushing America Toward Fascism

NEW YORK. — (FP — The House committee on un-American activities was accused of trying to push the U. S. "in the direction of a fascist police state" by O. John Rogge, defense counsel for 16 members of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. The 16 were recently convicted of espionage. Rogge's records of the committee's Spanish relief work to the House committee.

"When the House committee has fascists before it, it treats them—believe it or not—with respect and when it has liberals before it, it third-degrees them, it harrasses, oppresses, abuses and threatens them," Rogge charged before an audience of 2,000 at a meeting called by the Citizens of Safeguard the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

If the relief group had turned its records over to the House committee, hundreds of its contributors would have been hooded out of their government jobs and relatives in Franco Spain of those receiving aid would have been endangered, Rogge said.

Grand Labor Day Rally Planned For Chicago

Chicago (FP) — Organized labor here has called a series of rallies which will feature protests against the new slave law.

The Chicago Federation of Labor announced plans to fill the 125,000-capacity Soldier's Field on Labor Day with AFL Pres. William Green as star speaker.

Birds Of A Feather

LITHUANIAN REACTIONARIES AND KU KLUX KLAN SEE EYE TO EYE REGARDING TRUMAN DOCTRINE GOODNESS

Special to VES

Those sturdy Lithuanian big-wigs who via press and mouth spout red herrings constantly, hate to tell followers that the Ku Klux Klan is a friend of theirs.

Supporting the Truman Doctrine as they have been doing, it is interesting to note that in line with them in this endeavor is the cross-burning legion of hooded men—America's fascists.

"The Klan doctrine is the Truman Doctrine" stated Samuel Green, Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, according to a former Klansman, Stetson Kennedy, who was in Chicago last week.

Kennedy exposed the activities of the hooded terrorist outfit which he had joined to obtain material for a book, "Southern Exposure."

"I am the holder of Klan Kard No. 7600, and was attached to the Realm comprised of Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia, in the Invisible Empire of the Knights of the KKK," Kennedy explained in a letter to J. Parnell Thomas, chairman of the Un-American committee.

In a press conference at the

Sherman Hotel, Kennedy distributed copies of the Thomas letter, emphasizing his determination to draw the Un-American Committee's investigative attention to Klan activity.

"Klan membership is again on the rise," Kennedy said, "and there will soon be 1,000 new members ready for another public initiation on Stone Mountain near Atlanta."

Outlining the Klan's immediate objectives, Kennedy said:

"The Klan has declared war on the southern union organizing drive. They said the CIO is for the Negro and the Jew, and therefore we're going to nip organizing in the bud."

Kennedy said there was no question that Klan ideas coincide with those of hate-monger Gerald L. K. Smith. "When Smith came to Georgia recently," Kennedy said, "his audience of 200 or more was made up largely of Klansmen."

Seven Men Who Died

Murder again stalks Georgia.

A drunken guard in one of its hellish prisons shouts "let 'em have it," and seven Negro prisoners are riddled with lead, their lives snuffed out in one burst of animal rage.

Every one of these crimes cries out against the laxity of Washington, the seat of federal power, the only authority in the country that can halt these crimes.

Union Should Make Voting Compulsory, Says Newspaper

Cincinnati (FU) — Unions should make regular voting by members a condition for membership, the AFL Central Labor Union weekly, The Chronicle, declared here.

In a lead editorial The Chronicle declared: "Registration should be a fundamental condition of union membership and no union should admit anyone to membership unless they can prove that they are registered. Suspension should be the lot of union members who refuse to register so as to be permitted to vote at the polls."

The paper also urged that unions henceforth write into their contracts a clause authorizing members to take time off to register and vote in elections.

Just Between Us

By George Starkauskas

● Secretary of State Marshall told a conference of state governors what the Marshall Plan is—but he told it to them in secret.

● The plan is being advertised to the American people as a pure and simple aid-program. We're supposed to be offering food, machinery, loans to help revive the devastated areas of the world. No strings attached. No interference. Just good plain kind-heartedness. And for some mysterious reason the other countries are suspicious.

● But if our offer is food, then why the secrecy?

Is food a military secret?

● While Secretary Marshall was privately explaining his plan, Secretary of Agriculture Anderson was warning the world that American food is not mere relief for hungry peoples—it is a political club to force Wall Street ideas of government on other countries.

● He told the Paris cereals conference that nations which don't accept the still-unknown conditions of the Marshall Plan will not get food.

● He thus tells the peoples of eastern Europe and of the Soviet Union that they'll get bread only if they take political orders.

● Other food facts fill out the picture. It was Washington which helped wreck UNRRA relief because it was an international agency in which the State Department could not dictate.

● Finally our biggest shipments of food (wheat and flour) are officially admitted.

● When Secretary Marshall spoke gravely of a "turning point" in our international relations, was he referring to such facts as these, in which our country cuts itself off from all our former allies in order to rebuild our former Axis enemies?

● Is THAT the Marshall Plan for which the American people will be asked to curtail their daily diets?

● The Truman Doctrine is now being carried out in Greece and China through the wholesale arrest of democratic-minded citizens of all political types. Terrorism, murder, jails, and civil war are the expressions of the Truman Doctrine in these dollar-ravaged countries.

● Does the Marshall Plan run counter to these terroristic developments in Greece and China, or is it a further development of this anti-democratic terrorism? Every new event seems to confirm the world's suspicion that it is the latter.

● Our country needs the opposite policy. It needs to give real aid to the world so that a vast trade and commerce, benefiting all, can be stimulated, without political interference.

● It needs UN administration of world relief.

Such a program would require no secrecy, no panic-mongering propaganda about war.



Beauteous Bobby Flynn models a fashion designers idea of that "flying saucer". It looks as though there's more danger in Bobbie says VES's "man about town", than in the disk that inspired such fearful tales.



● Every once in a while we feel called upon to nudge Newsweek magazine columnist Henry Hazlitt out of the dream world he inhabits. On July 7 Henry wrote: "The series of crippling 'protest' strikes which have taken place since the enactment of the new labor law ought to have surprised no one."

We hate to jar Mr. Hazlitt, but the so-called series he refers to was simply nonexistent. Only strikes of any consequence after passage of the bill were the coal mine walkouts, where miners were scheduled to have an annual vacation anyhow until their new contract was signed, and the CIO shipyard walkouts which had no direct connection with the Taft-Hartley act.

This stuff about needing tax cuts to give business "incentive" is as phony as a nine dollar bill. In 1946 (a year when taxes were high) industry put \$12 billion into new plant and equipment, \$8.5 billion into higher inventories, according to the Commerce Dept.

Newsweek magazine reported July 7: "Investment in new plant and facilities is expected to exceed last year's \$12 billion total. And in the first four months of the year alone, business added another \$3,819,000,000 to its inventories."

When businessmen can make a buck—and taxes don't check their "incentive."

● "Forty years ago the typical American worked 10 hours a day for \$2," says a Warner-Swasey Machine Tool Co. ad. And do you know the only reason employes are earning more today is because employers made profits?

We can hear the hollow chuckles coming from the brave men who fought and died on union picketlines for those wage increases.

With meat prices so high, Warner-Swasey baloney still comes cheap.

THESE ARE THE TIMES

By PHYLLIS RASINS

LMS National Executive Committee Member

● Concern for the future of Lith-American culture and sports has reached a new high as a result of the recent articles published by the language and English sections of the Laisve and Vilnis.

● Each article has been arguing for one interest. We should bear in mind that this same desire for the promotion of one activity should apply to all activities with equal enthusiasm. The growth of our organizations depends upon our ability to expand by making the necessary adjustments that will satisfy the varied interests of all young Lith-Americans.

● We should be appreciative of Mr. Bovinas for raising the issue before the public eye and giving us the opportunity for open and frank discussion.

● I present my own suggestion with constructive intentions and although my point of view may apply to the cultural side, in principle it can, and should, serve for all culture and sports activities.

● The first and most important job to be accomplished in both the LDS and the LMS is to place the talent available into jobs where responsibilities meet with the individual's knowledge and abilities. Today, the man willing to work is used in any job, often beyond his ability. He accepts his duties as others shout, "We'll help you!" That help seldom arrives. The "helpers" forget their promises.

● Often no one assumes a certain position. A sincere but unqualified member tries to keep ends together for a time. He finds the task impossible, having no past understanding of the responsibilities involved. A manual cannot teach a member how to manage his problems, as he runs across them. He must learn from experience, and in a progressive organization he would attain his experience beforehand through a school sponsored by that society, maintained solely to educate members.

● Now, is there interest from young Lith-Americans? Toward any movement, the majority must express opinions or there is no advancement. Our organizations were formed by the will of our fathers and mothers, but the choice of advancement or decadence is now ours.

● Lack of interest lies in the availability of commercial recreational facilities that demand nothing of youth except money. Work and effort is not expected from us. A good example of this is Chicago's planned clubhouse. It was the parent who looked for a good site to build on, or a building for sale, while the youth dreamt of how nice it would be, and then went around the corner to the nearest bowling alley And what happens to the youth who is interested enough to put in some time and effort?? He works, argues, and eventually becomes discouraged. He can't put over the idea to the organization that is must spend money too. Sooner or later we see this discouraged youth turning the same corner to the same bowling alley and that is the end of another member. Therefore, our organizations must compete against the offers of the commercial world, if they are to maintain themselves. To compete means to expand; to expand

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LMS news and views
By MILDRED STENSLER

• Registrations for the Eastern Seaboard LMS Festival, to be held over the Thanksgiving holiday, are beginning to come in. Aido Chorus of Brooklyn, Sietyno Chorus, Newart, N. J., Pirmyn Chorus, Great Neck, N. Y., Laisves Chorus, Philadelphia, and the Vilijos Chorus from Waterbury, Conn., are already signed up and are working on the Festival songs, "Kas Ten Dainuoja" and "Kur Bēga šėsupė."

• We chose "Kur Bēga šėsupė" because the choruses from the East were unable to participate at the Chicago Festival where this song was one of the contest numbers. The song is very reminiscent of life in Lithuania, of familiar scenes along the "Nemuno" River and it lends itself to artistic interpretation.

• Three young soloists from New York have added their names to the list. Amelia Jeskevičiūtė (Young) started voice lessons under Bernice Shellan—Sukaskas, and has continued her studies with Suzan Seton and Kay Holley, directress at Radio City Music Hall. As a member of the Aido Chorus, Amelia sang leading roles in the operettas "Kornevilio Varpai" and "Grigutis". She is now a member of the N. Y. Civic Opera Co.

• Suzan Kazokytė has also been studying voice with B. Shellan. She has likewise sung at local concerts, in operettas and over the radio. Suzan is now a member of the "Vyurėlis" group, of which I shall speak of more fully in future columns.

• The third soloist, Lillian Bastytė is comparatively new to our public. She is young in years and has just recently come from Connecticut to study and work in N. Y. Her first stage appearance was the lead in "Lietuvos Ziedai", an operetta put on by the Aido Chorus this past Spring. Lillian also sings with the "Vyurėlis".

• I hope these little thumbnail sketches will help to acquaint you readers with some of our young Lithuanian-American artists, appreciate the efforts and talents put out by them to please and amuse you, the

• There are many such young people as I described above throughout the country. Many who, because there are no Lithuanian Art Groups in their particular city, have no outlet for their talents but to join American Theater and Choral Societies where they are usually dwarfed by the top popular artists. Through these festivals we hope to bring attention to our young aspirants. But, of course, we on the committees do not know of the talent in your local city. We can only beg you to send in the names of their artists or refer them to us, so we can send them the rules governing their appearance at the Festival.

• Every summer when radio contracts come up for renewal, we read a lot about the wonderful entertainment ideas radio has in store for us. The programs will be on a much higher intellectual plane. Comes fall, and the same big-name artists come back with the same programs. Most of them have been around for 15 years or more. Big business refuses to sanction new theories because the old established ones are still paying off in dollars and cents value and they're afraid the risk of new untried means. So they go back to the old formula year after year, picking an already famous Hollywood or Broadway name and building a program around that personality, which incidently, usually proves below the standard of the performer.

• Once in a while radio comes through with some real good entertainment and that usually on a summer show while the big stars are on vacation. With the coming of the cool weather they disappear, because, you know the answer—no sponsor.

• The Telephone Hour (Mondays night NBC network) is trying to offer some fresh talent by featuring some new young artist each week with their Donald Voorhees orchestra. Their first guest was Polyna Stoska, a really refreshing young singer, and she will be followed by others still not familiar enough to have a program of their own.

• Fred Waring and chorus took over the Fibber Mc Gee spot, and his arrangements of popular songs and ballads are new and delightful; while Alec Templeton, the blind pianist and conductor, Mc's his program in a more humorous and witty vein than Edgar Bergen ever dreamed of. Even the commercials are enjoyable when sung to popular opera tunes.

However, here again the American Radio Corporation is supported by big business as is the American Theater and big business turns the dials.

Los Angeles LDS Lodge Leading In A Nationwide Member Drive Asks Where Cicero, Illinois LDS Atoms Have Gone To

Sunday, July 13, the Los Angeles Mixmasters held their monthly meeting in the form of an outing at Cabrillo Beach in San Pedro. For the uninitiated, San Pedro is the harbor city which houses the Port of Los Angeles. Considering the distance (some 30 miles from L.A.) a majority of the club members showed up. The date, the 13th, also spelled bad luck to other branches throughout the United States, for on that day, nine new members were signed up into the LDS.

Clad in bathing suits and sun suits, the members laid and lounged around the picnic table which served as official board table over which Vi Bogdal presided. Absorbing the health giving rays of the California sun, the members heard the report of the only active committee of the club at present. This is the committee arranging the "first anniversary" dance of the Mixmasters. The date has been set for November 29, and it is expected to be a main event in the social life of L.A.'s Lithuanians for the year.

This being a slow time of the year, not such else is being done, and after a short meeting, all adjourned to lunch, bathing and some even to boating.

Los Angeles members are curious about one thing. The papers haven't carried one line about the Cicero Atoms in months. Is that club still in existence? If so, are they doing any-

thing about L.A.'s challenge, or have they given up?

Notice that Cleveland has been sneaking up in the membership drive. Well, L.A. isn't exactly asleep. They just don't want to win ALL the prizes, so, until we get that trophy, we'll kinda keep an eye out on these other clubs.

LOS ANGELENO

Congress Industrial Organizations Blasts Race Hatred

Washington (FP) — The phrase "the right to work" will remain a cynical and meaningless shibboleth as long as a Negro, Jew, Catholic or any other minority group worker suffers the indignity of economic discrimination because of race, creed, color or national origin, CIO Vice Pres. Walter Reuther told a Senate labor subcommittee.

He appeared as a witness for S. 984, the Ives-Chevez bill to set up a permanent federal Fair Employment Practices Commission, on behalf of CIO Pres. Philip Murray and in his capacity as president of the United Auto Workers.

"Don't Go There" Is Answer Of Body In Alaska

KETCHIKAN, Alaska (FP)—Warning that there are no jobs available in Alaska, the AFL Central Labor Council here has written all central labor bodies and building trades councils in western U. S. to discourage unemployed workers from going north unless they are going to specific jobs and have been assured living quarters.



By BILL MAHONEY
Federated Press to VES

● When the immortal John L. Sullivan fought Jake Kilrain in Paris, in one of the great bare knuckle battles, the reporters at ringside decided he was only a shadow of his old unbeatable self.

● When Jack Dempsey fought—and knocked out—George Carpentier, some reporters at ringside found he had slipped a long way from his previous outing.

● When that same Dempsey fought Tommy Gibbons, and beat him, reporters present noted that he had slipped from the invincible fighting

machine he had been in the Carpentier fight.

● When Jack Johnson knocked out the great James J. Jeffries, it was noted by Jack London, who covered the fight, that Johnson looked pretty good but it was still a question mark whether or not he had courage.

● And so it was always, I suppose. When a man is fighting, the reporters can see that he is only a man and could be beaten. Only in the years after does his greatness take on the aura of invincibility, only then does he take on legend and awesome size.

● It is no different today with Joe Louis. The fact that Louis has no worthy opponent in sight is attributed, on the whole, to the poverty of good fighters. It is not sufficiently attributed to the overwhelming stature of Louis.

● If you take the present opposition and compare it with the average opposition facing the average champion, you'll get an idea or what I mean. Jersey Joe Walcott, one of the contenders, for example. He wouldn't be a fit opponent for Louis, agreed. But were Harry Wills or Tom Heeney, 20 years ago, any better?

● Take the Billy Conn who gave Louis a hard time in their first fight—I think he would have beaten Gene Tunney on Tunney's best day.

● If you examine the other divisions, you find they are at least at average strength. There are several good light-heavies: Gus Lesnevich, Bill Fox, Ezzard Charles, Archie Moore. There are half a dozen excellent middleweights: Tony Zale, Rocky Graziano, Marcel Cerdan, Jake LaMotta and some others. There are several fine heavyweights: Ray Robinson, Tommy Bell, Tony Janiro, Tony Pellone. There are a number of good lightweights, headed by Bob Montgomery and Ike Williams. Willie Pep, the featherweight champion, in a quiet way, is one of the most efficient fighters I ever saw.

● Why, then, believe that the heavyweight division is composed only of stumblebums? Why not agree that they are tradesmen, the kind of fighters that Heeney, Johnny Risko, Max Baer, Jimmy Braddock were? And agree they look so bad only because, against Joe Louis, they have no chance at all?

● That's the score as I see it. We are in the presence of greatness, in Joe Louis. Watching some films of Dempsey's title bouts the other day, it struck me that Dempsey would be lucky to go four rounds with Louis, that Tunney would maybe go 10 before he was stopped, that Willard would go four or five, and that Louis took care of almost every champ after them: Carnera, Baer, Schmeling, Braddock—any others?

● I think the Billy Conn who went down into the stretch with Joe Louis would have beaten any of those, beaten them on speed, brilliance, fighting heart and slashing, cutting attack.

● The others around today are just about average opposition. If there is no real threat to Louis, it is only because he has beaten every worthy foe. And because he is the greatest of them all.

Twenty years from now they will compare the Louis who knocked out Baer, Carnera, Conn, Mauriello and company, with no one. Meantime, while he's here, remember that the opposition isn't quite as bad as it's been painted. It's just that Louis is so good.

These Are The Times

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means to invest money, but do our leaders look upon such a program as an investment?

● Where special talent and knowledge is required, the organization find themselves unable to reach the persons needed. Those individuals capable of responsible jobs continue to advance themselves so that their responsibilities to the organization become secondary to their education. Yet in attempting to "help out" they find the job to be accomplished much too large for spare time work. The soundest investment our organizations could make would be the utilization of their money to obtain competent assistance on a full time basis. This is not just spending money. It is an investment to insure the future security of our organizations. This action will result in a gain.

The question from those in executive positions now is, "Why don't the people themselves begin donating toward these causes?" I am positive that financial aid from the membership is ready at a moments notice. All that the

people need is for the center offices to set the first example and prove their willing attitude for expansion by giving financial support.

● The cultural field of our movement has had some miscasting of personnel. Organizational leaders and writers assume responsibilities over-reaching their capacities when they involve themselves in cultural endeavors such as music, art, and drama. We have claimed them our leaders in the fight for economic justice because of their keen insight toward world affairs and politics. This is their talent and ability. In Literary Art many of their talents are also recognized. But our cultural movement is a representation of the Arts and we must not over-ride one aim for the sake of another. To realize a true progressive movement our work remains in building an equal and just economic and cultural aims.

● Until everyone realizes that progress of culture is as important a job as the economic security of our homes, the advancement of our whole movement will suffer.

M O T H E R E A R T H

(Editor's note: The name of Petras Cvirka, author of this novel, MOTHER EARTH, is well-known in Lithuanian circles.)

MOTHER EARTH deals with the history of a Lithuanian village after the end of the so-called "war for independence". It takes place prior to World War II, brings out vividly the peoples struggle for liberation.)

By PETRAS CVIRKA

(continued from last week)

A rope was thrown around the cow's neck, and the animal was let out of the yard. The calf ran out after its mother who began to buck wildly. The farmers felt sorry for Juras as he strove helplessly to separate the two animals. To the farmers it was not merely a cow being led from the stable; it was as though the live flesh were being torn from the body of one of their own.

As the buyers were leading away the animal, some of the farmers could not restrain their wrath.

"Might have left the man something to live on. Got a fat bargain that time, didn't you! Heartless swine!"

A number of villagers stood with their backs to the barred gate and refused to budge.

"Aw, go on, leave the animal be..."

"Let him go!"

"Getting away with murder, aren't you! The priest will give you the tail for a present, I bet!"

Juras saw everything, the farmers, the buyers, the cow as though he was looking through field-glasses. Now all was startlingly clear, now the scene seemed far away and dim. Suddenly he felt his throat tighten and the blood rush to his head. He dashed over to the cow, seized her by the horns and planting his feet firmly on the ground he shouted hoarsely:

"I won't let her go!"

He said no more. His head dropped and his should-

ers trembled but he was not weeping. When he raised his eyes again there was a hard, determined light in them.

But his action had stirred the peasants. There was a movement among them as with ants when someone attempts to destroy their peaceful, diligent existence. "Oh, Jesus, they'll start shooting now!" screamed a woman running toward the house.

The American started off at a run across the ploughland, behind him the priest's bidder. The police inspector whipped up his horse and as the cart moved away he fired a few shots into the air. The released animals scampered wildly over the fields.

It was a long while before the commotion in Tarutis' yard subsided.

"This is the end," sighed the women, wringing their hands. "We'll all be in jail soon!"

"Let them try!" growled the men. "We'll stick together, we've got to or we're done for!"

One day the news came to Klangiai that there were disturbances on the other side of the Nieman. The peasants had taken up arms to fight for their rights. All the roads leading to the district town and the markets were being guarded by rebel peasants.

Tarutis ran around his own and neighboring villages, sending out other Klangiai peasants in different directions and by evening of the same day a large crowd of peasants gathered in his yard. Pointing to the river, Juras told them that the men on the other side of the Nieman had taken their fate into their own hands; they had shown how the masters were to be dealt with. It was up to them to follow suit.

The peasants spoke briefly but with deep feeling. The Sarmantai district would extend its hand to the Sanemaniai peasants. Beginning the following morning not a grain of wheat, not a single egg, not a pound of meat would they carry to the markets.

Juras was among the first to volunteer to stand watch on the road leading to Kaunas.

Chicago LKM Chorus Taking It Easy During Warm Summer Months; Activity Is Expected To Spurt When Cool Weather Sets In

With summer (such as we've had) slowly disappearing and the advent of fall, comes many a hard task for the LKM'ers to perform.

First, we have our recordings to do, which in itself is a huge task, what with all the rehearsals to attend in order to get it down to perfection itself. We had planned to do these recordings this summer but seeing that July is a month of vacations, and so many of our members away, we will just have to wait until August or September before we can actually do these recordings. We know that many

of you are anxiously awaiting these recordings, but it seems that we will all have to wait patiently for another month or so.

Secondly, our plans so far have been to bring the Detroit Aido Chorus with their "Laima" to our Windy City. As yet Detroit's response has been so slow that we do not know definitely whether they plan to come or not. In the event that Detroit does come, we will go to the Auto City on Nov. 16 with Rio Rita. The following week (Nov. 23) would see Rio Rita staged here in a repeat

performance. If in case these plans should fall through, we would immediately have to start organizing ourselves for a huge Concert to be given sometime in November. In any event our tasks are huge and we will need everyone of you in these pitching.

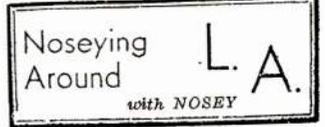
These are just roughly, the Chorus' immediate activities, but during the season we always have many requests to help fill out a program for all of our other organizations.

Tid Bits: Adolph Kaukas is slowly improving, and since being released from the hospital he plans to spend a couple of weeks at Jarush's in Michigan City. On her vacation Martha Pleckaitis journeyed out to see our good friends, the Smith's in Laporte, Ind. Thanks much for their donation of \$10 towards our recordings. I understand

Mrs. Smith used to be an LKM member. Julian Juska had quite a vacation—first he found it too wet in Cleveland and upon his return journeyed out to see Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stogis, he claims it was too cold and wet out there too. Guess this has been a bad summer everywhere. Peter Smergelis just returned from his vacation in Michigan. Let's hope in the next few weeks everyone returns. We welcomed back one of our Rio Rita dancers, Rose Misevics, back into our folds. Also a new tenor joined us, Mr. Sharkuinas. We have been requested to sing at the Vilnis Picnic on Aug. 17th at Justice Park. Then on Aug. 31 we journey to Rockford to fulfill an engagement.

Until next week -it's just the

UMPIRE



PERSONALITIES—

JANE WALKER spent her vacation in the land of the sepos and senoritas, enchiladas and tortillas, siestas and fiestas—Mexico City to be exact . . . LILLIAN MAHER, ex-Spark, flew out from Brooklyn to spend her vacation with the CASPERS and BOGDALS . . . Spent one day at Catalina Island with AL CASPER, and thrilled to death . . . ANN and ALEX DANKE and son TOPPER late of Boston . . .

deep sea fishing. Al returning with one barracuda and one sea bass and Alex with nary a bite . . . HAI RE-PECKA has finally sold the LDS on his place in the mountains—the September LDS Mixmaster meeting is to be held there . . .

SUGGESTION—

To some members of the Mixmasters. Some of the after-meetings of the Mixmaster are verging on the side of rowdyism, creating bad impressions amongst new and prospective members and the raising of eyebrows by those on the sidelines. Besides, some of the things going on aren't exactly the sort of thing to be done before children. Fun is fun but—you know what I mean. This—just a friendly piece of constructive criticism from a side-liner.

CONTINUING ON

THE MIXMASTERS

Aldona was a lovely bride—
Bridegroom Al just beamed with pride.
To some 'twill come as no surprise,
That she's rehearsing lullabies.
Enthusiasm, health and glee
Reflected by the Bulat's, three
Warms the heart of all the others,
Especially, of course, the mothers.
Master showman, actor, too—
Describes Al Casper here to you;
Cel has newly joined us, too—
I know she'll make a hit with you.

P. S. The Mixmasters have lost two members and a prospective third when the Bulat's left L.A. for Seattle, Wash., a surprise more so, for more surprises in the future, it's

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Cicero Motery Choras, Vadovystė Daratėlės Judzentavičienės

Bus įdomi programa: pildys Ciceros Motery Choras, vadovystė D. Yuden. Gera orkestra šokiams. Skanūs užkandžiai Visus kenošiečius, waukeganiečius, rasiniečius, milwaukiečius, sheboyganiečius ir beloitičius, taipgi kitų artimų ir tolimų kolonijų lietuvius kviečiame dalyvauti šiame piknike. Šis piknikas, tai bus Wisconsinio visų lietuvių sueiga. Tad visi ir visos būkite. Čia susitiksite savo pažįstamus, kuriuos per daugelį metų nematėte. Bus daug chiegagičių.

KELRODIS: Prie U. S. 31 vieškelio, apie 3 mylios nuo Kenosha ir vieną myliu nuo KVICIA KOMITETAS.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

● Newark, New Jersey Sietyno Chorus now announces the formation of a Girls Octette, as a result of an influx of femme fatales, to the joy of male members. The group is under the direction of Walter Zukas

● In Brooklyn, New York it is announced that an "LDS Supper Club" will begin functioning this fall. The Club is designed to interest those LDSers who are "more intellectually interested in Lithuanian American life" and will consist of monthly supper meetings with a lecture on a current topic of interest to the group, with questions and discussion following. The first gathering of this group will delve into Lithuanian history

● Something new in social activity came to the fore past Sunday when the Brooklyn Builders, LDS lodge went on a fishing trip—deep sea fishing, that is. Name of the boat: "Old Pal". As to the amount of porgies or flukes caught, no report has been given as yet

● Cleveland, Ohio's Lambda Delta Sigma (LDS Sorority) celebrated their ninth anniversary last month at the Alpine Village Theatre Restaurant. Among those present were Genevieve Hale, Mili Skleris, Acquila Mazan, Vita Krupitzer, Bertha Butkus, Anne Baran, Mae Knaus, Adella Kellat, Millie Skeivis and Pam Balchunas

● Mrs. Nancy Roman, director of Lithuanian Ex-Miners Chorus of Chicago, recently affiliated with Lithuanian Fine Arts League, has been ill for several weeks now

● Prominent Chicago businessman, George Kwain, well-known in LDS and LKM Chorus circles has been granted the food concession at the forthcoming Al Blozis Chapter, American Veterans Committee, September 7th picnic at Justice Park Gardens.

● Several Lithuanian picnics are being planned. One will take place in Kenosha, Wisconsin at Colonial Gardens, August 3. On August 17 at Justice Park a fall picnic will be held, while in Rockford, Illinois on August 31 a grand crowd is expected

● Involved in union activity is John Katinas of Woodhaven, New York. As a member of the International Union of Marine and Shipyard Workers now on strike, he was elected to the negotiations committee, whose job is to work for a settlement between union and company. Katinas a member of the LDS, is married to the former Aldana Bernot, previously a member of the LDS National Youth Committee. They have two children

● Popular, hard-working member of the Cicero, Illinois LDS ATOMS lodge, Bill Matas in conjunction with Charles Yurgon opened a nite spot, Club Rio at 7701 S. Ashland Ave. This Saturday eve Chicago LDSers are being invited to a birthday party being held there

● New York artist, Robert Feiferis who participated with paintings at the Chicago-held Lithuanian Fine Arts League festival is engrossed at this time in a project depicting Lithuanian partisans in action. It'll be in oil

● Speaking of painters, Lithuanian-born Abraham Levine a tailor by trade, is holding a one-man painting exhibit at 5th Ave. and 92nd St., New York City, this week

● New York and New Jersey lodges of the Association of Lithuanian Workers (LDS) are sponsoring a picnic this coming Sunday, July 27 at Lithuanian Liberty Park, 340 Mitchell Ave., Linden, New Jersey

● That "first Lithuanian local" of Retail Liquor Dealers Association of Illinois, Local 7, has turned into a retrogressive political wheel if a published report in Lithuanian Daily Draugas is correct. According to the newspaper, members of the "dealers" group headed by Thomas Aleksynas (Tom's Baltic Inn) pushed through a fifty buck donation to aid Lithuanian "refugees" in Germany. This news comes upon the heels of an Associated Press release stating that three Lithuanian "refugees" were arrested last week by U.S. military authorities. They were proven to be Gestapo agents who together with one Garbert Paulhaber were responsible for massacre of Lithuanian anti-nazis during Hitler's occupation of the country. Names of the three are Sakalauskas,

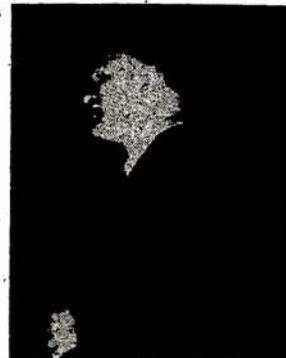
EAST COAST FESTIVAL OF LITHUANIAN FINE ARTS LEAGUE GAINING MOMENTUM; BROOKLYN WILL BE SCENE OF GREAT EVENT

By Harry Mitkus

The coming Lithuanian Fine Arts League Eastern Cultural Festival to be held in Brooklyn, New York is indeed shaping into an affair of grandeur, as the Executive Committee keeps meeting every second week or so. New plans and ideas keep creeping into the committee heads. The committee intends and I'm sure will attempt to use all these new angles to give the public something in Lithuanian culture, they are quite unaccustomed to see.

But the LMS is not organized and functioning for the sole purpose of supplying the public with entertainment. One of their principal aims is the upkeep of Lithuanian culture. One of their means of doing so is to give opportunity to the Lithuanian youth to display their talents, to help them in their field, be it music, singing, drama, or the graphic arts. To help these youth get ahead in the world of culture, by developing their talents by schools, teachers or any way the LMS can. In other words the LMS is committed to all talents under one roof where such

together for the sole sake of showing the world that Lithuanians are indeed talented in every field of the cultural arts.



Robert Feiferis

Lithuanian artist assisting in making forthcoming Fine Arts League festival a success.

Therefore we urge readers be it themselves or be it of others they know of, that are interested, to submit names of persons and of organizations that do not belong to the LMS. Submitting names and their talents and the LMS will take over from there.

Needless to say, the coming festival will mean a great deal to the LMS. It probably will have its faults and criticisms, but being an affair on such a large basis and being the first of its sort around these parts the executive committee will need all the cooperation it can get from every Lith organization and person.

Now, let's all chip in a bit of our time and help the LMS carry forth the biggest and most worth while cause of keeping Lithuanian Arts on the map.

Any suggestions or criticisms are always welcome. Correspondence of any nature may be written to the Lithuanian Fine Arts League Festival Committee c/o Lith. Daily Laisve, 46 Ten Eyck St., Brooklyn, New York.



Vincent Bovinas

Member of arrangements committee for coming Eastern States festival.

students can work together and advance together. Being a non-political organization the LMS hopes to accumulate every Lithuanian group and organization

Vaslovcius, Sidlauskas. They have been turned over to the present government of Lithuania for trial . . . This element in displaced persons camps in Germany were being supported, as others are still, by contributions such as has been made by the "first Lithuanian local" . . .

● Chicago Vilnis reader, Mrs. Anna Naujokas greeted her granddaughter, Gloria Elwood with open arms this week, and proudly so. Miss Elwood arrived from Hollywood, California to play the role of Cairie in Oscar Hammersteins "Carousele" now featured at the Shubert Theatre. . . .

● Mrs. Frances Stebulis of Cleveland, Ohio, died this past Monday. Funeral services were held Wednesday . . .