









# Lithuanian-Americans Bound For Greece?

## Servicemen Sense U. S. Armies Going To Aid Of Reactionary, Anti-Democratic Forces Unless People Protest To Truman

By VES Staff Writer

Lithuanian - American members of the United States armed forces may soon be shedding blood in Greece, Vilnis English Section was informed by letter received from a group of Lithuanian-American servicemen.

According to the content of the communication, there is rampant talk of an American expeditionary force being mobilized, with Greece the specific destination.

"We're not anxious to go to the support of the pro-fascistic reactionary regime existent in Greece", reads the letter.

"Our hands however are tied. Apparently the only hope left for General Napoleon Zervas and militia in order to maintain a government of oppression, is to utilize American troops, which undoubtedly will be granted him under the Truman Doctrine unless progressives in the United States fight to prevent the maneuver."

Upon the heels of the received communication, Vilnis English Section received a communication that Greek democrats had announced establishment of a free government in the territory held by the Democratic Army.

Greek guerrilla Gen. Vafiades Markos issued a proclamation in this respect stating that this is the first step toward Greece's liberation, toward the formation of a democratic government chosen through truly free elections.

Markos' announcement explained his headquarters had taken into consideration "the fact there have been created in free areas of Greece conditions for organization of popular authority based on popular democratic principles."

Thus the new democratic government is so far under the administration of the army, largely confined to small local sectors, and working under conditions very similar to those which marked the beginning of the new Yugoslavia under Marshal Tito during the war against Nazi Germany.

The aims of the new administration, as outlined by the Markos, "is the liberation of all our country from foreigners and their native agents." It will accept and encourage every assistance from "foreign capital or international organization which will be based on the



ANNE PETERS

Chicago author of comic-play, "Fifty-Fifty" which will be performed at East Coast Lithuanian Fine Arts League festival this autumn.

### People Sing And Work

## LITHUANIA OPENS ONE OF THREE ART CENTERS IN WORLD FOR ITS FUTURE GENERATION; COUNTRY REBUILDS

By Mail to VES

The first school dealing with the Arts was opened in the city of Kaunas, it can be announced to Lithuanian-Americans.

An educational institute of this type long in demand by the younger generation interested in painting, sculptor-work, found enthusiasts by the hundreds, resulting in more applicants than the school could cater to.

Begun in 1946, soon after the close of the war, the Kaunas institute so far is the only one of its kind in present Lithuania and one of three in existence the broad length of this world.

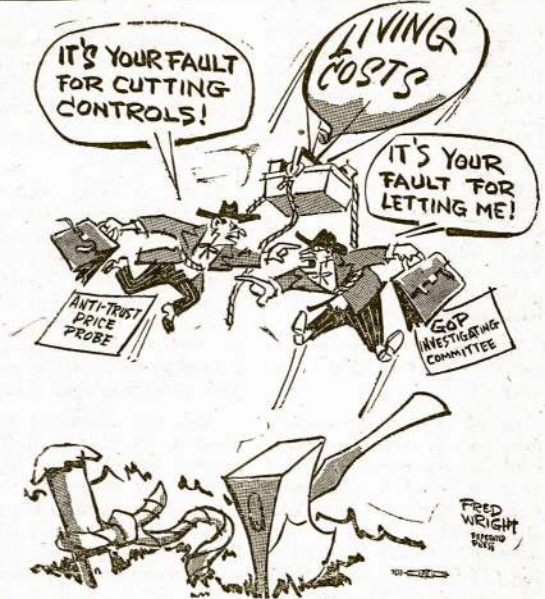
principle of equality. It will suppress every privilege or concession which has been allocated to foreigners, individuals companies or states not compatible with the meaning of national independence or popular sovereignty."

"The Democratic Army," continued Markos' proclamation, "is the armed section of the nation, which is fighting for the freedom, independence and integrity of Greece."

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Under the guidance of a trained personnel of twenty-five, specialists in the field of art, youth ranging in age from

11-13 and 17-19 will receive the finest training.

Examinations for entry to the institute began August 18 in order to determine eligibility.

In connection with attendance, those admitted are being granted a stipend amounting to 250 rubles monthly. Beside this quarters are furnished.

At present construction of a school cafeteria to accommodate students with below-cost meals is under way.

The establishment of a school of arts in Lithuania is an indication of how great progress is being made in a nation that suffered terrible war punishment from Nazi invaders and also proves to the world that a country under socialism, as compared to the Dictator Smetona regime, can conquer insurmountable barriers.

Throughout Lithuania today people sing and work, building a nation anew from the ruins of old. Young men and women, future captains of the republic look with pride at achievements accomplished.

### Takes Job With RCA



FELIX P. BEADAL

Lith-American, former Lt. Commander with U. S. Naval Air Force now with Radio Corporation of America down California way.

# You Can't Think That Baranauskas Finds Out NOW, The Truth Of The Matter

By VES Staff Writer

(With apologies to Bill Cahn)

And so it came to pass following month-long barrages by newspapers Lithuanian Daily RAUGAS and Lithuanian Daily Rauginos. A law was placed on the books forcing all Lithuanians living in what is considered to be Lithuanian areas to register with the Lithuanian Committee on What-Have-You-Been-Thinking all the thoughts that each person had thought from the moment of waking to the time of going to sleep.

The idea, of course, was to put the finger on RED Lithuanians.

*Each evening after work, long lines of men and women could be seen standing in front of the office of the Lithuanian Committee on What-Have-You-Been-Thinking, each awaiting his turn to list his thoughts on the regular form card AR626-32A, which were then carefully placed on file together with the x-rays, photographs and thumb and toe prints of each citizen.*

## The Sports World

# First Eastern Lith-American Golf Tourney On September 21

Arrangements Committee for the First Eastern Lithuanian American Golf Tourney to be sponsored by the Association of Lithuanian Workers (LDS), announced last week that plans for the event have been completed.

Vilnis English Section was notified that information which many an Eastern golfer, duffer and sand trapper has been waiting for, so he or she could enter the tournament, is as follows:

The Eastern LDS Golf Tournament is to be held on Sunday afternoon, September 21st, at the Fairchild Wheeler Park Golf Course. The tee-off time is 1 p. m. Entry fee is \$5.00 per person and includes all green fees, entry fee, which will be used toward the prizes, and a good dinner after the tournament is over.

The entry fee, together with the names and addresses of the golfers, must be sent in to the LDS National Activities and Youth Committee, 419 Lorimer St., Brooklyn 6, N. Y., or to the

One night Joe Baranauskas was just finishing making out his daily report.

"Are you certain, my good man," inquired the authority behind the desk, "that you have duly recorded all of your thoughts as required by law?"

Baranauskas scratched his head thoughtfully.

"Yes," he said. "All this morning I thought about nothing but how hot it was at work. And all this afternoon I thought about how nice it would be when work would be over."

"Are you sure that this is all you thought about?" asked the authority, fixing Baranauskas with a piercing look.

"Yes, sir," answered Baranauskas, thinking hard if he possibly thought about higher wages, new congressmen, socialism, communism, the Cincinnati Reds, Rhode Island Reds, the Boston Red Sox or any other subject forbidden by law.

"Well," said the authority, pulling out a confidential report, "we have been informed

that you are guilty of doing some illegal thinking."

Baranauskas trembled so that his suspenders snapped like banjo strings.

"It must be a mistake," he said. "I'm a law-abiding Lithuanian-American citizen."

"It says here in this report," continued the authority sternly, "that you were over-heard last night muttering in your sleep about high prices and high rents and the need for people to get organized to fight them."

"Why that's impossible!" cried Baranauskas. "It must have been a nightmare."

"That is no excuse," said the authority. "Asleep or awake, the law is the law."

"I must have eaten an extra teaspoonful of cabbage soup the night before," apologized Baranauskas.

"The law must be enforced," said the authority, ringing for the police. "If we let you get away with thinking in your sleep, soon people will begin to think when they are awake—and then what will happen?"

# Jobless Of Millions Includes More Than 770,000 Veterans

WASHINGTON (FP) — Of the 2,580,000 jobless in the U. S. during July, the U. S. Census Bureau said Aug. 7, there were 770,000 veterans of World War II and 800,000 women looking for work.

Although the labor force for July was 60 million, there were 29,000 more jobless than in June and 310,000 above the total unemployed in July, 1946.

## In Chicago For Visit



FRANK PRICE

Detroit, Michigan lad now taking voice under the GI Bill. A member of the Detroit Aido Chorus, he has taken leading parts in plays and operetta's, served with the Marine Corps during the war. Frank was in Chicago, Illinois the past weekend to meet with friends and attend Lithuanian Daily Vilnis picnic.

LDS Golf Tournaments in Chicago was found to be most practical for tournaments of this type. After the last man has teed off, six holes are chosen by lottery to be the basis of the handicap. The handicap is figured on the basis of what the player makes on these six holes, not knowing that they are to be handicap holes. The difference between the score made on these six holes and par is then multiplied by three to get an average handicap for the full 18 holes and is deducted from the gross score handed in by the golfer, to determine the handicap score.

There are golfers expected from New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut, with the Nutmeg State supplying the major portion of the golfers for the tourney.

members of the Connecticut LDS Activities Council's Committee consisting of John Karolus and John Jocius, not later than September 15th.

There will be prizes for both

gross scores and the handicap scores.

The Peoria handicap System will be used to determine handicap scores. This system which has been used in the

## A MESSAGE TO LITH-AMERICANS

(Note: The following statement was written exclusively for Vilnis English Section and other newspapers, members of Federated Press service, by Senator Claude E. Pepper.)

The working men of America must unite and mobilize to defeat those Congressmen and Senators who fought to destroy the economic and social gains of the past 15 years under the guidance of Franklin Lelano Roosevelt and the Democratic party. The Taft-Hartley labor law, which is the product of Republican reactionaries, must be repealed.

I have introduced in the Senate with a number of other Sen-

ators, a bill which would wipe this law off our statute books, lock, stock and barrel.

The working people of this country must continue their fight to promote democracy throughout the country. They must furnish the initiative as they always have in the past, for decent wages, decent housing, complete medical care, more aid for education, assistance for our veterans, and friendly and peaceful relations with our world neighbors for a strong United Nations. In other words, we must continue the struggle for all those things which mean the strengthening of labor in the U. S. and in the rest of the world.

## Liths In The Arts, Attention!

# YOU'RE LIABLE TO BE BRANDED A COMMUNIST, JAILED IF YOU ATTEMPT TO PORTRAY THE FACTS

By VES Staff Writer

Attention Lith-American thespians! Pretty soon even the word "boo" will be knocked out of your script. Because right now thought control is on the rampage.

Just several weeks ago, just to prove our point, the combination of thought control and American propaganda forced a U. S. Army order through forbidding production of the hit show, All My Sons for audience in the U. S. zones of Germany, Austria and in Japan.

The play by Arthur Miller is in an extended run on Broadway and was winner of the Critics Prize for 1947. It concerns the story of an American aircraf parts manufacturer whose zeal for profits out paces his patriotism to the extent that army flyers are sent to their deaths by defective mechanisms. One of those killed is the manufacturer's son, who learns of his father's profiteering and seeks death in his plane.

A spokesman for the Army civil affairs division said the play had been prohibited after purchase of production rights on the ground that it is not the best propaganda to show our late enemies that America had a lot of profiteers at home during the war.

Rights to the play were acquired by the army, but a telegraphic protest to War Sec. Kenneth Royall from Natl.

Commander Max Sorensen of the Catholic War Veterans brought about an investigation.

The CWV wire asked an "investigation of the Communist propaganda play 'All My Sons' and demanded to know "who in the war department is responsible for this outrageous arrangement."

The army spokesman said this and other protests led to the re-examination of the play and that it came to the conclusion

that the plot was not suitable for audiences in conquered countries. Although the exact amount paid for the play rights was not revealed, the Pentagon said the fee was nominal and that such "payment ordinarily constitutes preliminary approval of its staging." The spokesman added that the protests led to the re-examination and "to a conclusion that we were a little off base."

## FIGHTING COMMUNIST MENACE

NEW YORK. — Mike (Mugsy) Brown, bookie, who operates at the southeast corner of 14 St. and Ninth Ave., announced today he had applied for a loan from the World Bank. "My racket is a bulwark against communism," Mugsy explained.

CHICAGO.— Mrs. Ellsworth Smith pleaded not guilty today in District Court to charges of murdering her husband, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, two cousins and five nephews. "It is true that I killed them," Mrs. Smith said with a sweet smile, "but I had to—they were not fighting hard enough against the Communist menace."

F. Fairchild Benton, her attorney, indicated he would move to have the case dismissed and to have a Chicago park named in honor of Mrs. Smith.

SAN FRANCISCO. — Hubert Spratwell, landlord, announced today that he had appealed to the United Nations Security Council to evict the Roberts family from Spratwell's house on Jackson St. "The Roberts family

contains a Communist minority," Spratwell declared. "It is the duty of the Security Council to act under Article 51. This will be a test for the United Nations."

SARATOGA — Thorndike ("Two-gun") Belcher was arrested today on charges of doping Bright Star, the favorite in the third race who, as a result of the dope, went into a sound slumber after running 17 inches. "I did it out of high principle and deep conviction," said Belcher. "The horse was completely totalitarian."

WILMINGTON, Del. — A gun battle raged here all day today as cops trapped Butch Bunner in a two-story frame house. Bunner is wanted for grand larceny, kidnapping, rape and murder. As he fired at the cops from a window on the top floor, Bunner picked up the telephone with one hand and called up the White House in Washington. "My back is to the wall," he told the President. "Please rush me \$2,350,000,000 and three divisions of infantry—I am containing Soviet expansion."

## Trickery Utilized

# CHICAGOANS GET ROPED IN ON RENT RAISE DEAL BY REAL ESTATE OPERATORS, REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS

By VES Staff Writer

Chicago Lithuanian-American tenants, others, have emerged as the victims of a virtual conspiracy as official figures revealed that more rent-increase leases were signed here than in the rest of the country combined.

Figures released by the Office of the Housing Expediter disclosed that 519,238 new leases embodying the 15 percent "voluntary" rent increase have been signed in the entire country since the new rent law went into effect. Of this total, 251,979 were signed in the

Chicago area.

Explanation for this fact is seen in the activities and inactivities of the state and local governments as well as in the almost unanimous campaign waged by the press to "sell" the rent boost to the public.

A state rent control law passed by the legislature lay on Republican Gov. Dwight Green's desk until after the deadline set by most landlords for the signing of the new leases.

In the city, Democratic Mayor Martin H. Kennelly failed to carry through his promise to get the city council to pass a rent control ordinance.

At the same time city corporation counsel Benjamin Adamowski dug up an ancient statute that virtually terrorized tenants into accepting the rent increases lest they face eviction. Adding to the normal distresses of eviction, the ordinance provided that the city would move the furniture of evictees to the city dump and there sell it at auction.

Release of the figures on Chicago rent increases was greeted gleefully by the Chicago Real Estate Board, which reportedly engineered the entire campaign to bludgeon tenants into signing up for the 15 percent boost.



ALICE YONIK

Vilnis staff member left for vacation period down Spring Valley, Illinois way this week.



DOROTHY YUDEN

Director of Roseland, Illinois Aido Chorus who is to soon present opera "Birute" at Chicago Sokol Hall. Main worry of group is how they will get steed (horse) of knight Kestutis on stage.

Said Jack Hosford, executive assistant of the board: "It makes us feel awful good."

## Just Between Us

By George Starkauskas

● Two short years ago on August 15th Lithuanian-Americans were celebrating V-J Day, signaling the end of the victorious war against the Axis.

● While we mourned our dead at Tarawa, Iwo and Okinawa our returning veterans heard glowing promises from politicians of both major parties and from the champions of "free enterprise" that there was "nothing too good for our boys."

The reality is a far cry from the promise.

● Millions of veterans and their families literally have no place to live.

● A GOP Congress in cahoots with poll-tax Democrats killed price control, causing prices to zoom way out of reach of the average vet.

● Hundreds of thousands of Negro vets in the South were denied access to their terminal leave pay. They have suffered persecution, brutality, lynchings, and beatings. At present a reign of terror perpetuated by Chicago fascist minded citizenry, aided and abetted by real estate interests, utilizing teenage youth are stoning and assaulting negroes granted right to reside at a housing project on the South Side.

● Under the very noses of one thousand policemen supposedly maintaining peace and order, deeds of assault are being committed.

● To top matters off is the headlong dash of the Wall Street manipulators of U. S. foreign policy to bring our nation into conflict with democratic peoples all over the world. Truman Doctrine, Marshall Plan — call it what you will—all add up to a danger of a new world war arising out of U. S. abrogation of the FDR policy of peace and Big Three Unity.

● Add it all up and you have the greatest betrayal in our nation's history.

● Add to this the Taft-Hartley Slave Labor Law, persecution of liberals, UnAmerican Activities Committee and other gestures of our government and one can well realize how Adolph Hitler established fascism in Germany.

● This is America today. But of this we can be sure, on the second anniversary of V-J Day; Lithuanian-Americans, all democracy-loving Americans, the men who fought out nation's enemies on bloody battlefields will not be dismayed by the tasks of peace.

● They will join with all Americans who love democracy—the common people in the unions, farms, Negro people, middle classes—in the fight to save our country from the efforts of the trusts to impose their own brand of fascism on our nation.

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## It's a Great System



● Down in Mississippi in a recent election they barred citizens from voting if they favored federal anti-lynch, anti-poll-tax or fair employment practice laws.

Wonder if that's where Taft and Hartley got the idea.

### TWO MORE NLRB ATTORNEYS RESIGN—headline.

● What with unions right and left announcing a boycott of the board, they probably feel sitting around twiddling their thumbs is no safe way to earn a living.

● We see where a group of Kentucky mine owners have shut their mines in a scrap over division of the profits between ramp owners and operators.

We suggest they write Messrs. Taft and Hartley for information on how to form a union.

● "There are times," said Little Luther, "that I think you're almost human after all."

"Why, my boy," puffed Mr. Dilworth, "I knew you'd come around some day and see I'm not really so bad."

"Well," said Little Luther, "let's put it this way—it seems there are some worse, hard as that is to imagine."

"And what occasions such pretty compliments?" Mr. Dilworth asked.

"Walter Jones and 39 other guys," said Little Luther.

"Please be a little more specific," his father said.

"Jones is the waiter on the New York Central train Wolverine who pulled the safety cord when the wheels broke off one of the cars at 60 miles an hour," Little Luther explained.

"Oh, yes, I remember," said Mr. Dilworth, "and a very heroic action it was. Why, just think of all the men and women and children whose lives he probably saved."

"Thirty-two bucks worth," said Little Luther.

"Oh, come now," said his father, "I don't know you placed such a low value on human life."

"Not me. The 39 other guys," said Luther. "They were passengers. They drew up a statement saying what a wonderful thing he had done and they raised a collection to show their appreciation. Out of the 39 they got a grand total of \$32."

"That's what I mean when I say that sometimes even you seem human."

## THESE ARE THE TIMES

By Joseph Sacal

● The death in the Centralia Coal Co. mine disaster of 111 members of the United Mine Workers, other deaths that followed in additional mine explosions due to company negligence and greed—has proven a gold mine for undertakers of those areas, reports the Federated Press. The average charge for disposal of bodies, burial that is, cost over \$700 per body for materials and services.

● In any large city complete funerals are advertised by reputable funeral directors at around \$300 and up. In Detroit the largest advertising funeral director offers a complete funeral at \$100, with higher prices for fancier caskets and service.

● The highest price charged in the Centralia undertaking orgy of profiteering was \$1,178.50 for burying one of the dead miners. The lowest charge was \$233. The actual average was \$732.78.

● This means that funeral costs alone for the 111 victims of company violation of safety features were a total of \$81,338.50.

● The figures were gathered by agents of the federal coal mines administration after the undertakers' ghoulish profiteering had scandalized the community.

● The United Mine Workers Journal, arriving here from Washington, called the grab by the Centralia morticians a "macabre business." It quoted the leading Washington undertaker, W. W. Chambers, as terming his line of work "the most highly specialized racket in the world." Referring to the elaborate tissue of state laws that hedge in the racket from public view, Chambers added:

● "The public is at the mercy of an organized funeral business supervised by state boards and needless laws and regulations. The funeral racket is one that has no standard of prices. Whatever can be charged and got away with is the guiding rule. Why some of those bums charge a family \$99 to bury a poor little baby in a casket that only costs \$4.50."

● Denouncing both the Centralia Coal Co. and the funeral directors who gorged on the feast prepared by the mine owners, the union journal declared.

● "The we-kill'em—you-bury-'em scheme of doing things, regardless of all else that might be said of it, opened up a lucrative business for the undertakers. And the Centralia undertakers moved in like ghouls."

● In some mining communities the local union has a cooperative burial society that keeps charges down because nobody is in the game to make a profit out of the widows and orphans and the compensation payments they get from the state, the insurance policies and the welfare fund death benefit from the union funds.

● In many European countries the burial business is operated not for profit by the city or state.



## Good Suggestions

# Lithuanian Literary Society Should Develop New Phase Of Introducing Literature To Younger Generation

By VES Staff Writer

In the recent series of discussions on the role of Lithuanian-American youth, appearing in both *Laisve* and Vilnis English Sections, Frank Stulgis, columnist, raises some interesting points relative to national organization, Lithuanian Literary Society.

"It has been recently suggested", writes Stulgis, "that one point which was overlooked in our discussion about youth activity problems was the side of the Lithuanian Literary Society, commonly known as the ALDLD. The role of this organization among the younger people can be much greater than it has been until now.

"Let us reflect on this organization and its possibilities for the time being.

"In the Literary Society, we have an organization that charges a membership fee of \$1.50 per year. For this, the member has a choice of receiving a book published by the society in the Lithuanian Language and the quarterly magazine "Sviesa" or one book in English from a list which is submitted to the member. On the whole the selections that have been offered to the members have been very good. This last year the list included: *Drums of the Morning*, *The Cross and the Arrow*, *Focus*, all of which were excellent reading, were progressive in their outlook and gave an insight to certain social questions which they covered.

"I believe that every member of the ALDLD who received these books was enthusiastic about them.

"However, if a person reads books, is one book per year sufficient food for his intellect? I am sure that it is not. There is no problem in most big cities to get good books. But in many cities it is virtually impossible to get them. One has to turn to the "Book of the Month" Clubs which have on their menu many books that are far from being progressive and are written for the purpose of miseducating, misleading, distorting, etc.

"Our suggestion in this matter is to get the central committees of the ALDLD to discuss the following:

1. Set up a committee for selection of English Books for recommendation to the American born members for reading.

2. Send out a monthly bulletin to all American born members from which they can choose the books they want to read, to be sold at prices that are somewhat better than those in the bookstores. We believe that the ALDLD can make arrangements with the publishers to get a good discount and to give the benefit of this discount to the members after covering the cost of operations and overhead.

3. The cost of membership would be \$1.50 per year as it is now and for this, the member would get one free book plus the monthly bulletin (it could be a quarterly bulletin). If something could be arranged whereby a member orders and pays for a number of books, and can get another

one free of charge, it would be worth looking into.

4. Some sort of pamphlet service should be organized, so that the member would be able to receive latest pamphlets on various important topics of social significance, and would thus keep up-to-date on issues as they come up.

5. Arrangement of club subscriptions to various progressive magazines in the English Language and there are a number of good publications which would begin to gain circulation among the younger people of Lithuanian descent thru this method.

"There you have the beginning of a plan for work among the younger generation. There you have something concrete to start a discussion on and the fruits of the discussion would bring in some other ideas and improvements upon those mentioned in this article."

## Back From West Coast



VINCENT ANDRULIS

Lithuanian Daily Vilnis staff member who recently returned from West Coast tour. Claims Lithuanian younger generation goes big for Vilnis English Section.

## Rise In Subsistence Is To Be Given To Veterans

WASHINGTON — Seriously disabled war veterans who are receiving special training to fit them for self-supporting jobs will get an automatic "cost of living" raise in subsistence allowances Sept. 1, the Veterans Administration announced today.



## news and views

By MILDRED STENSLER

● In this week's mail to the LMS Eastern Festival Comm., one letter particularly was very gratifying. Dorothy Yuden, writing from Illinois, gave us the news that the Cicero Women's Chorus is coming East for the Festival.

It was decided to hold a Festival in Brooklyn, because so much talent from the East was unable to get to Chicago last October. Artists from the Eastern states, particularly are invited to participate so the distance and time element involved would not serve against them too much. Any artist, choral or dramatic group from any part of the country is welcome; all will get a chance to perform. We thank the Cicero Women's Chorus for their foresight and indefatigable energy to travel a thousand miles en masse to appear at our Eastern Festival. We hope soon to be able to give more definite information of other guest stars from even greater distances.

● The news from Montello, Mass is that the "Liuosybēs" Chorus has voted to participate at the Festival, and they are bringing 3 soloists, Rose Merkeiūtė, Ona Mineikiūtė, and Jean Brown.

Three New England Drama Groups are already in rehearsal. The Montello, Mass. "Teatrališkas Ratelis" will offer a one-act comedy "Teodalinda." The Theatre Group from Bridgeport, Conn. will do the LDS Prize play "Fifty-Fifty."

A new Theater Group has been organized in Boston by the LMS 2-nd District Comm. and they plan to do the play "Kas Mūs Mamei Pasidarė."

● Mr. Bovinas wasn't content to relax under the old apple tree very long while on his vacation in the Conn. country. He was too near Hartford to keep from running in for a chat with the LMSers up there, and he tells us that he was surprised and truly pleased by what he heard and saw. He commented on the unusual composition of the "Laisvės" Chorus. Their teacher, Wilma Hollis, is French, the Executive Comm. is fifty percent American born Lithuanians, while 3 other singers are of foreign extraction, one Italian, one Polish and one Swedish. And they all sing beautiful Lithuanian. The chorus boasts of 6 soloists and an accomplished violinist, John Roman. The president of the chorus, Grace Gailen, assists in teaching and is now organizing a Men's Chorus.

● Yes the list is growing. Lithuanians in the East are rallying to make an artistic and invaluable showing of their cultural activities. And reading the list is proving an education in itself.

We like the sound of the names of some of our choruses. I don't know who picked them or how they evolved, but names like "Aidas," "Lyros," "Aušra," "Liaudies" ring themselves. "Sietynas," is appropriately, a group of stars in the heavens. "Vyturėlis" was described to me as very familiar bird in the old country, that rises high over the meadows to sing his peculiar melodic song. My urban Lithuanian friends tell me that they never saw such a bird here, but it sounds to me like our meadow lark.

● We're curious as to how "Vilijos" Chorus happened to choose its name, for as far as I could gather "Vilija" is the name of a river running through Vilnius. But then rivers have been endowed with music for they sing too, as they wind along the countryside.

● Then there's the other group, "Laisvės", "Liuosybēs", "Pirmyn," titles indicating that we are also progressive, socially-conscious people. Taking the choruses collectively one gets a pretty satisfying picture of whither goes Lithuanian-American Culture.

## Chicago LKM Sings In Rockford On August 31; Group Urged To Turn Out For Al Blozis (AVC) Veterans Picnic

Just hang on kids—it won't be long before this torrid heat is over with. Guess when the zero weather rolls around (oh, for just a little cool breeze) we will be wishing that we had some of that good ole' summer heat.

Even tho' some of us had quite a time trying to convince ourselves to attend rehearsals during the hot weather, we always found a goodly number of LKM'ers at the Lith. Auditorium on Tuesday evenings. Now that fall is just around the corner perhaps we will have a much larger attendance and be able to start work on our fall schedule.

Our biggest task right now is to be able to get those recordings done so that all you grand people will be able to relax before your fireplaces, during those cold winter evenings (oh for a cool breeze!) and just hear those melodies of "Draugai i Kovai", "Karvelėli Mėlynasis", "Tykiat, Tykiat, Nemunėlis Teka", and "Jura" flowing forth. We are faced with work not only in learning these songs but also in collecting the necessary funds so that we can put these songs on those black "discs". Our campaign for the funds is still open, so if any of you that had planned to send money and hadn't done so, you can still send a check or money order to the LKM Chorus, 3116 S. Halsted Street, Chicago, Ill.

After this work is completed we have to think of preparing a good Concert which is scheduled for Nov. 23. We have a nice group of girls in our midst that were involved in dances in Rio Rita, and I believe these girls should make appearances not only in Operettas but in other programs.

**Tid Bits:** The Vilnis Picnic which was held last Sunday seemed to be quite successful. That was a huge crowd that gathered in Justice Park, people coming in from various parts of the county. Of course the LKM was called upon to do its little bit in helping fulfill the musical portion. Noticed some of our own members lending a hand behind the bar.— Our yearly outing is scheduled for tomorrow night (Aug. 23) at Kelly Island. You are all to gather at the Lithuanian Auditorium at 4: P. M., where means of transportation will be provided all of you. The Committee has planned quite a gala affair for all of you so be there on time.— We still have one more affair scheduled before the cold weather sets in. That is a Picnic to be held at Dan Smith's Grove on Sept. 14. The proceeds of this Picnic will go towards our recordings.— I believe that it is proper to mention here, that the Detroit Aido Chorus and the LKM are not able to go through with their plans of appearing with their respective operettas in Detroit and Chicago. We will not endeavor to explain here the whys and wherefors, but I believe that we all understand the financial angles which such an endeavor would involve. Perhaps still in the future we will be able to help one another out in concerts, etc.— Speaking of Detroit, your Frank Price and Jake Jacobson had themselves quite a time at the Vilnis picnic with several of our fair ladies of the LKM. — Seen Sunday at the picnic was Joe Kenston and his protege Gloria Elwood of the Carousel cast.— Former LKM'er Roger Zillis seemed to be enjoying himself immensely. Understand that Roger has a part in the Operetta "Birute" which the Rose-

land Aido Chorus expects to present this fall. — Coming out of hibernation were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Keller.— That is pretty good reading material that Mildred Stensler writes in her LKM News and Views. The article she wrote on Walter Zukas presented facts to us that none of us knew. Hope she writes more articles like that. — This month its "Happy Birthday" to Lucille Matuz, Ruth Juodaitis, and Frank Kirka.— What happened to all the correspondents that always contributed their little bit to the English Section? By keeping quiet it makes one feel that there is no activity among the LDS'ers and some of the Choruses.— Still on our sick list is Adolph Kaukas and Joe Stonis. We hear that Kaukas is pretty well on the road to recovery. We saw Joe Stonis for the first time in months at the Vilnis Picnic. We hope that he recovers sufficiently so that he will be able to be back among us. Stonis was one of the original organizers of the Chorus 23 years ago and has remained a staunch member all these years. — On Tuesday evening we greeted Mr. and Mrs. Keller, Edith Snyder, Betty Jenkins and Tony Survilla back among us. Now that everyone is rested up we can start working hard again.— We want to see all of you at our outing this Saturday evening, those that want to go by truck be at the Lith. Auditorium by 4 P. M. Others that can't make it the outing is at Kelly Island across the street from the Flamingo Hotel (56th and the lake.) — Our next singing engagement is in Rockford on Aug. 31 at the Vilnis Picnic. Buses will take both the L. K.M. and Roseland Aido Choruses.

One of the biggest events of this fall will be the AVC—Al Blozis Chapter, Picnic to be held at Justice Park Gardens on Sept. 7. According to the planning committee there will be plenty in store for all of you. This includes a beauty contest and games of all sorts. Hope I can catch that greased pig — by the way everyone wear overalls.

So until Saturday evening its just the —

Umpire.



**FADS AND FANCIES.** Were you to participate in a Summer travelogue filming, you might well don such a suit of non-wrinkling jersey as is worn by A. Trendler.



## U. S. Presents False Picture Of Actual Life In Country

MOSCOW — Culture and Life, Soviet magazine, accused the State Department's monthly Russian-language magazine Amerika of presenting a false and one-sided picture of life in the United States.

What Amerika presents as the life of a typical average American family actually is a picture of life in the upper income brackets, Culture and Life said, and the hard day-to-day existence of the common working man is ignored.

Particularly, Culture and Life said, Amerika distorts the

treatment of the Negro and the Indian in the United States.

Culture and Life devoted 2½ columns written by E. Constantinov to the magazine which has a circulation of 50,000 in the Soviet Union.

## Down South Illinois Way



JOSEPH DOMBRAUSKAS

Young Lith-American hard at work building the fraternal organization Association of Lithuanian Workers (LDS), especially Lodge No. 39 in Southern Illinois. His organization is giving away some valuable prizes on September 14 at the Poultry Building in the Fairgrounds.

## Churchmen Hit U. S. Policy Toward Yugoslavia

PRAGUE (ALN) — America is deliberately throwing away Yugoslavia's potential friendship, seven U. S. Protestant leaders said here after a 2-week investigation of Yugoslav religious conditions. "We spent two weeks seeing what we wanted to see," declared Dr. Guy Emery Shipler, editor of The Churchman. U. S. policy is "mistaken," he said.

# Group Sees Accelerated Member Drive

## LDS Expects Many New Clubs To Be Organized; Activity In Sports, Education, Culture To Expand

According to national headquarters of the Association of Lithuanian Workers (LDS), the national membership drive of the organization which is now on will be intensified this fall.

In order to increase the activities of the organization, the National Officers are urging every Lodge to organize a younger people's club which will provide for an organizational form for organizing activities for them.

The first step in this direction has already been taken. The LDS National Activities and Youth Committee has completed a booklet: "How to Organize an LDS Club" in both the Lithuanian and English Languages and this booklet has been mailed to all the Lodges in the country.

A campaign to get all Lodges active in this phase of the work is being planned, especially paying stress to the Lithuanian communities where there is no young people's organization at the present time.

Particular attention will be paid to Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Upstate New York, Ohio, Illinois and other sections with large Lithuanian populations will be worked on diligently.

The basis of these clubs will be activity, for without activity, the clubs will not have a purpose and will not be able to exist. It is therefore seen that there will be a sharp upsurge of activity among the younger people in the LDS this coming fall, winter and spring.

In the course of this building up of large scale activities, there will be many new forms of activities organized. One of the first things that is to get stress will be sports activities with all Lodges being urged to organize bowling leagues, basketball teams, organization of activity centers where table tennis (ping-pong) and other activities will be carried on.

Aside from sports, many other activities are planned. Social, educational and cultural activities will receive a larger play than ever before since the war, also. One of the first groups getting set for action is the LDS Super Club in New York, where a group of members from a number of Lodges will gather to discuss various phases of Lithuanian American activities and other things which are of interest to them. It is expected that Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit and other larger centers of LDS activity will also come in with some sort of plan to foster this activity.

In number of other communities an attempt will be made to push dramatics and already a growing interest is discerned in this form of activity. The program of activity, interrupted by the war, is gradually being resumed as time goes on, taking in all the former plans for work and further development of activities that were stopped when the war began.

There are a number of cities where LDS singing groups are to be started, and in some others there will be choruses formed in LDS Lodges as part of LDS activity. These choruses are to be formed in places where they will not run into competition

with the present existing LMS bodies partaking in musical activity.

All this will require the utmost cooperation from all active members who have the sincere desire to see in the LDS something that is big and something that can be done which will be able to satisfy the activity thirsts of a great many of our members, and prospective members.

Cooperation of other organizations will be sought to build up the LDS in various communities, especially with American-born members. In this manner, it is seen that the LDS has the chance to reach a membership of 10,000 in a relatively short period of time. The basic thing required is cooperation in each city with the National Headquarters which is to plan and conduct the campaign of organization.

LDS Lodges in the Eastern States are entering some of their activity in the field of dramatics in the Eastern Lithuanian Cultural Festival which will be held in Brooklyn, N. Y., over Thanksgiving Holidays. Bridgeport, Conn., was the first to make an announcement on this score by entering the play "Fifty-Fifty." Other drama groups will be developed.

In the membership drive which has thus far netted a total of nearly 250 new members, the younger people have enrolled most of the new members. It is also estimated that at least seventy-five percent of all the new members enrolled are American born people of Lithuanian descent.

## To Address Lithians In Ohio News From Illinois



LEON PRUSEIKA

Member of the staff of Lithuanian Daily Vilnis, Mr. Pruseika will address Lithuanian-Americans of Ohio at a picnic September 7 at J. O. Rubus Farm, Burton, Ohio.

## Profits Doubled, Yet It's Not Enough For Them

NEW YORK (FP)—To the Dow Chemical Corp., as to other U. S. corporations, too much is nowhere near enough.

In its financial report for the fiscal year ended May 31, made public here, the company blandly acknowledged that it had doubled its profits over the previous year to show a net income of \$12,739,891, compared with \$6,707,215.

## Employment Service

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON SERVICE TO VETERANS

Here is another in a series of questions and answers regarding the rights of ex-servicemen and their families, as answered by R. E. Bremmer, Veterans' Employment Representative, Illinois State Employment Service, 817 W. Exchange Ave. For further information contact Mr. Bremmer. In this series, the I.S.E.S. attempts to answer questions most frequently asked by ex-servicemen and women.

Question: My son was killed in the Pacific theater of war and his body is buried in a military cemetery. Recently I was approached by a man who says he is a representative of a firm which takes care of the graves of American war dead and wants me to pay a small amount of money if I wish his firm to take care of my son's grave. Should I make the payment?

Answer: No. The federal government maintains perpetual care of American cemeteries. Recently racketeers have prevailed upon the relatives of war dead to make such payments for care never given to the graves. Do not pay this man and report all information about him to police authorities.

Question: While in service my right foot was badly injured and it is very painful if I wear regular shoes; so I have had to wear a slipper on the foot because the specially built shoes are so expensive. Could I possibly get a pair of these fitted shoes from the government?

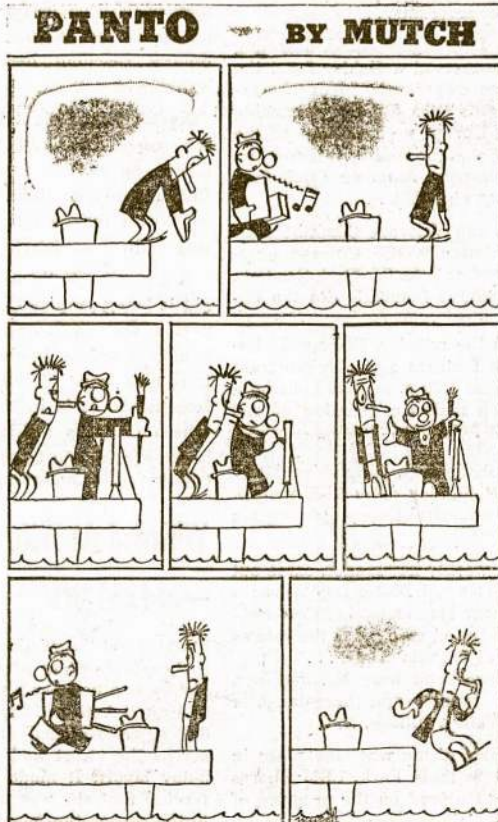
Answer: Yes, the federal government now provides orthopedic shoes for veterans with service-connected foot disabilities. Information on how to apply for these special shoes can be obtained from your Veterans' Administration representative.

Question: My son was killed in service and so was the son of my next-door neighbor. She has received a form to designate her preference concerning his burial place. But I have not received such a form. Her son was not killed in the same area as mine, but they both were in the same branch of the service. Why haven't I received such a form and will I get one?

Answer: Because of the large number of such cases, the armed forces have not been able to send out all such forms as yet. You will receive one, although it may require a longer time because of the large volume of such work now being done by armed service authorities.

## 'Self-Defense' Is Actually Murder In This State

New Orleans (FP) — The old technique of shooting in "self-defense" has resulted in the death of four Negroes in Louisiana in as many weeks and is increasingly being used as justification for wanton murder, Pres. Daniel E. Byrd of the Louisiana branch of the Natl. Assn. for Advancement of Colored People revealed here.



## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

● Formerly a captain in U. S. armed forces, Bernice Skutas now holding down a civvie position in Austria flew to Chicago by plane when notified of her mother's serious illness there. The Grim Reaper however worked fast. Bernice found her mother dead upon arrival. . . .

● Visiting parents the past week was former Lt. Commander Felix P. Beadal, wife and children. The Beadal's are settling in California, the former U. S. Navy Air Corps commander having a position with Radio Corporation of America, there. . . .

● It's a boy (again!) at the Chicago Stanley Bernot's, with "Pop" handing out cigars to members of the LDS and AVC. . . .

● Leave it to the Chicago-held Vilnis picnic to bring out the "long-no-see" people. Taking in the heat were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pozer Jr., Mr. and Mrs. DeSchaff, Mrs. Leonard Kelly and Junior (or is it a she?), Mrs. Raymond Jankel, and many, many others. . . .

● In for the Vilnis social event were a number of out of towners including Edward Pran of Rockford (rumored to be wed now), John Purtikas of McKees Rocks, Pa., John Mazukna of Pittsburgh (former big-wheel of Susivienijimas Lietuviu Amerikoje, SLA). From Detroit came Frank Price and friend. Detroit was represented by others, also, and many persons dropped in from Wisconsin and Southern Illinois. . . .

● Vacationing at present is Miss Helen Paukstys. Bentlyville, Pennsylvania is the site. . . .

● New Yorker Robert Feiferis is the artist of that magnificent cover Roseland Aido Chorus is going to use for their BIRUTE program book. . . .

● Speaking of artists, artistry, the LMS drawing used in Mildred Stenslers NEWS AND VIEWS column was made up by Phyllis Rasins, Chicagoan. . . .

● Because of inability to arrange dates, word has it that Chicago LKM Chorus and Detroit Aido Chorus are cancelling presentation of opera LAIMA and musical comedy RIO RITA. The latter was to be presented in Detroit, Laima in Chicago. . . .

● New York's Lithuanian Liberty Radio Club held a picnic this past Sunday with radio artist Ema Kasmochius, Viila Cypkuis, Lillian Bastis and the well-known Brooklyn Aido Chorus Men's Quartette on the entertainment program. . . .

● Tom Yermal, sports writer for LDS organ TIESA deviating from Lithuanian sportsmen, has uncovered a fighter from the Baltic States—one Anton Raadik, an Estonian by birth who arrived in this country fourteen months ago. Raadik, according to Yermal, fought many battles in Europe and was one of the outstanding boxers in amateur circles on the continent before the war and was a member of the European Amateur Team in a Golden Gloves tournament in Chicago in 1939. . . .

● Al Blozis chapter of the American Veterans Committee hit the air this past Tuesday through Station WGES, Chicago, plugging their scheduled picnic on September 7, Justice Park Gardens. Member of the publicity staff, Vytautas Remeikis did the announcing. . . .

● Fastest growing radio club in the country, Chicago Lithuanian Culture and Art Club which features a weekly program over WGES every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m., has built up a membership of 1500 persons! Each makes a donation of one dollar and up to keep the half-hour program featuring Lithuanian-American artists going. . . .

● As predicted by Vilnis English Section, Lithuanian Daily Vilnis Chicago-held picnic this past Sunday drew 5,000 people. . . . The massive attendance has pro-fascist element gasping for air, and then some! . . .

● The Chicago Star, progressive weekly newspaper, came out with support for the Al Blozis (AVC) "Al Blozis Day" observance September 7. Too, star of Oscar Hammerstein "Carousel" now playing in town, Miss Gloria Elwood who plays the role of "Carrie", will be an honored guest at the vets affair. . . .

● Visitors in Chicago over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Mockaitis, daughter Mrs. Joseph Palulis and her daughter Dorothy, son Raymond of Spring Valley, Illinois. . . .

● Another Lithuanian Daily Vilnis picnic will take place in Rockford, Illinois on August 31 at Svithoid Park. LKM Chorus and Roseland Aido Chorus will be featured on the program of entertainment. . . .

## More Stars Scheduled For Chicago Blozis American Veterans Committee Chapter Picnic At Justice Park

### Joins Al Blozis Chapter



WALTER POZER JR.

Served with the U. S. Navy during the war, joined the Al Blozis Chapter of the American Veterans Committee this week. He lives in Lake Villa, Illinois.

Petite Gloria Elwood, starring in Oscar Hammersteins "Carousel" now playing at Chicago's Shubert Theatre, plus George Green of the Chicago Peoples Theatre, both of Lithuanian extraction, will be featured at the Al Blozis (AVC) American Veterans Committee picnic at Justice Park Gardens, Justice, Illinois, September 7, according to the publicity committee of the veterans organization.

Expecting a maximum crowd especially when one considers the oral support already given by Lith-American organizations, plus that of the 30 AVC chapters in the city, the Al Blozis members hit Station WGES with a broadcast to city folk this past Tuesday to make sure they remember the day, place of the picnic.

## U. S. Training More Chinese Troops For War

Hongkong (ALN)—A group of American military advisers has been selected to train a new force of 100 brigades for Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang armies, reports reaching here from Nanking reveal.

Nanking officials, it is stressed, asked Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer, on a U. S. mission to China, for immediate aid to cope with the mounting military and economic crisis.

While more U. S. substantial aid is being prepared, it is reported, four U. S. trained and equipped armies in the Shantung area have received reinforcements. It is in this area where Chiang's military setbacks are said to threaten the collapse of his main forces.

## Whistled At Wife —Is Laid Off

Looking out the window of the Fisher Body plant of General Motors one hot day a member of United Auto Workers Local 602 (CIO) whistled at a girl across the street and drew a 3-day layoff. It made no difference that she was his wife, to the corporation martinets.



Although still more than two weeks away, seven beautiful Lith-American girl entrants to the sponsored beauty contest have been listed with more to come within a matter of a few days. Names of the girls will be released next week.

With two more publicity broadcasts still scheduled over three radio stations, announcing the fact that not only will notables from the stage, radio, sports field be present at the AVC open-air function, but that also the "Wee Five" orchestra for dancing plus a series of novelty features including a greased pig chase will be on the menu, it is certain that the public will have a hilarious time.

Patrons are being told not to attend the function in formals, semi-formals, but should wear regular down-to-earth FARM dress so that they can enjoy the fun.

As a drawing feature, twenty five attendance prizes are being given away absolutely FREE.

Beauty contestants interested in participating in the scheduled contest are asked to communicate with Mr. Gerald Keller at 4014 South Maplewood or phone LAF. 9068.