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“THE KNIGHT”



LIETUVOS TARYBA 1918 M., VASARIO 16 D., SKELBIA LIETUVĄ NEPRIKLAUSOMA IR SAVARANKIŠKA VALSTYBE.

NEPRIKLAUSOMYBĖS AKTAS — Lietuvos Taryba savo posėdyje vasario 16 d., 1918 m. vienu balsu nutarė: kreiptis į Rusijos, Vokietijos ir kitų valstybių vyriausybes šiuo pareiškimu: Lietuvos Taryba, kaip vienintelė lietuvių tautos atstovybė, remdamos pripažintąja tautų apsisprendimo teise ir lietuvių Vilniaus konferencijos nutarimu rugsėjo m. 18-23 d., 1917 m., **SKELBIA ATSTATANTI NEPRIKLAUSOMĄ, DEMOKRATINIAIS PAMATAIS SUTVARKYTĄ LIETUVOS VALSTYBĘ SU SOSTINE VILNIUJE** ir tą valstybę atskirianti nuo visų valstybinių ryšių, kurie yra buvę su kitomis tautomis. Drauge Lietuvos Taryba pareiškia, kad Lietuvos valstybės pamatus ir jos santykius su kitomis valstybėmis privalo galutinai nustatyti kiek galima greičiau susauktas **STEIGIAMASIS SEIMAS**, demokratinio būdu visų jos gyventojų išrinktas.



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Vasario Šešioliktoji

Šiandieną kai po Lietuvą siaučia raudonasis teroras, kai gyvieji pavydi mirusiems, kai kalėjimai prigrūsti nekaltais lietuviais vien tik dėlto, kad jie nėra komunistai, kai motinos ir tėvai tremiami į gilumą Maskolijos ir vaikai į komnacių stovyklas, kai Sibiro taigos užpiltos lietuvių kaulais — išeiviai lietuviai renkasi Vasario Šešioliktos proga į masinius susirinkimus ir vieningai kelia skausmu slėgiamą balsą, šaukdami dangaus teisingumo ir pasaulio sąžinės, kad būtų pasigailėta nekaltų aukų — nekaltų lietuvių.

Anot kun. Švagždžio pasakytos savo laiku kalbos: — Ne daug turi būti yra lietuvių, kuriems Vasario 16 diena ne daug ką reiškia. Juk tai diena, kurioje lietuviai iš Rusijos vergų virto laisvais, laisvos Lietuvos sūnumis... Kaip brangus dalykas Tautos nepriklausomybė, liudija mums visi amžiai, visos tautos. Jau tūkstančiai metų praslinko, kaip Izraelio sūnūs, laisvos tėvynės netekę, babiloniečių pavergti, giliai jautė, kaip brangus dalykas tautai jos nepriklausomybė. Tą jausmą ainių ainiams jie reiškė šiais žodžiais: "Ant Babiliono upių ten mes sėdėjome ir verkėme, atsimindami apie Sioną... Jei aš užmiršiu tavę, Jeruzale, tebūna užmiršta mano dešinė. Tepri-limpa liežuvis prie mano gomurio, jei neminėsiu tavęs, jei nelaikysiu Jeruzalės mano linksmybės pradžia". Taip reiškia savo skausmą ir savo pasižadėjimus Izraelis...

Jei amžių gludumoje pradingusių tautų, jei puslaukinių genčių sūnūs suprato ir įvertino laisvę ir nepriklausomybę, tai ar ne nuostabu, kad šiandiena atsiranda moderniškų Kvislingų, kurie nei savo tautos, nei savo tėvynės laisvės neįvertina ir ją nori matyti tik po vergijos batų primintą, apiplėštą, nuteriotą, iškoneveiktą... Jie nusikalto savo lietuvei motinai, nes jie ją atidavė Sibiro gyvenimui, nusižengė dešimčiai Dievo įsakymų: "Gerbk savo tėvą ir motiną"; jie nusikalto savo artimui, nes jam palinkėjo nelaisvės ir kalėjimo — "nekask kitam duobės..."; jie prisidėjo prie išgriovimo šventovių: bažnyčių, tautos paminklų, mokslo programos pakeitimo iš lietuviškos - katalikiškos į maskolišką - komunistišką, kuri lietuvių tautai svetima ir nepriimtina; tas lietuvis kvislingas prisidėjo ir prie tautos ir šalies turto apiplėšimo, nes nuo lietuvio atimta visa nuosavybė ir paversta valstybine. Lietuvis paliktas tik tarnas ir vergas — visi lygūs ubagai.

Gina laisvę ir nepriklausomybę visos tautos. Todėl yra pareiga ir lietuviams ginti ir ieškoti teisingumo, kad ir Lietuva būtų laisva ir nepriklausoma.

Kaip širdį skrustų tiems, kurie Sibiro taigose; Europos ištremime ir nublokšti kitose pasaulio kraštuose, matytų, kad laisvieji lietuviai neįvertino anų tūkstančių lietuvių savanorių aukų ir



ŠAUKIAM į prieglaudą tavo daugalę,
Patrone! Lengvink verksmingą mum dalią!
Priešų apžioti, kryželiais prispausti
Meldžiame, teikis mus, vargšus, priglausti!

O, karalaiti lietuviško kraujo,
Savo vientaučių globk likusią gaują!
Teikis pas Dievą sunkiame taip karte
Raudančius brolius maloniai užtarti.

pavergtų lietuvių kančių ir aimanų, ir galėdami suteikti pagalbos ranką — jos neištiesė.

Mūsų, Amerikos lietuvių, visos pastangos privalo būti atkreiptos į tai, kad demokratiją laimėjimas būtų pagreitintas. Mums rūpi, kad Lietuvos kančių laikotarpis greičiau praeitų; kad lietuvių tauta nebūtų sunaikinta fiziškai; kad tūkstančiai jos tremtinių išliktų gyvi ir galėtų sugrįžti į savo tėviškes.

Todėl, minėdami Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės paskelbimo 28 metų sukaktį, kelkime savo balsą ir reikalaukime:

Kad Lietuvoje tuojau būtų sustabdytas bolševikų teroras — areštai, suėmimai ir ištrėmimai į Sovietijos gilumą;

Kad būtų pašalinta iš Lietuvos Sovietų Raudonoji Armija ir žvalgyba;

Kad Lietuvoje būtų atsteigta žodžio, spaudos, susirinkimų ir organizacijų laisvė;

Kad Lietuvos žmonėms artimiausiu laiku būtų suteikta proga laisvai išsirinkti savo valdžią ir atstatyti savo kraštą, kaip Nepriklausomą, Laisvą ir Demokratinę Respubliką.

Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba iškilmingai paskelbusi iškeltus reikalavimus kviečia visus lietuvius iškilmingai minėti Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės sukaktį, kuri sustiprintų visų Amerikos lietuvių pasiryžimą tęsti kovą dėl Lietuvos Laisvės, nesigailint jai mūsų aukų ir darbo. *Kmp.*

Tik doras jaunimas gali būti sau laimingas, tėvynei džiaugsmingas ir kraštui viltis.—

S. Margasis.

1946 Victory Membership Drive



ONE are the days that were lived in hope for the end of World War II — for peace has come to us — and with it the problems of reconversion to peacetime living. And these are many. The problems of the returning service men and women are uppermost in our minds today and we endeavor to assist them in finding their rightful place in social and economic activity.

The Knights of Lithuania councils afford an opportunity to these returning veterans for social contacts that will lead to the solution of their post-war readjustment. The older members of our councils can, and are ably assisting these veterans by counselling them in educational and business opportunities.

Some of my happier moments during these past few months, have been the interviewing of returning servicemen, especially those who are interested in the field of law or accounting. The sincere thanks I received from these men more than amply compensated my time. The light of hope and encouragement that comes into their eyes after the interview gives us a lift and spurs

us on to render further service to these men. Their expression of appreciation indicates the value of the service to them. Every K. of L. council has members able to give wise counsel to these veterans and whether or not the veteran is a K. of L. member we, as true christians, are ready to help them. Many councils have committees to handle these problems while others have outstanding individuals who give much of their time to this end.

Increasing numbers of American born Lithuanians are lending their support to the movement in America to regain Lithuania's independence. The delegation of American born Lithuanians attending the American Lithuanian Congress at Chicago, Ill. on November 29, 30 and December 1, 1945 gave confidence to all Lithuanian born Americans that the cause of Lithuania's freedom is not to be lightly abandoned.

Many of the outstanding leaders of Lithuanian communities in America represented at the Lithuanian American Congress are men who have built our great order the Knights of Lithuania and who have maintained the traditions of Lithuania inculcated by the first Lithuanian settlers in America. The Knights of Lithuania is ever represented in every worthwhile American and christian endeavor. We are grateful for the graces bestowed upon our great order.

It is these, and many other, accomplishments that make the Knights of Lithuania an organization worthy of membership by every American born Lithuanian boy and girl, man and woman.

We, as members, can present these accomplishments to every boy and girl, man and woman of Lithuanian parentage in our community and give them an opportunity to share in these activities of ours. This action will promote your council as a progressive civic unit in your community.

But one month remains of our 1946 Victory Membership Drive — a month that will mean more to us, to you, and to all Lithuanians than any other. It will demonstrate to every Lithuanian American that the Knights of Lithuania is, beyond question, a leading force in the fight to regain the freedom of Lithuania.

You can maintain K. of L. traditions by doing your part in this membership drive, and the joy that comes with victory shall be yours. The K. of L. 1946 Victory Membership Drive is also a reconversion problem. Are we able to solve it? February 28th will give us our answer. Remember another new member always means another true friend.

For Victory.

Anthony J. Young, V. P.
Chairman Victory Membership Drive.

TĒVYNE!

Tau akių nedrėkina gailioji rasa,
Nes jau išverktos ašarų upės;
Prieš barbarą klūpai suvargus, basa,
Ir — skausmas užčiaupė Tau lūpas.

Nors dar taip neseniai, o Tėvyne, manoji,
Tu pavasario žiedu žydėjai,
Ir į saulę veržiesi, drugeliu plasnojai, —
Plačiai Tavo dainos skambėjo.

Nors dar taip neseniai Tavo sūnūs tikėjo
Krūtinėm audras išsklaidyti;
Nors dar taip neseniai Tu sargyboj turėjai —
Nenurimstantį Baltąjį Vytį.

O jau šandie suklorus karčioj agonioj
Balto Raitelio veltui žvalgaisi,
Žiaurus barbaras žvangančiais pančiais vergijos, —
Tavo dainas ir laisvę pakeičia...

Tavo žmonės šandien už Uralo keliauja,
Azijatams nutiest autostradų,
Tavo upės nuraudo nuo nekalto kraujo, —
Vaikai, moterys miršta nuo bado...

Daug aukų visais amžiais Tavo sūnūs sudėjo
Ant negėstančio aukuro Laisvės;
Daugel amžių lietuvis už Laisvę budėjo, —
Krauju - prakaitu žemę nulaistė...

Nenuliūski ir šandie, nors suklorus, basa,
Ir nuo ašarų akys aptemo...
Tikėk: žiedu gegužės vėl papuoši kasas, —
Baltas Vytis sugrįš savo žemėn.

Klemensas Jūra.

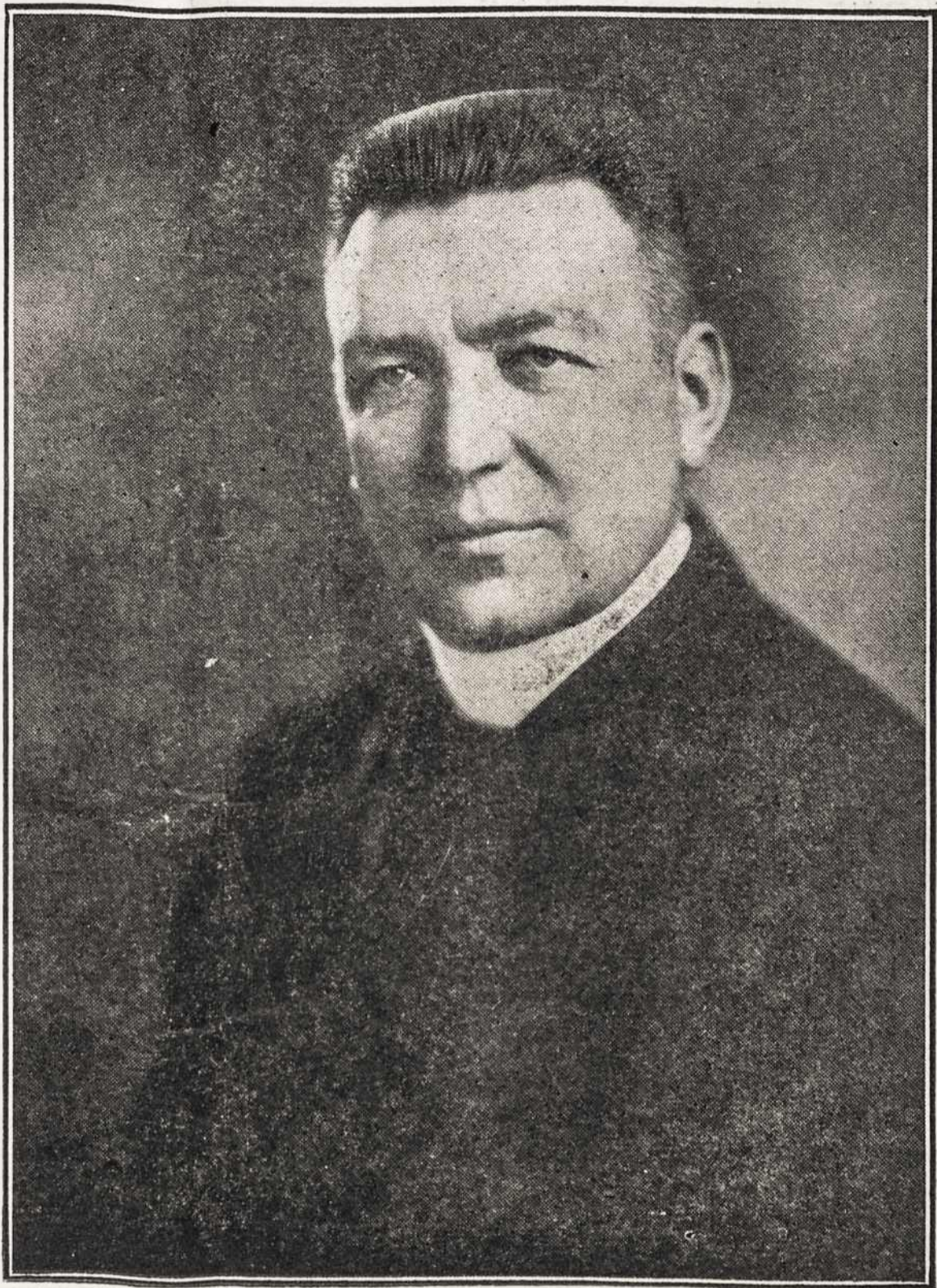
Kun. Jonas Švagždys

Leidžiant šią "Vyties" laidą į pasaulį malonu ir džiugu paminėti šios "Vyties" laidos leidėją, Šv. Roko par., Brockton, Mass., kleboną, kun. Joną Švagždį, didelį patriotą lietuvį, kuris suprasdamas jaunimo sunkią darbų atėję su duosnia parama išleisdamas šio žurnalo vieną laidą.

Kun. Jonas Švagždys klebonauja toje parapijoje, kur, galima sakyti, yra lopšys Lietuvos Vyčių, nes ten ir yra L. Vyčių pirmoji kuopa. Ir toji kuopa šiais laikais yra viena iš veikliausių. Jis bemaž taip senai ten klebonauja, kaip sena yra Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija. Skirtumas mažas: Vyčiai minėjo pereitais metais 30 metų savo gyvavimo, o kun. J. Švagždžiui ten klebonaujant jau eina 27-tas metas. Bet garbingasis jaunimo prietelius turi dar didesnio džiaugsmo šiais metais prisiminti, nes jau šių metų rudenį sukanka 40 metų jo kunigavimo.

Kun. Jonas Švagždys gimė lapkričio 12 d., 1882 metais, iš tėvų Lauryno ir Bronislavos (Tamošiūnaitės) Švagždžių, Miškiuose, Sidabrave, Lietuvoje. Jis buvo vyriausias iš devynių Švagždžių šeimos vaikučių. Pradinę jis baigė Šeduvoje ir įstojo į Mintaujos, vėliau persikėlė į Šiaulių, gimnaziją. Tose gimnazijose ir buvo to lietuviškojo susipratimo aušra, kur studentą Joną užgrūdino visiems laikams. Taip, kad 1901 metais įstojęs į Kauno dvasišką Seminariją jau buvo tarpe klierikų žymus bruzdelninkas. Šalia to viso lietuviškojo liepsnojimo klierikas Jonas Švagždys baigia dvasiškus mokslus ir 1906 metais išventintas kunigu.

Apie šešetą metų vikaravimo Žemaitijoje, kur sutiko nemažai visokių incidentų su dvarponiais, jis 1912 metais išvyksta su Maskvos Archeologijos Instituto ekskursija po Rusiją, Austriją, Italiją, Graikiją, Mažąją Aziją, Turkiją ir Bulgariją. Rudeniop 1913 metais kun. J. Švagždys atvyksta į Ameriką. Sustoja Brooklyne, vėliau klebonauja Patersone. 1917 metais sunkiai suserga ir išvyksta gydytis St. Joseph's džiovininkų ligoninėn, Catskill Mountains. Sustiprėjęs išvyksta į Pietinę Ameriką. Čia aplanko: Čilę, Argentiną, Braziliją. Ten kurį laiką darbuojasi ir grįžta 1919 metais ir pasilieka Bostono diecezoje. Pirmas paskirimas klebonu buvo į Norwood'ą ir po šešių mėnesių, liepos 26 d., 1919 metais buvo paskirtas klebonu į Šv. Roko parapiją, Brockton, Mass., kur ir po šiai dienai klebonauja.



KUNIGAS JONAS ŠVAGŽDYS

Kun. J. Švagždys, atvykęs į Brocktoną, rado sunkų parapijinį darbą. Čia laisvamanių veikimas virė kaip smala katilė ir teršė ramių žmonių katalikišką - lietuvišką veikimą. Jam teko panešti netik moralį sunkumą, bet ir patirti savo kūno sužalojimą (ir šiandien nešioja savo akyje kryžiaus ženklą). Bet kas dvasios milžinui tie nykštukų bei žvirblių riksmi. Jis atėjo nekartą į raudonųjų masinius susirinkimus ir jiems išpylė ant jų pakvaišusių galvelių jų pačių sutauptas paplovas. Laisvamanių protelis negreit priėjo išvados, kad juos čia kun. Švagždys nuplakė. Diena iš dienos Brocktono lietuviai - katalikai vis ugdė savo susipratimą ir metų eilei praslinkus Brocktonas liko tikrai pavyzdinga ir darbinga bei patriotingai - katalikiška kolonija. Laike šio karo Brocktoniečiai vieningu darbu daug prisidė-

VASARIO 16 MININT

NEPLEVĖSUOS, kaip būdavo, trispalvė
Ir aikštėna jau nesirinks minia...
Kaip slibinai, tarytum devyngalviai
Žiauriais nagais užgniaužė krūtines.

Ir gniauž, kad apmaudas neprasiveržtu
Šešiolikta vasario minint švęst.
Nesutalpinamą krūtinėj kerštą
Šiandieną, Lietuva, tau sunku kęst.

Bet tu save sutramdyti mokėjai,
Nelaimėse vis išdidi buvai
Ir vilties kupina šventai tikėjai —
Nesužavėjo svetimi dievai.

Žinau, tau užvirė tulžis ir kraujas
Akivaizdoj tiek išgamų sūnų,
Bet nešk kantri ir šią nelaimę naują
Sunkios vergijos vieškeliu senū.

Tiktai, lyg Nemunas prieš varant ledą,
Ramiai tikėdama sukauk jėgas —
Ateis diena, ir tu atgausi žadą,
Ir tavo galios priešas nusigąs.

Ateis diena — patvinsi, neši, griausi
Ir visą dumblą šluosi į krantus...
Tau atsivers, kaip krikštolas tyriausis,
Gyvenimo akiratis platus.

Iš šios nelaimės tu sveika pakilsi
Ir eisi vėl jauna, graži, drąsi...
Mes laisvę šviesią dar labiau pamilsim
Ir būsime kaip buvome laisvi.

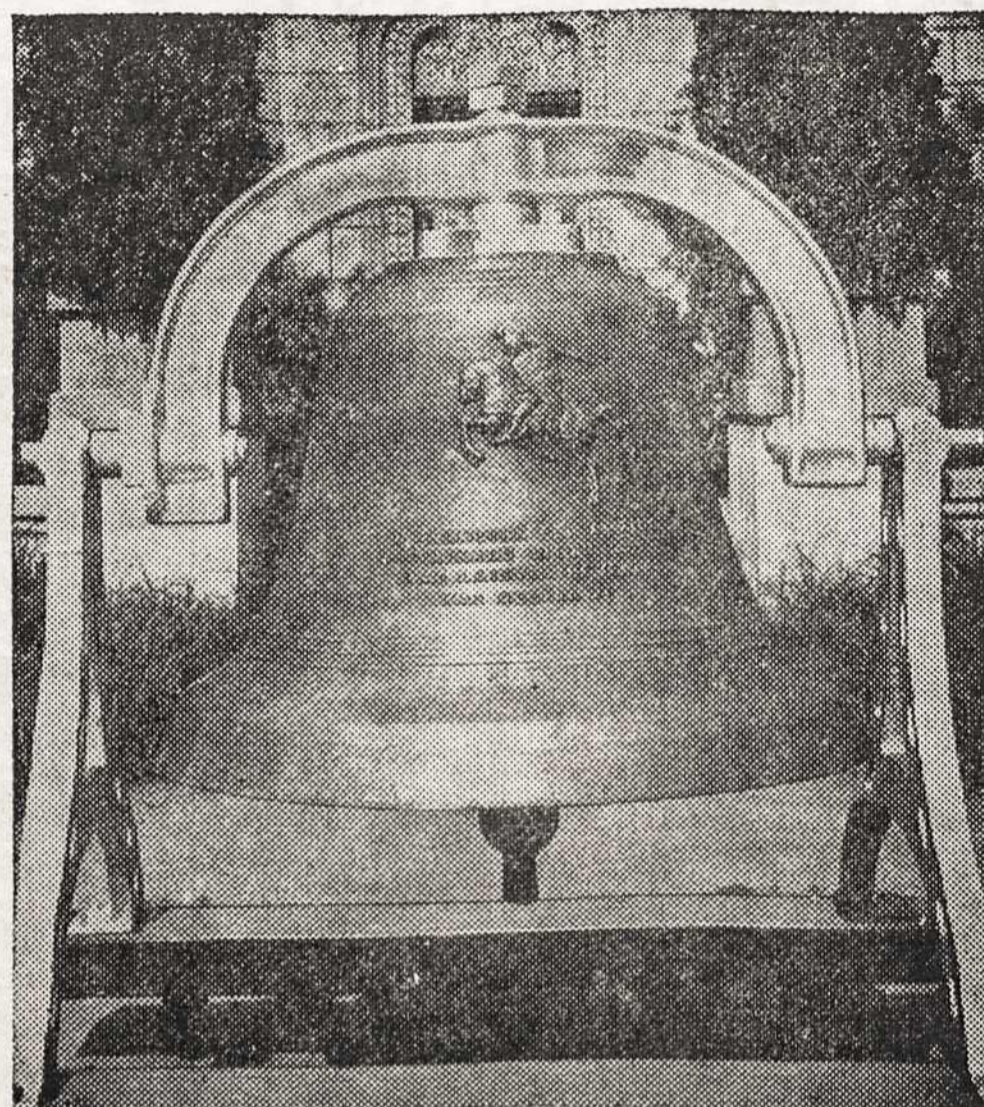
Suplevėsuos, kaip būdavo, trispalvė
Ir aikštėna vėl virs minių minia —
Sutraiškinsi šliužą devyngalvį,
Kur šiečiai gniaužia mūsų krūtines.

J. Aistis—“Be Tėvynės Brangios”

jo ir prie Lietuvos vadavimo iš okupantų vergijos.

Šiame trumpame raštelyje vargiai galima išpaskoti kun. J. Švagždžio darbuotės visuomeniniame veikime nuopelnus, nes jis yra vadovavęs metų metus centralinėms lietuvių katalikų organizacijoms: ALRK Federacijai, ALRK Susivienymui, Lietuvių Darbininkų Sąjungai, buvo narys Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos ir dalyvavo Washingtone pas Prez. Rooseveltą įteikiant Lietuvos atstatymo reikalų memorandumą ir t. t. Daug kartų teko girdėti ir skaityti jo patriotingas ir ugningas kalbas, kurios buvo transliuojamos net ir į Lietuvą.

Baigiant šiuos kelis žodžius reiškiamame nuoširdų mūsų maldavimą Aukščiausiojo, kad garbingasis jaunimo prietelius ir pavyzdingas veikėjas būtų apdovanotas sveikatėle, kuri gerokai jau sukritis, ir kad pavyktų pamatyti mūsų tėvų žemelę laisvą ir nepriklausomą. Dieve, padėk! *Kmp.*



LIETUVOS LAISVĖS VARPAS, kurio aidai nutilo...
Jis jau neskelbia tėvynės sūnums, kad štai esate laisvi savo žemės sūnūs ir dukros... esate lygūs pasaulio laisvės piliečiai... Šiandien kai jo aidas nutilo, kai visame krašte siaučia ironiški veidai ir į širdį tartum nagus sukabinę tyčiojasi raudonojo fašizmo tarnai, verkia ir dejuoja visa lietuvių tauta... ir anot poeto Aisčio — O tenai, stebuklingame tolyje, vis regiu jos nedalią vargus — nepaleidžia juoda melankolija iš siaubingųjų savo nagų...

• **RUSIJA IR AMERIKA** — Iš Jung. Amerikos Valstybių, kaip praneša "Saturday Evening Post", Rusija gavo 10,000 lėktuvų, 4,000 bombonešių, 400,000 sunkvežimų, 7,500 tankų, už du su puse bilijonų dolerių mašinų ir už pusantro bilijono maisto. Iš viso, Rusijai duota pagalba siekia 9 bilijonus dolerių. Gabenant tuos karo reikmenis į Rusiją, vadinamoj Persų įlankos komandoj dirbo 30,000 amerikiečių ir kitatiek vietinių darbininkų. Jie nugabeno daug geležinkelio reikmenų, fabriku įrengimų ir t. t. Šimtai laivų ir tūkstančiai prekybos laivyno jūrininkų, rizikuodami savo gyvybėmis, gabeno tuos karo reikmenis į Rusiją. Be to, apie 60 milijonų dolerių vertės amerikiečiai privačiai sudėjo Sovietams per Russian War Relief ir American Red Cross. Jokie reikalavimai nelydėjo tų dovanų, nors buvo tikimasi, kad tas palenks rusus atsiskyti imperializmo, slapybės ir t. t.

Tačiau tikrovė parodė, kad, nors būta bendrų veiksmų karo fronte, bet rusai taip ir liko nuošaliai. Jie neįsileido nei USA karinių stebėtojų, nei karo korespondentų fronte. Neleido pasinaudoti jų aerodromais ar skristi jų teritorija. Nedavė žinių apie savo ginklus ar karinius išradimus (o atominės bombos paslaptį įkandin reikalauja išduoti!). USA pasiuntinybės tarnautojai Maskvoje negali draugauti su rusų šeimomis. Kad galėtų nueiti į USA pasiuntinybę, sovietų piliečiai turi gauti NKVD leidimą. Jei rusas pastebiamas draugaujant su svetimos pasiuntinybės nariais, susilaukia nemalonumą ir tardymą. Milžiniškuose, per du kontinentu nusitęsiančiuose Rusijos plouose Amerikai leista turėti tik 260 savo diplomatinio personalo narių, tuo tarpu kai Londone USA pasiuntinybės personalas siekia 1,100 ir kai Rusijos piliečių su diplomatiniais pasais Amerikoje yra daugiau kaip 2,000.

— (LAIC)

TRUST A BEAR

World Conquest —

When I see a magazine article stating that Russia does not trust the United States I become incensed, for I wonder why we should worry whether Russia trusts us or not or whether she acquiesces in our foreign policy. Do the Russians turn to us for advice on their matters of state, or do the Russians trust anyone? It is America that should not trust Russians, for the Communists have not merited trust from any nation. It must not be forgotten that originally the Communists wanted to conquer the World with their ideas, without first showing the practical values of those ideas by rebuilding their own country into a free and happy state. They wanted to convince the universe in the only way they knew how, namely, by the use of force. They were not strong enough to do that immediately following the Red revolution, but those same Communists are still in power and the embers of that fire have not died.

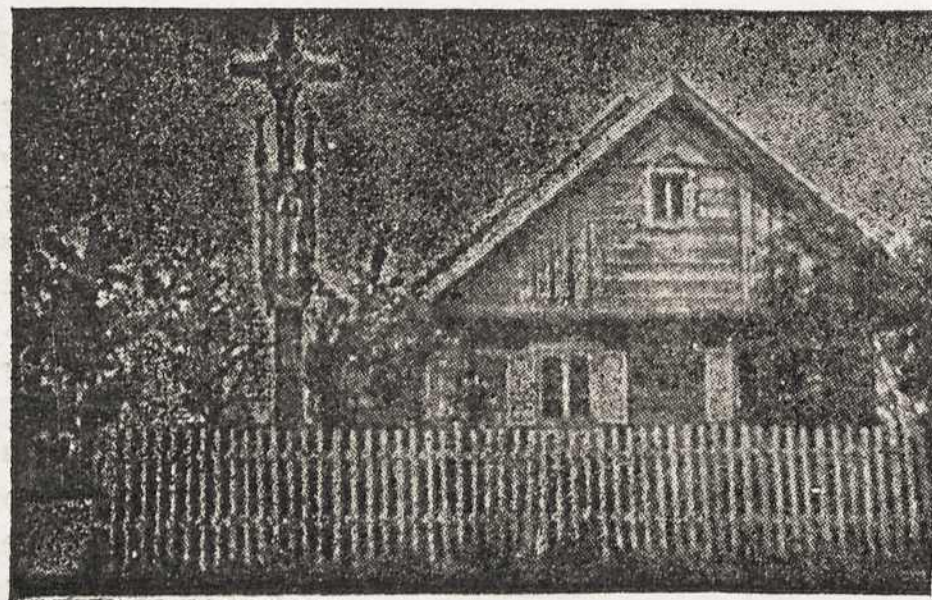
Before Germany gulped up more land it could digest without death, it was a strong and scientifically intelligent nation, and under the right leaders it could have become rich and powerful in a peaceful way. However, its leaders were corrupt and that led to the corruption of the entire country, and its inevitable downfall. Russia of today is like that Germany in many respects. The Communists have instilled their people with corrupt ideas of the importance of a Communist way of life; that theirs is the only way of life. Russia has built itself up because of its vast natural resources, in spite of the Communist ways and leaders and not because of them. Both the English and the Americans have proved that their way of living benefits man, for their people enjoy freedom in every respect, and their governments are not trying to force their way of life on their neighbors. True, the Russians can point to the soiled hands of England, but that country's government though beneficial to its markets, is one of enlightenment and not subjugation in every sense of the word. Russia is the grasping nation of the present era, and as proof we look at the rape of the Baltic countries of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia. Look at the pummeling of little Finland, the autocratic division of Poland, the undermining of Freedom in Rumania, Bulgaria, and Jugoslavia. The Communists have even dirtied their hands in China and France to such an extent that the stain cannot be removed. They seek to free the people of the World while their own people are walled in by the borders of Soviet Russia, unable to get out. We should yell to the Russians to free themselves as the Communists would have us do.

Fascist Ambitions —

Russia is a big country and is still gulping land down its gullet. This in spite of what England, America, or the other Allies may think at this particular time. One nation will seldom involve itself in a war with another unless its own welfare is immediately threatened, so the Communists meet little opposition in their grasping and swallowing of land, this is the land of Allies, of free people who will be forced to accept the Communist way of life or perish — anyone who disagrees with Communism dies. These Russian leaders are not concerned with doing good on earth — their policy is destruction and not construction. Their organization is more important to them the welfare of mankind. Theirs are Fascist ambitions under a different name. The Communist organization is a closed political group composed of a small minority which has a strangle-hold on 166 million Russian people. The majority of Russians are not Communists and never were, but neither were the German people all Fascists. The downfall of the Communists will mean the downfall of all the Russian people, for they trusted themselves to leaders of selfish and vain ambitions. Russia did suffer in this war and for that reason the other Allies are closing their eyes and overlooking the taking of free people and of their land by the Communists. Those people who were fortunate to escape Russian occupation by fleeing to adjoining countries cannot be convinced to return from the rigours of a refugee camp to the Communistic Utopian rule. The reason for their behavior may appear strange to outsiders, but it is quite plain to them; they lived near Russia and they know there isn't any Utopia in Russia.

Scrupulous Caution —

At present the atomic bomb has caused Russia to step rather cautiously in China for fear she may step on such bomb. Civil wars, strikes, starvation, disease, and general unrest are customary aftermaths of war; they are part of the period of readjustment and are expected in war affected nations. Unscrupulous political organizations always sow their seeds during such period of unrest for the most damage can be done at such time. The Communists would follow that policy to its full extent in China as they did in Rumania, Bulgaria, Jugoslavia, and as they are attempting to do in France — bring the entire government under Communist control for future exploitation. But this would — be World conqueror has a more immediate concern — and it is not the healing of Russia's war wounds as one would be led to believe. The Communists are not turning their efforts to building a greater and a free Russia, their efforts are primarily concerned with finding the secret of the atomic bomb, and fashion an even more powerful means for destruc-



VAI TIKĖK, tikėjimo, tėvyne, nepraraski,
Sopulingą savo veidą kelki išdidi —
Ne nuo šiandie tau gimtinę gūžtą drasko,
Ne nuo šiandie prasidėjus eiseną graudi.

Tais keliais praėjo jau gausingos kartos,
Tais keliais ir ateitis kaip vandenys tekės —
Nesuklupusi tikėjimo nė karto,
Amžinai jinai į laisvę veršis ir tikės.

Pasiryžę mirt, tavo sargyboj liekam
Ir išvesti iš pavojų žengiame pirmyn.
Mes neleisime, brangi tėvyne, niekam
Tavo žemės, tavo laisvės po kojų pamint...

AISTIS.

tion. This attitude and closed door policy of the Communists forces the other nations of the civilized world to prepare themselves against a future aggressor. That the other Allies are willing to cooperate with her means nothing to the Communists — she wants all their secrets and offers nothing in return. Russia, through her Communists, refuses to cooperate.

The Russian scientist is an undeveloped and an unknown quantity. There is much conjecture that German and other European scientists are being coddled and used by Russia to perfect scientific experiments on atomic energy. That is to be expected for Russia cannot develop its own scientists overnight. This policy reveals the hand of the Communists to the outside World — the World conquest idea is still smouldering. Is this the Communist government we are to believe in and aspire to? Is this their idea of Utopia? Were Russia advanced enough intellectually and under the guidance of able leaders, it would throw open its doors to the World. It would show its shortcomings, invite engineers and artisans of other lands to develop her resources, and endeavor to make her country a better place to live in. But the Communists are a backward people, too ignorant to trust more advanced nations that are willing to trust and help her. This mistrust may be Russia's downfall.

Russia's man-power was sorely needed during the war. That is why the Allies helped her. In helping Russia the Allies indirectly helped themselves and found time to build up the machine which struck the death blow to Fascism. Russia

was also saved, and it had the chance to show the World its appreciation by becoming a better friend. Instead the Communists pursue their old course, grasping adjoining land and people, keeping a closed border policy to the Russian people, and mistrusting everyone. This is not the conduct of a peace-loving government.

Scientific War —

What can the rest of the World expect of Russia in the future? We can not close our eyes and hope. Russia will first try to find the secret of the atom bomb. All of her efforts will be directed to that end and the more success she has the greater will be her insolence. If she fails to find that secret, then her efforts will be directed toward a compromise with the Allies, a diplomatic deal to get the secret in return for other concessions. By this time England is on its guard and knows the plans of the Russians, being skilled in the way the Communists think and act. The United States is not too well aware of what is taking place. Should the Communists learn to manufacture the atomic bomb, we can expect them to become more grasping until a major insult leads to war.

People are sensible enough to know now that the last war was not the one to end all wars. The World is fast becoming a smaller World, for the speed of transportation has changed its size. It is easier to get to a place and that makes it easier to bomb that place too. We can expect the next war to unite free nations of the world to fight together again to preserve Freedom, and such unification of purpose will make us World citizens and not citizens of India, Europe, England or America. We may become the human race at last instead of the white race, the black race, and the yellow race. But before we become World citizens and learn to think on an international scale, the all-out war will take place. Our attitude must be a pessimistical one so we can be well prepared to preserve our way of free life. We want the World's great scientists to unite with the World's great statesmen, and defeat a people whose present ambitions lead us to believe they seek to conquer us. The Russian bear has always been willing to hug any nation that trusts it, but that hug is one of death. The Communists have denied freedom of movement, freedom of expression to their own people, can we as outsiders expect more? The free will of the Russian people is controlled by the Communist organization, so is their thinking, just as the thinking and freedom of Germany and Japan was controlled by the Fascists. There is little hope of the Russian Communists shanging their policy from one of World conquest to one of self construction and World construction. The Communists crack the whip and choose to keep the Russian Bear untamed to civilization.

Dėdė Kastukas.

PROTOKOLAS

Lietuvos Vyčių 32-tro Seimo

(Tęsinys)

Jaunamečių Klausimas

Jaunamečių klausimas seime užėmė gana daug laiko. Tuo klausimu kalbėjo visa eilė delegatų. Pateikta įvairių pasiūlymų jaunamečių veikimui prie kuopų. Galutinai planams jaunamečių veiklai paruošti ir kontaktui su Centro Valdyba palaikyti išrinkta komisija, į kurią įėjo sekantieji asmenys: kun. S. Raila, Longinas Švelnis, Ona Klem ir žurnalistas St. Pieža.

REZOLIUCIJŲ SKAITYMAS

Rezoliucijų Komisija skaito rezoliucijas įvairiais klausimais. Seimo priimtos sekančios rezoliucijos:

Organizacijos Reikalais

Naujosios Anglijos apskrities rezoliucija:

Kadangi L. Vyčių organizacija turi apie 800 narių karo tarnyboje, kai kurie jų tarnauja jau net penkti metai, ir dėl tos priežasties daugelis jų nutolę nuo veikimo. Sugrįžę iš kariuomenės jie norės vėl dirbti vyčių darbą, bet greitai pastebės, kad kuopa ne tokia, kokia buvo tuomet, kai jie darbavosi prieš įstodami į kariuomenę. Jie pastebės naujų veidų, naują dvasią. Jie pasijus lyg ne vietoje. Tuomet jie gali išeiti iš organizacijos. Svarbu tad, kad Centras ragintų kuopas surasti būdų jiems pritraukti prie aktyviškumo kuopoje, kad jie pasiliktu po senovei kuopos nariais.

Rezoliucija priimta. Prie jos seimas pridėjo dar tokį priedą:

Seimas ragina visas kuopas suregistruoti savo narius, esančius karo tarnyboje, įvairiose dalyse, o grįžusius tuojau patraukti į veikimą, ir sąrašą pasiųsti Centro Valdybai. Gi Centro Valdyba privalo sudaryti pilną sąrašą, kad, įsteigus nuosavą namą, ar pastovų centrą, būtų galima jų vardus surašyti ant tam tikros lentos ir pakabinti viešoje vietoje.

116-tos kuopos rezoliucija:

Žiūrint į kun. Konstantino A. Vasio, dabartinio Aušros Vartų parapijos, Worcester, Mass., klebono, didelius nuopelnus Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijai ir jos organui "Vyčiui", 116-ji kuopa siūlo seimui jį pakelti organizacijos Garbės nariu.

Rezoliucija priimta ir kun. K. A. Vasys pakeliamas Garbės nariu.

Chicago apskrities rezoliucija:

Minant "Vyties" 30 metų gyvavimo sukaktį, pagerbiant vieną "Vyties" steigėjų (dalyvį 3-jo

seimo), ilgametį jo redaktorių ir daug organizacijai pasidarbavusį nuo pat jos įsisteigimo, Igną Sakalą, L. Vyčių Chicago apskritis siūlo pakelti į Organizacijos Garbės narius.

Rezoliucija priimta ir Ignas Sakalas pakeliamas Garbės nariu.

Pažvelgus į praeities darbus Jack Juozaičio, kuris šiuo metu randasi kariuomenėje, ir jo didelius nuopelnus organizacijai: ruošiant seimus, sporto šventes, organizuojant sporto lygas, organizuojant jaunimą, Lietuvos Vyčių Chicago apskritis siūlo seimui jį pakelti organizacijos Garbės nariu.

Rezoliucija priimta ir Jack Juozaitis pakeliamas Garbės nariu.

Prie šių rezoliucijų seimas pridėjo šias pastabas:

a) Visų trijų asmenų, pakeltų į Garbės narius, veikimas Liet. Vyčių organizacijoje turi būti plačiai aprašytas "Vytyje", kad visi nariai žinotų jų nuopelnus.

b) Nelaipsniuotiems nariams kelti į Garbės narius išimties seimuose daugiau nebus daromos. Kandidatai į Garbės narius turės eiti priimta Ritualo Komisijos tvarka. Dėlto visos kuopos numatytus kandidatus į Garbės narius privalo perduoti Ritualo Komisijai.

14-tos kuopos rezoliucija:

Kadangi kai kada kila klausimas, iki kurio laiko narys yra kuopoje sumokėjęs savo nario mokesčius, ir dažnai iš to kila nesusipratimai, nutarta, kad Centro Valdyba įvestų sekančią tvarką:

a) Kiekvienai kuopai centras pasiunčia už tam tikrą atlyginimą kvitų knygelę triplicate formoje. Narys užsimokėjęs savo mokesčių, nuo finansų sekretorės gauna vieną kvitą, kitą kvitą su mokesčiais siunčia centrui, o trečią kvitą pasilieka sau rekordams.

b) Centro sekretorė kiekvienai kuopai pasiunčia pilnas informacijas reikale mokesčių, tai yra nuo pavienių narių, vedusiųjų (jei abu priklauso kuopai), šeimų (jei daugiau kai du priklauso kuopai) ir t. t., kad aiškiai būtų žinoma, kuris narys kokius mokesčius moka.

Konstitucijos punktą, kur skamba, kad Centro Valdybos nariai negali valdybos vietoj būti ilgiau kaip du metus, suspenduoti dar vieniems metams.

Lietuvos Vyčių 32-ras seimas reiškia nuoširdžios padėkos seimo šeiminkui kun. Ignui Albičiui už begalo nuoširdų seimo priėmimą, Liet. Vyčių Chicago apskričiai, jos Seimo Rengimo Komisijai ir ypatingai 14-tai kuopai už šaunų seimo surengimą ir visas pramogas atstovams palinksminti.



NEW CARDINALS — Four U. S. archbishops recently chosen to be Cardinals by Pope Pius XII are shown above. Top row, left to right, Archbishops Francis J. Spellman of New York and Edward Mooney of Detroit; bottom row, left to right, Archbishops John Joseph Glennon of St. Louis and Samuel A. Stritch of Chicago.

Lietuvos laisvės ir nepriklausomybės reikalai

Turint omenyje, kokioj padėtyje dabar randasi Lietuvos laisvė ir nepriklausomybė, Lietuvos Vyčių 32-ras seimas nutaria remti visais galimais būdais Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos veikimą Lietuvos išlaisvinimo reikalui ir užgria šaukimą Amerikos Lietuvių Visuotino Kongreso, kuris bus Chicagoj šių metų Lapkričio 29 ir 30 ir Gruodžio 1 dienomis, ir ragina kuopas siųsti tan kongresan atstovus.

Taip pat seimas nutaria visomis pajėgomis remti Bendro Amerikos Lietuvių Šalpimo Fondo vėjus, kuriais dedama pastangų sušelpiti pabėgėlius iš Lietuvos nuo karo ir nazių - bolševikų teroro karo metu.

Įvairiais klausimais

Lietuvos Vyčių 32-ras seimas nuoširdžiai ragina visas kuopas ir visus narius pirkti būsimos

sios Victory Loan bonus ir remti visomis jėgomis Community and War Fund, arba Community Chest Fund, tai yra National War Fund aukų rinkimo vaju, kuris prasidės Spalių mėnesį.

Išklausius 14-tos kuopos įnešimo, kad į L. Vyčių organizaciją būtų įvestas Pašelpos ir Apdraudos skyriai, kuriais būtų galima palaikyti narius organizacijoj, seimas nutarė:

Kadangi Amerikos lietuviai katalikai turi seną ir stiprią fraternalę organizaciją — Lietuvių Romos Katalikų Susivienymas Amerikoj — seimas ragina visus narius dėtis prie tos organizacijos, net ištisos kuopos gali tapti nariais to susivienymo group insurance planu.

Pranešus seimui, kad prie Amerikos Lietuvių Romos Katalikų steigama Lietuvių Tautinis Muziejus, seimas ragina visus narius rinkti senienas: knygas, laikraščius, rankų dirbinius, draugijų ženklus, konstitucijas ir visokią kitą medžiagą, turinčią ryšį su lietuvių tautiniu, kultūriniu ir drauginiu gyvenimu, ir siųsti Federacijos centro adresu: 2334 S. Oakley Ave., Chicago 8, Ill.

Jack Juozaičiui, kuris randasi karo ligoninėj, nutarta pasiųsti šio turinio laišką:

Dear Jack,

Your letter to the Convention delegates was duly received and read during the first business session. It was extremely thoughtfull of you to remember, and your gift is gratefully acknowledged.

This year's convention is coming along quite succesfully. The number of delegates is gratifyingly large, and those of us who know you miss your presence amongst us. The delegates unanimously and eagerly directed us to write this letter and to express their deep sympathy over your misfortune. Every member of this gathering joins us in sincerely wishing you a most complete recovery and a very speedy return.

Fraternally yours,

Frank Razvadauskas

President

Irene Pakeltis

Secretary

Kun. Ign. Albavičius kviečia seimo delegatus rytojaus dieną (sekmadienį) dalyvauti šv. Mišiose 10:30 val. ryto. Mišios bus iškilmingos, su asista. Pamokslą sakys kun. M. Urbonavičius, MIC. Per mišias giedos Lietuvos Vyčių 14-tos kuopos mergaičių choras, vedamas pianistės Mary Mondeikaitės. Solo giedos dain. E. Kandrataitė.

Prieš baigiant sesiją atsilankęs senas L. V. organizacijos narys pasveikinęs seimą paaukojo \$5.00.

Ketvirtoji sesija uždaryta 5 val. vakaro kun. Ign. Albavičiui atkalbant maldą ir visam seimui sugiedant Liet. Vyčių himną.

LITHUANIANS - IRON SOULS

NOT a little at present is being written about Lithuania and her people in our country's periodicals, newspapers and magazines. Unlike former days when Lithuania was hardly known by those not of our nationality, the people of today are beginning to realize that there is a small nation, distinct from other nations, which is clamoring for the complete and free exercise of her God-given right to self-rule. This change in outside attitude is due, in my opinion, to the fact that Lithuanians are at last making themselves be heard. Their rather frequent conventions, their numerous meetings, their resolutions continually being sent to the most influential persons in our government, their letters of praise and gratitude to those befriending Lithuania, their letters of protest and reproach to the so-called enemies of Lithuania — all these have succeeded in waking up the American people to the realization that Lithuania does exist and in arousing non-Lithuanian writers, government officials and others to take positive action in behalf of the Lithuanian cause.

Of what has recently been written concerning the homeland of our parents, I believe that perhaps the best article is the one written by Captain Aleck Richards and which appeared in the Springfield diocesan monthly, "The Catholic Mirror". The article is a "must" for every thinking Lithuanian reader. It, therefore, goes without saying that not one K. of L. member should be guilty of passing up this article without having read and digested its contents.

In a rather brief but masterful fashion, Captain Richards vividly depicts the horrors and the sufferings to which the Lithuanian people in Europe are being subjected by greedy and merciless Soviet Russia. He condemns the shameful United States policy of returning poor and destitute Lithuanian refugees forcibly into Soviet-occupied Lithuania where only punishment, tortures, starvation and disease await them. He reprimands President Truman for the policy of appeasement adopted by the United States toward Russia. He exalts the refugees for the marvellous manner in which they have kept their self-respect and morale despite the untold hardships and trying conditions under which they find themselves. He calls them exactly what Senator Walsh from Massachusetts in a recent speech called them, "iron souls". He concludes by saying that it is, therefore, not surprising that an attitude of growing distrust and hatred for America is growing among the afflicted peoples of present day Europe.

The author is well qualified to write such articles. Being an agent for an import and export

firm before the war, Captain Richards has done much travelling in Central Europe. He has frequently visited Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. His extensive travelling continued even during the war for he was assigned to convoy duty. A lover of justice and a disciple of charity, he is highly indignant over the ruthless sacrifice of the Baltic nations to Russia. That is why he has taken up his pen in defence of their cause. His articles contain so much documentary evidence and factual information that the secular newspapers of this country have declined to publish any of them. Is it not true that "the truth hurts"? For this reason, he has appealed to the Catholic Press for the publication of his writings.

Lithuanians, all over the world, ought to feel deeply grateful, and I am sure that they do, to Captain Richards for his splendid writings. In him, they have a champion par excellence for their just and righteous cause. His very soul is literally saturated with a great love for the native land of our parents for, in a letter to the Lithuanian Affairs Committee of Council 116, he writes: "Rest assured that my pen and tongue are at the service of Lithuania at all times to the best of my ability."

K. of L. members, wherever you may be, are we going to let this favor done for us by Captain Richards pass by without comment? Are we going to read this article and just let it go at that? Would that such a member not be found anywhere! Pick up your pen and write a letter of thanks to the Editor of The Catholic Mirror for publishing articles such as the one by Captain Richards. Urge him to continue publishing similar ones. Then write another letter of appreciation and gratitude to the Captain. Tell him how gratifying it is to you to see men of his position taking up the just cause of the Lithuanian people. Kindly ask him to continue the splendid work he is now doing for them. The addresses are as follows:

The Catholic Mirror
The Editor
P. O. Box 1570
Springfield 1, Mass.

% Mrs. R. Caldwell
Captain Aleck Richards
438 East 88th Street
New York 28, N.Y.

Your kind letters and continued interest will help tremendously in bringing the Lithuanian question closer to the eyes of the American people.

Rev. John C. Jutkevičius.

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Nacių Nusikaltimai Lietuvoje — Tarptautiniam Karo Tribunole — Svarbiųjų nacių karo kriminalistų byloje, kuri vyksta šiuo metu Vokietijoje, kaltinamajame akte iškelti šie jų nusikaltimai Lietuvoje: naciai išžudė Panėriuose 100,000 žmonių, Kaune virš 70,000, Alytuje apie 60,000, Prienuose daugiau kaip 3,000, Viliampolėje apie 8,000, Mariampolėje apie 7,000, kituose miestuose 37,640 žmonių. — (LAIC).

The Problem of the Baltic States

By KAAREL R. PUSTA

The problem of the political future of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, though limited in scope, is in some respects of fundamental importance to the post-war world. "It involves a potential clash in principles, the solution of which bears heavily upon the policy of the United Nations", wrote Hans Rothfels in July, 1944, in the *Journal of Central European Affairs*.

Indeed, one of the difficulties at the abortive Ministers' Conference in London last fall concerned the status of citizens of the Baltic States now displaced in Germany. The *New York Times* of October 5 reported:

"Mr. Molotov claimed that any person who lived in territory now claimed by the Russians, including Lithuanians, Estonians, Latvians and Poles were 'Russian' and should be repatriated by force if necessary. Britain, France and the United States held such people should have the right to choose their citizenship. No agreement was reached."

On October 6, Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson, United States prosecutor of German war criminals, stated that in signing the bill of indictment, in which reference is made to Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and other territories as being within the area of the U.S.S.R., he was not recognizing, on behalf of the United States, Russian claims to those territories. "This language", he explained, "is proposed by Russia and is accepted to avoid delay would have been occasioned by the insistence on an alteration in the text."

And, according to a London dispatch of October 19 to the *New York Times*, the British Foreign Office similarly declared that the British signature on the indictments of Germans did not imply recognition of the Baltic States as Soviet territory.

Whether or not it was wise to describe these countries as Soviet territory merely in an "accommodating spirit", as a British official said, and then make formal reservations, is questionable. It remains clear, however, that Moscow did not get the recognition of the Baltic "Soviet Socialist Republics" by dint of the Nuremberg trials.

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Public concern was recently aroused in Sweden and elsewhere by the decision of the Swedish Government to

hand over to Russia 167 Baltic refugees who escaped to Sweden in German uniforms immediately after the end of the war. Of these persons, 57 were minors, 16 to 19 years of age. As this question also raised fundamental issues for Sweden, it was discussed in an extraordinary session of the Riksdag.

There it was disclosed that in June the Foreign Relations Commission was informed by the Government that internees in German uniforms would be delivered to the Interallied Military Commission and not to the Soviets. The unfortunate utterance of Foreign Minister Under, that the fight of Baltic patriots for independence is only a political illusion, was criticized by representatives in the Riksdag as well as by newspapers. Some expressed apprehension that Mr. Under's declaration might be used one day against Sweden itself.

Spiritual leaders, with Pope Pius XII, the Archbishop of Canterbury and Bishops of Sweden at their head, expressed their commiseration. Neither this nor the personal intervention of King Gustav sufficed to change Russia's claim. And the moral uneasiness of Swedish people could not have been lightened by Prime Minister Hansson's statement that: "In lieu of a German authority, the occupying powers must be regarded as the receiving authorities for military refugees."

During the German occupation the Nazi authorities ordered all males from 18 to 35 in the Baltic States to report for "labor service" and then confronted them with the choice of either serving in the "labor battalions" and other auxiliary services, or of joining the German Army. This compulsory mobilization, in violation of international law, was certainly not unknown to the Swedish Government. And the Baltic refugees, for their part, were not aware of the secret recognition by the Swedish Government of the Russian annexation of the Baltic States in 1940. This was disclosed before the Swedish Parliament by Mr. Gunther, former Foreign Minister, only in April, 1945.

When Mr. Hansson insisted that "any suggestion of differentiating the occupying powers must be vigorously rejected" and that his Government "has the right to take for granted that the deportees will be treated as prisoners of war according to established customs", he was pres-



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gas. Taip, pasaulis kariauja, kad ga-
lėtų džiaugais keturiomis laisvėmis:
laisve nuo baimės; laisve žodžio-susi-
rinkimų; laisve religijos ir spaudos ir
kad šių keturių laisvių pagrinde tu-
rėtų laisvą ir nepriklausomą valsty-
bę. Bet raudonasis fašizmas uždėjęs
savo kruviną leteną trempia laisvę
mylinčiųjų žmonių kraštuose ir ne-
kaltus žmones terorizuoja. Kad atkrei-
pus dėmesį pasaulio tvarkytojų - va-
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tosios proga ir kelia balsą, kad pa-
vergtųjų kraštų ir Lietuvos žmonės
būtų išgelbėti iš raudonojo fašizmo ir
jiems suteikta trokštamoji laisvė.

ŠV. STANISLOVO KATEDRA Vilniuje. Ji statyta Jogailos 1387 m. senųjų Perkūno aukurų vietoje. Didžiojo altoriaus pogrindyje yra dar užsilikę aprūkę buvusios stambeldžių šventyklos akmenys. Joje yra 14 koplyčių. Jų gražiausia — šv. Kazimiero koplyčia, kurioje randasi šv. Kazimiero, Lietuvos globėjo, palaiškai. Katedra keliais atvejais atnaujinta. Vėliausiai buvo atnaujinta 1931 metais.



unably overlooking the fact that the American and British occupying powers do not consider Baltic soldiers as Soviet citizens.

There is also equivocation in the reference to the "established customs" of Soviet Russia. Baltic internees who decided in favor of suicide, in preference to deportation, knew what these "customs" meant to them.

III.

In September, 1944, when the Russians started their drive into the Baltic countries, people fled from their homes in any direction except that of Russia.

The German occupation had been painful and humiliating; the Russian occupation in 1940-41 was odious. The favorite refuge for the Baltic peoples was Sweden. But relatively few escaped there and it is estimated that more than 10,000 perished during the crossing of the stormy sea in small boats, hunted by the Germans and Russians alike.

An estimated 200,000 are now in Western Germany, Austria, France and Denmark, plus over 30,000 in Sweden and some thousands in Switzerland and Italy. Of these refugees, 75 per cent are "working people". The great majority have so far obstinately refused to return to their "liberated" homelands.

Why is it that even Baltic and Polish Jews, the most atrociously persecuted by the Nazis, refuse to go back and that, in spite of poor living conditions in the American occupation zone of Germany, "up to several thousand" Jews are crossing into it from the Russian zone each month?

Escaped from the Nazi terror and exploitation system, these unfortunate people don't want to be the victims of another regime which has set up slave labor as a principle of the state economy and which denies all individual liberties to the human being.

IV.

The United States, Britain and 43 other States of the free world have never recognized the incorporation of the Baltic States as carried out by Russian occupation and the subterfuge of "elections" in 1940. This for a good reason. Said Lenin:

"If a small or weak nation is not accorded the right to decide the form of its political existence by a free vote — implying the complete withdrawal of the troops of the incorporating or merely strong nation — then the incorporation is an annexation, i. e. an arbit-

rary appropriation of a foreign country, an act of violence..." (Collected Works, Vol. XXII, p. 13).

The declaration of the Crimea Conference provided that the United States, the United Kingdom and the U.S.S.R. will "jointly" assist the peoples in any European liberated State to establish conditions of internal peace, to carry out emergency measures for relief, to form interim governments and to facilitate the holding of free and unfettered elections.

Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians wonder why an Allied control should not be established in their "liberated" countries in order to guarantee that their citizens should not be deported, that all political prisoners should be released and that all the Baltic citizens detained in Russia should be returned home. Civil liberties should be restored in the Baltic countries and free access given for United Nations representatives, relief officials and newspaper correspondents.

Broadly representative interim governments should lead these countries to new, free and truly democratic elections after the withdrawal of Russian occupation troops and administration. Still members of the League of Nations, free Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania should now be admitted into the United Nations Organization. Thus the "Baltic Riddle" would be solved.

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Dr. Pusta, the author of this article, was Foreign Minister of Estonia in 1924-25 and formerly represented his country at the League of Nations and in other diplomatic posts.

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- Pažymėtinos Sukaktys 1946 metais — Šiomet sueina:
 - 350 metų kai Karaliaučiuje buvo išspausdinta viena iš pirmųjų lietuviškų knygų — M. Daukšos katekizmas.
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 - 80 metų nuo spaudos uždraudimo Lietuvoje.
 - 70 metų nuo mirties vysk. M. Valančiaus.
 - 60 metų nuo mirties rašytojo P. Armino ir nuo gimimo V. Kudirkos.
 - 40 metų nuo išventinimo kunigu Jono švagždžio.
 - 30 metų kai mirė "Aušros" laikų rašytojas St. Dagilis.
 - 20 metų kai pradėjo veikti seserų pranciškiečių akademija Pittsburge.

THE RITUAL OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

Now that our newly elected council officers have been duly installed the Supreme Ritual Committee is looking forward to an immense flood of applications from all councils certifying the eligibility of members for advancement in the various degrees of our order. A review of the November, December and January issues of the "Vytis" regarding the ritual will help new officers to start their important duties.

Every council should make an effort to have major exemplification of degrees on St. Casimirs day with Holy Communion day exercises this March 3rd or 10th. St. Casimirs Day falls on March 4th. As soon as a member receives a degree and is so registered with the Supreme Ritual Committee publication of these names will be made in this column. The pictures of the new recipients of the Fourth Degree with a short record of K. of L. activity leading to the degree will be published.

Many questions have been sent in to the Ritual Committee and some of the more common ones with their answers have been gathered by Secretary Jack Juozaitis and are as follows:

Questions and Answers on K. of L. Ritual

(Q) Can a member who qualifies under the rules for a degree request the highest degree qualified without first taking the other lesser degrees?

(A) Yes, provided he has been a member on or before Aug. 10th, 1940, and provided the Center Ritual Committee is notified before the degree is rendered, so that a check-up can be made before time.

(Q) 1. Why can't I qualify for the 4th degree, when others who have received the 3rd degree at the same time as I, qualify for the 4th?

2. Aren't the qualifications for the 4th degree easier to attain by holding Supreme Council positions and serving on Center committees than any other way?

(A) 1. This has been a complaint which has come to our attention and study before, and, too, one which is least justified. You must remember that the degrees are given on the basis of work done in behalf of the organization, according to certain rules and conditions, and not on the basis of time alone.

2. No. The Supreme Council Ritual Committees of the past and present, who have studied and compares these requirements definitely feel that they are fair, justified, and practical. The requirements are not entirely based on Supreme Council activities, as there are paragraphs where you can qualify on Council or District activity. The only distinction is that it takes longer to attain it by council activity alone. For example,

playing on a K. of L. basketball team for six years is equivalent to serving as Supreme Council president, secretary, or treasurer for 2 years. This you'll agree is as it should be, for, usually, a member who participates in sports only is not as active as one who attends a National Convention and is slated to head the organization.

(Q) I have the requirements, and my application for the 2nd degree was approved by my council, but on the day of presentation I was excluded, because I wore a sport sweater, and had no necktie. Can they do this to me?

(A) Yes. They definitely were not only justified, but had no alternative, as the rules clearly state that all ceremonies must be presented with dignity, and the subjects must be respectfully garbed (in case of a male, a suit and tie must be worn, unless special garb, as robes (capotes, etc. are provided by the ritual initiation team). If it should become known to the Supreme Ritual Committee that the above rule was not complied with, the entire group of aspirants would be disqualified and a new ceremony would be ordered.

(Q) Where can I obtain a copy of the ritual rules and ceremonials?

(A) The Supreme Ritual Committee will mail a copy of the rules and ceremonials to council presidents or secretaries upon request. Address your request to:

K. of L. Supreme Ritual Committee
Jack L. Juozaitis, Sec'y
6822 South Rockwell St., Chicago 29, Ill.

or

Atty. A. J. Young, Treas.
35 Hunnewell Ave., Brighton 35, Mass.

If you have any questions regarding qualifications of members, degree team procedure, registration of new degree holders or any other detail regarding the Ritual do not hesitate to make your inquiry at once, it will receive immediate attention by the committee.

Anthony J. Young
Supreme Ritual Committee.

Notice To Councils

Council 14 of Cicero, Ill. has purchased 50 official K. of L. medals for the use of their members when receiving Holy Communion *in corpore* and other public occasions. This is a worthy step that should be taken by other councils. At the present time only a few councils have sufficient medals on hand for all their members. When inquiries and orders should be sent to the Centre and purchased in quantity the price is 40c. each.
Treasurer. *F. A. G.*

Oficialus Skyrius

Vyčiai, Mūsų Darbymečiai!

L. Vyčių organizacijos Centro Valdyba, matydama reikalo, sukelti didesnę fondą organizacijos reikalams, bei tobulinimui - didinimui žurnalo "Vyties", rengia didelį Maskaradą - BALIŲ, kovo antrą dieną, 1946 metais, Municipal salėje, So. Bostone. Kad šis parengimas būtų sekmingas, reikalinga visų nuoširdi parama ir vieningas dalyvavimas baliuje. Aišku, kad iš tolimųjų kolonijų nariai negalės dalyvauti, bet yra įvairių būdų šį parengimą paremti...

Įvairumo dėliai, turėsime kostiumų kontestą, bus duota laimėtojams dovanos, todėl visi ruoškimės linksmi praleisti vakarą vyčių baliuje. Daug dėmesio kreipiu į senesnius ir juos labai prašau atvykti ir su jaunimu pasilinksinti. Jūsų atsilankant vyčiai maloniai lauks.

Baliuje bus įteikta \$1000.00 dovana, kuris turės tos dovanos gavimo įrodymą. Galimas daiktas, kad toji dovana teks ir tam nusiūsti, kuris baliuje ir negalės dalyvauti, bet laimingas paskyrimas išeis jo naudai. Puiki proga pasinaudoti visiems iš arti ir toli ir, o ypač tie, kurie gali atvykti į maskaradą - BALIŲ, turėtų tai padaryti savo dideliu malonumui.

Baliuje gros puiki Bartholomew orkestra lietuviškus ir amerikoniškus muzikos numerius. Jaunos vytės pavaišins su užkandžiais, gi vyrai pasotins ištroškusius.

Tad baigiant, dar kartą širdingai visus kviečiu į Vyčių Balių. Padarykime šį parengimą sėkmingiausiai, o tik tada pasidžiaugsime savo darbo vaisiais. Lauksime!

Pranas Razvadauskas,
L. Vyčių Centro pirm.

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Nuoširdiems spaudos rėmėjams nuoširdžiausiai esame dėkingi ir tariame lietuvišką ačiū!

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Yours for continued success,
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Neliekit ašarų gailių nūnai —
Tėvynei mūsų auštantį rytojų
Atskleidusieji miega jūs sūnai...

Kiekvieną kart, kada brangiai tėvynei
Nelaimės sopuliai širdy sugels,
Jie iš visų plačiųjų kapinynų
Visi kaip vienas žygiui prisikels

Pakils ir eis, lyg vandenys ištvinę,
Ir sems ir griaus jie visa prieš save...
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jaus — "Victory Draw".

LONGINAS L. SVELNIS,
N. A. Liet. Vyčių Apskr. Pirm.

• Bolševikai Tęsia Žiaurumus Lietuvoje Už kuriuos Smerkiami Naciai — Tarptautiniame karo Tribunole, kuris dabar teisia svarbesnius nusikaltėlius, sovietų kaltinamasai aktas iškelia prieš nacius tokius kaltinimus: nekaltų žmonių žudymą be teismo, priverstiną gyventojų naudojimą darbams, maldos namų sąmoningą naikinimą (įsakmiai paminėtos 1,670 provoslavų cerkvės, 237 katalikų bažnyčios ir 532 sinagogos), vienuolynų ir kitų religinių paminklų griovimą, meno turtų plėšimą, gyventojų prievartavimą prisiekti ištikimybę okupantui, okupuotų kraštų vokietinimą, gyventojų trėmimą, kvistlinginių vyriausybių steigimą, okupuotų kraštų prijungimą, gyventojų priverstiną mobilizaciją, religinį persekiojimą.

Tai vis baisūs nusikaltimai, dėl kurių pasaulis smerkia nacius. Po tuo kaltinamuoju aktu sovietų vardu pasirašė R. A. Rudenko. Taigi ir sovietai tuos veiksmus laiko kriminaliniais nusikaltimais.

Tačiau visiems yra žinomas faktas, kad tuos pačius kriminalinius veiksmus bolševikai tebetęsia Lietuvoje ir kituose okupuotuose kraštuose.

Tą aplinkybę galvoje turėdamas, Amerikos lietuvių visuotinas kongresas, specialiai surašytoje rezoliucijoje, pareikalavo į kaltinamųjų grupę įtraukti ir sovietų karo nusikaltėlius.

Ateis laikas, kad ir raudonieji kriminalistai turės atsakyti prieš tarptautinį teismą. Kas yra kriminalu naciams, negali būti dorybe bolševikams. — (LAIC).

Pažiūrėkit

Pažiūrėkit, mieli broliai į supiltus
Kritusių sukilėlių kapus,
Kur jie savo kūnais grindė tiltus,
Versdami gyvenimo sukruvintus lapus...

Pažiūrėkit, mieli broliai, į tremtinių
Eisenas per tundras ir stepes —
Mylimos ir nelaimingos mūsų tėvynės
Gyvą širdį sopulingai gnaužiančias reples.

Pažiūrėkit, mieli broliai, jos sodybų
Ugnimi sulygintų ten su žeme, —
Vis tai ji ir vis ant medžio kryžiaus kybo
Darganų ir vėtrų šiurpulingam užime.

Pažiūrėkit, mieli broliai, jos gajumo,
Trykštančio iš mėlynų akių —
Jos kančių, jos sielvarto ir to liūdnumo
Dėl vis dūžtančių svajonių, amžinai lakių.

Pažiūrėkit, mieli broliai, ir tikėkit
Jos krūtinėj rūsinčia svaja.
Pažiūrėkit, mieli broliai, pažiūrėkit
Ir tikėkit, ir tikėkit amžinai su ja.

J. Aistis.



CHICAGO, ILL.

An Hour of Prayer and Reconsecration —

During Traditional K. of L. St. Casimir's Day Rites.

"We thank Thee O Lord for all Thy Blessings..." will be the fervent prayer from hundreds of loyal K. of L. hearts when they in unison with the Lithuanian youth of Chicago (as their guests) will congregate this year in observance of traditional K. of L. St. Casimir's Day rites at St. Michael's Lithuanian parish church (North side) on Sunday, March 3rd, at 9:30 a. m., and during Solemn High Mass receive Holy Communion "in corpore".

During the traditional services the recently reorganized K. of L. Chicago district choir, under the leadership of Leonard J. Šimutis, Jr., Choir director, will sing the Liturgy of the Mass and several select hymns. A fine sermon addressed to our Youth and special prayers of thankfulness and reconsecration will complete the traditional rites.

After services K. of L. members and their guests will gather in St. Michael's parish hall for after Communion breakfast, prepared by our hosts of the day, K. of L. Council 5. Amid a spirit of good fellowship will be an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends.

Amidst a scene of dignity and traditional K. of L. rites (a scene long to be remembered) K. of L. members who have reached the necessary qualifications will be inducted into the organization's fourth degree — Order of St. Casimir. The Chicago district ritual committee with the assistance of Jack Juozaitis, Supreme Ritual committee member will be in charge.

All K. of L. councils and the K. of L. Seniors organization in the Chicago district are requested to urge all their members to participate in this year's St. Casimir's Day rites. In accordance with our organization's constitution this is an annual observance that every K. of L. member should observe.

All members are requested to be

present at 8:30 a. m. in St. Michael's parish hall (1633 Wabansia Ave.), where the line of procession will be formed and flowers distributed. All members are also requested to wear their K. of L. medals or insignia. Degree members are requested to wear their degree medals.

In loyalty to our organization and for the ideals for which it stands, let us all join in thankfulness and prayer, and honor to our organization's Patron Saint — St. Casimir — at St. Michael's church, Sunday, March 3rd, 1946.

Rev. Stanley Gaučius, Spir. Dir.
Vincent Ed. Pavis, Dist. Pres.
Virginia Kvietkus, Dist. Sec.

K. of L. Activity In the Chicago District

Little or no news since the last historical K. of L. national convention that was held in Cicero, Illinois has appeared in the "Vytis" in regard to K. of L. activity here in the Chicago district area. This does not signify that the District organization or the councils are inactive and slowly deteriorating. Just the opposite of that is true. A decided trend in K. of L. popularity is evident everywhere, councils increasing in membership, inactive council being revived and the tempo of activity greatly accelerated. This K. of L. renaissance movement has made itself felt in every Lithuanian settlement and the spot light of public opinion is again centered on the K. of L. organization and its activities.

Much of the credit is due those members who loyally stood by the organization in its darkest hours and helped steer its course through the treacherous war-time waters of uncertainty to the tranquil haven of today. In the closing stages of those troublesome times their untiring devotion was rewarded when to their aid came the Seniors — veterans of the former golden era in K. of L. annals, who upon organizing as the K. of L. Seniors organization, immediately took effective steps to stem the decline and set the local K. of L. movement on the road of progress and achievement.

This brings us to a brief narrative

of what recently has been accomplished, what is being planned and what os forseen in the future.

IN THE CHICAGO DISTRICT ORGANIZATION —

At the annual district meeting from the reports of former district officers it was learned that in general K. of L. activity has progressed considerably. A year ago in the Chicago district there were only two active councils, Cicero Council 14 and Brighton Park Council 36. Now in the district there are five active councils and the Seniors organization, namely North side Council 5, Town of Lake Council 13, Cicero Council 14, Brighton Park Council 36 and Marquette Park Council 112. The Senior organization is Chicago and vicinity wide meeting regularly at present in the Darius-Girenas Memorial auditorium. During the year the district financial balance shows a little over \$700 in the general treasury and in the special K. of L. Youth Center Building fund \$1,575.00.

At the previous pre-annual meeting the following new District officers were elected. Vincent Ed. Pavis, District President; Vincent Rekus, 1st vice-pres.; Jack Juozaitis, 2nd vice-pres.; Virginia Kvietkus, secretary; Peggy Zakaras, ass. secretary, Stanley Šimulis, treasurer; Edward Misius, Kastas Zaromskis and Peggy Zakaras, trustees. During the annual meeting these new officers assumed their duties and with high resolve pledged to carry forward the work of the organization to greater achievements. Recently it has been learned that the Rev. Stanley Gaučius, vicar at St. Anthony's parish in Cicero, has been appointed by the Chicago Province of the Lithuanian Priest's association as District Spiritual Director. Father Gaučius is a very popular young priest and will add much to the district's organizational and spiritual welfare.

As in the past as has been the traditional of many years, the Chicago district is preparing to observe fittingly St. Casimir's Day. North side council 5 entered their bid as hosts of the occasion and their invitation was gratefully accepted. This year's traditional K. of L. St. Casimir Day rites will be observed at St. Michaels

parish church, on March 3rd. Solemn High Mass at 9:30 a. m., Holy Communion "in corpore", Mass sung by the newly reorganized K. of L. Chicago district choir; a fine sermon by our Spiritual Director, after Communion breakfast, and solemn ritual inducting candidates into the fourth degree — Order of St. Casimir, will be the order of the day. Every member is urged to be present and participate in this spiritual convocation.

With the selection of the K. of L. Day Committee plans are underway for an early start to make this year's K. of L. Day at Vytautas Park on July 4th the greatest success ever sponsored. Jack Juozaitis has been named chairman pro-tem of this committee.

Long neglected ritual activity has been revived in the district and in all the councils. The following were elected on the District Ritual committee: Kastas Zaromskis, Albin Plančiunas and Jerry Kasiulaitis. Work in this phase of activity is progressing very favorably aided by the able guidance of Jack Juozaitis, Supreme Ritual Committee member.

K. OF L. SENIORS ACTIVITY

By the time this article appears and has been read by K. of L. members everywhere, the K. of L. Seniors First Anniversary Banquet will be a memorable event in the history of K. of L. activity. The K. of L. Seniors—

Likit sveikos

*Likit sveikos, sesės,
Mielos mergužėlės,
Ryt anksti išjojam
Ginti tėviškėlės.*

*Drąsa mes šarvuoti,
Rūtoms vainikuoti,
Mes iškelsim priešui
Didžią kraujo puotą.*

*Mokam mes gyventi,
Saulei himnus pinti,
Taip pat ir nuo priešų
Savo žemę ginti.*

*Te draugai ir priešai
Mato mūsų galią,
Kaip lietuvis moka
Reikšti savo valią.*

*Mums nebaisūs priešai,
Nesibijom žūti,
Mokame kovoje
Ir didvyriais būti.*

*Likit sveikos, sesės,
Mielos mergužėlės,
Mes žaibais išjojam
Ginti tėviškėlės.*

Pr. D-tis.



PRANAS PUMPUTIS,

vytis, Chicagietis, išrinktas Darius-Girėnas Post 271, American Legion, komanderiu. Jis yra Pirmojo pasaulinio karo veteranas. Priklauso Lietuvos Vyčių Sendraugių draugovei. Jo duktė Virginija irgi yra veikli vyti ir priklauso prie L. V. 36-tos kp.

an organization of older K. of L. members in the Chicago area in fitting commemoration of their groups first anniversary sponsor (at the time of this writing) their banquet as a testimonial to their president, Stanley Pieža, wishing him "bon voyage" on his memorable trip, with His Eminency, Samuel Cardinal Stritch, to Rome, where His Eminency in traditional rites of the Church will receive his Cardinal's red cap. The date — February 6th. The place — DARIUS - GIRĖNAS American Legion auditorium. The high light of the evening — confiration of the Knights of Lithuania fourth degree to Stanley Pieža ir recognition of his many worthy accomplishments for the Lithuanian-American people and in the K. of L. organization. Senior Grand President, Leonard Šimutis, Sr. — master of ceremonies of the evening. More in detail about this event will appear in the next issue.

In compliance with their recently adopted by-laws, the newly elected K. of L. Seniors Board of Directors met in executive session, Jan. 16th, in the Conference room of the Chicago Herald - American, and from their midst elected the following new officers: Rt. Rev. Ignatius Albavičius, Seniors Spiritual director; Leonard Šimutis, Sr., Grand President; Stanley Pieža, President; Ignatius Sakalas, Executive Vice-pres.; Ona Aleliunienė, 2nd vice-pres.; Vincent Ed. Pavis, record, secretary; Vincent Rėkus, fin. sec.; Kastas Zaromskis,

treasurer; Victor Balanda and Kazimiera Petrulienė, trustees, and John Brazauskas, sergeant-at-arms. The Board of Directors consist of 15 members. Members of the board besides the above named officers are as follows: Dr. Al. M. Račkus, John A. Kass, Peter Cibulskis and Elizabeth Samienė.

The Seniors Ritual committee selected are as follows: Leonard Šimutis, Sr., Kastas Zaromskis, Vincent Ed. Pavis and Ignatius Sakalas.

Plans are underway to establish a Seniors clubhouse for the convenience and recreation of its members and for the use of the Chicago district organization, the Choir and K. of L. councils. A committee has been named to select a suitable site that can be obtained for a reasonable rental, remodel and refurnish to our needs and as soon as possible make use of it. The committee is hard at work to accomplish their objective.

FEBRUARY — MONTH FULL OF ACTIVITIES

Practically every K. of L. council in the Chicago district has something arranged for the month of February. In chronological order they are as follows:

February 6th — K. of L. Seniors 1st Annual Banquet, at the Darius-Girėnas Memorial Hall.

February 13th. — K. of L. (Town of Lake) Council 13, Valentine Day Dance, at their Holy Cross Parish auditorium. Good music and a fine program arranged.

February 14th. — K. of L. (Cicero) Council 14, traditional Valentine Party for their members only, at their St. Anthony parish auditorium. Traditional Valentine day program of entertainment and refreshments.

February 23rd. — K. of L. (Marquette Park) Council 112, Homecoming Dance (for the boys from service), at Michael Flynn's hall. Good orchestra, entertainment and refreshments.

February 24th. — K. of L. (Brighton Park) Council 36, Lithuanian theatrical presentation — "Ponas Daugnoris" at their Immaculate Conception parish hall. A three act comedy, very humorous and entertaining.

As has been mentioned, North side K. of L. Council 5 is busy with plans to receive as hosts during St. Casimir Day rites all K. of L. members and their guests on March 3rd at their St. Michael's parish church. Communion breakfast after services and induction of candidates into the fourth degree of the K. of L. organization.

As activity and news develops it will be reported consistently in the "Vytis" from time to time. Until then, let us all in unison say — "God Bless the K. of L's."

Brockton K. of L'er Named Best Schoolboy Gridmen



VINCENT KASETA,

brilliant left end of the undefeated and untied Brockton High football team of the 1945 season and unanimous all-scholastic choice by Boston's sports writers, as well as by many other sports writers in the State, won the cherished trophy as the outstanding individual schoolboy football player in Eastern Massachusetts. The local star was recently honored at the annual championship dinner of the Eastern Mass. Schoolboy Sports Writers' Assoc., when he received a suitably engraved plaque.

On Feb. 10th he was honored at a banquet at St. Rocco's parish hall, with the Holy Name Society, of which he is a member, as hosts.

Kaseta is the first end receiving the award, being made annually since 1934, and is the 3rd BHS grid star to win the coveted prize.

Kaseta played regular left end with B.H.S. teams the past 2 seasons after a year with the second team. Rated by Head Coach E. Marion Roberts as the best wingman he had ever coached, Kaseta tips the beams at 175 lbs and stands 5'11" tall. He was a capable receiver of passes, offensively, and worked the end-around running play with great success the past season, never stopped for a loss, while scoring several touchdowns. In fact, he was the leading scorer in schoolboy circles among linemen, tallying 10 touchdowns, and a print after for 61 points for the season.

Though competing in no other sport at B.H.S., Kaseta has played championship basketball with the St. Rocco's K. of L. quintette.

BROCKTON, MASS.

COUNCIL 1

2nd ANNUAL "SNOWFLAKE BALL"

Nature's snowflakes were falling quite heavily on the night of Dec. 29th, but an enthusiastic dancing crowd braved the storm to attend Council One's colorful second annual "Snowflake Ball" held at the spacious parish hall in Brockton, Mass.

Soft lights and the glittering red and silver decorations drew repeated "ah's" from the scores of guests. Miss Ruth Staupas, decoration chairman, and her able committee are still acknowledging praises of their ingenuity.

All due credit for their splendid work preceding the dances goes to these capable chairmen: Florence "Todge" Tamulevich, publicity; Agnes Motekaitis, orchestra; Eleanor Bulkaitis, tickets; Helen Lawson, programs, and Ruth Ykasala, patrons.

Valerie Kavolauskas, reception chairman and Josephine Juzenas, checking chairman, assisted by Julee Adomaitis were the lovely trio who greeted the many guests and distributed the novel dance favors.

All thanks to Adam Batakis council's prefy and dance co-chairman for assisting the nearly desperate refreshments chairman, Eddie Juzenas

MOTUTE, ŠIRDELE

Motute, širdele,
Tu mano miela,
Auginai dukreles
Mus tris kaip vieną. (2)
Sukrovei kraitelius
Visoms po vieną,
Išleidai vargelin
Tik mane vieną.
Tris dienas tris naktis
Keleliu ėjau,
Ketvirtą naktele
Girioj gulėjau.
Išgirdau girdėjau —
Kukuoj gegutė,
Maniau aš, kad šaukia
Mane motutė.
Nei šaukia, nei laukia
Manęs motutė,
Tik gaudžiai kukuoja
Girioj gegutė.
Išgirdau girdėjau —
Burkuoj karvelis,
Maniau aš, kad šaukia
Mane tėvelis.
Nei šaukia, nei laukia
Manęs tėvelis,
Tik gaudžiai kukuoja
Girioj karvelis.

in overcoming the soft-drink and ice cream shortage and supplying the welcome and gratis refreshments.

Despite poor walking and travelling conditions, the record crowd proved that the K. of L. in Brockton is pretty solidly established, and the yearly "Snowflake Ball" is here to stay.

Oh yes, the nervous chairman was "Slim" alias Anne Norkus.

Following a more or less "tradition" started by Southie's Larry Svelnis last year, the ensuing intimate glimpse at the dance is by Villie Motekaitis, a recently discharged Vet of our own C-1...

Well, folks, it was my first, but definitely not my last attendance at our council's "Snowflake Ball".

Good old St. Rocco's hall was almost beyond recognition. The transformation of the place into a sparkling winter wonderland scene was remarkable — boy, talk about your local talent!

I hear tell the girls were quite pleased with seeing so many of us sporting that gold button, and their friendly welcome was more than gratifying.

Three cheers for the swell orchestra. They lost a fender in a smash-up on the way down, but that didn't seem to phase their music any!

Seeing our lovely "Ladies" in their beautiful gowns was, certainly a sight for sore eyes.

The colorful grand march really impressed everyone — a darkened hall high-lighted by a revolving colored spotlight and led by Mayor Joe Downey and Anne Norkus.

Our advisor, Fr. Norbutas took it all in from the side lines but seemed to be having as good a time as we.

Among the out of towners pointed out and introduced were Worcester's Frannie Kaliunas; Gennie Zekevich of Cambridge; Julie Kinchius way from Pittsburgh; Larry Svelnis, Pat Zibutis, Millie Vallis, Tony Zakmouh, Al Stakutis and several more from that new town known as "Southern" Boston.

Say, those dance programs certainly are a neat trick — came in right handy for autographs and phone numbers, and make a swell souvenir.

From now on, with many of us a definition of hospitality is "a party at Slim's". There we made and renewed acquaintances with Ruth Tamulevich, "Bunny" Bartkevich, A. "Tonk", Ruth "Yk", Aldona Debsas, Mary Brasas, Larry, and many more. Why, even the orchestra was there and what a session!

This chatter should come to an end sometime, and appropriately let's quote the verse from the last dance.

The Snowflake Ball is melting away. Be back next year, some time, some day".

You bet we will!!



Jūs kritote kniūpsti ir kaip pakliuvo,
Gimtinės žemę kūnais dengdami—
Prieš tą, kursai panoro prirakinti
Siaubingame vergijos rūsyje.

Tebūnie tad lengva jums ta žemelė,
Tebūnie amžių miegas jums saldus —
Pasiryžę mirt, tavo sargyboj liekam
Ir išvesti iš pavojų žengiamo pirmyn.

SO. BOSTON, MASS.

COUNCIL 17

The 1946 winners in the council elections have now formally been installed into office, and this year looks as if it will be an eventful one.

The New Year's Eve party at the clubrooms was a great success socially. Aldona Zirolis, Larry Svelnis, L. Glineckis and Virginia Petraitis are to be thanked for the food and decorations. Vinnie Mockapetris and his brother did a nice job on the recorded music for dancing. The "Tiger Lady" enjoyed herself, didn't she, Nellie? The Cambridge boys made a big hit with the girls.

The Membership Drive is officially on now and every member is urged to bring a friend into the ranks.

The Council 17 Basketball Team made a good start this season. After all, with such champions as Arnold Plevokas, Alge (Just call me "Al") Mitkus and Vinnie Jakmauh on the team, what else can we expect. Next season we're looking forward to having this team go places.

Al Palaima is now joining the U. S. Army. He claims to be a volunteer, but we know better.

Welcome Home Veterans! It's good to see Johnny Zibutis, Teddy Vallis, Johnny Tuma and all the rest back with us once again.

Two new members were initiated into our council at the January meeting — Robert Kerdiejus, recently discharged from the Army Air Forces, and Gilbert Gallius, whose brothers and sisters Vivian are already members.

The annual St. Casimir's Communion Breakfast will be held March 3rd, 1946 at St. Peter's Church on Fifth Street. All members are urged to receive Holy Communion in a body at the 10 o'clock Mass, and then to attend the Breakfast held in the hall below. Bring as many guests as you desire. Only you had better get your tickets early.

Bowling matches are scheduled with both Cambridge and Worcester councils. Steve Mickevich is taking care of getting the groups together.

Eddie Gallius popped in at the monthly meeting. He's due to return soon to the Army, but it's nice seeing him, even if it's for a little while.

A big Valentine Dance is scheduled by Council 17, to be held at the Municipal Building on Saturday night, February 16th, 1946. Come one,

come all — and bring your friends. This promises to be one swell time!

Eddie Slanina was seen at the clubrooms recently when his ship was in harbor.

The wheels are turning for Ritual affairs. When you hear that a person is going to get the 'third degree', don't think he's a convict — instead, that degree is quite an honor!

See you at the next monthly meeting. I'll be looking for you!

"LAUGHING BOY".

High-Lights of New York & New Jersey District

The bi-monthly convention of January 13, held at the Annunciation Parish hall Brooklyn, N. Y., revealed a larger attendance than usual. 41, delegates representing seven councils answered when the roll was called. Connie Kaslauskas, acting president, and in behalf of actor Joe Boley welcomed the delegates and guests. Joe at the present time is touring Honolulu with the Blackfriars, and we miss his flowery speeches... Father Pakalnis, favored us with his visit and responded in a brief speech expressing his appreciation and extended good wishes for the K. of L. future work that lays ahead... President Lou Ketvirtis, sincerely asked the wholehearted co-operation of Mr. Anthony Youngs, plea concerning the membership drive.

Danny Averka presented excellent report on the Lithuanian Congress meeting held in Chicago, which was accepted with thanks... Committee on the District's 30th year Jubilee was urged to exert efforts in the preparation for this gala event. Charles Vaskas, being one of our most faithful, his absence has already made itself noticeable... All of us hope and pray earnestly for his speedy recovery. As the convention ended with refreshments, everyone agreed that it was the general opinion that it was a well spend day and a gathering worth coming to. We ask that you do not let that spirit grow cold or chill. Every convention can equally be made engaging if every council sends its delegates. Our thanks and gratitude to the Brooklyn Knights for a most enjoyable day...

Sunday March 10, will be a general communion day of our District, and it is going to take place at St. Peter & St. Pauls Church Elizabeth, N. J. More details will come through your council secretary. Since this is our first Communion Breakfast since the war ended. There is no better or more effective way of showing our gratitude. So let's have every council's attendance...
...Opie

Harrison-Kearney, N. J.

COUNCIL 90

Lietuvos Vyčių 90 Algirdo kuopos metinis susirinkimas įvyko sausio 8 d., Liet. Amerikos Piliečių klubo sveitainėje, 6 Davis ave.

Susirinkimą atidarė su malda pirmininkė O. Klimašauskaitė. Dalyvavo visi valdybos nariai. Perskaityta pereito susirinkimo nutarimai ir priimta. Priimta du nauji nariai ir buvo svarstyta nebaigti reikalai. Kuopa rengiasi prie didelių pavasarinių šokių, kurie įvyks balandžio pabaigoje ar gegužės pradžioje. Skaitytas laiškas iš Centro vajeaus reikalui. Laiškas užgirtas ir manoma bus prirašyta daug naujų narių, nes ūpas jaunimo tarpe labai geras. Sporto ratelio raportą išdavė K. Savickas. Dabartiniu laiku smarkiai veikia Basket Ball vietinės kuopos naujas ratelis. Taipgi smarkiai žaidžia vyčiai-vytės bowling rateliuose. Taipgi buvo išklausti valdybos raportai, kuriuos patiekė pirm. O. Klemušauskaitė, glob. p. Velivis, nutarimų rašt. M. Paslavičiūtė, fin. rašt. A. Mikuniūtė. Sekė rinkimai naujos valdybos. Pirmininkė palikta ta pati — O. Klemušauskaitė, nutarimų rašt. M. Paslavičiūtė, pirmas vice-pirm. — V. Grinevičius, antras vice-pirm. B. Bačėnaitė, fin. rašt. F. Tunkevičiūtė, išd. glob. A. Yuknelytė, maršalka P. Baublis. Korespondentas lietuviškai spaudai — J. Stasilionis. Reikia pažymėti, kad p. Stasilionis, ta proga, pasakė labai gražią kalbą. Jam buvo nesigailėta gausių katučių.

Į susirinkimą atvyko grįžę iš kariuomenės garbingai paliuosuoti kariai — V. Kėmežytė, P. Baublis, B. Bačėnytė, Mrs. B. Dohrmann, K. Mockus, V. Musikevičius. Kiti dar randasi Dėdės Samo tarnyboje.

Susirinkimas buvo skaitlingas ir gyvas. Susirinkimą uždarė su malda pirm. O. Klimašauskaitė.

Korespondentas.

ATHOL, MASS.

COUNCIL 10

A Happy New Year to all our K. of L. friends from near and a far from Council 10 — Athol, Mass.! No doubt everyone is making up a new set of resolutions, but how many have resolved to work a little harder for the betterment of our organization? Many of our members have returned from the service into civilian life, but how many of these are returning to our fold? Think it over — members? Have we really welcomed them home?

NEWSIES:

Home for Christmas holidays — Tena Stas visiting from Washington, D. C.

"Blondie" Karoblis, starring on our local basketball squad.

A sad note: Charles Vaskas of

Newark, N. J. has been stricken with paralysis — we wish him a speedy road back to health.

We'd like to see more of "Blandie" Graziš, and Mylda Stas, at forthcoming meetings — Please? "Slip" Talakowski is in hiding, too.

"Binky" Binkauskas is sure a regular fellow when it comes to chauffering people around.

Our new members — Wanda, Helen Jasin, "Binky", and Adele served lunch at the last meeting, and did a fine job of it. The "Junior Commandos" will have a swing at it the next meeting, too.

"Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgotten" — A Happy New Year to one — to all.

Margie.

"VYTIS" 30 METŲ

Rašo K. Jonaitis

11-tas L. V. SEIMAS

Seimas įvyko Springfield, Ill., ten, kur tuomi laiku vargoninkavo nenuilstantis darbuotojas, visu kūnu ir siela atsidavęs Vyčių idealams kompozitorius A. Aleksis. Seimas buvo gausus delegatais, gyvai svarstė organizacijos reikalus, daug buvo iškelta naujų sumanymų. Šiame seime dalyvavo laisvos Lietuvos atstovas V. Černeckis su žmona. Sesijos buvo laikomos Ill. Valstijos Capitol patalpose. Į C. V. išrinkti: pirm. komp. A. Aleksas, pagalbininku Mikas Bagdonas, buvęs Lietuvos konsulu Chicagoj (miręs) ir savo laiku nemažai dirbęs L. V. organizacijai. Antanas Valonis išd., Vincas Rukštalis raštininkas ir biznio reikalų vedėjas.

NAUJAS BIZNIERIUS

Dar tebenešiojant Centro pirm. "Čina", 1923 m., pritariant ir pagalbstint finansiškai a. a. kun. H. Vaičiūnui, buvusiam Cicero lietuvių parapijos klebonui, dideliu patrijotui, tautos ir bažnyčios darbuotojui, kurio vardas pasiliko įrašytas L. V. organizacijos istorijoje aukso raidėmis; kun. Anicetui Linkui, Centro valdybos nariui, dvasios vadui, kurie iš kitų skolino ir gelbėjo pirmose biznio dienose. Antanas Valonis, ilgametis L. V. Centro išdininkas irgi prisidėjo finansiškai. Esu tikras, kad be virš paminėtų vardų nebūčiau galėjęs nei svajoti apie tokią vaistinę, kokią įsigijau dėka gerų draugų už ką amžinai esu dėkingas.

PIRMAME KP. SUSIRINKIME

Tik atvykęs į Chicagą, vieną vakarą su Ignu Sakalu "Vyties" red., atsilankėm į Brighton Parko kp. susirinkimą. Susirinkimas nebuvo skaitlingas, bet įdomus. Užbaigus ir aptarus kp. reikalus, vienas kitas iš narių pasakė kalbą - paskaitą, gi vienas jaunas vaikinys paskaitė iš "Dr. Vinco Kudirkos Raštai" "Činauninkai".

Su tokiu nuoširdumu, jaunas prele-gentas skaitė "Činouninkų" cituodamas rusiškus, jam nepriprastus vardus, kad klausiau ir maniau, sau: — Jei tas jaunuolis kurią dieną neišpovės, tai L. V. susilauks rimto darbininko.

Nesuklydau, mano spėliojimai išsipildė. Buvęs jaunas vaikinys, jau seniai vedęs, augina gražią šeimyną; jo žmona turinti malonų, žavėjantį balsą savo daina dažnai linksmina skaitlingas minias. Jis visur ir visuomet tarpe svetimtaučių pabrėžia, kad jis yra lietuvis, kad lietuvių tauta yra skriaudžiama ir žiauriai kankinama, jis turi gabią plunksną, užimdamas aukštą vietą viename iš didžiųjų Chicagos dienraščių, kelia lietuvių vardą svetimtaučių tarpe. Tai didelis plusas ne vien L. V. org., bet ir visai lietuvių visuomenei turėti tokią patrijotišką šeimą — Stasys ir Ona Piežus!

WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 116

The last and annual meeting for 1945 of Council 116 held December 3, 1945, at our church hall. It was great to see that our discharged veterans are all taking part in the meetings. Those present were: Peter J. Carroll, Peter Matachinskas, Joseph Varaska, Bill Bontville, Louis Volungis, Jr. and Bill Burokas.

The Lithuanian Committee is working very hard with great success in making contacts with prominent educators and persons interested in Lithuania and her future. A recent radio program devoted ¼ of its time to Lithuania and in the December 10th issue of our morning paper a very interesting editorial was printed entitled "Lithuania In Eclipse" by Dr. W. Elmer Ekblaw of Clark University.

Our annual collection for a Christmas basket to be given to the needy of our parish was responded to generously by each and every member.

Dick Wackell has dropped his studies at Holy Cross to enter into the armed services. Good luck!

The climax of this meeting was the annual elections of officers. The results:

President — Edmund Vaskas; Vice-President — Irene Kersis; Secretary Louis Totilas; Financial Sec. — Ellen Kasheta; Treasurer — John Andriuska; Trustees: Stanley Karsok and Adam Kuraisa; Marshalls: Vera Jurgelionis and Joe Chestna; Social Committee (3-month term): Lennie Balunas, Aldona Varaska, Peter Matachinskas, Joseph Varaska, Peter Carroll, Bill Montville.

With each newly elected officer an active and staunch worker, We, of Council 116, are looking forward to a bigger and better K. of L. in 1946.

Ya-Hoo-Di.

Windows To Heaven

Francis J. Jančius, M.I.C.

KEYS TO WORLD PEACE — CHRISTIAN BOOKS. This was the slogan of the recent Catholic Book Week. And a more appropriate one could not have been found. The meaning of these words can be more precisely stated thus: In order to insure world peace read Christian Books.

There is an intimate connection between reading and the prevalent world conditions. Many of the current social evils of the day have been caused by harmful reading and are being propagated by the same means.

No sane person will deny the power of the printed word.

It has been instrumental in causing upheavels, tearing down governments, spreading warped systems of philosophy. It has been a potent factor in the drive against God, an instrument of religious sabotage.

But too, the printed word has given light to men, has helped to make saints.

Never before in the history of literary endeavor have writers had so many opportunities to do good, to foster virtue, to counteract evil. Yet, today, as never before, their masterpieces serve but to spread poison among the reading public in a social, political and religious sense.

Fundamental Christian principles are being steadily undermined; atheism, immorality, birth-control and other evil practices are being actively promulgated by the steady flow of perversive literature. The sense of family strength, of truth and beauty are being bombarded by shells just as real as those dropped on Germany and Japan during the war just passed. The Smiths, Windsors, Farrells, Hemingways, Steinbecks and Aschs (to name but a few of the shining parvenus of the literary world) lead the ranks of these "fifth column" writing menaces. Their masterpieces reek with detailed seduction, rape and incest; into every chapter their typewriters drip the poisonous slime of racial hatred, bigotry, false principles of life.

There is a desperate need for an antidote to the poison being distributed. Ebbing faith must be strengthened, religious and social standards elevated and the true worth of the individual must be firmly established.

Faith weakens under continuous successful onslaughts; often the penalty is worse and Faith is suffocated. Thus, those who possess Faith may lose it. Those who have it not, if the windows of their souls are blacked out by filthy sheets will not respond to the light of God's grace. Darkened windows cannot give light.



O LIETUVI, argi tu nejausi,
Kad mus slegia likimo našta?
Ar ne tavo Lietuva brangiausia
Šiandie tyso, žemėn parblokšta?

Tad, lietuvi, kur bebūtum,
Kas bebūtum — privalai ją gint
Ir neleisti ją, lyg žalią rūtą,
Piktai kojai mirtinai numint. — A-TIS.

Good books are windows to heaven. They lead their readers along the road to life. Yet, readers are too often left to grope their way alone down one blind alley after another, because some puny-minded author chooses to fasten the shutters on the windows to heaven.

As Catholic citizens of the realm it is our patriotic duty to struggle for a clean press. For, if as a nation we continue to permit foulness to pour into the hearts of our youth, we shall have constantly weakening people. No nation is long stronger than its morals.

A virtuous youth, Christian nation — a true democracy — where men will live in peace, in security, men, who while saluting the Stars and Stripes, will also bend willing knees before the All Powerful One, Who will shower His blessings on a nation that is sound in family life, upright in its dealings — this is our goal.

Let us help attain it by silencing the iniquitous presses that are oiled by the writings of perverted brains, stunted minds.

DULL MEETINGS

The common complaint that a Knight or a Lady will make about the council meetings will be usually, "They are too dull." Too much of yata... ta... yata! This will be very true when every member of the council wants to monopolize the meeting and let another partake of one's wisdom. Again, these are council meetings where it is the unfortunate lot of one or two to do all the arguing, planning, and voting. The others are too interested in other matters to worry about council matters until at the end of the meeting they wake up to inquire what was decided today.

Usually most councils complain of lack of discussion matter at their meetings. With the exception of preparations for dances and welcome parties to our returning servicemen, there seems to be nothing else left for discussion. What can we plan to make the meetings more interesting?

First, there should be something of a religious nature at the meetings. The members should ask their Reverend Spiritual Director to conduct a question box or discuss some religious truth or doctrine. This does not have to be very long. Fifteen minutes at the most would not be very much, and yet they would enhance the meetings and be of much practical and spiritual value.

Servicemen as a rule have forgotten their battles and sufferings. These are something to gripe about; but now, here at home, they wish to forget the blood, the misery — their's and others. Yet, they like to brag about the places they have seen and visited, places that we have dreamt about and hoped to see. The social life chairman could plan a series of lectures to be given by the various members of the places they saw and visited. This would give the men time to prepare their talk to make them real to life and interesting.

Lastly, there is something doing in every city, and our members are from all forms of life. A doctor could give a very interesting talk about a proper diet; a car dealer could tell you when you

could expect a new car; a mechanic could instruct you how to save your car; a striking unionist could explain his position and the ideals he is fighting for.

Finally, there is no reason why each council could not have socials of one kind or another after each meeting. It could be coffee and cake, an hour or so of dancing or free movies to entertain all.

The meetings then could be interesting and attractive, something to plan for and await. *Dull meetings?* Yes, if you make them so. *Interesting meetings?* If you work and strive for them!

Fr. Julian.

• Laivo kapitonas pasakoja:

Mus užpuolė didelė audra. Putodamos bangos plovė laivo padangtę. Paskui laivą sekė didžiulis ryklys. Stai-ga banga nuplovė jūron žydą. Ryklys tuoj jį prarijo. Toliau banga nušlavė suolą su lėkšte obuolių ir vieną kinietį. Ryklys, ir tai prarijęs išputo. Kuomet jį, audrai nurimus, ištraukėm į krantą ir prapiovėm pilvą, spėkit, ką radom? Ugi... žydas sėdi ant suolo su lėkšte, o kinietis perka iš jo obuolius.

• Vos žydelis kareivis ateina į apkasus, netoliese sprogs-ta prieš granata.

— Ui veil!.. — rėkia žydelis. Jie ne nemato, kad čia žmogus stovi.

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