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Bukit pasveikinti, mieli Vyčiai!

Keistai likimas švaisto žmogų. 1915 m. vasarą ariau riebias, juodas Illinojaus ūkininkų dirvas. Tuomet iš artojaus Vyčiai padarė mane savo gimstančio "Vyčio" redaktorium, ogi po kelių mėnesių gavau net universiteto studento titulą. Pirmas "Vyčio" numeris išėjo 1915 m. spalio 21 d. Kartu su stud. Al. Račkum ir p. L. Šimučiu pradėjom jį leisti du kartu į mėnesį, 16 pusl. Prie jauno laikraščio dirbau iki 1916 m. Kalėdų. Paskiau išitraukiau į kitus visuomeninius darbus ir tikrai niekuomet nemaniau, kad kur nors beredaguosiu jaunimo laikraštį, ypač kad metų ant kupros daug prisikrovė.

Bet štai po 30 metų trenkia man į duris ilgiausia telegrama, o paskiau ir laiškas: sako, turiu butinai apsiimti kurį laiką paredaguoti "Vytį." Pasijutau mobilizuojamas. Lietuvių tauta dar tebėra karo stovy. Nemoku išsiteisinti savo amžium ir netinkamumu tokioms jaunoms pareigoms. Man atsako, kad Vyčių esą nuo 16 iki 76 metų, nors Amerikos kariuomenėje mobilizacijos amžius neperšoko per 38 metus, ogi kitose kariuomenėse gal iki 45 m.

Seniau "Vytis" eidavo vien lietuvių kalba, dabar jis jau pusiau angliškas. Pasikeitė ne vien jaunimo kalba, bet ir galvojimas bei gyvenimo papročiai. Kiekviena gadynė turi savo vis kito nišką jaunimą. Kiek galėdamas bandysiu šių dienų jaunimą suprasti, bet nežinau ar dažnai pajėgsiu kartu žingsniuoti, ar busių suprstas, ar bus įdomios mano temos.

Jaunatvės svarbiausiu požymiu aš laikau kovingumą, gražią drąsą. *Kol mes kovojome už kilnius laisvojo lietuvių idealus — tol mes dar esame jauni.* Kai tik mes padedame poilsiui savo minties kardus ir nebegrižtame kovos laukan —



Gul šiandieną štai ant šieno
Karalaitis iš dangaus,
Sukurėjas, Atpirkėjas
Nusikaltusio žmogaus.
Vargšų luomą Jis pamėgo,
Piemenėliai todėl bėgo
Pirmi Jo pasveikinti.

tai prasideda mūsų senatvė, nors dar neseniai mums dantys išdygo. Šitokia prasme aš bandysiu savo plunksną vartoti.

Lietuvių tauta pasibaisėtinu žiaurumu ir greitumu dabar yra naikinama, todėl visi lietuviai — jauni ar seni — turi virsti karštais kovotojais ne tik dėl laisvės, bet ir dėl paprasčiausio biologinio išlikimo. Lietuvių tauta dabar yra mirties ženkle, ogi Lietuvos Vyčiai turime buti budrūs ir ištvėrimingi, neapleisti kovos lauko iki laimėjimo valandos.

K. Pakštas.

KOKS TURĖTŲ BŪTI "VYTIS"?

Spalių mėn. numery mūsų organizacijos veikėjas p. P. Kupraitis atsiliepė apie tris pamatines paskutinio Vyčių seimo rezoliucijas; viena tų rezoliucijų skatina pagerinti "Vyčio" turinį. Jis sako, kad nariai daugiausia skaito korespondencijų skyrių. Tai bendra tiesa kalbant netgi apie visus Amerikos lietuvių laikraščius. Eiliniai žmonės labai mėgsta apie save ką nors spaudoje pasiskaityti; ir ne vien apie save: taipgi apie savo pažįstamus ir žinomus miestus, kur jų draugai gyvena. Be to, "Vyčio" korespondencijos visos angliškai rašomos, tad lengviau suprantamos. Todėl "Vyty" korespondencijų skyrius buvo ir pasiliks gana platus.

Tačiau tik korespondencijomis proto neišlavinsi. Jos dažniausia be rimto turinio, ogi šviesesnieji žmonės jų beveik ir neskaito, nes korespondencijos dažniausia šneka apie eilinius subivimus, kuriuose vieni valgo, kiti paduoda valgi; vieni šoka, kiti bubnus muša. Jų vardais mirga mūsų korespondencijos: visi išėina stambiais veikėjais. To žinoma neužtenka protui maitinti. Tad p. Kupraitis siūlo dar padidinti: sporto, juokų ir karikatūrų skyrių. Sportinio gyvenimo raportų gausumas priklausys nuo pačių sporto

grupių: tegu jos prirašo apie savo veiklą. Karikatūros ir dainų gaidos daugiau kainuotų, tai šiuo metu dar neaišku ar "Vyčio" finansai išgalės tai padaryti. Bet tai būtų labai pravartu.

"Vyčio" straipsniai buvo ir pasiliks dviem kalbomis: lietuvių ir anglų. Daugumas jaunųjų dar truputį moka lietuviškai ir reikia neleisti tos kalbos užmiršti, reikia jos net žymiai daugiau pramokti. Jei Vyčiai nebepalaikytų lietuviybės, tai jie nustotų pačio svarbiausio ir pirmutinio savo tikslo. Organizacijai tektų užsidaryti.

Šis amžius yra politinių ir kultūrinių kovų amžius. Bet lietuvių spauda tik retesniais atvejais dabar beturi šiais klausimais stiprių ir auklėjančių straipsnių. Mes neturime teisės laikyti jaunimą politinėje ir kultūrinėje ignoracijoje. Mes kalbame apie jaunųjų amžių, kurio vairas turi tekti jaunimui. Bet jaunimas turi būti rimtai paruoštas politiniam ir kultūriniam gyvenimui. Sakysite, jaunimui tai persunku? Gal but ir nelengva... Bet argi nėra pas mus noro kuomet nors rimčiau galvoti ir subrendusiais tapti? Daug kas sako, kad ir galvojimas yra labai įdomus sportas.

Ištremtam Jaunimui

MOTTO:

Lietuviškas: *Meilė lietuvių visiems lietuviams.*
Tarptautinis: *Sotus alkano nepažįsta; laisvasai vergu nesirūpina.*

NAUJAS SKYRIUS.

"Vyty" įvedamas draugiškumo ženklan lietuvių jaunimui, davusiam daugiausia aukų baltojo žmogaus civilizacijai ir laisvei apginti. Tasai lietuvių jaunimas niekuomet nesutiko vilkti vergijos jungą. Jis sukilo ir klanais kraujo mokėjo už laisvės idealus 1894-95, 1812, 1831, 1863, 1905, 1918-20, 1941, ir 1945-46 m. Aštuonis kartus per 150 metų Lietuvos jaunimas pakėlė ginklą prieš vergiją ir barbariją. Su tuo jaunimu Lietuvos Vyčiai Amerikoje per savo delegaciją Lietuvoje prieš šį karą yra pasirašę širdžių vienybės paktą. Bandykime jų skausmus ir vargus suprasti, o gelbėti bent tiems, kurie mums kaip nors pasiekiami, kurie atsidūrė saugesnėse Vakarų šalyse.

Svarstant bent kurias lietuvių tautos problemas, reikia pradėti nuo pačio skaudžiausio klausimo: *kiek mus gyvų ir laisvų dar liko?* Esame skerdžiami greičiau kaip kokie gyvuliai, tai koks gi dabar yra *lietuvių kraujo balansas?* Ką mums padarė mirties angelas per 6 metus?

"Pajamos":

Lietuvos respublika (be Vilnios) 1937 m. gruodžio 31 d. turėjo 2,549,668 gyventojus, ogi apvaliai — sakysime 2,550,000. Nuo 1934 m. Lietuvos vidutinis metinis preauglis truputį krito ir nusistovėjo apie 1% per metus, arba apie 25,500 gryno pelno. Nuo 1938 m. sausio 1 d. iki 1941 m. birželio vidurio (tuomet prasidėjo masinis Lietuvos gyventojų naikinimas) senesnių ribų Respublikai dar priaugo 88,000 gyv.

Vilnija. 1939 m. spalių mėn. Lietuvai buvo gražinta trečdalis jai priklausomo Vilniaus krašto su 458,000 gyv. 1940 m. jau pavergtai Lietuvai Sovietai pridėjo dar tris sklypelius: Šventėnus, Dieveniškės ir Marcinkonis, viso apie 82,000 gyv. Skaitant prieauglį (Vilnijoje jis didesnis — apie 1.5% per metus) — Vilniaus krašto atgautas trečdalis 1941 m. birželio 15 d. turėjo 560,000 gyventojų. Taigi Lietuva sovietinėse ribose (64,000 kv. km.) prieš masinio naikinimo pradžią turėjo mažiausia 3,198,000 gyv., bet gal tikriausiai 3,210,000, nes Nepr. Lietuvos prieauglis galėjo būti truputį didesnis kaip 1% per metus.

Sugudėjusias Lietuvos zonas, kur lietuviškai kalba tik keletas parapijų (Gervėčiai, Lazdūnai ir k.), Sovietai priskyrė Gudijai. Tad Sovietinė

Lietuva neteko apie 800,000 gyventojų rytuose. Pietinės Lietuvos dalis su Gardinu, Seiniais ir Suvalkais rusai atidavė Sovietinei Lenkijai (arti 300,000 gyv.). Šio karo metu įėjo madon už nuostolius rytuose atlyginti priedais vakaruose, pamant ką nors nuo Vokietijos. Tokių pažadų darė Lietuvai quislingas Pakarklis ir Amerikos sovietinė spauda, lietuviškai leidžiama. Tilpo daug straipsnių, teisingai įrodančių, kad Mažoji Lietuva su Tilže, Įsručiu ir Karaliaučium buvo ir dar dalimi tebėra lietuviška ir tėvas Stalinas priskirsiąs ją prie Sov. Lietuvos. Bet mūsų raudonieji quislingai labai apsigavo: Stalinas priskyre Karaliaučių Leningrado rusiškai apygardai ir jau baigia kolonizuoti M. Lietuvą rusais, gudais ir visokiais orientalais.

Lietuvos nuostoliai

Vienas surusėjęs quislingas neseniai buvo Lietuvoje ir matėsi su visa sovietine Lietuvos diduomene ir sugrižęs Amerikon skelbia Sovietų apskaičiavimą, pagal kurį Lietuva turinti arti ar apie pustrėčio milijono gyventojų. Statistikos ten nebuvo, ogi Sovietų apskaičiavimai iš akies paprastai vis patiekia gerokai išpūstus skaičius. Mat to reikalauja sovietinis optimizmas.

Na, tikėkim, kad dabar Lietuvoje yra net iki pustrėčio mil. gyventojų. Bet pasvarstykim, kas tie per gyventojai. Lietuviškoje spaudoje pasirodą pranešimai, kad Lietuvoje esą apie 300,000 raudonosios armijos irgi labai netikslūs. Tiek armijos ten greičiausia nėra, nes sunku būtų tiek sutalpinti, nors rusų politika ir strategija yra kuodaugiausia laikyti armijos vakarinėse kolonijose, arčiau galimo pavojaus. Galima būtų tikėti, kad rusai Lietuvoje dabar laiko apie 100,000 raudonarmiečių. Eina kruvinos pogrindžio kovos. Lietuvos pogrindžio pranešimai skelbia, kad prieš juos kariauja tik NKVD daliniai ir jų ten esą apie 60,000. Šis skaitmuo labai panašus į tiesą, žinant, kad Lietuvos jaunimas dažnai ir labai daugely vietų susiremia su NKVD.

Žinome taipgi, kad Lietuva sparčiai kolonizuojama civiliniais rusų valdininkais ir net ūkininkais. Vokiečiai buvo apnykę kolonizuoti daugiausia centrinės Lietuvos ruožą išilgai geležinkelį Virbalis - Kaunas - Kėdainiai - Šiauliai - Joniškis. Rusai turi kitonišką planą: jie matomai kolonizuoja Vilniaus apylinkes ir Lietuvos pajurį, tuo būdu apsupdami lietuvius iš rytų ir vakarų.

Geriausia jiems sekasi kilonizuotis miestuose. Nauji pabėgėliai pasakoja, kad Vilniuje daugiau girdima rusų kalba, o ne lietuvių. Prieš karą Vilnius turėjo 210,000 gyv. Apie 30% miesto karo išgriauta. Galima būtų spėti, kad dabar Vilnius turi gal apie 150,000, o gal ir daugiau, nes pagal sovietines normas žmonės priverčiami tenkintis nuostabiai mažais butais, gyvena ubagiškai susikimšę. Rusų Vilniuje esą apie 80,000. Jei spėjamas skaičius būtų apytikris, tai Vil-

niaus gyventojai tautybėmis būtų pasiskirstę maž daug taip:

Rusų 80,000; lietuvių 37,000; žydų 18,000; lenkų 15,000. Viso 150,000.

Kaune rusų esą apie 40,000 ir po mažiau kituose miestuose. Tuo būdu civilinių kolonistų rusų ir kitų orientalių galėtų būti tarp 140,000 ir 200,000. Tad armija, NKVD ir civiliai kolonistai Lietuvoje sudaro mažiausia apie 300,000 ir daugiausia gal iki 400,000. Šiuo atveju 1946 m. gale tarp pustrėčio milijono Lietuvos gyventojų savų piliečių bus ne daugiau kaip 2,200,000. Dabar lieka tragiškas klausimas: kur, kada ir kaip dingo ar žuvo visas milijonas Lietuvos žmonių?

Masinės deportacijos Sibiran prasidėjo birželio vidury, 1941 m. Per dvi savaites deportuota į rytus 65,000 Lietuvos piliečių; ši skaičių imu iš žydo E. Kulischer knygos, *The Displacement of Population in Europe*. Knyga labai kruopščiai paruošta ir išleista Tautų Sąjungos International Labor Office, Montreal, 1943 (žiur. pusl. 63). Lietuvių spaudos paduodami skaičiai (50,000 ar net mažiau) klaidina visuomenę, nes jie apima tik tai lietuvius arba tik tai krikščionis. Kulischer gavo davinių iš kitų Lietuvos tautų. Aš pats irgi klausinėjau žymius žydų organizacijų autoritetus. Jie man pasakė, kad 1941 m. biržely Sovietai deportavo visą žydų vidurinę demokratinių pažiūrų klasę — apie 4500 ar 5000 žmonių.

Pagal dabar skelbiamus davinius, per tris okupacijos metus vokiečiai nužudė arti 200,000 Lietuvos žydų ir apie 50,000 lietuvių. Kiek žuvo lenkų, tiksliai nežinome; Lenkijon jų deportuota apie 60,000. Daug lietuvių žuvo nuo nepakeliamų karo vargų, ogi gyventojų prieauglis labai sumažėjo: mirimai jau pralenkė gimimus. Pateisinama manyti, kad laike vokiečių okupacijos Lietuva nustojo tarp 300,000 ir 350,000 savo piliečių. Tuo būdu per pirmas dvi okupacijas Lietuva neteko mažiausia 365,000, o gal iki 415,000 gyventojų.

NEVYKĖS PALYGINIMAS

Tikint pranešimams, kad dabartinė Sovietų Lietuva dar turi apie 2,200,000 gyv. (neskaitant 300,000 svetimšalių okupantų), reikia tikėti ir tai baisiai išvadai, kad Lietuva nustojo bent milijono senųjų savo piliečių. Dabartinė, t. y. trečioji, okupacija prašalino iš Lietuvos apie 600,000 Lietuvos piliečių. Nustota beveik visų Klaipėdos krašto gyventojų, kurių ten prieš karą buvo apie 160,000. Į tolimas Rusijos vergų stovyklas pasiūsta mažiausia bent 150,000 naujų vergų. Daug dešimtų tukstančių rusai sugaudė Lenkijoj ir rytinėje Vokietijoje ir juos kaž kur išdangino. Dabar kas mėnesį į vergų stovyklas, sakoma, siunčiama apie 3000 ar 4000 lietuvių. Tai daroma pagal Maskvos nustatytą planą, kurs gal būtų panašus į Krymo totoriams naikin-

Keturi Svarbiausieji Rudens Įvykiai

1. Lietuviai pas Prezidentą Trumaną.

Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba — koalicinė Amerikos piliečių lietuvių atstovybė — sulipdyta iš katalikų, socialistų ir demokratinų tautininkų-sandariečių draugijų atstovų, Chicagos burmistro Kelly tarpininkavimu, gavo pas Prezidentą Trumaną audienciją spalio 29 d. Prezidentas pakartojė senesnę Amerikos nusistatymą nepripažinti Sovietų okupacijos ir aneksijos Baltijos respublikų: naujų ir labiau apčiuopiamų pažadų Prezidentas nedavė.

Turint galvoje, kad nuo tos pačios Tarybos pasimatymo su Prezidentu Rooseveltu 1940 m. jau praslinko šeši metai ir per tą visą laiką jokiai lietuvių delegacijai nepavyko pasimatyti su bet kurios didelės valstybės galva, 20 minučių pasikalbėjimas Prezidento su žymiausiais Amerikos lietuviais *sudaro mums pačią didžiausią šešerių metų naujieną*, kurią ALT plačios koalicijos laikraščiai visai teisingai atžymėjo didelė-

ti planą. Tai negalime savęs guosti, kad ateina bent kiek ramesni laikai. Juk jaunų vyrų Lietuvos kaimuose beveik nebėra, jei neskaityti didvyriškų partizanų miškuose. Universitetuose tik trečdalis vyrų studentų, ogi budavo daugiau dviejų trečdalių vyrų. Tai reiškia, kad bent pusė jaunų vyrų, kur nors dingę: tik dalis tapo partizanais, o daugumas pateko vergijon, iš kurios retas sveikas begrižta.

Kai kas ir dabar dar sako ir rašo, kad Lietuvą dabar ištiko *tik eilinė nelaimė*, kurių nebe vieną esame turėję savo istorijoje. Taip, 1708-11 m. maras ir karai išnaikino Lietuvoje apie trečdalį jos gyventojų. Bet maras naikino be plano: jis nemokėjo išrankioti pačių veikliausių ir kultūringiausių gyventojų. O ir Lietuvos nepriklausomybė tuomet dar nebuvo pražudyta. Smarkiausiame Lietuvos sukilime 1863 m. pagal paties Muravjovo Koriko pranešimą nukentėjo tik 9,361 žmogus, jų tarpe užmuštų vos 129. *Tad dabartinę nelaimę negalima lyginti prie smarkaus karo, revoliucijos ar net maro. Rusija, kaip seniau arabai, pasišovė pasaulio civilizaciją ir kultūrą radikaliai pakeisti.* Ji bandys vison Europon įvesti savo kalbą, savo ateistinę tikybą, savo skurdą ir visuotiną nudriskimą. Lietuva yra avangarde krikščionių civilizacijos. Tad ji ir gretimos tautos sumokėjo baisiai daug savo gyvybių ir beveik visą savo turtą, kad apginti Vakarų Europos likučius, Britų Imperiją ir Ameriką. Lietuvos laisvė ir jos begalinė auka nėra vien tautinė: ji turi tarptautinės reikšmės. *Ir šitą tragizmą labai retai kas supranta.*

Palemonas.

mis raidėmis ir ant pirmojo puslapio. Esame dėkingi Ponui Prezidentui, kad nors prieš pat rinkimus su lietuviais kalbasi. Prez. Roosevelto ir Prez. Trumano pažadas nepripažinti Baltijos Valstybių okupacijos turi nemažos reikšmės Lietuvai ir Amerikai: mat Amerika pasisako nenorinti susitepti rankų Stalino tarptautine žmogžudyste. Bet tokio *pasyvaus* nusistatymo juk neužtenka Baltijos tautų laisvei atgaivinti, okupaciją prašalinti. Tarp įdomesnių Prez. Trumano žodžių skaitome:

"I sincerely hope that the (Lithuanian) situation will right itself without disturbing world peace. If there is no peaceful solution, then there will be a fight, and you and I do not want that."

Jis sako, kad mūsų byla pati savaime išsispręs (*will right itself*). Šito tai jau nebeatsitiks. Geras patarnavimas laisvei ir demokratijai savaime iš nieko neišdygsta. Reikia planingų, aiškių ir greitų veiksmų. Juk per Lietuvą tebeskrido mirties angelas, ją reikia skubiai gelbėti. Mes gerai suprantame, kad tik aiškus ultimatas Rusijai atitraukti savo ginkluotas jėgas iš Lietuvos ir kitų užkariautų kraštų tegalėtų mažųjų tautų likučius išgelbėti — ir tuom pačių Europą nuo busimo, gal dar tolimo, karo apsaugoti. Jei tokio ultimatumo nėra, tai reikia skubiai gelbėti nors 80,000 lietuvių demokratijų zonoje nuo bado, šalčio, ogi ypač *nuo cenzūros ir kitų vergijos apraiškų.*

2. IRO arba International Refugee Organization.

Per geležinę uždangą vis dar bėga tukstančiai laisvės ieškotojų. Bėga į Vakarų, bėga iš žiauriausios visų laikų, visų kraštų diktatūros. Bėga visos tautos, bet geriausią slaptų kelių tinklą yra sudarę žydai. Jie bėga nuo naujo hitlerio, kurs dabar Stalinu vadinasi. Laisvoje Europos pusėje įvairių tautų bėglių dabar esama gal apie milijoną žmonių. Tai europinės kultūros ir demokratijos žiedas. Jei nenorime 2000 metų kultūrą ir laisvės bei teisėtumo tradicijas Europoje palaidoti, tai turime visomis išgalėmis gelbėti viską praradusius tremtinius. Šiuo uždaviniu nelabai vykusiai ligšiol rūpinosi UNRRA, kuriai apie 70% lėšų skirdavo viena Amerika. Bet tų lėšų dalinimą vykdė labai margas elementas: šale padorių humanistų buvo labai daug visokių spekuliantų, svetimo pinigų aikvotojų ir Sovietijos šnipų bei agentų. Buvęs direktorius Lehman ir dabartinis La Guardia neturi nieko bendra su krikščioniška Europos kultūra, tad ir nemanė jos likučių gelbėti. Bet UNRRA savo ofisus metų gale jau uždaro. Jos vieton dabar įsteigta IRO.

Šiai naujai organizacijai anglo-amerikiečių

N. Y. & N. J. District 30th Anniversary Dinner - Dance held October 19, 1946, Hotel Plaza, Jersey City, N. J.



Left to right (sitting): Alyce Pachiura; Helen Pachiura, 2nd Vice Pres.; John Bray, 1st Vice Pres. and Toastmaster; Rev. V. Karalevičius, Joseph Boley, Supreme President; Josephine Adams, Supreme and District Corresponding Sec'y; Charles Bason, President; Joseph Sable,

Treasurer; Ann Gaupsas and Mrs. D. Averka. Left to right (standing): Dorothy Dutkus; Mr. and Mrs. Akialis; Richard Lellashus; Mae Matulis, Membership Sec'y; John Novitt, Choir President; Larry Svelnis, U. S. A; Daniel Averka; Mr. and Mrs. Shawkonis. Story p. 18

blokas bandė skirti 1947 m. biudžetui 258 mil. dolerių. Bet Sovietija naudoja kiekvieną progą sunaikinti kuodidesnį laisvųjų žmonių skaičių. Tad Sovietijos pastangomis IRO biudžetas tapo sumažintas iki 155 mil. dolerių. Tai labai maža. Reiktų bent 400 mil. dol. Juk IRO ruošia platų kolonizacijos planą ir jau vedamos derybos su P. Amerikos respublikomis dėl atatinkamų žemės plotų ir apie pervežimą bei finansavimą.

Butų nemažas pagerinimas, jei IRO vyriausiais direktoriais būtų paskirti katalikai ir tikintieji protestantai arba liberališki humanistai, turį rasinio bendrumo su naikinamąją Europos zoną. Reiktų, kad visi kiti tarnautojai ir ekspertai būtų skiriami iš pačių tremtinių: lenkų, latvių, lietuvių, estų, žydų, jugoslavų ir ukrainiečių. Svetimi globėjai dažniausia neturi vargšo sielos ir eina darban su ponišku išdidumu, nesigėdi net hitleriškais metodais pasinaudoti, kaip tai matome iš elgesio su tremtiniais Hanau ir kitose tremtinių stovyklose, kurias tikėtų geriau kalėjiškai vadinti. Jeigu IRO bus valdoma besielių cinikų, kaip buvo UNRRA, tai demokratijos kankiniams teks dar daug ašarų pralieti ar net Sibiro vergų stovyklose atsidurti.

3. Paryžiaus Taikos Konferencija.

Versalio Taikos Konferencijoj 1919 m. mažosios kariavusios valstybės visgi turėjo balsą. Šių metų Taikos Konferencijoj Paryžiuje beveik viską pasisavino keturi didieji. Trys vidutiniai (Lenkija, Čeko-Slovakija ir Jugoslavija) karo metu neteko demokratijų paramos ir liko susovietinti, tiksliau tariant, virto Sovietų Rusijos kolonijomis. Tad Taikos Konferencijoj už tuos tris vidutinius jau kalba Maskvos numatyti ir instrukuoti kolonijų administratoriai. Kai tik jie praveria burnas, tai ir pajunti tikrą rusiškų interesų balsą.

Taikos Konferencijos svarbiausias dirigentas sėdi Kremliuje. Ponas Byrnes mano, kad jis gina ir net apgina teisingos taikos principus, bet jis juokingas optimistas. Taika daroma dabar su penkiomis nugalėtomis valstybėmis. Bet pp. Byrnes ir Bidault apsiima ginti tik vieną Tiesto miestą nuo Maskvos užmačių ir nori paversti šį itališką kampelį laisvu miestu ir uostu. Pažiūrėkime kaip atrodo kiti teritoriniai klausimai.

1. *Suomija* neskolinga Rusijai nei mažiausio žemės sklypelio. Atbulai, Rusija skolinga Suomijai Rytų Kareliją. Du kartu užpulta nekaltai,

ši demokratinė tauta dar apiplėšiama: iš jos rusai pasiima antrą pagal didumą jos miestą Viipurį su svarbiu Saimos kanalu ir geresniais Suomijos grūdų laukais, rusai atplėšia jai Petsamo uostą ir vieninteles nickelio kasyklas. Visas pasaulis turi teisės pasmerkti Suomijai daromas skriaudas. Ir už ką? Gal už tai, kad Suomija labai švari, darbšti, teisinga tauta?

2. *Vengrija* pagal teisybės dėsnius turėtų gauti pusę Transilvanijos iš Rumunijos ir mažą sklypą su Suboticos miestu iš Jugoslavijos. Ji tų žemių negauna, nors abiejose zonose gyvena apie 2 mil. vengrų. Tai vis mat Atlanto Čarteris...

3. *Rumunai* praranda derlingą Bessarabiją su 4 mil. gyv., kur rusų yra tik 10% sektantų, pabėgusių iš Rusijos nuo religinio persekiojimo dar carienės Katrės laikais. Rumunijoje jie turėjo religinę laisvę ir nuosavius ūkius. *Dabar jie to visko nustos.* Bet ir tai gal Atlanto Čarterio didesnei garbei? Gavusi Bessarabiją, Rusija uždarys tarptautinį, visiems laisvą laivų judėjimą Dunojaus upe. Rusija dabar galės kontroliuoti priėjimą prie Juodųjų marių net septynių valstybių zonoje kur gyvena apie 80 mil. žmonių. Šitas anglo-amerikiečių žlibumas ateity jiems kainuos marias kraujo ir daug bilijonų dolerių. *Jaunuosius prašau tai atsiminti.* Gal but jiems dar teks dėl šitų pasibaisėtinai kvailų klaidų kariauti ir vietoje kojų ir rankų, gauti medalius už narsumą.

Lietuvos klausimas gal but bus paliestas taikos sutarty su Vokietija. Bet jis gali buti ir tylomis apeitas, prisimenant kitą rekordinę kvailybę: Karaliaučiaus ir Mažosios Lietuvos pavedimą Rusijai. Tokios dovanos ir carai nesitikėjo. Iš šio karo Rusija išeina su turtingiausiomis

naujomis kolonijomis Europoje ir Azijoje. Rusijos gyventojų skaičius nuo Triesto-Luebecko linijos iki Pekino priemiesčių Kinijoje dabar siekia apie 440 mil.

4. *Demokratų Prakišimas U. S. A. rinkimuose*

Irgi turi kiek ryšio su pataikavimu Rusijai. Iš Sovietų pavergtos Centro Europos zonos Amerikoje yra kilusių apie 15 mil. žmonių. Juos pasiekia vergų šauksmai, nežiurint visos cenzūros tinklo, kuriuomi dabar apipinta visa Centralinė Europa nuo Potsdamo iki Adrijos, nuo Dniepro iki Reino. Wallace kalbos ir Prez. Trumano nerūžtingumas gelbėti žustančią Europos civilizaciją pakreipė balsus Respublikonų partijos naujai, nors dabar dar labai peranksti pasakyti, ar šita truputį labiau buržuazinė partija tikrai ką darys laisvei pasauly gelbėti.

Respublikonai irgi neturi aiškios programos ir dinamiškos valios. Norais, kad ir labai gerais, Europos neišgelbėsi. Seniau tarp Demokratų dar budavo žmonių, kurie pakalbėdavo už Centrinės Europos Federaciją, kuri apimtų kraštus nuo Estijos iki Graikijos ir turėtų 120 mil. gyv. Tai būtų visai konstruktyvus planas. *Kol šale Rusijos ir nepertoli nuo Maskvos nebus suorganizuota stipri ir laisva valstybė, tol tarp Amerikos, Anglijos ir Rusijos bus tęsiamas nervų karas visu smarkumu.* Tai neužmirština geopolitinė taisyklė kaip Demokratams, taip ir Respublikonams. Ir išmintingi žmonės turi pasidaryti iš jos sau išvadas: su kuo eiti — su demokratine C. Europa, ar su totalitarine ir militaristine Rusija. O Centro Europos ašis eina pagal liniją Vilnius-Varšuva-Viena. Tai gyvybinė jos arterija.

K. P.

HENRY WALLACE AGAINST ROOSEVELT

To Henry Wallace, Senator Pepper and others who are disposed to criticize the American foreign policy as interpreted by Secretary Byrnes, it is pertinent to quote the report of President Roosevelt on his return from the Yalta Conference with Tovarishch Stalin and Premier Churchill.

Obviously, Mr. Wallace, Senator Pepper and their fellow travelers have forgotten what President Roosevelt said, because they are running counter to his *express declaration*. The report to Congress was an official declaration by President Roosevelt. He said:

"The three most powerful nations (Russia, USA, Britain) have agreed that the political and economic problems of any area liberated from Nazi conquest, or any former Axis satellite, are a joint responsibility of all three governments... They will endeavor to see—to see to it

that interim government between occupation by Germany and true independence — that such an interim government will be as representative as possible of all democratic elements in the population, and that free elections are held as soon as possible thereafter... Responsibility for political conditions thousands of miles away can no longer be avoided, I think, this great nation... The world is smaller—smaller every year. The United States now exerts a tremendous influence in the cause of peace... We will continue to exert that influence only if we are willing to continue to share in the responsibility for keeping the peace. It would be our own tragic loss if we were to shirk that responsibility."

This makes it clear that the agreement for free elections in such countries as the Baltic States, Poland, Romania and Bulgaria was un-

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"Dear students, I repeat, men of the stamp of Kravchenko, Barmine, and Valtin are enemies of civilization. They are escaped criminals, who, because of their heinous crimes, are contriving to render themselves less culpable and their homelands more so by printing vindictive personal accounts of 'maltreatment' and 'injustice' allegedly therein seen and experienced; moreover, they attack the political system of Soviet Russia, charging that it is totalitarian and that it is bent upon excluding and finally absorbing the political systems of the world.

"Kravchenko's book *I Chose Freedom* is a rare example of fiction. Not content with simple fabrication, it goes so far as to list in approximation the number of 'slaves' in Soviet 'concentration camps.' (Twenty million is the number given! this would lead us to believe that today there are seven times as many helots in Soviet Russia as there were in colonial times in the United States.) Notwithstanding this fabulous invention, Kravchenko writes detailed descriptions of life in the 'concentration camps,' life, he points out, so restricted and wretched that the average prisoner's life expectancy is five years. (In the hundreds of years of world history we find little or no evidence of such slave conditions; not even in the day of the notorious Roman, Caligula, the least merciful of tyrants, is there any mal treatment of captives, even criminals, to compare with Kravchenko's grand slave plan of contemporary Soviet Russia.)

"At the same time Kravchenko strives to cause unrest and misunderstanding between Soviet Russia and the United States by bluntly stating

reservedly made by the Big Three. The action of Russia in occupying these Baltic and Balkan states by her armed forces and secret political police at the time of their elections is an unmistakable violation of the Yalta agreement. The United States would be on firm ground and *on the side of justice* in demanding the complete evacuation of the Baltic States, of Poland and of other occupied small nations. The elections should not be influenced by intimidation or force as they were in Lithuania last winter and in Bulgaria in October. Mr. Wallace, Senator Pepper and their followers are opposing that policy and undertaking to persuade the American people to permit Russia to violate its agreement at Yalta without a protest from America. These are the plain facts which it is well for all Americans to remember.

Palemonas.

that it has no desire of cooperating with the United States because it considers capitalism its greatest enemy; because Soviet Russia wants to expand in Asia and Europe; because Soviet Russia will retain its recent 'conquests.' (It must be remembered, dear students, that Soviet Russia has nowhere conquered any peoples. It has incorporated several small border nations, true, but only because their populations wanted it so. Again, how can Soviet Russia hate capitalism, when capitalism has contributed so much to its victory over the Nazis, when Soviet diplomats travel wide distances to confer with United States' officials over matters of peace treaties? As for Russian-American cooperation, Molotov, Gromyko, and their representatives have honestly tried to come to an understanding with the United States. They have failed only because certain powerful political factions in the United States make it their business to breed suspicion and distrust of Soviet aims, peaceful and fair as they are.) Kravchenko looks upon the Stalin-Hitler agreement of 1939 as Stalin's guarantee against Nazi intervention in his 'grab' of the Baltic States and Poland. Kravchenko also states that Soviet Russia was unprepared for Hitler's subsequent invasion because it trusted Hitler's word. (Students! this sort of deception is for blind fools, not for intelligent civilization. A child is able to understand the Stalin-Hitler pact of 1939. Stalin, realizing that Hitler was determined to risk winning the world, cleverly arranged a non-aggression treaty with him, thereby giving himself enough time in which to prepare against Hitler's inevitable attack. Such was Stalin's foresight that he caused thousands of his troops to occupy those nations which were in direct line with Hitler's probable campaign routes. Stalin tried to save those nations from Nazi inroads and Nazi yoke.)

"Barmine, another exile and propagandist, is second only to Kravchenko in his personal account of Soviet 'inhumanity' and Soviet 'reprisal schemes', maintaining that that nation is guilty of the murder of countless of its own politicians, public servants, and peasants. (Barmine's book *One Who Survived* is a livid lie. Soviet Russia did convict and punish many subversive, traitorous persons in its population, yes. Is this murder? Since when, my students, is public law administered by public officers criminal?)

"Valtin, the third runaway and propagandist, in his book *Out of the Night* is critical of a certain 'Comintern' organization supposedly thriving in every nation in the world and dedicated

Information, Please...

LITHUANIA (LIETUVA)

*Capital, Vilnius. Area, 33,977 square miles.
Population (1941) 4,180,000.*

Lithuania is a nation whose history dates from the tenth century. A great power from the fourteenth to the fifteenth centuries, it confederated with Poland in 1569 and was conquered by Russia in 1795. Lithuania revolted against Russian rule in 1812, 1831, 1863, 1905, and waged a two year war of Independence (1918-1920).

Overrun by the German armies in the World War (1915), Lithuania declared her independence at Vilnius on February 16, 1918, and was recognized *de jure* by Germany on November 11, 1918 (Armistice Day); by Russia on July 12, 1920; by the U. S. A. on July 28, 1922; and by

to Soviet-dictated revolutionary movements. Valtin writes that the 'Comintern' is a vicious spy ring, a Soviet device for disrupting foreign governments! (Students, Valtin's fastastic assertions are delusions of the mind. The Soviet government is represented in many nations, as is the United States government, but certainly it has no spy rings in those nations; nor does it conduct anti-patriotic riots or any other similar revolutionary maneuvers in them.)

"In conclusion, dear students, remember that world peace is gained through cooperation and understanding. Russia wants peace as much as the United States does. The first thing to do, then, is to give Russia confidence and security. We must circumvent the evil teachings of such propagandists as Kravchenko. We must let Russia know that the intentions of the United States are honorable. The United States must disarm, and it must recall its troops from foreign soils. Russia is disarming and its troops are quartered where they belong, on Russian property. Stalin, sometimes called the Beloved Leader by his people, is only too anxious to negotiate with the United States; his motives are peace, prosperity, and the pursuit of happiness.

Mankind must forget the horrors of the recent war and progress toward a new life, a life of constructive undertakings guided by the principles of Christianity. Without Stalin to help the world all is lost!"

Milton Stark.

Author's note: Any resemblance herein to the political views of Doctor Algerdas Cheleden of the University of California at Los Angeles is purely coincidental.

France, Great Britain, Italy, and Japan on December 20, 1922.

By the Treaty of Paris (1924) the northern part of Lithuania Minor was detached from Germany and returned to Lithuania; it aggregated 1,100 square miles with a population of 140,000 — for the most part Lithuanian. It included the city of Klaipėda (Memel), the only port of Lithuania. The territory ceded by Russia, under the Treaty of Moscow (July 12, 1920), amounted to 32,877 square miles. One third of this area including the old Lithuanian capital of Vilnius was seized by Poland in October, 1920, when the Polish army violated the agreement of Suvalkai — signed on October 7, 1920. But Lithuania never recognized this seizure of its capital, and, in protest, kept its demarcation line with Poland closed for 18 years.

Germany seized the district of Klaipėda on March 22, 1939, and the Russian army invaded the rest of Lithuania on June 15, 1940. Russo-German arrangements of 1940 divided ethnographic Lithuania in the following manner: Germany received the Klaipėda and Suvalkai districts (2,000 square miles and 300,000 inhabitants); the eastern zone with the cities of Gardinas, Lyda, Ašmena and Brėslauja, total area 8,000 square miles (pop. 800,000), was annexed by Soviet Byelorussia; and the rest of the territory with the capital of Vilnius (area 23,216 square miles, population 2,980,000) was annexed by the Soviets as an "autonomous" Lithuanian Republic, under the dictatorship of the Communist Party, which, on the first of January, 1941, had 2,504 members in Lithuania, the majority of whom were non-Lithuanians.

The present Soviet Lithuania, a temporary colony of Russia, has an area of 24,300 square miles. Its population before Russia's recent extermination policy of June 14, 1941, was about 3,210,000. In the summer of 1946 its population was only about 2,200,000, not counting 300,000 recent Oriental colonists, soldiers and the NK-VD police.

Lithuania as compared to the U. S. A.

Lithuania is nearly as large as the state of Indiana in area 36,000 square miles.

The population of Lithuania is equal to that of New Jersey, which has 4,160,000 inhabitants. The density of population is almost equal to that of Indiana, which has an area of 36,000 square miles.

The beauty of landscape and the quality of Lithuanian soil resemble greatly those of Wisconsin.

Climatically Lithuania reminds us of the northern half of Maine.

The economic facts.

About 70% of the population of Lithuania (1941) was engaged in agriculture. The arable

land occupies about 45% of the territory, forests 20%, meadows 13%, and pastures 9%. The chief crops are rye, oats, barley, wheat, potatoes, flax, and sugar beets. The forests contain pine (35%), spruce (34%), birch (12%), oak, elm, and other trees. Woodworking industries are of considerable importance and are located mostly near the Lower Nemunas river, between Kaunas and Klaipėda.

The greater cities are: Vilnius, 210,000; Kaunas, 150,000; Klaipėda, 50,000; Gardinas, 50,000; Šiauliai, 35,000.

During the last three years of independence, Lithuania imported mainly from Great Britain, Germany, Russia, Belgium, Holland, and U.S.A., in that order; its exports were directed mostly to Great Britain, Germany, Russia, France, Holland, Belgium, and U. S. A.

Most of the Lithuanian foreign commerce was effected by 1,300 cooperative societies, centralized in several unions exercising powerful influence upon the economic progress of the country. The main items of export were: meat, butter, and eggs (40%); living animals (12%); lumber and cellulose (20%); flax (12%); seeds (5%); and industrial products (4%).

Religion and culture.

About 80% of the Lithuanian population is Roman Catholic, 9% Protestant, 7% Jewish, and 2% Orthodox. (These percentages were compiled without the inclusion of the Vilnius region).

There are two religious groups which are very exotic for such a northern country as Lithuania, which is in the latitude of southern Alaska; these 3000 Moslems and 1000 Caraites are of Tartar origin, taken as prisoners of war by the Lithuanian armies in the 14th and 15th centuries, near the Black Sea.

All the religions of Lithuania were not only free to teach their doctrines, but they were equally supported by the State with very modest subsidies, amounting to about 15 cents (U.S.A. currency) per person a year.

Various religions were taught in private and government schools.

There were universities at Vilnius and Kaunas, together with six other institutes of high learning, and over 60 colleges, nearly all of them coeducational.

By its history, democracy, religion, philosophy, art, and traditional sympathies, Lithuania belongs to the *Western and Christian culture* and, therefore, should be considered a *part of Western Europe*.

In 1939 there were about 80 independent nations in the world. About twenty of these could be included in the zone of the highest modern

culture. *Lithuania was in the list of the twenty most progressive nations.* This great achievement was symbolized by its high standard of learning, by its opera, dramatic theatre and ballet, by its literary and artistic creative work, by its famous cooperatives, and by good sanitary conditions and progressive social laws for workers.

There were 7,000 societies in Lithuania (now closed by the Soviet conqueror) representing all human ideas, ideals, and interests.

Political information.

Lithuanians, their political parties, and the democratic governments of the world do not recognize the Soviet occupation of Lithuania; therefore, Lithuania still maintains fully recognized legations in Washington, Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, London, and the Vatican. Lithuanian consular service is working effectively in the United States, Canada, South America, South Africa, and Great Britain.

650,000 Lithuanians in the United States and 80,000 in South America, with their 30 newspapers and relief funds, are strongly supporting the Lithuanian movement for the restoration of the independence of Lithuania.

The restoration of Lithuanian independence was promised by President Roosevelt (Oct. 15, 1940) and by President Harry Truman (Oct. 29, 1946).

Unofficially Lithuania is an associate of the United Nations. The Lithuanian patriotic underground detracted about 250,000 German soldiers from other fronts and prevented the mobilization of Lithuanian manpower for the German war machine. Lithuanian losses in that historical struggle against the two greatest totalitarian dictatorships are tremendous — exceeding one million killed, deported for extermination to Russian and German slave camps, and missing.

Over 60,000 young Lithuanians born in the U. S. A. and a considerable number of Lithuanian citizens served in the armed forces of the United States, the British Empire, and France during the Second World War.

Palemonas.

PASTABA: Sekamame numery *Information*, *Please skyriuje pakalbėsime apie tas ateivių tautines grupes, kurios šiuo metu labiausia prisideda prie moderniosios Amerikos kūrimo.*

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1946 K. of L. All-Lithuanian American Football Team

By Stanley Balberis

Hold tight! Here's the team you have been waiting for, your All-Lithuanian American football choices for the 1946 season. After eight solid weeks of corresponding with various big-name coaches throughout the country, the Knights of Lithuania is prepared to publish its annual All-Lithuanian American eleven.

Because of the relatively small number of Lithuanian players on the rosters of the major college teams, it wasn't a difficult task to single out the eleven men who occupy positions on my first team. These selections are based on three standards, quality of play, amount of work, and team value.

The 1946 Lithuanian American eleven's power is concentrated in the line, offsetting the lack of a super backfield unit. There is plenty of talent behind the line, but that forward wall is really loaded. There isn't a college coach in the country who wouldn't jump with joy if this collection of gridiron material were assembled on his campus. Every Lithuanian American should be proud of his nationality's contribution to the football wealth of this nation.

1946 K. of L. All-American Football Team

Head Coach, BILL KERN, West Virginia; Asst. Coaches, ED KRAUSE, Notre Dame; AL KAVAL, Michigan State.

Player	College	Pos.	Ht	Wt
Marshall Shurnas	Missouri	LE	6:1	205
St. Louis, Mo.				
George Savitsky	Penn	LT	6:3	264
Camden, N. J.				
George Pavalko	Villanova	LG	5:8	180
New Philadelphia				
Mac Wenskunas (Capt.)	Ill.	C	5:11	190
Georgetown, Ill.				
Francis Brazilauskas	Yale	RG	6:2	226
Waterbury, Conn				
John Kissell	Boston College	RT	6:2	247
Nashua, N. H.				
Al Jankauskas	Marquette	RE	6:	194
Cicero, Ill.				
Bennie Rieges	UCLA	QB	6:1	196
Worcester, Mass.				
Ventan Yablonski	Columbia	RHB	5:11	196
Worcester, Mass.				
Vincent Pacewic	San Francisco	LHB	6:	205
Gillespie, Ill.				
Veto Kissell	Holy Cross	FB	5:10	210
Nashua, N. H.				

HONORABLE MENTION.

Linemen: *Gregonis*, Penn; *Barkouskie*, Pitt; *Sandusky*, Villanova; *Kodis*, Villanova; *Gudaitis*, Harvard; *Urban*, Notre Dame; *Banonis*, George-

town; *Watkins*, Pitt; *Kennedy*, Boston College; *Kaminsky*, San Francisco U.; *Saksa*, Washington U.; *Russas*, Tennessee. Backs: *Nork*, Columbia; *Abromaitis*, Navy.

LEFT END

Marshall Shurnas (Missouri U.) A great defensive wingman, Shurnas rarely is blocked out of a play. On offensive, he is an exceptionally fine blocker. Big and smart, this 205 pound end has been called one of the finest defensive wingmen in the Big Six Conference and also in the Midwest. Started his football career at Central High School, in St. Louis, where he earned three varsity letters in the sport. Matriculating at the University of Missouri he won his letters in 1941 and '42. At the University, he is enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences, majoring in geology. He is a member of the Junior Class and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Poor eyesight makes it necessary for Shurnas to wear contact lenses during practices and games. His mates call him "Iggie". He spent 36 months in the Army, 22 of them overseas. His European Theater ribbon shows six campaigns.

LEFT TACKLE

George Savitsky (Pennsylvania). A prodigious six foot three inch 264 pounder, wearing a size 14½ shoe, Savitsky has been described to me as the greatest tackle ever to wear the Red and Blue of Pennsylvania. Good natured and easy going off the field, he plays such a smashing game that on one occasion his opponents complained he was "simply too rough." Amazingly light on his feet, Savitsky is so quick and so resourceful that his tremendous bulk is almost invariably in the right place in any play. In 1944 the ex-marine hero became the first freshman to captain a Penn varsity football team. The following year he became Penn's first All-American tackle since 1927 when Ed Hake and John Smith were selected. For two successive seasons he was selected to play on the East team in the annual East-West game. Won a track later at shot-put last year. Hopes to be a coach when he graduates.

LEFT GUARD

George Pavalko (Villanova). A stocky, ex-marine, packing 180 pounds on a five foot eight inch frame, George is a devastating down-field blocker in addition to being a rock on defense. New England fans had a chance to see him operate in games against Holy Cross and Boston College. Probably no man in the East gets down under punts so fast and so consistently. In the Holy Cross game he was superb, and was selected by the Associated Press Weekly Lineman

as the player of the week for his performance against the Crusaders. Served 32 months with the Marines. Twenty-seven of them were spent overseas. He holds the Good Conduct Medal, a Presidential Citation, and his Pacific Theater ribbon shows that he participated in six campaigns. Holds two Purple Hearts.

CENTER

Captain Mac Wenskunas (Illinois U.). This defensive play-wrecker is acclaimed by his coach as a one-man hurricane and a good reason why Illinois' 1946 eleven was rated as the top team in the Big Nine. A teeth-rattling tackler, he is so fast that he is often able to join the interference in front of his own ball carrier, and there isn't a better blocker in the nation. Started his football career as a blocking back at Georgetown High School, in Chicago. Coach Ray Elliot shifted him to center for the 1942 campaign, and he has been starring there ever since. When war broke out, Wenskunas enlisted in the Marines and was sent to Notre Dame; however he didn't compete in football at the So. Bend institution. Mac won his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant at Quantico, Va., but was discharged a short time later and returned to the Illinois campus in 1945. Named the Illinois most valuable player last year and captain of the 1946 eleven. "Old 23", as his mates call him, is one of the squad's married men. He has a daughter two and a half months old. He is named honorary captain of the K. of L. 1946 All-Lithuanian American Football Team.

RIGHT GUARD

Fritz Brazilauskas (Yale). The quickest and keenest pullout man in New England football circles and quite possibly the fastest as well. When he leads the swinging interference on those Yale sweeps, the defensive wingback is invariably blasted out of the play. Fritz was so fast that he often was able to stay ahead of Levi Jackson on break-away runs in the open field, and Jackson was as fast as lightning. Fritz was also a power on defense. He played freshman football at Holy Cross in 1940 and on the varsity there in '41. Then followed 32 months of military service as a 2nd Lieutenant with the Army Air Forces in the European Theater. Saw combat duty as a gunner for eight months. Was shot down over Germany and spent eight months as a prisoner of war. He is another of the squad's married men.

RIGHT TACKLE

John Kissell (Boston College). Although this 247 pound giant was hampered by injuries most of the season, he was still largely responsible for the Eagles' successful running attack, when in action. Against the powerful Wake Forest team and three other major opponents, Kissell played terrific football. After playing freshman and

varsity football at the Heights in 1941 and '42, he saw 38 months of service with the Fourth Army. Served in England and France. While there, he played three games with the Fourth Army eleven. Is the third member of the family to wear the Maroon and Gold. Two older brothers, Jim and Adolph, preceded him to B. C. A youngest brother, Veto, is starring for Holy Cross.

RIGHT END

Al Jancauskas (Marquette). This right flanker of Marquette's "Golden Avalanche" is the youngest player representing this year's K. of L. All-Lithuanian eleven. A varsity veteran at 17, he earned a letter at guard as a freshman, last year, when he was only 16. Jancauskas was an instinctive player with uncanny ability to capitalize on opponents' mistakes. Blessed with large hands, this 194 pounder was an adept pass receiver. On defense he was rugged and durable. Began his football career at St. Ignatius High, in Chicago, where he won letters for three years and earned All-State honors for two. Was named co-captain in the Marquette-Arizona game this past season.

BALANCED BACKFIELD.

QUARTERBACK

Bennie Rieges (UCLA). The field general is big Bennie Rieges, UCLA's great all-round athlete. His coach labels him the the finest punter he has seen in some time. The fact that he is understudy to Ernie Case, one of the best quarterbacks in the country, does not reduce his effectiveness. He is a heady ball player who is improving all the time. Many teams could use him as a first-stringer. He does all the punting for UCLA. Attempted 20 passes, had two intercepted and completed 11 for a total yardage of 103. Carried the ball 12 times for a net total of 32 yards. Played freshman football at Georgetown in 1940 and on the varsity there the following year. Served 38 months with the Army Air Forces as a 1st lieutenant. While at Georgetown, he earned letters in football, baseball, and basketball. Married, he is a sophomore and is majoring in mechanical engineering.

LEFT HALFBACK

Ventan Yablonski (Columbia). Against both Navy and Yale when the chips were down and Columbia was behind, he came through with field goals from his educated toe, bringing victory to the Lions. He sparked Columbia's fourth period attack against Army with a brilliant 38 yard jaunt, setting up his team's first scope. Chunky, powerful and fast, he is a clever, tricky broken field runner. Played as a freshman at Fordham in 1942 and spent 32 months as a corporal with the Third Air Force. Played football for the Third Air Force team and also played



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Ačiū Redaktoriams

Sugrižę po seimo mūsų garbingi vyčiai, Felicija Grendelytė ir Pranas Razvadauskas tuoj vėl parodė savo darbštumą ir meilę vyčių organizacijai. Neskūpėdami laiko ir energijos, jiedu gražiai sutvarkė ir išleido spalių, ir lapkričio VYTIES numerius. Jūsų ir jų pagelbininkų nuoširdumą Centro Valdyba giliai įvertina ir nori šiūomi pareikšti jiems vardu visos organizacijos širdingiausią ačiū.

Taip pat reikia pastebėti kad p. Jonas Kumpa, kurs redagavo mūsų žurnalą iki seimo, yra nemažai širdies ir pasišventimo įdėjęs į šį darbą, gal ne visuomet patogiose sąlygose, ir užsipelno dėkingumo žodį nuo mūsų visų. Džiaugsimės jei ir ant toliau turėsime p. Kumpą mūsų bendradarbiu ir šia proga jam, p. Griganavičiui ir visam spaustuvės štabui norime palinkėti linksmų, linksmų Kalėdų.

J. B.

for the North team in the North-South game in 1945.

RIGHT HALFBACK

Vince Pacewic (San Francisco U.). His former coach at Loyola University (Los Angeles), Marty Brill, called him the greatest back in the country and the best he has ever coached. This lad stands an even six feet and weighs 205 pounds. Has been his team's sparkplug all season. Although he shines as a ball carrier, he is also an outstanding defensive man. Played with Gillespie High, Illinois football team and made All-State fullback in 1939. Attended Loyola University, where he played football for three years and was selected for the Little All-America team in 1941. Spent 36 months in the Army and saw plenty of action in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. Has seven sisters and two brothers. Will graduate this Spring.

FULLBACK

Veto Kissell (Holy Cross). Another gridiron giant, Veto, many experts insist, will blossom into one of the greatest fullbacks in New England history before he sheds his grid togs. He weighs 210 ponds and generates terrific drive and surprising speed for such a big fellow. Was a regular fullback on last year's team until he entered the Navy, where he served as a seaman first class. Was abroad the "Monterey", an aircraft carrier, and the "Pocomoke". Spent eight months in the service, returning to the Cross in September. Is a member of the famous Nashua, New Hampshire, athletic family and the first of the boys to matriculate at Holy Cross.

MEET OUR TRUSTEE



Capt. Joseph Matachinskas, active member of Council 17, South Boston, formerly of S. Worcester, Mass. Chairman of 1947 Membership Drive.

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REMINDER

Please submit names of *newly elected council officers for 1947*, to Louise R. Totilas, Supreme Council Fin. Sec'y.

1947 Membership Drive is just around the corner. Have you formed your membership committees?

Winners of the contest will be presented with prizes, (which will be published in the following issue).

Let's have 100% co-operation from *all* councils. *To Everyone* — *May the choicest blessings of the Christ Child be showered down upon you during this Holy Season and throughout the coming year!*

THE EDITORIAL STAFF

Lietuvos Vyčių 33-čio Seimo Protokolas

(Tęsinys)

TREČIOJI SESIJA

Šeštadienio rytą, 9 valandą, Šv. Mišias už mirusius narius atnašavo kun. STASYS RAILA.

Po pusryčių, parapijos salėje, prasidėjo trečioji sesija 10:10 val. rytą. Sesiją atidarė pirm. JUOZAS BULEVIČIUS. Maldą atkalbėjo kun. Stasys Raila.

Inž. ANTANAS MAŽEIKA, Ritualo Komisijos pirmininkas, pateikė sekantį raportą:

L. Vyčių 32-ro seimo, Cicero, Ill., nutarimu, patekau į Ritualo Komisiją, kaip jauniausias jos narys. J. L. JUOZAIČIO ir adv. A. J. YOUNG pasiūlimu, man teko tai komisijai vadovauti, kaip pirmininkui, gi A. J. Young buvo išdininkas ir J. L. Juozaitis — sekretorius.

Kadangi man tenka gyventi Pittsburghe, kur randasi tik viena vyčių kuopa, asmeniai neturėjau tiek progos daryti žygius įgyvendinti laipsnius kuopose, kaip kad buvo galima kitiems šios komisijos nariams. Mano veikla daugiausia susidėjo susirašinėjime su ritualo komisijos ir abelnai organizacijos nariais. Šios komisijos veikla laiškais, reikia pasakyti, buvo nepaprastai sunki ir buvo nuveikta tik dalelė viso to, ko komisijos nariai troško ir būtų buvę galima atlikti, jei būtų buvus galimybė turėti bendrus posėdžius ir tas pastangas ten panaudoti.

Smulkiai, visa kas komisijos atliktą, bus galima išgirsti iš mūsų darbštaus sekretoriaus raporto. Čia tik noriu nekuriuos išymesnius atliktus reikalus pastebėti, butent:

a) Didelė pažanga padaryta 4-to laipsnio įteikime. Vyčio JUOZAIČIO pastangomis, komisija užgyrė Chicagos apskrityje 29-nius ir įteikė 25-ius Šv. Kazimiero ordenus. Naujosios Anglijos apskrityje jau užgirta ir šio seimo metu bus įteikta 4-tas laipsnis 13-ai narių. Laipsnių įteikimas Chicagoje buvo nepaprastai iškilmingas ir spaudoje tas buvo labai plačiai aprašyta. Ceremonialą laipsnių įteikimui paruošė Chicagos apskrities dvasios vadas, kun. GAUCYS, už ką esame jam dėkingi.

b) Trečiam, ketvirtam ir garbės laipsniams diplomai bei pavyzdžiai jau paruošta ir čia seimui bus pateikta susipažinti.

c) Organizacijos vėliava, adv. A. J. YOUNG ir JOSEPH BOLEY pastangomis, jau pagaminta ir čia seime bus iškilmingai pašventinta.

d) Paties ritualo pakeitimai buvo mūsų plačiai diskutuoti per laiškus, bet nieko galutinio nebuvo nutarta. Tikimės vėliau seime ką nors tokio pasiekti tuo reikalu.

Kaip minėjau anksčiau mūsų veikla buvo laiškais, kai kada net po kelius laiškus į savaitę, taigi susidarė iš to ir išlaidų. Vienok jokių tuo reikalu sąskaitų nevedžiau ir visa tai skiriu organizacijos labui.

Norėčiau šia proga padaryti ir pasiūlymų, būtent:

a) Ritualo komisiją rinkti iš vienos apylinkės, kad būtų galima visiems nariams posėdžiai turėti kruvoj, ir išvengti tokios daugybės susirašinėjimų, kaip kad ši kartą teko komisijai, o nuveikta neperdaugiausia.

b) Ritualo komisijos sekretorius turėtų gauti atlyginimą.

c) Paraginti kuopas bei apskričius rūpintis pakelti į garbės narius mūsų organizacijos senus to užsitarnavusius narius, k. a. L. ŠIMUTĮ, A. KNEIŽĮ, J. BOLEY ir t. t.

Kadangi aš nenumatau galimybės praktiškai sudaryti ateinantiems metams ritualo komisiją iš mano apylinkės, šiuomi aš rezignuoju iš tos komisijos ir prašau seimą išrinkti kitą tinkamą asmenį iš apylinkės, kur bus numatyta galimybė sudaryti pilną komisiją.

Baigdamas, noriu pareikšti savo didelį įvertinimą ir nuoširdų ačiū broliams J. L. JUOZAIČIUI ir adv. A. J. YOUNG už jų taip dideles pastangas ir kooperaciją tinkamai atlikti mums uždėtas pareigas.

Su pagarba,

A. J. MAŽEIKA.

ONA KLIMIENĖ davė įnešimą, kad raportas būtų priimtas. IRENE LUKŠYTĖ parėmė. Raportas priimtas.

JACK L. JUOZAITIS pateikė sekantį Centro Ritualo Komisijos raportą:

Gerbiemieji Delegatai:

Pereitais metais Ritualo Komisija susidėjo iš sekančių asmenų, kurie pasiskyrė sekančius darbus:

Pirm. inž. ANTANAS J. MAŽEIKA, Pittsburgh, Pa. Raštin. JACK L. JUOZAITIS, Chicago, Ill.

Izd. Adv. ANTANAS J. YOUNG, Brighton, Mass.

Kadangi nuo pat Ritualo įsteigimo buvo numatyta reikalas turėti visus tris Ritualo narius, gyvenančius vienoj šalies dalyje, dėl geresnio ir dažnesnio susišimo, mūsų komisijos darbas buvo gana sunkus.

Laiškai ėjo nuo vieno ir kito nario reguliariai, beveik kas antrą savaitę.

Daug rašinėjomės kas link pakeitimų ir pataisymų įvairių punktų, bet po ilgo susirašinėjimo buvo rasta, kad kiekviena komisija praeityje daugiau brangaus laiko praleido diskutuojant permainas negu dirbant savo tikrą darbą, butent, supažindinti kiekvieną kuopą su Ritualu ir padėti joms kas link suteikimo laipsnių. Tai, ir po to nusprendimo, mūsų komisija stoji į darbą.

Pirmutinis šių metų pavyzdingas laipsnių įteikimas įvyko Chicagos Apskričio, švento Kazimiero šventėje. Tą dieną buvo įteikta 4-tas laipsnis ir Sv. Kazimiero ordenai tokiems išzymiams nariams, kaip Leonardui Šimučiui, Stasiui Piežai, Kaziui Jonaičiui, Antanui Petruiliui, kun. J. Griniui, ir kitiems. Spauda apie šiuos įteikimus plačiai rašė pabrėžiant, kad Sv. Kazimiero Ordenas yra aukštas mūsų tautos ordenas.

Bažnytinės ceremonijos, kur kandidatai su žvakėmis rankose, prie altoriaus prisiartina dėl specialio palaiminimo, taipgi padaro didelį įspūdį susirinkusiems. Šią ceremonijos dalį parašė ir pateikė Chicagos Apskričio Dvasios Vadas, kun. S. GAUCYS, ir dabar priimta kaip "standard" dalis 4-to Laipsnio Ceremonialo.

Šie laipsniai, kurie ypatingai įvertina ir duoda šoki tokį pripažinimą ištikimam L. Vyčiui už jo ilgų metų darbuotę, jau atnešė ir vaisių. Chicagoje įsikūrė visų buvusių išzymiausių Vyčių vadų organizacija, butent, L. Vyčių Draugovė, kurios nariai, jausdami, kad L. Vyčių organizacija duoda rekogniciją savo veikėjams, prisidėjo savo jėga prie Chicagos Apskričio ir nupirko Vyčių namą, tai darbas, kurį visa organizacija per virš 30 metų negalėjo įvykdyti.

Šiais metais buvo įteikta—

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5 Antras

17 Pirmas

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Čia priskaityta mokesčiai 4-to Laipsnio narių, kuriems suteikiama 4-tas laipsnis per šį seimą. Taipgi išlaidos dėl atspausdinimo Garbės Narystės Diplomų dar nėra pridutos.

ATLIKTI DARBAI šios komisijos šiais metais, būtent, atspausdinimas sertifikatų dėl 3-čio ir 4-to laipsnių, paruošimas Vyčių vėliavos, ir išpublikavimas L. Vyčių Ritualo spaudoj, ypatingai per organą "Vytį," kurį darbą labai gražiai atliko narys A. J. YOUNG.

UŽSIBRĖŽTI DARBAI, kurių nesuspėjome atlikti šiais metais:

- Atspausdinimas naujų Ritualo ir Ceremonialo taisyklių knygelių, su anglų kalba užrašais.
- Pagamimas Garbės Narystės medalių ir diplomų. (Diplomai yra nupirkti ir gatavi atspausdinimui.)
- Paruošimas Gedimino Ordono Medalių dėl 3-čio laipsnio.
- Pataisos 3-čio laipsnio taisyklių, kad uždėjus mokesčių padengimui išlaidų dėl Diplomų ir Ordono.

Centro Ritualo Komisijos narys, JACK L. JUOZAITIS, baigdamas savo terminą, nori padaryti šiam seimui šias pastabas iš jo 6 metų darbuotės Ritualo komisijoje:

- Kad palikti Ritualą toje pat formoje, kaip kad yra ir su tik mažomis pataisomis.
- Kad dabartinis Ritualas yra praktiškas, reikalingas, ir labai naudingas L. Vyčių organizacijai.
- Kad pakeitimas kai kurių principinių reikalavimų sugriautų visą 7 metų darbą, ir todėl reikalinga palaikyti Ritualą, kaip jis yra dabar.
- Kad visi nusiskundimai prieš Ritualo taisykles yra vien tik tų narių, kurie norėdami gauti aukštesnius laipsnius ir dar nepilnai užsitarnavę jų, reikalauja palengvinimo taisyklių. Pavyzdys: Aukščiausį laipsnį, 4-tą, buvo ruošėjų mintyje padaryti labai svarbiu. Tie pirmieji Ritualo nariai numatė, kad 4-tą laipsnį įgyti galėtų vien tik nariai, kurie organizacijoje yra dirbę nuo 15 iki 20 metų laiko. Dabar jau sekančios komisijos esą sudarė daug palengvinimų, kad 4-tą laipsnį jau gali gauti darbštesni nariai, būdami organizacijoje tik 6 metus. Todėl galima matyti, kad tolesnis palengvinimas yra nereikalingas ir būtų pažeminimas tų narių, kurie jau įgyjo šį laipsnį, ir taipgi padarytų laipsnį be vertės.

Dabartinė Centro Ritualo Komisijoje pasilieka:

ANTANAS J. MAŽEIKA dar 2 metams, ir
ANTANAS J. YOUNG dar 1 metam.

JACK L. JUOZAITIS, kuris buvo pereinamais metais išrinktas užbaigti JUOZO BULEVIČIAUS 1 metų terminą, baigė savo tarnystę, ir prašo, kad seimas išrinktų jo vietoje kitą Rytinių valstybių gyvenantį narį dėl geresnio šios komisijos susisiekimo, nes kaip pradžioj minėta, yra neapsakoma sunkenybė turėti šios komisijos narius, gyvenančius tolimose šios šalies da-

lyse. Be to, dėl ypatingų priežasčių, Vytis Juozaitis prašo būtinai jo šioj komisijoj nepalikti. Jo ir kitų šios komisijos narių nuožiūra yra, kad JUOZAS BULEVIČIUS, patyręs ir buvęs šios komisijos narys, būtų grąžintas į šią komisiją dėl organizacijos gerovės.

Tariam visoms kuopoms ir jų susirinkusiems delegatams "ačiū" už išklausymą mūsų raporto ir už suteiktą ko-operaciją vykdant Ritualą.

Pasiliekame,

L. Vyčių Centro Ritualo Komisija
A. J. MAŽEIKA, Pirmininkas,
A. J. YOUNG, Išdininkas,
J. L. JUOZAITIS, Raštininkas.

ONA KLEM davė įnešimą raportą priimti. MARIJONA GRINEVIČIUTĖ parėmė. Raportas priimtas.

KUN. PRANAS JURAS Seimą pasveikino ir labai gražiai Vyčius prilygino į bukietą gėlių, ir linkėjo, kad kogažiausiai gyvuotume.

Adv. J. J. GRISH pageidavo, kad KASTAS ŽAROMSKIS raportuotų apie Chicagos Draugovės veiklą. Kastas Žaromskis pranešė, kad Draugovė labai gražiai gyvuoja.

FELICIJA GREDELKYTĖ davė įnešimą raportą priimti. ELENA SHIELDS parėmė. Raportas priimtas. (Bus daugiau)

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Louise Totilas,
Finansų Sekretorė.



Newark, N. J. COUNCIL 29

Our membership is growing by leaps and bounds! New names are being brought up at each meeting! This speaks volumes and shows why at present, our council is the largest in our district.

At our last monthly meeting, another "bumper" group was present and listened to various reports given by our delegate and representative who attended the Lithuanian Catholic Congress held at Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, and the bi-monthly district meeting which took place in Great Neck, N. Y. Both reports were given by Frank Vaskas.

In the N. Y. and N. J. District K. of L. Bowling League, we are being represented by four teams: 3 male and a female quintet. Arrangements are being made to have a match with some out-of-state teams, possibly Boston and Norwood, Mass., Waterbury and Hartford, Conn., as well as Philadelphia, Penna.

Our Holy Trinity parish held its 50th Jubilee and rededication of the Church last month. Many of our members helped towards the success of the celebration, by decorating, ushering and waitressing.

Our Star Light Dance is now but a pleasant memory. It was well represented by not only our community & vicinity, but also the entire district. It was one of the best attended affairs, in years. It was a huge success both socially and financially. We express our sincere thanks not only to our committee but to all the councils in the district for the wonderful co-operation given.

Our intra-council bowling league is doing very nicely. We roll every Friday night. Many members attend these matches.

In line with the spirit of the season, we wish all of the council members and friends throughout the length and breadth of the land

A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

P. S. Don't forget to put a circle around April 12, 1947, on your social calendar.

X. X.

K. of L. Members Active Lithuanian-American Veterans.

Joe Schicknius was elected to fill the unexpired term of Junior Vice Commander. Previous officer left for an extended period to Miami.

Resolution passed that our Post seek contribution for national and post colors. Committee elected: Joe Lewis, John Arloff, A. V. Washkewich, and Al Ponelis.

Dance Committee reported enthusiastic support from the veterans of New Jersey. Dance will be held on January 11, 1947, at St. George's Hall, Newark, N. J. Committee consists of: John Simmons, Chairman, Peter Mitchell, Al Ponelis, John Rapple, Stanley Urbine, Gene Morris, and Gene Lewis.

Our Post adopted and accepted original insignia for future use. It contains historical Lithuanian background, and is encircled with caption: "Lithuanian American Veterans." Insignia and caps will be ready by January 11, 1947.

Senior Vice Commander Anthony V. Washkewich reported that there is no compiled list of Lithuanian American Veteran Posts. However, all Posts and Adjutants of Veteran groups are asked to communicate with Anthony V. Washkewich, 61 Napoleon Street, Newark, N. J.

Elizabeth, N. J.

COUNCIL 52

BOWLING.

The boys' bowling team is getting ahead nicely in the K. of L. district bowling league. Congratulations! The girls are also anxious to start the ball rolling down the alley.

DANCE.

Our Social Committee is working very hard to make our dance a success. It will be held January 18, 1947, at the Lithuanian Liberty Hall. We expect a big turnout.

CHIT-CHAT.

Our big (little man) Charles Oskutis hasn't been around much, lately. Is SHE keeping you all to herself? Good to see Helen (Vaich) Zwingle back in circulation, after a brief illness.

Seen strolling "down the avenue"

are the following proud K. of L. parents: Mary and Shorty Oskutis, Slim, Leah and Tony Papalis, Tony and Ann Staskevich, and John Gedmen. All parading their daughters.

Did Tony (Yankin) Degutis get that stiff neck from a draft or was she turning her head around too much — watching? Ask Dugan?

"Cap" Josephs and "Cookie" trying hard to keep up with the meeting and bowling on Tuesday nights — the saying is "trying to kill two birds with one stone," eh?

The Matuzas are beginning to notice their "avoirdufois" lately. Is it the food or lack of exercise? We expect Alphonse and Ann Kriznauskas to surprise us one of these days by attending our meetings. Heard Alphonse and Ronnie Naryaucas can't make up their mind what they would like to receive at Christmas time!

Our annual Christmas Party will take place after our December meeting. It will be a real old fashioned Christmas Party — exchanges of gifts, etc. Each and every member is reminded to attend the meeting and party to follow.

Season's Greetings.

The members of Council 52, Elizabeth, N. J. extend to their fellow Knights heartiest Season's Greetings of

A MERRY CHRISTMAS,
A HAPPY NEW YEAR and
GOD'S BLESSINGS.

Little (Pal) Susie.

VYČIAI ir VYTĖS! Aukokime dienos uždarbį Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybai, kuri atstovauja šio krašto lietuviškas organizacijas ir grupes. Nebūkime neutralūs savo padermės žutbūtinėse kovose dėl laisvės. Be mūsų aukų nebūs Laisvos Lietuvos. Aukus siųskime adresu:

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New York, N. Y.

COUNCIL 12

With Christmas-time and the New Year upon us, we should like to extend, at this time, warm and hearty greetings and sincere wishes to our Fellow Knights. We have come to know many of you personally and others through this very section of the "Vytis;" but none the less our greetings are just as sincere and meaningful. We proudly look forward to another year as Knights of Lithuania.

Our November meeting was well attended and most active participation was shown by all. We held nominations for officers for 1947, and will hold elections at the coming meeting.

The Social Locker Committee for November consists of Stella Kaulius, Frieda Andryauskas, Bill Kaleda and Wally Markunas.

The Sports Committee for 1947: Eddie Samulenas, Stella Kaulius, Frank Samulenas, Peter Garbincius, Stanley Borus, John Talacka, Eleanor Yodis, Brenda Bell, Sylvester Surowitz. Auditing Committee for 1947: Anita Hibbins, Al Monkawitch, Vincent Zalis, Steve Montvidas, Frieda Andryauskas. Ritual Committee for 1947: Barbara Ginel, Tony Simulinas, Joe Kscenaitis, Eddie Samulenas, Bill Borus, Lillian Zindzius. By-Laws Committee for 1947: Tony Simulinas, Bill Borus, Steve Montvidas. Welcoming Committee for 1947: Brenda Bell, Stella Kaulius, Stanley Borus and Al Monkawitch.

Our long awaited Veterans' Banquet was held on October 26th, and was a complete success in every sense, aided in good measure by the excellent food and the wonderful spirit which prevailed throughout the entire evening. We also had several interesting speakers. Compliments galore we toss the Arrangements Committee for its fine work. The Committee included Ann Kolesk, Alice Sweikata, Stella Kaulius, Frank Lauraitis, and Vincent Zalis. Among our guests at this event were the District Executive Board and the National President, Joseph Boley. While on the subject of the banquet, we know a few people who would like to bury the picture and destroy the negative. This picture is the sweetest piece of blackmail material we've seen in ages. Seriously, though, most everyone came out quite well and it will be a pleasant reminder of this occasion.

Hearts and Flowers Department.

We learned that Eleanor Alexander has become engaged. We are looking forward to meeting the lucky fellow (Attention: Wolves,

Inc., it's definitely not Eddie B.)— We also hear that cupid has shot its dainty arrow at Wally Markunas, but Wally don't keep us in suspense any longer. Won't you tell us who the damsel is?... 'Tis said that love and hatred are closely akin, but we sure do wonder on which side of the dividing line Vincent Yatkauskas and Anita Hibbins are?

Jersey has certainly been seeing a lot of C-12 these days. There isn't an affair at which we have not been more than well represented, and needless to say, have had a grand time doing it!

Eldy Simulinas has been trying to uphold the honor of the paratroopers. We refer in particular to the Harrison-Kearny dance where he defended his title of "Polka King." Understand he broke all records for endurance. Attention: All aspirants for this title see Eldy for the details. P. S. We understand Eldy is looking for a "queen" to reign with him!!! 'Tis so, Eldy?

George Yatkauskas and Hank Kolesk, affectionately known as Yank and Hank, have been burning more than midnight oil these days taking preparatory refresher courses for college. We've nothing but admiration for your ambition. Yank and Hank expect to further their learnin' at an upstate college starting with the coming Spring semester. If you need any help with the multiplication tables, logarithms or good addresses, for God sake's don't ask us. So, move over Mr. A. Einstein, here come the two whiz-kinds of C-12, Hank and Yank. Anyway, genius or no, we love you both, dearly. Our sincerest wishes for success, happiness and may the fulfillment of your ambition follow you in your endeavors.

Frank Samulenas, our self-styled Ambassador of Goodwill to New England, returned to give us a most interesting account of his visit to our neighboring states. From what he told us, he certainly helped to spread far and wide the fame of the K. of L., namely C-12.

By the time you see this in print, our Mardi Gras dance of November 30th will be but another pleasant memory; but we'll give you the details next month. Vincent Yatkauskas, Chairman of this Committee, reports progress is being made and the event should be a tremendous success. Another event in the offing is the Communion Breakfast of December 8th, when we will receive Holy Communion in a body.

In the New Year, C-12 expects to sponsor a benefit for the church; and in conjunction with this, a play will be presented in Our Lady of Vilna Parish Hall, N. Y., at which a group of actors under the able direc-

tion of our National President, Joe Boley, will portray their Shakespearean talents. Don't forget to make a note of this.

C-12 was well represented at our District Convention held in Great Neck, Long Island. Our delegates were George Yatkauskas, Eldy Simulinas, Vincent Zalis, Steve Montvidas, Eddie Samulenas, Frank Samulenas, Johnny Bell, Peter Garbincius, Lillian Zindzius and Helen Zindzius.

With this column, we see the close of 1946, and the passing of this year leaves in our hearts and minds many dear memories and fond recollections of events passed; but we look forward with even greater anticipation to what 1947 has in store for us. Let us pray that there will be "Peace on Earth" and "Goodwill to All Men."

Droop-Snoops.

New York and New Jersey District

Celebrated its 30th Anniversary

On October 19, 1946, the N. Y. and N. J. District celebrated its 30th Anniversary. A dinner and dance was held in the Main Ballroom of the Hotel Plaza, Jersey City, N. J., in commemoration of this important event.

Toastmaster, John Bray, introduced the speakers and guest. In the absence of our spiritual advisor Fr. M. Kemežis, Fr. Karelevičius honored us with his presence and gave an interesting talk. Other speakers of the evening were Joseph Boley, Supreme President, Charles Bason, district president, Helen Pachura, committee chairwoman, and John Novitt. Among the guests present were Larry Svelnis, former N.E. district president, Bill Klimas, former Chicago district president, Joseph Praner, former N. Y. and N. J. district president, also Messrs. J. Dasker, J. Stasilonis and J. Kratulis, who have been active in the K. of L. for a number of years. A few selections were sung by our member Tom Long.

The dinner dance committee, headed by Helen Pachura, and assisted by Helen Pinken, Mae Matulis, Veronica Plungis, Ann Klem, Jean Karpus, Genevieve Zowe, Stella Kaulis, Charles Bason, Adam Konches, Marty Rusgi, Anthony Skubus and Joseph Kratulis deserve commendation in making this a memorable and most successful affair in all respects. We are most grateful to Father Kemežis and Father Karelevičius for their gifts; to our advertisers and donors; and all who helped us in any way.

D. M. D.



FRONT ROW (seated): Steve Mickevich, Treas; Helen Yankauskas, Ass't Treas; Patricia Žibutis, Fin. Sec'y; Father Al. Abračinskas, Spiritual Advisor; Regina Glineckis, Pres; Stephen Contons, Vice Pres; Mary Kleponis, Rec. Sec'y; Joan Marculaitis, Trustee.

SECOND ROW (standing): Vincent Jackmauh, Millie Vallis, Nellie Pachulis, Anne Chaplik, Bronis Gailiunas, Lenore Glineckis, Lucy Markuns, Frances Petreikis, and Charles Gaputis. Directors not present: John and Anthony Chetkauskas.

SOUTH BOSTON, MASS.

Council 17

Is proud of its record during this past year of 1946. Council 17's president, Miss Regina Glineckis, has headed a fine group of officers and board of directors.

Reinforced by the returning veterans and new members, Council 17 put over a very successful Minstrel Show in May at the South Boston High School. One-half of the hard-earned proceeds were donated to the St. Peter's Church Renovating Fund. The driving force behind this production was Joe Matachinskas as Minstrel Director, Leona Gustaff as Musical Director, and Aldona Zirolis and Lucy Markuns as Co-Chairmen. This very successful and melodious Minstrel Show brought forth the hidden talent of our council members, making new stars overnight.

The shortage of labor didn't stop this council from brightening the interior of its bowling alleys. Many a hot summer's day, one could see

members scrubbing, painting, sand-papering. Under the leadership of vice pres. Steve Contons, vast improvements were made which not only aided the business end of the bowling, but made each and every member more proud of their clubrooms.

Spiritual Advisor Father Al Abracinskas has kept the members on their toes not only spiritually but also in the field of such sports as baseball, basketball and bowling.

With the girls cheering on the sidelines, Council 17's Baseball Team played exciting games at the local Stadium and other baseball fields. Manager Tony Yakavonis played a good game, as well as the other members on the team which included Home-Run Champions Al Marks, John Zibutis, Ted Vallis, and Pitcher Frank Miskenas. Members were awarded the Ritual Degree for the first time since the war started. Patricia Zibutis, our very active fin. secretary, with the aid of secretary Mary Kleponis, president Regina Gli-

neckis and vice pres. Steve Contons worked for the cause of the Ritual Degrees. This year saw six new Fourth Degree members: Anthony Young, Phyllis Grendal, Larry Svelnis, Stanley Griganavičius, Peter Bukota and Anthony Gaptis.

Several changes were made in the originally elected board of officers and directors. A major change was when Steve Contons took over Larry Svelnis' vice presidency, who through the long war years had been a devoted and tireless leader for the council and this year signed up with the United States Army. Another and more recent change was when the Board of Director's Secretary, Miss Lenore Glineckis, went to teach school down in Hyannis, Cape Cod, Mass. This time, it was Bronis Gailunas who stepped forth to complete the term. Both new officers,—Steve and Bronie, are returned veterans.

To help the cause of suffering Lithuania, Council 17 established its own Lithuanian Affairs Committee. Just as Father John Jutkevicius of Council 116, Worcester, Mass., took the precedence, so the South Boston Council tried to do its share of conducting correspondence to government officials and others to help foster this worthy cause which is so close to every Lithuanian's heart. Regina Glineckis, Steve Contons and Mary Kleponis conducted the correspondence for the council.

OUTSTANDING HIGHLIGHTS: What memories these activities bring back: The all-day outing in July at The Weirs, New Hampshire, where we swam, went on seaplane rides, canoed and just basked in the sun... The moonlight weenie roasts and song sessions at 'Operations Crossroads, Houghton's Pond, Blue Hills... The gay Hallowe'en Party... The Dances at the Municipal Building last spring... The full day of sports and sunshine, an evening corn roast with corn picked right from the fields at Steve Mickevich's East Bridgewater Farm... The St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast... the examinations for Ritual Degrees by candlelight... the conventions that were populated by delegates from South Boston, especially the National Convention in Worcester... the Whist Parties at the clubrooms and at Seventh Street Hall...

Bowling has come into the limelight this fall. Every Monday evening you will find Council 17 members bowling at their own alleys. This Council not only has its own league, but is also in the New England K. of L. Bowling League, with high hopes of winning the New England Championship. A member of the Board, Lucy Markuns, is the official scorekeeper and contact person.

The end of the 1946 season activities included the memorable Atomic Frolic, the pre-Advent Dance, held at the Parker House Roof Garden. Chairman Tony Yakavonis and his energetic

Former "Vytis" Editor Becomes Assistant State's Attorney.



Konstant J. Savickus, who is familiarly known as "Konnie" to his friends, became an Assistant State's Attorney in Illinois. In the picture from left to right is Frank V. Zintak, Democratic Ward Committee-man; "Konnie"; State's Attorney William J. Tuoby administering the oath of office; and Al G. Kumskis, prominent figure in Lithuanian political circles.

Attorney Savickus is well known in Chicago among the Knights of Lithuania members for his excellent work in placing the "Vytis" Press on a paying basis back in 1934 and 1935. In 1936 he stayed a year in Lithuania to organize basketball there into that country's most popular sport—and was Lithuania's key man in sending others abroad to continue the work.

During World War II Attorney K. J. Savickus was a Teletype maintenance instructor with the Air Corps, then with the Signal Corps of the Alaska Communication System. Since his release in January of this year, he has resumed his law practice, and has now been appointed an Assistant State's Attorney to the Criminal Court in Chicago. We wish our K. of L. members continued success.

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committee truly made this "the social event of the season."

Another long-looked for winter activity is the skiing and ice-skating week-end to be held in January at The Birchwood Inn, Temple, N. H.

The 1946 Board of Officers and Directors is looking forward to the coming year with anticipation of even more activities, social, sports and other group affairs for Council 17.

So. Worcester, Mass.

COUNCIL 116.

Many old and new matters were completed at our November meeting. The Lithuanian Committee is endlessly working in spite of many difficulties encountered. A letter was sent to President Truman, and copy to Secretary of State Byrnes after his statement that "the Baltic States were incorporated into Russia." The committee protested strongly. Although we seem to be fighting a losing battle, we'll never give up—like a small voice in the wilderness someday the Voice of Lithuania will once again take her rightful place among the Nations.

The social committee reported that the Halloween Party was a success. We are now preparing for a SUPER-DUPER XMAS PARTY.

The Bowling teams-girls and boys—are progressing very well. They've already had contests with Norwood. Results are about even.

More members were urged to join the Lithuanian classes which are both interesting and instructive. Many members would greatly benefit by attending these classes.

We had several guests at our last meeting: Edmund Loughlin, secretary to Gov. Tobin; Rep. Stanley G. Wondolowski and Rep. William D. Fleming.

President Vaskas reminded everyone of the importance of the December election meeting. He urged each member to give serious thought to selecting the right ones to office for the coming year.

The main event of the evening was the drawing of the tickets sold in our Sports Trombola—the lucky tickets were drawn by Alderman Edward C. Lofgren and the lucking winners were:

1. Anthony Yakavonis — So. Boston, an all expense paid trip to N. Y. and ticket to Army-Notre Dame game.
2. James Burgess — Worcester, an all expense paid trip to Philadelphia and tickets to H. C.-Temple game.
3. Margaret LeBeau — No. Oxford, an all expense paid trip to Boston and tickets to H. C.-B. C. game.
4. Joseph Leketa, Council 116, tickets to H. C.-Colgate game.
5. Rev. Leo J. Sullivan, S. J., Holy Cross College, an authorized official American League Baseball signed by the Red Sox Players.

The girls predominated in selling these sports tickets. The leaders:

1. Vera Jurgelionis sold 44 books and was rewarded with an all expense paid trip to Philadelphia and tickets to the H. C.-Temple game.
2. Ann Leketa — 37 books — all

expense paid trip to Boston and tickets to the H. C.-B. C. game.

3. Al Zavoraskas, 27 books — tickets to the H. C.-Colgate game.

4. Julia Katinas and Charlotte Mitchell — sold 25 books each, and were rewarded with an official Red Sox ball.

Other workers to be given mention, are: Dorothy Kristopovich who sold 24 books, George Listovich—20 books and Irene Balukonis — 20 books.

The meeting wound up with Frank Rainis showing moving pictures of the National Convention and his trip to Switzerland.

Misfortune had followed Mr. and Mrs. Al Zavorskas on their return trip from the honeymoon. They were in a seven-car accident. Mrs. Zavorskas was seriously injured. We sincerely hope that Tillie will be on her way to full recovery, shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Luce recently took their first airplane ride and were so thrilled that they are looking forward to another flight.

Rumors! Little Dan Cupid has been shooting his darts at Ann Shablin and Cy Alukas and 'tis now that they are engaged? Let's share your new great happiness!

Leave it to Vera J. and Ann L! After a recent Marine band concert Vera and Ann made acquaintance with two of the marine band players and were later seen promenading. Ann Shablin, Louise Totilas and Charlotte Mitchell were also at the concert. Small world, eh gals?

At a recent Sad Sac Revue—Pete Matachinskis and Tony Godek made a lovely picture as two "BLUSHING BEAUTIES" in the Flora Dora Chorus Line...

Christmas is only around the corner. Let's remember to help the needy ones enjoy this Joyful Season. "Barberiskio Rakamke."

N. Y. & N. J. Newstands

A representative group attended the convention held on Sunday, November 10, at the Steamboat Inn, with Great Neck Knights being hosts. The officers and those sturdy regulars who never miss a convention, are delighted to observe this growing interest and enthusiastic spirit in the attendance lately, particularly among the newer members. Rev. Thomas G. Chase, said the opening prayer. Alex. Wesey extended a hearty welcome on behalf of council 109. Addresses followed by Rev. Thomas G. Chase, Joseph Boley and John Bray.

Ann Klem, was quite impressive with the list of items she presented about the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, which started a rather lengthy worth while discussion.

Joe Branauskas reported that the District Bowling League started off with a bang! It is most inspiring to see the earnestness put forth by the members of this bowling league.

To attempt to cover the fine, as well as the interesting report of the National Convention, given by Helen Pinkin, would require more space than (Opie) is allowed.

It was amazing to hear Helen Pachura give excellent returns from the 30th anniversary affairs. We do, however feel bound, "ex conscientia," to hereby express our heartiest thanks to the arrangements committee for the wonderful accomplishment.

Joe Boley and John Masalskis, were selected to represent the district at the "New York'o ir New Jersey Lietuvių Draugijų konferencija" to be held December 8th, at Manhattan Center, New York.

A letter of thanks was sent to Eleanor Roosevelt, for her stand against the displaced persons being sent to their homelands because of political conditions.

The Refreshment Committee, too, deserves a special and honorable mention, for the excellent cuisine offered, whether it was because everyone was in such hilarious mood or the tang of the football weather, we know not, but the opinion seemed unanimous that the "eats were more palatable, hunger-satisfying" than the football. Perhaps it was the capability of the assisting committee of girls. More power to them! ...Opie.

Philadelphia, Pa.

COUNCIL 3

On November 3rd, our council sponsored a dance. We thank all members for their co-operation, on such short notice.

We were happy to see Baldi (Edw. B.) in uniform, weren't we girls? Bert and Theresa did well behind the food counter. Were all the customers "interested" in the food? Eleanor J. was kept quite busy all evening, selling, and taking in names of new members.

Rita, were those two males helping you keep the change straight at the admission table?

Theresa J. was really surprised at the birthday party tendered her November 1st.

Mike, does Betty help you with your homework or doesn't pre-med. call for outside assistance?

Anne Rim. must have had a good time while Ed., Frank and Joe made those classical (?) recordings.

Many attended the lovely dance held at Harrison-Kearny, N. J., by Council 90. Al did a good job by getting the town car. We are looking forward to attending more of these socials.

The Gypsy.

Harrison-Kearny, N. J.

COUNCIL 90

Like an old penny, we're always turning up.

Our regular monthly meeting was held November 4, at Holy Name Hall with a fairly large attendance. Our ranks were increased by 7 when Ed Bitinas, Veronica Yaris, Helen Shemonsky, Al Paulovich and Charlie Bubenias joined as new members and Julie McShulskis and Tille Misko rejoined. Welcome back you two, and a very special welcome to our brand new members!

If a good beginning means anything, Al and Ed are going to be a hard-working team for our council. After our social, while movies were being shown by Vinnie S., they washed the dishes as their initiation stunt, —and by a candle light yet! That's all right, fellas, the girls really appreciated it.

On November 3, Council 90 was host to Newark's bowling team. We came out on the short end by a score of 2-1, but we can always improve, can't we? The high game series — Sue Dasker with a score of 414. Our total for the league standing are

	Lost	Won
Girls	5	1
Fellows	3	6

A social followed at the Parish Home when the games were over.

Come on guys and gals. Let's join the team and raise our scores, or if that's too strenuous for you, at least come down and cheer our teams on!

The new committee were formed in our council this month. A Committee On Lithuania to work for and help Lithuania consists of Joe Kohanski and Charlie Nakrosis with Ann Klem as chairman. Joe K. was also elected as head of our Sports Committee. O. K. now let's see some action. We're all behind you!

Thanksgiving Day will see another one of our members walk the last mile of single bliss and enter into a new life. Gene Bezgela will take as his bride, a hometown gal, Lillian Johnson, with Father Kemezis performing the ceremony. The newlyweds will live out in Chicago. Best of luck to both of you and don't forget to come back to visit us some day.

Flashy flash. That was an interesting phone call Mary Kemezis got the other day. Her hubby Lt. Vyt Kemezis called from Japan by radio just to hear his honey's voice. All's well, he says and he may soon be coming home. We all hope so. It'll be grand to see him at meetings and affairs again.

Ah, Romance—It's always sprouting up somewhere. This time it

seems as though Ronnie has found her dream man, how about it, Ronnie? By the way Adele, how's your beau, still as bashful as ever?

Our Annual Fall Dance was held on November 16 at Jackson's Auditorium, Harrison. Mike Matulonis provided the music, and good it was!

Quite a few of our old members were there and it sure was good to see the familiar faces again.

We were very surprised and especially glad to see the Knights from Philadelphia there. Even after a few mishaps with their "chariot" they were the first ones to get to our dance — and dance they did!

Our council really appreciates the good jobs done by Eva P. who worked along with us even though she isn't a K. of L. member, and our bar tenders, Pete V., Rookie B., John W., Joe Balazas and Bill G.

Thanks to all the councils for supporting our "šokius" and an extra special thanks to the committee, M. Matulaitis, J. Matulaitis, Ann Peters, Jack Borris, George Katilus, John Wilke and Ann Klem who worked so hard to make the dance the success that it was.

"Two Bits."

Great Neck, N. Y.

COUNCIL 109

Our club activities have progressed whole heartedly due to our social committee which includes: Lou Ann Sosaris, Starcy Wesey, Joseph Dauksis and Joseph Bernatovich. They are responsible for our lovely socials after each meeting and other affairs which we have had in the past.

As for our bowling every Wednesday evening, some of us boys are having a tough time competing against some of our female bowlers.

We are proud to announce that our Spiritual Advisor Father Chase, has written a book, which is now on the market and is called "The Story of Lithuania." Anyone wishing to procure a copy, contact Al Wesey, 102 Maple Street, Great Neck, L. I.

The New York and New Jersey district convention was held here on Sunday, Nov. 10. We enjoyed having and meeting the other district members. Thanks to all who helped to make the social end of the convention a success.

Jack Malis, one of our members of the a USO show overseas, has returned home and is to appear at the Loews State Theatre in New York City. Good luck to you, Jack!

Our winter dance is to be held at Elm Point Inn, Steamboat Rd. on January 11, 1947. Dancing will begin at 8:30 p. m.

JO JO.

Lewiston, Maine

COUNCIL 2

Our first Halloween party held at the home of Julia Sabalauskas, was greatly enjoyed by all members. The boys had previously arranged a huge pile of branches and bushes that stood about ten feet high, which served as our fire. While we were all merry with plenty of eats, our guests of honor arrived unexpectedly, —none other than the Lewiston Fire and Police Departments. Neighbors having seen the tremendous blaze, called the extinguishers, who upon arrival, found it was nothing to worry about and joined us by having some weenies.

Elizabeth Marquis, Reney Marquis, Peggy Polisky, Tony Rudokas and Al Witonis stayed a bit longer to put the fire out, while the remaining members enjoyed dancing, singing, ducking for apples and playing games. Later we learned that the "fire extinguishers" walked approximately three miles past the house, finally reached the main road and headed for their respective homes.

Incidentally— Charles Banulis has never been the same since a certain Lady serenaded him at the party. Snap out of it, Charlie!!

Stella Polisky.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

COUNCIL 62

Welcome back into our fold, Helen Gudelis!

We are grateful to our committee for having worked hard on the decorations, entertainment and refreshments, served during our Halloween party. It was great fun trying to guess who the different characters were. Tony Grazulis walked away with one of the costume prizes. Dutch, Ann, Irene and several other members and guests wore lovely costumes. The musical chairs were a novelty at this party.

We miss Vyto at our gatherings, but due to change of residence, it is quite inconvenient for him to attend our meetings more frequently.

The folk dancing classes under the direction of Beatrice and Vyto Jusevičius are a lot of fun. Why, even Andy is dancing!

Your reporter wishes to thank all bowlers who helped celebrate her birthday. Speaking of bowling, yours truly also cannot pass this wonderful opportunity to "brag" about her 224 score. The first half of the bowling season is about over. It looks like Vic's team may wind up in 1st place.

The parts for the COMEDY we hope to present shortly after Christmas were handed out to our prospective actors by Anthony Mažeika.

Bunny.

Worcester, Mass.

COUNCIL 26

Many things transpired, since you last read this column:

After the mountain climb, we held our Annual Harvest Dance, which was largely attended, especially by out-of-towners. The hall was beautifully decorated — more compliments were given! "Chubby" and Frank Thompson almost ran into a barbed wire fence collecting leaves; "Vinny" really let himself in for some Dot Zallas coaching him along; pick the corn and ended up by cutting the "skirts" on the lamps with work when he volunteered to help Sophie and Lucy were quite busy fixing the stage; we can still hear Mary's echoes "do the leaves look good?" The highlight of the dance was the crowning of the king and queen. Our own Claire Grigaitis and guest, Ed Simakauskas were the lucky couple.

We understand that Vivian finally received the dozen chocolate doughnuts, promised her. Nobody but Adele Bisco was fortunate.

Our past president, Ann Luckasavage was recently married to John Bender. Ruth Bliudzius and Joe Miller intend to follow suit. Best wishes to both newly weds. Congratulations are also in order for Dot Zallas and "Chubby" Virbasius.

"Rosie."

Linden, N. J.

COUNCIL 113

A pre-war custom was revived this year — that of holding an annual Hallowe'en party. This affair turned out much better than anyone dared hope — Plenty of refreshments, interesting games and contests, and plenty of comical and unique costumes, the gaiety lasting until early morning.

Our girls' bowling team started the season with a bang by winning the first three games. The boys were a little off and won only one game, but the season is still young. It's gratifying to see such a large turnout at these bowling sessions.

Several carloads of our members journeyed to Jersey City to attend the N. Y. and N. J. District's 30th Anniversary Dinner and Dance at the Hotel Plaza — everyone reported a good time and compliment the committee on its fine work.

Shavings from an old Oak—

Millie Strazdas claims that she will never again polka with Joe Krotulis — why Millie?—Vera Sharkus took an unscheduled bath while ducking for apples at our Hallowe'en party — costumes included a senorita (Stella Leraitis) a Russian princess (Alice Speecher) bloomer gal

(Kay Tratulis) little Miss Nobody (Sally Shukis) Farmer Dell (Joe Smith of Jersey City) Liza (Helen Cuperwich) hobo (Leola Roels) and many others — Aldona C. and Helen G. sure were doing all right with two Newark swains at their dance — Is it Bayonne, Great Neck, or Kearny that interests Whitey Baker the most?
Veranda Vic.

Brockton, Mass.

COUNCIL 1

Our delegates and representatives handed in favorable reports of the two recently held conventions, namely: the national and district.

As a direct outcome of the district convention, our council is now among the first to form a "Marianapolis Scholarship Fund."

Last month, at St. Rocco's parish hall, we presented a patriotic play called "Lietuvos žemė" under the capable leadership of the dramatic group of the school. Following the play, the visiting cast was feted. We give thanks to Albina and Pete Matachinskas, and Bill Montville, members of C-116, for their K. P. assistance. We benefited over \$500 which will go towards the fund.

The general committee in charge of this successful affair included: Rev. J. A. Dambrauskas, M. I. C., Rev. Dr. V. F. Andriuška, M. I. C., J. Svagždys, A. Batakis, R. Ykasala, "Slim" Norkus, A. Girdzus, G. Masaitis, D. Couble, M. Chestnut, T. Tamulevich, R. Motekaitis, J. Juzenas, V. Kavalauskas, L. Matulis, Margie Milutis, A. Thomas, G. Masaitis, M. Motejune, E. Gauzis, and E. Juzenas. The Norkus "penthouse" certainly took a beating that weekend with a constant stream of guests dropping in.

Not only has our council earned the respect of older parishoners, but also humble gratitude of the Marian Fathers and of the Brockton boy who will benefit by this scholarship.

SNOWFLAKES.

Our third annual SNOWFLAKE BALL is to be held on the last Saturday of this month—DECEMBER 28th, in St. Rocco's parish hall. The colorful semi-formal ball is fast gaining in popularity, and is not only attracting city-wide attention, but the entire New England district. The committee is composed of the following: Adam Batakis, Ruth Tamulevich, Ruth Ykasala, Agnes Motekaitis, "Jo" Juzenas, Val Kavalauskas, Helen Lawson, Aldona Bulkaitis, Ellen Andrews, "Dolly Couble, and Anna "Slim" Norkus. They have responsible duties to take care of. We are ready to greet you all at the Snowflake ball, December 28th.

Council One members extend to all K. of L'ers our sincerest wishes for a HAPPY and HOLY CHRISTMAS and success in the coming NEW YEAR.

Dayton, Ohio

COUNCIL 96

The spirit of Christmas seems to be everywhere, busy shoppers, gay decorations, even the weather seems to be in a holiday mood. The feel of snow is in the air, and suggests a sleigh ride party, for which plans are already being made. How about setting the date, you members of Council 96? I am sure no one will want to miss it, so keep in touch with the club for further announcements.

There is going to be an INITIATION Party, to which ALL members are welcome. Each member who has joined the club in the last six months will receive a hilarious and warm welcome. Under the capable direction of Kitty Zurbick, Ruth Douglas, Mary Ann and Eleanor Ambrose, you may be sure you will receive "the works" as far as initiation is concerned. We will need the help of the old members in this. Everyone be present.

A Christmas party is to be held Saturday, December 21st, at the church hall, with Eleanor Petkus, Pete Petkus, and Dorothy Miller, as the committee members. There will be plenty of fun, entertainment, eats, and drinks at this party. It will be one that will live long in your memories.

We take pleasure in welcoming into our club Vic and Mickey Lacus, our newest members. Originally from Union City, Penn., we hope to make their stay in Dayton an enjoyable one.

Our heartiest congratulations are extended to Mrs. Longly formerly Adele Markey, who was married November 16th. Many members were present at her lovely reception. Best of luck to Adele and Woody.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year from all of us here in Dayton!

Dottie.

N. Y. and N. J. DISTRICT BOWLING LEAGUE

got under way October 20th. All teams rolled off their first games in Harrison, N. J. Eight teams participated. After the match, a social hour followed. Council 90 acted as host.

The Sports Committee worked diligently to get this league started. Let's all assist to keep the league strong throughout the season!

