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# What To Do With Koenigsberg?

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PROFESSOR OF GEOGRAPHY

## A Just and Reasonable Solution of the Problem

How could the port of Koenigsberg be reached by Russian goods? From the Moscow and Novgorod regions, through the Latvian and Lithuanian territories; and from the Western Ukraine, through the Polish territory, via Bialystok and Loetzen. There is no doubt that Russia will try to keep these territories under her own control and subjugation.

If the unjustified Soviet pretensions to Koenigsberg and to Lithuania Minor are rejected, what kind of a more rational and just solution could be proposed for the future political status of East Prussia and the port of Koenigsberg?

During the Paris conferences of 1919, the Poles and the Lithuanians were trying hard to divide East Prussia between the two nations. But Anglo-American opposition was against their projects and German influence in 1918-1919 was much stronger in Washington and London than the efforts of Poland and Lithuania. Only in 1939 the Anglo-Americans understood their own mistake, when the disconnection of East Prussia from the rest of the Reich became the primary and direct cause of World War II. At present nearly all American and British territorial experts, as well as Poles and Lithuanians, are of the same opinion on one question:

*East Prussia must be permanently separated from Germany and the so-called Polish Corridor must be enlarged.* And this was decided at the conferences of Yalta and Postdam.

And what to do with East Prussia after its separation from the German Reich? The remote historical past and ethnography of East Prussia, at least before the 16th century, was almost exclusively Prusso-Lithuanian, but not Germanic or Slavic. *Strict justice would demand the restitution of the stolen object to its former proprietor, Lithuania.* But justice is a very unfashionable method of solving the territorial problems of Europe. Instead of it, we have a much more favored method called "a compromise."

There could be two types of a territorial compromise in East Prussia: 1. *Compromise between Lithuania and Poland;* 2. *Compromise among the interests of Lithuania, Poland, and the local German population.* In any case the Soviets cannot be involved in the heart of Central Europe if we want to avoid a new European war in this generation. Any one familiar with the geopolitical questions and cultural regions of Europe

can easily understand that Oriental colonies in Central Europe will not be tolerated for any longer time, unless Europe is liquidated forever.

## The First Project: Compromise between Lithuania and Poland

The pre-war population of Poland was about 35 million. What will be left of Poland after this war is anybody's guess. The official statistics of Poland indicate the number of Poles in 1931 as being 21,993,000. It is reasonable to believe that Poland will be allowed to retain at least those 22 million people, if not more. A country of this size certainly needs one or two ports on the Baltic. And Poland has had them in Danzig and Gdynia. But the access to these ports was rather narrow, and endangered from both sides by the presence of German troops and fortifications. The author of this writing had a chance to speak on several occasions with the Polish official experts (of the London government) on the problem of the western boundaries of Poland. And these experts had no designs on the Stettin and Oder line. They were reasonable enough to demand only a small extension of Poland's boundaries to the west, to include the district of Oppeln in Upper Silesia and a small strip of territory around Koslin and Stolp in Pomerania. Prime Minister of Poland, General Sikorski, declared to this author in 1942 that he desires for Poland the larger part of East Prussia, and that *he would be pleased to see Lithuania get that section of East Prussia which is known as Lithuania Minor.* Another Polish leader, the Minister of Education, Monsignor Kaczynski, expressed the opinion that the dividing line between Poland and Lithuania in East Prussia should run along the lower Pregel River and Goldap. His idea, as I later discovered, is illustrated, by a coincidence, on a very rare American map of East Prussia (PRUSSIA, Sam. Harrison, Philadelphia, circa 1800-1810?). Lithuania Minor on that map is called the "Circle of Samland" and includes the town of Goldap; then the boundary follows the rivers of Angerapp and Pregel. If the lower Pregel would be recognized as a political boundary between Poland and Lithuania, the greater part of the city of Koenigsberg would be in Lithuania; but the main railway station, and all five basins (or docks) of the port would be left in Poland.

## Potsdam Line

Having in mind all the communication lines (railways, highways and navigable rivers), the modern political boundary must be traced more

## Šv. Kazimiero Diena

Vyčiai, Vyčių Draugai ir Šv. Kazimiero Garbintojai Lietuviai:

4 d. Kovo, 1484 metais, tai yra prieš 463 metus, Lietuvos žemėj, Gardine, mirė mūsų Tautos ankstyva gėlele — Šv. Kazimieras.

Jo siela, sulyg neabejotino Šv. Bažnyčios sprendimo, danguje šventųjų tarpe iš Dievo malonės, Tautos Globėjo sostą užėmė ir iš tos dangiškos savo sostinės laimina mums, pavestiems Jo globai.

Jo šventas kūnas ilsisi amžinai Tautos sostinėj, Višniuje, Katedralinėse Bažnyčiose Altoriuje.

Jo mirties diena Nepriklausomaj Lietuvoj, kaip privaloma visiems piliečiams šventė, yra švenčiama.

Mes, Vyčiai, Amerikoje, įsigyvenusiu papročiu, švenčiam Jo Garbei, o mūsų naudai, pirmą Kovo mėn. sekmadienį, kaip artimiausią Jo Bažnytinės šventės dienai.

Mieli Vyčiai ir Vytės neapleiskite tos gražiausios progos viešai parodyti ištikimybę savo brangiai Organizacijai, jos kilniems katalikiškiems idealams ir brangems, draugiškumą stiprinantiems papročiams.

Jūsų Kristuje,

*Kun. M. Urbonavičius, M. I C.*

in accordance with the economic needs of a divided territory. In this sense the Potsdam line running from Braunsberg to Goldap would be almost ideal, and would need just a few smaller corrections or, rather, more detailed adjustments of a practical nature.

This author intends to propose to trace the Lithuanian-Polish boundary through the little town of Gurnen (6 km. from the Polish-German boundary of 1938) straight west to Grabowen and Benkheim. Goldap would be 9 km. inside Lithuania. From the town of Benkheim the boundary would follow to the Lakes of Gross Strengelner, Schwenzait and Mauer. Thence it would proceed through the Southern end of Lake Mauer to the sources of the Omet River near Taberlack village; follow the Omet River to its confluence with Alle (Alna) River; continue 12-15 km. upstream the Alle River, following the small brook through the villages of Karschau and Stockheim; from here straight to the village of Almenhausen; then follow the Frisching River (Aistupe) to the Frisches Haff (Lith.: Aistmarės) in the town of Brandenburg, 15 km. southwest of Koenigsberg. From Brandenburg the boundary would run through the Frisches Haff to a point 5 km. south of Neutief on the Frisches Nehrung and the Baltic Sea.

These boundaries would almost strictly correspond with the southern limits of the Lithuanian language in the 16th century as indicated by the German scholar C. Hennenberger; they are adjusted only to follow the courses of the rivers Omet and Frisching. Small rivers usually are very convenient landmarks for delimitating political boundaries. On the other hand, the proposed boundary meets the desire of the Lithuanian nation as expressed by the Lithuanian Congress in Chicago, September 22, 1914, at the very beginning of the First World War, when the Lithuanians all over the world renewed a drive for reestablishment of the Independence of their country and the reunion of Lithuania Minor with Lithuania Major.

The length of this boundary, from the Polish-German frontier in the east to the Baltic Sea in the west, would be about 90 km. by land, more than 125 km. by rivers, and 25 km. by the Frisches Haff, the total length being 240 km. or a little more. The towns left on the Lithuanian side would be: Goldap, Angerburg, Nordenburg, Allenburg, Koenigsberg, and Brandenburg. On the Polish side would be Rastenburg, Bartenstein, Friedland, Braunsberg, and Heiligenbeil.

Compared with the Potsdam line suggested by the Big Three conference in the summer of 1945, this boundary would give to Poland about 1600 sq. km. more territory in the west near the Baltic, and about 900 sq. km. less in the east, where around Goldap, Mauer Lake, and Nordenburg, the Lithuanian toponomy and ethnographic elements are more in evidence.

Out of 37,000 sq. km. of East Prussian area, about 25,000 sq. km. would go to Poland and about 12,000 sq. km. to Lithuania. The pre-war population of the Lithuanian section was about 1,000,000 (the present population is less than 400,000); it includes the only large city of East Prussia-Koenigsberg. The Polish section had about 1,350,000 inhabitants. As was said previously, the vast majority of the East Prussian population escaped to the west to avoid the Russian occupation. Lithuania Minor became almost an empty space, large areas of it being left without population. The rest of the population now has to supply slave labor for distant regions of Russia, where the life span, on the average, would extend to about five years only. The life of a refugee in the west of Germany will be extremely difficult, mortality will be of enormous proportions. In view of this situation, even the optimist cannot expect that more than half the old East Prussian population could survive the present calamities. The immediate neighbors, Lithuanians and Poles, should be entitled to the right to supply the new stream of agricultural population for the devastated areas of East Prussia. As both Poland and Lithuania were

overpopulated, and had a large excess of agricultural semi-proletarians, it will not be difficult for them to direct their emigration to East Prussia instead of sending it to South America.

The pressure of the density of population in Lithuania and Poland was greater than in Germany, before this war. When some countries of South America made immigration easier, Lithuania alone provided about 20,000 emigrants a year. A problem of labor not employed to full capacity is posed in Lithuania by the petty farmers owning not more than 30 acres—of whom there were, roughly, in 1940 about 130,000 families, or about 600,000 individuals. These are the candidates for emigration abroad, and would be the best candidates for the resettlement of the devastated regions of Lithuania Minor in East Prussia.

### **The Second Project: Compromise Among Lithuania, Poland, and the Local Population**

As was said in the preceding pages, Poland had no intention to push her western boundary to the Oder line, only 35 miles from Berlin. Poland's democratic government in exile understood well that such affair would be a very dangerous game. But later the democratic government of Poland was replaced by the totalitarian government in which foreigners and a few Polish quislings play a most prominent role. This new sovietized government decided to accept the Russian present: eastern Germany with about 9 million inhabitants. Under the guidance of Russia, a terroristic system of government was instituted in Poland. This method was a very effective means to eliminate nine million Germans from a new Poland.

In the seven eastern provinces of Poland beyond the Curzon line, there were in 1939, about 12,900,000 inhabitants. The Polish official statistics of 1931 indicated in these provinces 4,751,900 Poles, the others being Ukrainians, White Ruthenians, Lithuanians, and Jews. In reality there are about 3 million Poles east of the Curzon line. The number of Russians there was about 90,000. The Ukrainians, White Ruthenians, and Lithuanians are more afraid of Russia than of Poland. But they all are struggling bravely for their national flag and independence. Many of these people would like to escape somewhere to the west, but they will meet unsurmountable difficulties in trying to do so. Judging by the present practice it seems that only some Poles will be allowed to move west of the Curzon line: their number probably will not reach three million. Having this in view, it would seem that for the New Poland an additional

"living space" for three million inhabitants would be quite sufficient. Removing the German population from the Oppeln district of Upper Silesia up to Eastern Neisse River would vacate a living space for 1,500,000; the Danzig territory could provide a space for 400,000; the Koslin district of Pomerania, 650,000; "Grenzmark Posen-Westpreussen," 470,000; and Allenstein or the Mazurian region of East Prussia, 550,000—a total living space for 3,570,000 inhabitants. In such a case the sea coast of Poland would extend about 400 km. instead of 140 km. There would be no more a "Corridor". This arrangement would leave for the Germans a living space for 5,500,000 east of the Oder and in the vicinity of Koenigsberg.

In this case Lithuania should renounce her claim to the districts of Koenigsberg, Wehlau, Fishhausen, Angerburg, and the central part of Goldap. This would reduce the territory of Lithuania Minor by some 4,000 sq. km. In such a case there would be left around Koenigsberg an area of about 15,000 sq. km. The purpose of this project would be humanitarian: *to avoid an exaggerated displacement of population to the overcrowded western parts of Germany.* The area between Cranz and Goldap line in the north; and the Elbing-Lyck line in the south could provide a living space for some 1,200,000 Germans of East Prussia.

### **Federation of the Baltic States**

The prevailing opinion of Poland and the Baltic States would not favor political union of the central part of East Prussia with the German Reich. The peace and safety of this part of Central Europe would be better maintained if this small region could be included in a contemplated Federation of the Baltic States. The idea of a Federation of the Baltic States is not new. It has been strongly advocated by many known leaders of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia since 1918. Among the University students in Lithuania there was a movement to attract to this Baltic Federation the fourth member—Prussia. This movement has published several pamphlets in Lithuanian and in German in order to persuade public opinion in all the Baltic area in favor of such a Federation. Among these pamphlets, two are better known: in German, *Baltia* by Alkys, Kaunas, 1937; and in Lithuanian, "*Prusai—Ketvirtas Baltijos Narys*" (Prussia — the Fourth Member of Baltia) by A. Umbras, Kaunas, 1934. The enthusiastic writers endeavour to prove that the present nearly two million inhabitants of East Prussia are not Germans by their ancestry, nor by their original language; but that they are Prussians, a non-Germanic nation that so vigorously opposed



**TALKING IT OVER**—Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, talks things over with Conrad Cardinal von Preysing, Bishop of Berlin, after the latter's arrival in New York for a U. S. visit. He is guest of this country's Catholic hierarchy.

the German *Drang nach Osten* in the 13th century. The authors advocated a separation of East Prussia from Germany and its inclusion in a future free Federation of the four Baltic nations. This kind of literature was not encouraged by the Lithuanian government because it was afraid of strong and hostile reactions in Germany.

From the geographical (physical as well as economic) point of view, all four Baltic countries (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and East Prussia) belong to the same morainic region with very similar types of climate, hydrography, and soil; these natural conditions make the same type of economic-agricultural problems

for all four countries. The experienced traveller could easily notice that in all four countries the same East Baltic race is predominant: it is a variety of the Nordic race with the influence of Alpines noticeable in the cephalic index. This East Baltic racial variety is known for its great energy, courage, persistency, cleanliness, economic sense, and administrative abilities. This helps its members to make a comfortable life in a severe northern climate and poor soil. The four peoples also have a *common northern culture, baser on the Western type of Christianity, individualism, free institutions, private property, and a strong inclination to the artistic life.*

The area of the Baltic Federation of the four members would be about 220,000 sq. km. (88,000 sq. miles), and the population about 8,000,000. With the advanced animal husbandry and cooperative movement this region in a few years could become a most important larder of Europe providing the continent with bacon, finest butter, poultry, and eggs. Its foreign commerce (judging on the basis of 1938) easily could reach \$400,000,000; that is to say, its international economic importance would be almost equal to that of China (\$414,000,000) or of Russia (in 1938 her foreign commerce was \$513,000,000).

Professing peaceful and humanistic tendencies in their culture, the Baltic peoples would be good friends to the West and to the East, as they proved already during their recent independent existence (1918-1940). They concluded many treaties of friendship, non-aggression, and cooperation with Soviet Russia and with the Western nations. Their independence would increase the safety of the Scandinavian countries and Poland, and would neutralize to some degree the animosities among the nations of Central and Eastern Europe. *The better order of Europe demands that some federal experiments should be made right in the Center of the Continent.* And there is a splendid chance for America and the great European powers to encourage and help this small group of the Baltic peoples — peoples of good will and peaceful intentions — to set an example of order based on law, tolerance, democracy, and freedom. Seeing four countries speaking four different languages live together in peace and prosperity, probably the other parts of Europe would embark on the same road.

The boundary disputes and territorial questions between three Baltic nations were settled through peaceful arbitration by the invited Britishers (Colonel Tallents and Prof. Sir James Simpson) in 1920-1921. We wonder whether after World War II they will be given a democratic chance to forge their destinies and settle their common problems.

# Information, Please...

## Apie Lietuviškas Pavardes

Paklausimas: "Prašau bent kiek paaiškinti lietuviškų pavardžių kilmę, jų prasmę ir pasakyti, kurios pavardės Lietuvoje dažniausia vartojamos? — Baltrus iš Brooklyno."

Atsakymas:

### Lietuviškų Pavardžių Kilmė

Kultūringam žmogui tai nuostabiai įdomus klausimas... Daug geriau jį atsakytų Lietuvos kalbininkai ir istorikai, kaip prof. Dr. A. Salys, žymus lietuvių kalbos žinovas, berods jau atvykęs Amerikon, prof. P. Skardžius, prof. Z. Ivinskis, prof. A. Senn ir dar keli kiti pasižymėję lituanistai.

Ši gi atsakymą rašo tik megėjas, bet ne specialistas.

Prieš Lietuvos krikštą 1386 m. lietuviai pavardžių neturėjo, o tik vieną vardą. Žinoma, tais laikais beveik visi jų vardai buvo grynai lietuviški, be slaviškų galūnių *auskas, avičius, evičius, inskas* ir t. p. Daugumas lietuviškų vardų buvo nuostabiai gražūs ir labai originalūs, pavyzdžiui: *Mindaugas, Gediminas, Algirdas, Kęstutis, Vytautas, Tautvilas, Erdvilas, Vykintas, Vaišvilkas, Ruklys, Rupeikis, Treniota, Daurmantas, Švarnas, Traidenis, Vytenis, Liutauras, Butegeidis, Budividas, Aldona, Narimantas, Manvydas, Karijotas, Jaunutis, Liubartas, Vaidotas, Jogaila, Skirgaila, Švitrigaila, Algimantas, Skirmuntas, Montvydas, Daugirdas, Kaributas* ir daug kitų-kitokių.

Lietuvai pasikrikštijus, senieji lietuviški vardai jau *virsdavo pavardėmis*, pridedant prie jų naujus krikščioniškus, labai įvairios kilmės vardus.

Krikščionybės pradžioje rašytų krikšto metriku dar beveik nebuvo. Lietuvos oficialinė valstybinė kalba vėlyvos stambeldybės ir ankstyvos krikščionybės laikais buvo gudiška arba tiksliau sakant vakarinės Rusijos tarmė, gerokai skirtinga nuo dabartinės rusų kalbos. Po Liublino Unijos 1569 m. lenkų kalba ir kultūra pradėjo sparčiau skverbtis Lietuvon. 1697 m. lenkų kalba virto oficialine valdžios raštų kalba, tik bažnyčia vis dar vartojo lotynų kalbą. Vilniaus vyskupija savo aktus lenkiškai rašyti pradėjo tik 1783 m.

### Dažniausios Pavardės

Įsigalint lenkų kalbai valstybės ir bažnyčios įstaigose, prasidėjo naikinimas lietuviškų pavardžių ir jų keitimas į lenkiškas. Lietuviškų pa-

vardžių darymas vyko keleriopu būdu: verčiant jų prasmę į lenkų kalbą, pridedant lenkiškas galūnes ir tt.

Nesenai prieš šį karą Lietuvoje buvo surinkta apie šeimų 400,000 pavardžių ir jos buvo pavestos mokslininkų komisijai studijuoti, klasifikuoti, studijuoti jų kilmę. *Buvo ruošiamasi grįžti prie originaliųjų lietuviškų pavardžių, t. y. jas atlietuvinti.* Tautos kultūrai augant ir jos samonei stiprėjant, kilo pagirtinas noras atsikratyti iš Lenkijos skolintų, sunkių ir mums netinkamų pavardžių. Apie 60% pavardžių buvo lenkiškos, trupučiukas vokiškų ir labai reta gudiškų ir rusiškų. Pirmosios trys vietos teko šioms lenkiškoms pavardėms:

1. *Kazlauskas* (rodos, apie 1700 šeimų)
2. *Stankevičius*
3. *Petrauskas*

Kazlauskų originalas buvo *Ožys, Oželis, Ožkinis, Ožkonis*; kadangi stambeldybės laikais ožys buvo aukos gyvulys, dievaičiams ant aukuro deginamas, tai jį primemanti pavardė buvo labai populiari. Lenkai ją vertę į *Kozel* (Kazlas), ogi Kazlai greit išvirto dar lenkiškesniais *Kazlauskais*.

Stankevičių lenkai padirbo iš lietuviško *Stankaus*, o Petrauską iš lietuviško *Petraičio*. Panašiu būdu *Povilaičiai, Jonaičiai, Juozapaičiai, Ambrazaičiai* ir kiti buvo paversti lenkiškais *Paulauskais, Jonavičiais, Juozapavičiais* ir *Ambrazevičiais*.

Bene labiausia praplitusi lietuviška pavardė yra *Žemaitis*. Jų esama Lietuvoje apie 800 šeimų ir jie gyvena ne Žemaitijoje, bet Aukštaitijoje, nors esti ir išimčių. Žemaitijon atvykę gyventi aukštaičiai kai kuomet pramenami *Gudais*, o lenkiškai *Gudavičiais* ir *Gudauskais*. Vakarinėje Lietuvoje (Suvalkijoje ir Žemaitijoje) gausu pavardžių, kurios baigiasi galūne *aitis*, kaip *Jonaitis, Stanaitis, Banaitis, Rankaitis* ir tt. Rytų Lietuvoje jų gana reta.

### Lietuviškų Pavardžių Svarba

Kai lietuvių tauta atsidurė šiuo metu mirties ženkle, kai apie pusę mūsų tautos priešas jau išnaikino ir galanda peilį antrai pusei, tai lietuvių tautinei gyvybei visi lietuviški ženklai turi didelės svarbos, reikšmės ir prasmės. Bepalviam kosmopolitanizmui galėjome daugiau nuolaidų daryti kai dar turėjome savo žydinčią mažą valstybę, savo kultūrai gužtelę. Dabar mes niekur nebeturime svetingos prieglaudos. Lig audros blaškomas laivelis turėsime panaudoti savo tautinei gyvybei gelbėti kiekvieną momentą, kiekvieną aplinkybę ir saugoti visas savo tautinio gyvenimo bei esybės apraiškas. Pasirodo dabar svarbu ne vien tik kalbą, dainas ir literatūrą branginti, bet saugoti ir savo lietuviškas pavardes.

## Apleidžiant Tėviškę

Matau aš brolio degančią sodybą,  
 Žiūriu — suminti, sutrypti rugių laukai —  
 Ką kūrei, ką taupei, ką sėjai —  
 Viską, viską, broli, palikai . . .  
 Galulaukėj parkritusį matau senelį tėvą,

Šuva prie deginamo svirno staugia —  
 O buvome visa širdim pamilę sentėvių pakrantę,  
 O buvome giliom šaknim į ją įaugę! . . .

Galulaukėj parkritusį matau senelį tėvą,  
 Matau kaip tremiami vaikai vagonuose  
 Kaip tolumoj ant žalio kalno, [užtrokšta,  
 Nugriūna dideli bažnyčios bokštai . . .

Neliko nieko švento, nieko gryo, nieko dorų—  
 Ir kankinio regiu sukruvintą vainiką,  
 Ir žmogžudį regiu, rankas mazgojantį,  
 Kaip žvėrį alkana, kaip žvėrį dyką . . .

Bet neraudok, širdie, neverk, sesulė,  
 Sugrįši vėl į tėvo kiemą! — —  
 Rugiai ir rūtos, kviečiai ir mirtos —  
 Žaliuoja rudenį, nemiršta žiemą! . . .

— S. Santvaras.

Daugelis lietuviškų pavardžių yra labai originalios, niekur kitose tautose nesutinkamos. Be to jos nuostabiai žmoniškos ir gražios, savo galūnėmis suriša mus su pačiu kultūringiausiu senovės pasauliu: su romėnais ir graikais. Jos dvelkia kaž kokia romantiška ir paslaptina senove, kuomet žmogus dar nebuvo nuskenęs beprasmingoje ir apykvailėje masėje. Jei pateksime į tolimą Brazilijos užkampį, į Australiją ar į Afrikos vidurį, ir jei ten kur pasitaikys pamatyti prie durų ar ant lango parašą: Montvydas, Liutauras, Buivydas, Daugirdas ar Kaributas, tai mes be jokių abejonių pasijusime ten savąjį radę ir džiaugsmingai belsimės į jo duris, tikėsime ten lietuviško svetingumo patirti.

Graži ir taisyklinga lietuviška pavardė žmogui daug svarbiau kaip jo veido gera fotografija. Ji suriša asmenį vienon drauginon ir teisybės bei laisvės ieškančion lietuviškon šeimon. Ji dvelkia nefalšyvais Lietuvos girių aidais ir jos pievų švelniais žiedais. Sudarkytos, falsifikuotos pavardės žmogaus gal beveik ir nenuskriaudžia, bet jos labai primena plunksnų privedtus kavaliarius plaukus, kiaurus ir purvinus batus ar kurį kitą apsileidimo ženklą. Ne visur, ne vi-

siems esti patogų savo pavardės keisti. Bet kai yra galimybių, tai reikia jomis naudotis ir gražiai, estetiškai atlietuvinti savo pavardes, nes ir tinkama pavardė yra savotiška lietuviybės propaganda pasauly.

## Reformų Reikalingumas

Estijoje, Suomijoje ir Lietuvoje prieš šį pasaulinį karą buvo vedama daug propagandos už pavardžių reformas, už jų sutautinimą ir kai kuriais atvejais reikalingą pagražinimą, nes pas daugelį tautų pasitaiko ir negražių, ar perdaug juokingų pavardžių.

Svetur gyvenantiems lietuviams turi svarbos ir pavardės trumpumas ir lengvumas. Musų lenkiškos pavardės Amerikoje neturi jokios ateities: jos bereikalingai ilgos ir sunkiai ištariamoms. Amerikos nacionalizmas pakenčia germaniškas, keltiškas ir prancūziškas pavardes. Slaviškos pavardės rečiau išsilaiko. Trumposios ir lengvosios pavardės Amerikoje ir kitur gana palankiai sutinkamos ir iššaukia susidomėjimą kultūringuose sluoksniuose. Kas turi bent kiek žinių ir fantazijos, tas lengvai gali išsirinkti sau labai patogią lietuvišką pavardę, tinkamą visiems pasaulio kraštams. Štai buvo iš Garliavos kilęs veikėjas lietuviška, bet nepatogia pavardė — Paršaitis. Na, jis pasidarė Gabrys, ogi Palovinskis iš Kauno — Budrys. Abi pavardės labai trumpos, gražios, lietuviškos, skambios ir tinka visiems kontinentams. Šita kryptimi turėtų eiti ir tolimesnės pavardžių reformos kur pasitaiko patogų progų jas pakeisti.

Lietuvių abecelėje nėra raidžių W, F, H, X. Jei kas tas raides įbruka į savo pavardę, tai gal but tai daro dažniausia dėl savo mažaraštumo, visiško nenusimanymo.

80,000 lietuvių tremtinių gal bus priversti netolimoje ateity apleisti Europą. Išblaškyti po visą pasaulį jie vieni kitus lengviau susirastų, jeigu jų pavardės būtų ir pasiliktų tikrai lietuviškos. Tai nėra toks spirginantis klausimas, kaip duona ir laisvė, bet vis dėlto ir pavardžių lietuviškumas buvo ir pasiliks bent antraeilė priemonė mūsų tautiniam veidui išlaikyti begalinėje žmoniškųjų sutvėrimų masėje. Kitos tautos rodo nemaža prisirišimo prie savo tautinių pavardžių, nors joms nutautėjimo pavojus negrėsia. Tai kodėl gi mes turėtume labai apsileisti, galėdami pasirinkti sau pavardes iš nuostabiai originališko savojo vardyno?

Palemonas.

Every human being through the course of life, realizes the necessity to seek  
 friendship, to form association, to develop social contacts and to become a  
 worthy member of society. :



# Winds and Loose Talk Are Eluding

## Kalbu Ir Vėju Nesugaudysi

(Translated from the Lithuanian of bishop M. Valančius, by Milton Stark).

Miller Šaltis had a son and loved him very much. The mother was always able to comb out her little boy's hair and keep him elegantly arrayed. Once when Mrs. Šaltis was escorting her son from church, people began to talk:

"Oh, into what will the miller raise his son! he pampers and embellishes him without end. Look what kind of hat and shoes he has!"

Purposely to hear what people would say, the next time the miller's wife escorted her son to church she did not comb his hair, dressed him in a worn-out greatcoat, and did not give him any foot gear.

As long as they stood in church, no one spoke; but going out one woman looked straight into the eyes of the miller's wife and said:

"My dear, why did you not dress your child, at least when escorting him to church? What kind of a jacket? His hair is uncombed—like a shaggy stump; and he is barefoot like a dog. Have you become so barren managing the mill?"

This one answered nothing, but the son heard the reproach.

On another occasion Mrs. Šaltis had gone to the town of P—. Seeing her, people began to poke fun at her by voice:

"Do you see? The miller's wife with her son—what a wagon! what a horse! what a harness!"

## What is Youth?

Youth is not a time of life—

It is a state of mind.

It is not a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips, and supple knees,

It is a temple of the will, a quality of the imagination,

A vigor of the emotions,

It is a freshness of the deep springs of life.

Youth means a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity of the appetite of adventure, over love of ease.

No one grows old by merely living a number of years

People grow old only by deserting their ideals.

Bay State News.

Not in vain are our larger flour shares tapped when we go to the mill!"

Returning home, the son complained to his father, but this one just looked and said nothing.

Fall having come, and with it a fear of mud, one Friday morning Mr. Šaltis said:

"Son, I am thinking of going to the town of P—; I have this and that to buy. We will travel together."

Right after lunch the miller saddled the horse, the only one he had, and left with his son, leading the horse by the side. Before long they met some people already returning from market, who said:

"My dears, have you two not enough brains. There is a great lot of mud, and having a horse, you do not ride!"

These having ridden by, the father said, "Do you hear, son: without need I did not ride. I shall mount the horse and you go on foot."

Hardly had he done this, when again they met some other people, who said:

"Now do you see? Still hardy, the father rides, and the weak child has to wade! What kind of mind is his?"

Again, these having gone by, the father said, "Well, son, mount! and I shall wade on foot."

That is what they did. The two of them had gone a half mile, when they met more people, who said:

"Now, here is a mind like a buck's: he mounts the kid on a horse and himself treads the clay!"

These having ridden by, the father said, "It must be we are not doing right. Let us both mount and ride double."

Right away they mounted and rode. To keep a better seat, the son enclasped the father.

Not long afterward, for the fourth time, they met some people, who chattered laughingly:

"Do you see? They are riding embraced! Quit fooling around, or you might break the horse!"

They having passed along, the father said: "Son, did you hear? They criticise us two for this, for riding embraced. You sit the other way and nail your back to mine."

This one turned right around to the horse's tail; but not having anything to hold on to, he could not sit; he slipped groundward. That is why he had to cock the horse's tail. Soon some people rode up:

"Ha, ha, ha, ha!" they burst out laughing, and shouted, "Have you seen anywhere that kind of riding?" One said, "It is the first time in my life I see riding that way!"

## "RUTA", the Lithuanian National Flower

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Ruta to the English speaking world is the rue. The botanist describes the rue as a strong scented herbaceous plant, the stems of which are about two feet high. The root is perennial, the flowers yellow, the scent strong and the taste acrid and bitter.

To the Lithuanian, the rue is "ruta." It is his national flower. He loves it, cherishes it and sings of its beauty and charm with fervent affection. To him it is what the shamrock is to the Irish, the heather to the Scotch, the rose to the English and the edelweiss to the Swiss. To him, it does not have just a scent. It has a fragrance of great charm. The lack of showiness of the blossom is amply compensated by the evergreen quality of the plant. It is this quality which makes it the ancient emblem of remembrance and he never tires of singing its praises. But most of all, it is the symbol of purity, innocence and maidenhood. It is this latter symbolic tradition of the rue that has kept it alive in the folklore, gardens and the hearts of the Lithuanians through the ages.

To this very day it is the most prominently cultivated flower. No Lithuanian garden is too large nor too small to have its patch of rue. The lily, because it figures so prominently in religious pictures and Easter festivities, may be the aristocrat of flowers, but the rue is the staff of aesthetic life. A peasant woman will work in the fields side by side with her husband, will feed, clothe and mother a large family, but somewhere, somehow she will always find time to cultivate her patch of rue. Even in this country it thrives in the fine gardens of the more well to do, as well as in the crowded back yards of the tenements, and the traditional tomato cans.

In Lithuania and elsewhere, on Sunday mornings, one will observe women going to church with sprays of rue in their hands. Sometime a dahlia is added for color. The young girls make it into wreaths and wear it on their heads as crowns.

Being a symbol of purity, it plays a very important part in the wedding ceremonies of the people. The Lithuanians speak of the bride being married with a wreath of rue or without a

wreath of rue. No bride marrying a second time may wear the wreath.

Wedding ceremonies last over many days. On Monday before the wedding the village maidens gather at the bride's home. They decorate the bride's head with a wreath of rue and sing mournful songs. Since in the past marriage in Lithuania, as in most European countries, was not based on the choice of the individual, but rather on family arrangement, and the bride had to leave her happy parental roof to go and live in her husband's ancestral home where his mother was the dominant lady, it is understandable that mournful songs were not altogether out of order.

The bridesmaids sing of their joyous times together in the garden of the rue, that these happy days are passing forever, and ask the bride if they may bind her tresses with the flowering rue, symbolizing the beginning of the ceremony that will end her happy maidenhood. She responds in a song appropriate to the occasion, saying that they may. This ceremony is followed by general dancing and music.

On the morning of the wedding, the groom's deputy wooer, is the one who acts as a sort of a broker in bringing the marriage about, presents the wreath of rue to the bride with great ceremony and speech-making. After the wedding ceremony, the bride and groom return to the bride's home to bid farewell and take the bride's belongings and dower to her husband's home. As a farewell the village maidens sing the bride's farewell to the rue, signifying her farewell to happy maidenhood.

After the nuptial night, the matron of honor removes the wreath of rue from the head of the bride and places thereon the matron's cap. Once a matron she is never again to wear a wreath of rue and doesn't, although she may carry a branch of it in her hand when she goes to church.

How the rue came to play such an important part in the life of the people and how and when it originated, is hard to say, but the fact that the rue plays such a great part in the folk songs of Lithuania leads one to believe that it is as old as the Lithuanians themselves. Lithuania's national love story of Keistutis and Birute dates to the 13th century and the poets describing Birute, state that when Keistutis met her she was wearing a wreath of rue. Thus through the ages, the rue passed from paganism to Christianity and has been known to be used for dipping into holy water and sprinkling the people as a charm against witchcraft. It flourished in

# Ištremtam Jaunimui

## Apie Profesinį Pasiruošimą

Dar nežinomas Lietuvos likimas, dar nežinomi ištremito jaunimo keliai. Laisvojo pasaulio ir vergų diplomatai grumiasi tamsumoje. Ypač maža šviesų bus Maskvos konferencijoj: juk tam ir šaukiama ji į Tamsos ir Melo Karalystę. Pavergtų tautų balsas į Maskvą neprisiskverbs. Greit artėjančios laisvės Lietuva dar negali tikėtis nušvintant. Šita niūri aplinkybė negali sumažinti mūsų aukų, pastangų ir pasišventimo laisvei atgauti: juk tam mes ir lietuviai, kad ir sumušti nepasiduotume, kovotume iki mūsų amžiaus pabaigos.

## Padėtis Vak. Europoje Neis Geryn

Maisto ir darbo ten nepadaugės. Be laisvės ir vienybės Europa gyvens nuolatinėje baimėje ir mirties agonijoj, o badas bus nuolatinis svečias. Amerikos visuomenės masė ir net daugelis politikų visiškai nesupranta dabartinės krikščionių civilizacijos krizės ir tragedijos; tokiais sunkiais klausimais čia net nesidomima. Daugumas amerikiečių ir nežino, kad labdarybe negalima viso Europos kontinento išgelbėti: ten juk laisvė svarbiau už visą labdarybę. Amerikos mašinomis barbarai iš Rytų įsiveržė pačion Europos širdin: Vilniun, Varšuvon, Vienon. Kol jie ten pasiliks — Europa negalės pradėti atsistatyti, gaminti *sau* maistą, *sau* mašinas. Jos gamyba tarnaus tik maskolių biurokratams, šnipams ir gausiai policijai. Europa bus priversta gaminti Maskolijos dykaduoniams, ponams-tamsūnams.

Dalykams taip esant, turbūt dar šiais 1947 m. Europos tremtiniai bandys visomis jėgomis ras-

the days of grandeur, when knighthood was in flower and Lithuania was one of the important countries in Europe. It survived its less happy days when every effort was made to stamp out everything that was Lithuanian. In the country's restoration, we still find the rue just as prominent as ever. Even in this country one occasionally sees the bridal veil held by a wreath of rue, or a small wreath pinned on the back of the bride's head. At the appropriate time of the marriage ceremony the sprig of rue is removed by the maid of honor.

The spirit of modern progress, enemy of so much that is simple and beautiful, has changed or made obsolete many delightful customs, but not so with the rue. It is still cultivated, loved and cherished and its praises sung for the world to hear.



Klišė—“Šv. Pr. Varpelio”

Lithuanian girls in the fields.

ti spragų iš Europos pasprukti į saugesnius kontinentus, kur galima but užsidirbti sau duoną.

Apie kolonizacijos teorinius principus buvo rašyta “Vyties” sausio mėn. numery. Dabar pakalbėsime apie tuos darbus-amatus, kurie dažniau pageidaujami užjūrių kraštuose. Lietuvoje vien iš žemės ūkio gyveno per 70% visų žmonių. Ne taip yra Jungtinėse Valstybėse ir Britų Dominijose. Tiesa, tremtinių tarpe žemdirbių irgi nedaug: sakoma, kad iš Lietuvos pabėgo ar buvo išvežti Vakarų Vokietijon tik 2000 ūkininkų šeimų, taigi apie 8000 asmenų. Normaliai bendruomenei 10% žemdirbių yra permaža, reikia jų apie 20-25% ar daugiau.

## Žemdirbiai

Vienoje vietoje kompaktiniai apsigyvenę ir atsiskyrę nuo didelių miestų, žemdirbiai yra vienišas laidas tautinio bendruomenės išlikimo. Abiejose Amerikose lietuvių skursta, nyksta ir sparčiai tirpsta svarbiausia dëlta, kad lietuviai susigrūdę į svetimos kultūros ir kalbos miestus, niekur nesukūrė savo tautinio branduolio, *atremto į žemę*. Tad 8000 lietuvių žemdirbių išlaidymas, jų skaičiaus patrigubinimas žemdirbiystėn atvirtusiais iš kitų profesijų butų ypatingos svarbos reikalas kiekvienam geram lietuviui.

Amerikose, Australijoje ir Afrikoje žemdirbiai vis dar reikalaujami. Anglo-saksų šalyse ir samdiniai gana padoriai apmokami. Jei labai taupūs ir sumanūs bei nagingi, jie gali tapti ateity savystoviais ūkininkais - savininkais. Lotynų Amerikoje bernų algos visiškai mizernos ir tik retas jų gali svajoti į ūkininkus prasimušti. *Šen ar ten tektų kolonizuotis — vis vien reikia, kad*

Amerikos lietuviai organizuotų savo kapitalus bent toms 2000 šeimoms padėti iš pat pradžios išigyti ūkius vienoje vietoje ir vėl pradėti sunkų, bet tikresnį ir ramesnį artojaus gyvenimą. Tai turėtų būti Amerikos lietuviams garbės ir pareigos klausimas. Jei šio reikalo tinkamai neišspręsimė, tai lietuviybė užjūriuose bus palaidota. Prašau tai išdomėti.

### Staliai, Statybininkai

Kai kuomet tenka pavartyti įvairių kontinentų laikraščius. Iš jų matosi, kad ne vien sugriautose Europoje, bet ir karo nepaliestuose kontinentuose didžiausia šių dienų problema tai būtų stoka. Daugelis Amerikos didmiesčių nejuokais lauzais atrodo: namai pasenę, apšepę, nors kai kurie vis dėlto tebeturi visai patogius vidaus įrengimus. Atrodo, kad pasaulis per keliolika metų visai pamiršo statytis sau namus. Ar lietuviai tremtiniai ruošis į tolimus kraštus, ar gaus progos po naujo karo vėl Lietuvon dar labiau sugriauton grįžti, tai vis vien *statybininko, mūrinių, staliaus, kanalizacijos meisterio amatas visur jam bus labai reikalingas, naudingas, kai kur net labai pelningas*. Tad šių amatų labai verta mokintis, juose tobulintis, nes jie žada gerą ateitį.

Ypač jie bus svarbūs Lietuvoje, kuri dabar labai išgriauta, ogi busimam kare gaus gal dar daugiau ugnies paragauti. Gal akmens ant akmens neliks...

### Jūrininkai

Dar vienas bendras reiškinys pasauly pastebimas: Europą sugriovus ir rusų globai pavedus išnyko pasaulinė prekyba, vandenynai beveik nušluoti, nebėra juose laivų. Tiesa, Jungtinės Valstybės pasistatė labai didelį karo ir prekybos laivyną. Bet Amerikai nebus lemta jūrų transportaciją visur pasauly atgaivinti dėl jos perbrangių tarifų, didelių algų. Kitos tautos palengva pradės statytis sau laivus arba juos pirkti iš Amerikos. Su džiaugsmu perskaičiau spaudoje trumpą žinėlę, kad Šiaurės Vokietijoje atidaryta baltiečiams jūrininkų mokykla. Jon lietuviai turi ypatingai skverbtis ir ieškoti kitur progų patekti į laivus, mokintis jūrininkystės. Ar plauksime namo į mūsų romantišką Klaipėdą, ar teks svetur bastytis — šitas amatas bus vis vien labai naudingas ir pelningas. Ypatingai but gera, jeigu Amerikos lietuviai sugebėtų nors vieną nedidelį laivą išigyti ir aprūpinti jį savo broliais tremtiniais-tarnautojais. Visuose vandenynuose jam darbo būtų.

### Reikia Technikų - Planuotojų Komiteto

Toksai komitetas turėtų ruošti planus kuriosna pramonės ir amatų srytysna skatinti

tremtinių jaunimą skverbtis, kad sudaryti gyvbingą 80,000 bendruomenę, paruoštą ilgai kovai dėl buvio svetur ir lygiai naudingą Lietuvai atstatyti. Ištrėmime turime bene daugiausia įvairių smulkių ar vidutinių valdininkų, mokytojų, karininkų, policininkų. Lietuvoje šie sluoksniai menkai buvo apmokami, ogi svetur jie niekur negaus nei progos savo įprastą darbą tęsti. Tad bent jaunesnieji turi ieškoti progų naujų amatų mokintis. Daugelis mokosi šoferiais. Užjūriuose šoferių irgi pilna, tad abejotina ar daugelis gautų kur šoferio darbą.

Bet kuriam planavimo komitetui didžiausias sunkumas bus *nežinojimas kurion šalin, į kurią aplinkumą tremtinių masei pasiseks išsiveržti*. Todėl vyriausieji autoritetai turėtų šiuomi klausimu greičiau ir daugiau rūpintis, ogi amerikiečiai lietuviai turėtų rasti lėšų šiam klausimui spręsti, praktiškon plotmėn jį įstatyti. Kolonizacijos klausimo atidėliojimas atneš mums dar naujų nuostolių ir taip jau retose mūsų eilėse. Jei mes patys nesitvarkysime, tai kiti išbarstys mus pasauly kaip dulkes galutinam išnykimui.

### Kolonizacija — Nesuprastas Reikalas

Prieš karą niekaip man nepavyko įtikinti Lietuvos vyriausybės ir visuomenės domėtis, studijuoti kolonizaciją, paremti ją lėšomis, kol jų dar buvo. Amerikos lietuviai niekad nesikolonizavo, tad jiems šis reikalas irgi visai svetimas. Jie yra beveik išimtinai miestų gyventojai. Todėl šandien bus sunku įtikinti ir Amerikos lietuvių visuomenę bei jos vadovybę aktyviai spręsti ir remti šį reikalą.

### Intelektualinių Profesijų Svajonės

Kas savaitę gaunu po keletą laiškų nuo intelektualinių profesijų žmonių. Jie svajoja kaip nors patekti Amerikon, manydami, kad čia lengviau bus savo profesiją praktikuoti, kaip nors prisitaikyti kitose giminingose profesijose. Vienas jų gretina mūsų Vyčių organizaciją su ateitininkais ir mano, kad ji yra didelė ir turtinga organizacija; jam nebuvo progos sužinoti, kad Vyčiai yra Lietuvos pavasarininkų miniatiūra, tik susidedanti iš miestiečių. Iš viso, pravartu tremtiniam žinoti, kad Amerikoje dabar jau nebėra didelių ir turtingų lietuviškų organizacijų. Ypač gi silpnos jaunimo organizacijos.

Amerikoje geriausia yra apmokamas fizinis darbas. Blogiausia apmokami mokytojai, ypač pietiniuose štatuose. Su universiteto diplomais čia tiek yra žmonių, kad rasi jų daugybę tarnaujant smuklėse gerųjų pilstytojais, garažų darbininkais ir įvairiuose amatuose. Diplomų infliacija Amerikoje yra nuostabiai didelė. Tad ateiviams dažniausia tektų keisti profesijas ir eiti dirbti paprasčiausio fizinio darbo. Daugelis

# Round The Gridiron With Stanley Balberis

In behalf of the "Vytis" readers, yours truly wishes to extend his belated congratulations to CHARLIE DRULIS, BILL and JOE OSMANSKI. LITHUANIAN members of the 1946 Chicago Bears, National Champion Professional team in their victory over the N. Y. Giants; also to JOHN YONAKOR, LOU RYMKUS, and ALEX KAPTER, LITHUANIAN members of the Cleveland Browns 1946 All-American Football Conference champion; and to JOE SAULAITIS, member of the Jersey City Giants 1946 American League champions.

Orchids to all these LITHUANIAN players whose teams were beaten in the Pro League play offs. CHEST GLADCHUCK, N. Y. Giants center, Eddie Prokop, N. Y. Yankees halfback, and Jack Karwales, Akron Bears fine end and fellow K. of L'er from Chicago.

The Boston Yanks drafted Yales All-American guard, "FRITZ" BRAZILAUSKAS, for next year's pro games.

Hat's off to Captain Mac Wenskunas, for leading his Illinois team to a 45 to 14 victory over U. C. L. A. in the Rose Bowl game, and also to his team-mate John Genis.

By the way, Bennie Reiges, was the only New Englander and LITHUANIAN on the U.C.L.A. eleven, playing in the Rose Bowl game.

Al Russas, Tennessee's great sophomore end gave a fine account of himself in the Orange Bowl, and he hails from Providence, R. I. Beaten Richkus, No. Carolina State's scat back was his in the "Gator Bowl" by Oklahoma U., Charles team's leading ground gainer for the day.

Victor Banonis, of Georgetown U. is brother to the former All-American "Vince", now playing in the National pro League with the Chicago Cardinals. "Vic", freshman, is 18 year of age, and stands 6 ft. 1 in.

The official 1946 seasons statistics released by both Pro football leagues, show that *John Grigas* and *Bill Osmanski* were leading LITH-

UANIAN ball carries in the National League, while *Vic Kulbitski* lead the LITHUANIANS in the All-American Conference.

The ball carrying statistics shows that Boston Yanks John Grigas, carried the ball 84 times, for net total of 426 yards, and a 59 yard run from scrimmage his longest, for an 4.4 average.

*Bill Osmanski*, Chicago Bears fullback, picked up 343 yards in 78 trys, and a 20 yard run his longest, for an 4.4 average.

*Vic Kulbitski*, Buffalo Bisons fullback, in 97 plays gained 605 yards, for an 6.24 average, and the third best in the Conference, while leading 1946 All-American football teams were selected throughout the nation, we saw only two LITHUANIANS making some of these teams.

GEORGE SAVITSKY, Penn's All-American tackle, made the Look Magazine All-team, which was selected by the football writers. Also was picked on the New York News team, for the second straight year.

"FRITZ BRAZILAUSKAS, Yales human bulldozer was picked by the New York Sun, as one cond straight year.

Due to recent requests received from fellow K. of L'ers asking that the "VYTIS" present its 1946, both combine All-Professional football team, I submit to you the following:

ENDS: John Yonakor, Cleveland Browns; Paul Mitchell, San Francisco 49Ners; TACKLE: Al Wistert, Phil. Eagles; Lou Rymkus, Browns; GUARDS: Alex Kapter, Browns; Charlie Drulis, Chic. Bears; Vince Banonis; CENTER: Chic. Cardinals; Eddie Prokop, N. Y. Yankees; John Grigas, Boston Yanks; Bill Osmanski, Chic. Bears; and Len Ashmont, San Francisco 49 Ners rounds out the backfield and completes the team.

HONORABLE MENTION; Joe Osmanski, Chicago Bears; Al Drulis, Chicago Cardinals; John Mellus, San Francisco 49Ners; and Stan Koslawski, Miami Seahawks.

## SCORING TOUCHDOWN TO NIP EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL GRIGAS' TOP THRILL.

During his brilliant career at Holy Cross and in the National League, Johnny Grigas, Boston Yanks tailback, has had plenty of grid thrills, but his greatest of all came at Chelsea High School when he scored a touchdown on a 66 yard run off tackle, to beat Everett High School, 7 to 0.

There should be nothing unusual about that—but according to Grigas, it gave Chelsea its first victory over Everett in 30 years and, as a result, was "tops" in thrills for him.

lengvesnių darbų duodama tiktai piliečiams. Nuosavybių agentai, smuklių savininkai beveik visur turi buti piliečiai. Bet darbo progų Amerikoje vis dėlto dar daug yra, bent tiems, kurie dar jauni ir stipri. Bet didžiausia kliūtis — tai kvota ir affidavitai, kuriuos gali duoti tik stambių pajamų ir turto žmonės-piliečiai. Todėl vis lieka dar tirti įvažiavimo sąlygas į kitus kraštus ir ten organizuoti naujiems ateiviams lietuvių amerikiečių finansinę paramą, taipgi ieškoti stambios paramos tarptautinėse pabėgeliams remti įstaigose.

K. Pakštas.

### EDDIE WAITKUS HONORED AS BASEBALL'S 1946 ROOKIE.

EDDIE WAITKUS, a blond LITHUANIAN from Cambridge, Mass. who won the regular first base assignment for the Chicago Cubs over veteran Phil Cavarretta, was selected baseball's rookie of the year for 1946 by the Chicago chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America in Chicago, December 21st.

Waitkus, the National League's outstanding defensive first sacker, who also batted a .304 to lead the Cubs at the plate, was given the honors in the balloting of 20 writers from five Chicago newspapers and three press associations.

Waitkus is the first LITHUANIAN and the seventh to win the rookie award of the Chicago writers, joining a group which includes Lou Boundreu, Pete Reiser, Johnny Beazley, Bill Voiselle, Bill Johnson and Dave "Boo" Ferriss.

### 1946—LITHUANIAN IN MAJOR LEAGUES

The official compilation of batting, fielding and pitching records for 1946 season, released by the both Major Leagues, shows that in the American and National loop atop the pitching and batting departments were to be found a small crop of LITHUANIAN baseballers who performed last year.

Compiling a .318 average in 177 games. Barney McCosky, "tikras Lietuvis" from Detroit, Michigan who took part in 25 games for Detroit Tigers, before he was sold to the Philadelphia Athletics led the aggregation of Lithians in the American League. McCosky, a switch batter who bats left handed, and throws them with his right, went to bat 339 times; scored 44 runs, collecting 127 hits; for a total bases of 163; including 22 doubles; 4 triples; and 2 home runs for a .318 average.

FELIX T. MACKIEWICZ, Cleveland Indians husky outfielder and former Purdue University football star, a Lithuanian hailing from Chicago, Ill. also offered a find performance last year.

MACKIEWICZ, in 78 games went to bat 258 times, scored 35 runs, collecting 67 hits, for total bases of 90, including 15 doubles, 4 triples; and no homeruns for a .260 average.

JOE KRAKAUSKAS Cleveland Indians relief pitcher in 29 games went to bat 10 times, and failed to collect a hit or score a run for an .000 average.

### WAITKUS LEADS THE NATIONAL LEAGUE BATTERS

Eddie Waitkus, Chicago Cubs first sacker appeared in 113 games; went to bat 441 times; scored 50 runs; collected 134 hits; for total bases of 180; including 25 doubles; 5 triples; and 4 home runs. He was eighth in the National

### Europe's Refugees Need "CARE" Blankets



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League Standing and placed seventh among those who played in a 100 or more games.

JOE BEGGS, Cincinnati Reds great pitcher in 28 games went to bat 63 times scored 4 runs; collected 14 hits for total bases of 16; including 2 doubles; and failing to get a triple or a homerun; for a .222 average.

Stanley Balberis.

### "VYTIS" SPORTS WRITER LOOKING FOR LITHUANIAN BASKETBALL PLAYERS.

At present, I am collecting names of all Lithuanian Americans on college basketball teams. The K. of L. members and readers of VYTIS are invited to pitch in and give a helping hand by sending the names of persons they know are Lithuanians or think they may be of Lithuanian extraction, playing college basketball. The names submitted will be checked against our lists. We don't want to pass up any good Lithuanian basketball star at the time the VYTIS presents its 1946—1947 ALL-LITHUANIAN AMERICAN BASKETBALL TEAM.

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## NEW MEMBERS

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### Council 27, Norwood, Mass.

1. Alphonse P. Antonitis, Aldona Antonitis 20  
2. Helen M. Cormier, John Pazniokas 20  
3. Mrs. Nella Pazniokas, Helen Cormier 10

### Council 36, Chicago, Ill.

1. Vincetta Zakaras, Petronele Zakaraite 20

### Council 61, Paterson, N. J.

1. Vincent Alex, Joe Alex 10

### Council 90, Kearny-Harrison, N. J.

1. Vincas J. Mikionis ? 10  
2. Joseph Kasper, ? 20  
3. Adele Žiugžda, ? 20

### Council 112, Chicago, Ill.

1. Virginia M. Balnis, Agnes Šaučunas 20  
2. Raymond Brazauskas, Josephine Zizas 20  
3. Dorothy Lazutka, Edward T. Pocius 10  
4. Bernadine Dimford, Edward T. Pocius 20  
5. Lucille Paulls, Eleanor C. Mezeris 20  
6. Estelle A. Swartz, Edward T. Pocius 20

### Council 116, Worcester, Mass.

1. Peter M. Bagdis, Joe Krasinskas 10  
2. Anne Barisas, Albina Barisas 10  
3. Edith Butkevich, Vera Jurgelonis 20  
4. Peter Gvazdauskas, Joe Krasinskas 10  
5. Josephine Kaliunas, Frances Kaliunas 10  
6. Julius Kuzmickas, Ann Luce 20

7. Florence Lapinsky, Rev. J. Jutkevicius 10  
8. Rita Leketa, Charlotte Mitchell 10  
9. Gene Liberis, Phyllis Zakar 20  
10. Raymond Luce, Ann Luce 20  
11. Joan Pelaski, Frances Kaliunas 10  
12. John A. Puras, Charlotte Mitchell 10  
13. Leo E. Savage, Rev. John Jutkevicius 20  
14. Dorthy Sinkavitch, Charlotte Mitchell 10  
15. Albin Shamrock, Joe Krasinskas 10  
16. Alice M. Stucks, Ann Shablin 10  
17. Helen Thomas, Lillian Tamulevich 10  
18. Helen Urevich, Lucy Meskinis 20

## L. VYČIŲ DRAMOS PRANEŠIMAS

Vienas L. Vyčių 26 kuopos seniausių narių, Mykolas Miklušis paaukojo knygynui 26 veikalų knygeles, butent, "Balon Krišes Sausas Nesikelsi" (komedija trijų aktų ir labai lengva vaidinti; įeina 8 asmenys, nereikia mainyti scenėjos, labai juokinga); kitas gražus veikalas — "Išgriovimas Kauno Pilies," drama keturių atidengimų, įeina 18 asmenų. Turime ir daugiau gražių veikalų vaidinimui. Jeigu kuri kuopa norėtų pasiskolinti veikalų vaidinimui, tai kreipkitės šiuo adresu: Mrs. Ona Bačys, 65 Uxbridge St., Worcester 5, Mass. Po vaidinimo knygutės turi būti sugražintos.

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Mirus SESUTEI SALVATORAI (Kiburitei), Lietuvos Vyčių Organizacija reiškia gilią užuojautą velionės tėveliams pp. Petriui ir Marijonai Kiburiam, sesutėm Domiceliui ir Marijonai ir broliu Dr. Algirdui.

A. a. Sesuo Salvatora (Kiburytė) yra gimus, augus ir mokslus ėjus So. Bostone. Ji daug veikė L. Vyčių kuopoje ir kitose jaunimo organizacijose. Viena iš pirmųjų įstojo į Šv. Kazimiero Seserų vienuolyną.

Lai a. a. Sesers Salvatorės vėlė ilsisi ramybėje.

## Įsigykite Konstituciją

Lietuvos Vyčių naujos konstitucijos jau baigiamos spausdinti. Patartina kad visi nariai ją įsigytų ir su ja susipažintų. Ypač svarbu kad naujai įsirašantieji nariai būtų ją atydziai perskaitę pirm negu jie būna prisaidinti ir oficialiai priimti organizacijon.

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Louise Totilas,  
Finansų Sekretorė.

# The Ritual and Membership Drive

Without a doubt, many of our members have heard the word Ritual and have only the faintest idea what the word means—or what it is all about.

With the membership drive in progress at the present time, it might be worth our while to look into the Ritual with two ideas in mind...

1st. Let us consider it as an aid to our drive, as a selling point to our prospective members.

2nd. Let us think of it as an aid to keep our present members interested in our councils and thus keep our councils active and alive.

Keeping these points in mind and remembering that our membership drive ends on April 30th, it might be well to conduct a ritual ceremony sometime in May for the first degree initiations. The club members knowing of the scheduled ritual ceremony can use that fact as an additional selling point in talking to prospective members. Your council must have old members who have not received their first degree. They, too, can be initiated at the same time. Your secretary should check the membership roll and send cards to the members who have not received their first degree. Inform them of the proposed initiation ceremony and write them to be present to receive the first degree.

## Who Is Eligible for the First Degree?

All members of the Knights of Lithuania are eligible for the first degree. The requirements are:

Member being initiated into the First Degree, must recite the "Apostles Creed" and recite the "Salute to the Flag" and the "Lithuanian Hymn."

### The Ceremony—

The presentation of the First Degree is a simple yet solemn ceremony. It is conducted at the clubrooms or suitable halls with the Council Ritual Committee in charge. The ceremony is conducted under the light of flickering candles and is quite impressive in its simplicity.

The important thing to remember in connection with our membership drive is by talking to prospective members, to stress the fact that

they are eligible to the First Degree upon joining the Knights of Lithuania, and it should be presented soon after the drive is over.

Once these new members are taken into the organization and have received their first degrees, it is very important that their interest be kept by various activities periodically. After the First Degree awards are held, it would be advisable to check the council rolls and prepare members for the Second Degree. The presentations of the Second Degree should be held as soon after the presentation of the First Degree, as possible. Invite the new members to witness the Second Degree ceremony and you can be sure that their interest will be kept alive.

## Who Is Eligible for the Second Degree?

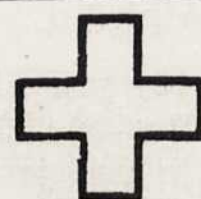
Members who have held the First Degree for a minimum of nine months are eligible for the Second Degree. The requirements are: Members being initiated into the Second Degree, must answer 5 out of 10 questions pertaining to the History of the Knights of Lithuania and its Constitution.

### The Ceremony—

The Second Degree is awarded by a ceremony as simple and as solemn as the First Degree. The setting is much the same as that at which the First Degree is awarded. There are a few variations, however, which tend to make this ceremony more impressive than the First Degree ceremony.

In addition to the degree already mentioned, a member of the Knights of Lithuania can attain the third, fourth and the honorary degrees. The qualifications, naturally, are much stiffer for each higher degree and a person obtaining a higher degree should be looked upon with respect. These higher awards should be the goal of all the members of the *Knights of Lithuania*.

Joseph S. Matachinskas,  
Chairman, 1947 Membership Drive.



**GIVE MORE  
IN 1947**

**Gauk nors vieną narį, ar narę kuopai, o pasitarnausi savo organizacijai ir būsi veiklus organizacijos narys.**



## ŽEMAIČIŲ PATARLĖS

(Rašyba sulietuvinta).

Nebuk nei saldus, nei kartus.  
 Neperšokęs nesakyk op.  
 Abu labu tokiu.  
 Su durnu du turgu, su pliku nēr ko peštis.  
 Puodas katilą vanoja — abu juodu.  
 Toks tokį pažino ir ant alaus pavadino.  
 Dėl to biškeliu nebus iš kelio.  
 Arklys arklį veltui nekaso.  
 Kol visiems žmonėms įtiksi ir nuo Dievo at-  
 liksi.  
 Daryk gudriai, veizėk galą.  
 Sava našta nesunki.  
 Kas save giria, tą perkunas trenkia.  
 Ligu puodelis.  
 Koks čėsas toks ir laiks, koks tėvas toks ir  
 vaiks.  
 Sava neduok, kito nenorėk.  
 Nors susividuriuosiu, bet nepasiduosiu.  
 Palinkusį medį visos ožkos griaužia.  
 Aš aną nuluptą pažinčiau.  
 Geram visi geri, blogam visi blogi.  
 Kas gera sau gera, kas bloga sau bloga.  
 Žemė esam, žeme pavirsim.  
 Tiek paritus, tiek pastačius.  
 Iš didelio debesies mažas lietus.  
 Viens vilkas nepavilks, penki šeši nesutilps.  
 Ir gaurotas turi širdį.  
 Kai ryja, tai truputį pro ausis lenda.  
 Besočiam nēr galo.  
 Duonelė verkia veltui valgoma.  
 Ilgas plaukas, trumpas protas.  
 Nekišk piršto į ugnį.  
 Savo proto nepamesk ir kito klausyk.  
 Kas bus tas bus, žematis nežus.  
 Nedžiaukis radęs, neverk pametęs.  
 Ant mokslo galva prakalta.  
 Kaip moka, taip šoka.  
 Pati muša, pati rėkia.  
 Per ilga ir storas įkaista.  
 Nei šioks, nei toks, kaip gervės vaiks.  
 Česnako neėdęs nesmirdėsi.  
 Kas geltlige serga, tam visi geltoni.  
 Negirk dienos be vakaro.  
 Koks vilkas gimė, toks ir dves.  
 Iš miško gautas, į mišką veizi.  
 Kuo vadinsi, tuo nepagadinsi.  
 Duok Dieve ožkai kumelį, visos raitos juotų.  
 Duok Dieve iš tavo burnos į Dievo ausį.  
 Lėtoji kiaulė gilią šaknį knisa.  
 Kokiamė vežime važiuoji, tokią ir giesmę  
 giedok.  
 Su verkiančiais verk, su linksminančiais links-  
 minkis.  
 Obuolis nuo obuolies netoli rieda.  
 Pelenų kubilą suėsi, kol žmogų pažinsi.  
 Koks pons, toks ir žiupons.  
 Praryjo kaip šuo muilą.

*February sixteenth, 1947, marked the 29th Anniversary of Lithuania's Declaration of Independence. This Independence Day is commemorated in every American community where there are patriotic Lithuanian Americans. Not unlike any other community, Massachusetts also commemorated this Lithuanian Independence Day. Governor Bradford on this occasion made public the following statement:*

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
 State House, Boston

February 14, 1947

(State seal)

Robert F. Bradford  
 Governor

As Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts I want to commend the Lithuanian Americans for their loyalty and devotion to our country on this 29th anniversary of the independence of their native land—an independence which is temporarily eclipsed.

Lithuanians have always been liberty-loving people. February 16 represents to them what the Fourth of July does for us—freedom. I, therefore, want to extend my sympathy to the Lithuanians, commend them for the patience and fortitude with which they have borne their heavy burden and to wish them well in their struggle for a free and independent republic.

I am confident that when the world acknowledges that right is might, Lithuania's plight will be given fair consideration and that she will be granted the freedom she so well deserves.

(s) Robert F. Bradford Governor.

Ko tu čia bludiji, kaip šuo mėnesienoj.  
 Rokuojies kaip žasinas su kiaule.  
 Su mano šniuru mane patį riša.  
 Ko bijaisi kaip žydas kryžiaus.  
 Nepasiduoda kaip šuo kariamas.  
 Kaip pasiklosi, taip išmiegosi.  
 Tu daug išmanai — kas iš nosies po dantų.  
 Valgau kaip trys, dirbu kaip arklys.

IT may be noted that the Lithuanian displaced persons in the American zone may now write letters in the Lithuanian language and it is permissible to send newspapers and books to the American zone.

Our journal VYTIS would make an ideal gift for Lithuanian displaced persons in the American zone.



**NEW YORK and NEW JERSEY  
BI-MONTHLY MEETING—  
LINDEN, N. J.**

At our last bi-monthly meeting held in Linden, New Jersey, many interesting topics were discussed. Much enthusiasm was shown in getting up a district choir. It had been decided that rehearsals be held every third and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Expect each council in the district to be well represented. Lithuanians are known to be good singers!

It was also planned that the district hold a Concert and Dance on May 25th, St. George's Hall, Newark, N. J.

Let it not be said that our district is last in being patriotic. At this meeting it had been unanimously voted upon to donate \$187.00 to the American Lithuanian Council.

Reports were made that the New York and New Jersey Bowling League is functioning very well. At present, Elizabeth and Newark are battling for first place.

We were honored in having our Supreme Council officers present at this meeting — Fr. Modestas Stepaitytis, O. F. M. and L. Totilas.

Following the meeting, a buffet supper was served by the members of Council 113, Linden, N. J. C-113 is to be commended for the hospitality rendered the members and guests of our district.

Our next meeting is to be held in March, Maspeth, New York — host Council 110.

D. M. D.

**ATTENTION—**

**Chicago District**

**K. OF L. MEMBERS.**

We want your attention for just a few moments.

Dear Knights and Ladies: Do you know that we have a chorus which is sponsored by the Chicago District? It is your duty to make it one of the best, just like it was in the past — one of the top ranking chorus' in Chicago.

Your excuse of not having enough time is not good enough, because you only give up four even-

ings out of every month, and that time spent is to your credit as a member in good standing.

We stand in a fairly good position under the capable leadership of our director, L. Šimutis, Jr.; but we are always on the lookout for more members, especially MEN—now, girls, we also need you.

We have a concert coming up in May—so—how about some cooperation from our own council members?

Rehearsals are every Tuesday evening, 8:00 o'clock, at the K. of L. Youth Center, 2453 W. 47th St. So here's hoping to see a large attendance. VAL.

**Paterson, N. J.**

**COUNCIL 61.**

In spite of the cold weather, many members showed up at our annual meeting, at which the following members were elected: Tony Skubus, pres; John Zuras, vice pres; Dottie Dutkus, sec; John Spranaitis, treas; and Joe Alex, Sgt.-at-Arms. How does it feel starting your fifth year, Tony?

We are happy to have with us Father Klumbus, as our spiritual advisor.

We take pleasure in welcoming into our council, Bill Alex. Bill has served in the Army Air Force. We hope to see him more often, now.

**SENSE AND NON-SENSE.**

What happened to Lobber that he didn't show up for the meeting? Is it the studies at N. E. E. that's the cause?

Still wondering — did Dottie ever find her shoe after the Vet banquet?

How's our future businessman making out, Gil?

Ask Glentz how she is enjoying the snow this winter?

We have several close-mouthed people around us—Terry and Marty — how about at least saying BOO, at our next meeting?

To our Hayride Committee, Bush and Gil: remember boys, you're looking for a horse and not a nag!

Flo.

**Elizabeth, N. J.**

**COUNCIL 52.**

**Bowling.**

With the bowling season coming to a close, our bowlers seem to be getting excited. All are striving for first place.

**Dance.**

A big hand to Tommie K. and Johnny P., our co-chairmen, who no doubt had a headache before and after the dance. Now they can sit back and accept all the comments with a smile. Ačiu širdingai.

**Chit Chat.**

Joe M., Joe D. and Cap J. seem to have some little time to spare with their respective families. Good to see Helen Z. and Tony D. around town again. Spike, Ed Mack and Victor York seem to be quite occupied, lately. Boys, bring your favorite valentine around to our meetings. Helen P. bowls in New York, now and then since we haven't sufficient alleys in New Jersey.

Tony Yudd drops in to our meetings, though late. Bill S. is our Notary Public — businessman; John O. keeps up the family reputation as being a good bowler... Bill and Ann K. are doing good deeds as usual; Ann S. and Helen L. as usual greet us with a big "hello." Where are some of our more active members, lately, such as: Frances B., Al and Ronnie N., Tony and Lee P? Jenny M. surprised not only us but herself, bowling so well at our last meet! What's the meaning behind those rolling eyes, Betty Z., Albina K., Matilda K. and Helen K?

For your information, Cookie and Ronnie P. — our meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month. John G. is passing around cigars, these days!

We extend our deep sympathy to Anthony and William Staskevich, on the loss of their beloved father. beloved father.

Little (Pal) Susie.

●  
**BE KRAUJO IR AUKOS  
NEBUS LAISVOS LIETUVOS!**

## Worcester, Mass.

### COUNCIL 116.

The Lithuanian Committee has been pretty busy this past month keeping its eyes open for any news of the oppressed people of the world plus news of LITHUANIA. Letters of thanks were sent to the Rt. Rev. Msg. Fulton J. Sheen for making mention of Lithuania and her problems in his recent talks and for condemning Russia in her oppression of the free-loving nations.

In the February 17th issue of the "Worcester Telegram," a wonderful article was published entitled "LITHUANIA LIVES" by Dr. W. Elmer Ekblaw. It truly is a great tribute to have this well-known man devote his time to writing such a heart-stirring article. It would be good for every one to read it and do your utmost in aiding this cause for truly "Lithuania Lives" in the hearts of all the "Vyčiai."

Ann Leketa reports that the Girls' Bowling Team is doing fine. Joseph Krasinskas adds that the boys are keeping up the good work, too.

The Winter Carnival held at Ed-dies Pond was both a social and financial success. The social event for the month of February was our Valentine Ball.

Plans are already being made for forming both a girls' and boys' softball team... a committee has been elected and as soon as they get organized we will keep you informed.

It has been decided to get as large a delegation as possible to attend the Spring District Convention to be held in Lewiston, Maine, on April 26th.

Hearts, laces and flowers bedecked Horticultural Hall as the guests arrived for the Valentine Ball. It was a beautiful affair, the music heavenly and a great joy to see our Lithuanian youth enjoying themselves. Many guests from the neighboring councils attended. Mr. and Mrs. J. Matachinskas; S. Contons; Atty and Mrs. A. Young and last but not least "Slim" Norkus and her Brockton delegation.

Irene Platukas — we wish you a speedy recovery.

Dave Vaskas has been recently discharged from the service. Welcome home, Dave!

Our membership is getting under way with a bang! We shall not stop until our goal is reached and surpassed...

Helen Gvazdauskas, Aldona Varska and Rita Kersis did splendidly as "end" gals in our annual minstrel show. Too bad no Hollywood talent scout was in the audience for truly you would of all been signed up! Surprisingly, what hidden talent we have!  
"Paukstuke."

## Cicero, Ill.

### COUNCIL 14.

At our Valentine Party, held last month, we had Tony Stankus as the Master of Ceremonies, and Fathers Albavičius and Abromavičius as our guests of honor. The committee consisted of the following members: Ernie Kaminskis, Al Jeskunas, Joe Kasulaitis, Leo Stancukas and Roy Bocunas. Also Lorraine Stancukas, Stella Bocunas, Florence Jury (Tuphy), Ann Kubelis and Ann and Jerry Kasulaitis, are to be commended for preparing such a wonderful meal. Our musicians and entertainers were: Stella Pelnis, Fritz Barcis and Tommy. Fr. Albavičius and Aldona Sleinis were nominated as the most popular valentines because they received the most cards.

During the Lenten season, we will be working diligently in gaining more new members.

"Little Me".

## Maspeth, N. Y.

### COUNCIL 110.

We had our annual elections in January and the newly-elected officers are:

Pres., Alfred Wezwick;  
Vice Pres., Terry Wezwick;  
Sec'y, Andrew Verbil;  
Fin. Sec'y, Helen Yocis; and  
Treas., John Wezwick.

The installation took place at our January meeting with Father Balkūnas doing the honors. The ceremony was followed by a social.

Congratulations to the former Mary Augustinas now the happily married Mrs. Charles Kulis. Mary was married January 18, in Transfiguration Church.

Our bowling team is on the march and there is a standing challenge to any council that would like to bowl a home series. Our men's team white-washed Council 109, Great Neck, and we are now looking forward to a meet with Council 12. The girls' team was a bit more lenient taking only two out of three from the Great Neck girls. I understand it was mostly Mary's doing that the girls won.

I like the deep concern which some of the members have for NOT wanting refreshments left over from the social, especially Al, Bill, Andy and the inimitable Happy Gurnius trying to finish that 'half' all by themselves.

Nellie, don't tell me that we have to invite Great Neck down here again to get you out of your hiding place?

Recently one of our Knights was inveigled into bowling against Nettie

Tuska, a "sharp" bowler. Some competition!

Speaking of sports and gals, I hear that Jeanne Wezwick and Florence Malin are going He-ing or is it Ski-ing some week-end up in the mountains.

We are happy to welcome into the club Emily and Anthony Razickas. Then there is Al (match game) Novitzkie, Chuck (also ran) Lisausky, Bill (mad at the headpin) Miller and Al (have a cigar) Matukonis. I'll bet Jules wishes he was still down in sunny Florida. Mike Wezwick has a pretty nice tan, but he had to catch a cold and use a sun lamp to get his.

Let's make a real effort to increase our membership during this drive. Let's seek out all our youth in and around Maspeth vicinity.

Six Four.

## Athol, Mass.

### COUNCIL 10. . .

The main topic of conversation these past few weeks is based on our "Winter Carnival" which turned out to be a super affair. The Viking Hall was jiving with many out-of-town members. It was a pleasant sight to see some of our old standby's there. Thanks especially, to you, Worcester Knights, for attending in such large numbers.

The activities began Saturday night with a dance, and refreshments were served at the clubroom. Sunday, everyone attended High Mass, and immediately after, dinner was served. Later in the afternoon some of the groups got together and went skating, while others played ping-pong, danced or chatted in their favorite nooks. A buffet lunch was served by candlelight which rendered a cozy atmosphere. The Hudson boys gave us a surprise by showing up.

Claire — Why did you leave so early Saturday? Laddie was looking for you!

A certain Worcester boy was very much concerned about Virginia. We wonder why!

Pete Matachinskas — how did that bridge game turn out?

Many thanks to Bill Montville for doing the dishes.

Following members were elected officers:

President, Stanley Watkevich,  
Vice-President, Henry Gailiunas,  
Treasurer, Charles Pinigis,  
Fin.-Secretary, Acquilla Yakim,  
Rec.-Secretary, Geneva Rimsa,  
Sgt.-at-Arms, Richard Koroblis.

With such members heading our council — we are looking forward to an active year.

A couple of Sno-balls.

## Pirmyn Už Laisvę Lietuvos!

Pirmyn už tikrą, brangią laisvę Lietuvos,  
Pirmyn už atvadavimą mūsų šalėlės pavergtos,  
Pirmyn išvyti kraugeringus diktatorius ir budelius,  
Pirmyn iššluot iš jos Padleckius, Sniečkus, Stalinus.

Pirmyn į aušrą jau tikrai artėjančio Rytojaus,  
Kurs pradeda nušvist ant išvargintos Europos,  
Pirmyn sutraukius retežius tironų azijatiškos,  
Skaudžios pasauliui vergijos, išlaisvinti visas tautas.

Pirmyn į marsią kovą prieš žmonijos laisvės pavergėjus,  
Tebūnie mirtina žaizda duota diktatoriams žiauriems,  
Pirmyn visi, kuriuose teka dar tikras laisvės kraujas,  
Juk šv. Mykolas — tiesos ginėjas — visuomet su mumis.

Pirmyn atsteigti tikrą laisvę, nusikratyti vergijos,  
Kurią taip saldžiai perša tikrieji tautžudžiai,  
Pirmyn gražinti laisvę, tikrą Nepriklausomybę  
Prie kančių stulpo prirakintai Lietuvai nekaltai.

Pirmyn išliuosuoti ir garbingą pačią rūsų tautą  
Iš azijatiškojo barbaro, kruvinojo Stalino — Antikristo rankų,  
Juk ji niekuomi pasauliui nekalta, o visgi jau 30 m. kenčia  
Už geležinės uždangos vergiją, tarsi Nerono kalėjime baisiame.

Teprašvinta pagaliau aiškiai nauja gyvenimo gadyne  
Virš paversto griuvėsiais, ašarų — kančių, despotizmo  
Ir barbariška vergija žiauriai kamuojamo pasaulio,  
Teišnyksta melas, apgaulė ir neteisybė nuo šios žemės paviršio.

Tą skaisčią aušrą, tą džiuginantį gyvenimo Rytojų  
Mums neša žmonijos numylėta *Pasaulio Demokratija*,  
Atlanto Čarteriu, 4 laisvėmis, tarsi žemčiūgais papuošta,  
Tat, dar syk pirmyn! — o Dievas mums tikrai padės tame! . .

*Lietuvos Baltasis Vytis.*

### South Boston, Mass.

#### COUNCIL 17.

Our February meeting was held on the ninth. We had as our guest speaker, Lt. Commander Paul Labauskas, who is now doing research work at the General Electric plant in Lynn. He gave a short, interesting talk on "The Contributions of Lithuanians to the Building of America." After his talk, our president, Steve Contons, presented him with a K. of L. medal. Committees for the "Gay Nineties Show" were organized. One hundred dollars was donated to the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Our Banner Dance was held at the Hotel Continental, Cambridge, Mass., on Feb. 8th. Music was furnished by Shep Wolan, who is noted for his lively polkas and smooth waltzes. There were Knights from many New England councils, including Brock-

ton, Norwood, Cambridge, So. Worcester, Worcester, Providence and Lewiston, Maine. Two of our newest members, Claire Poscal and Milly Sharkin, were on the committee. Wonder how many new Ladies Steve Contons recruited to our K. of L. at the dance. He wasn't the only one who had the membership drive on his mind. Joe Svelnis and some others had membership blanks in their pockets and were passing them out to prospective members. Keep it up, boys, and we are sure to meet our quota. Beanie Gallunas and Milly made an outstanding couple on the dance floor. Noticed John Tumas dancing again. Look out, John, it may become a habit. Anele Marks and Phyllis Grendal seemed to be enjoying themselves. The committee worked hard and were justly rewarded.

Our K. of L. was well represented at Father Urban's Golden Jubilee Banquet. Frank Markuns, Al Stakutis, Patricia Zibutis, Frances Petrei-

kis, Mary Kleponis, and Aldona Ziorolis were only a few of those present.

I heard that four couples, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Young, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Matachinskas, Steve Contons, Julian Arlauskas and their friends, made the long journey to attend the Valentine Ball given by Council 116 of South Worcester.

The bowling league has been resting for the past month but will resume activity on Feb. 22nd when they bowl against our friendly enemies, South Worcester. This time we will win.

#### NEWSIES.

Kaiser cars are becoming quite the vogue here. Joe Slanina also got a new one. Beanie G. certainly enjoys riding in it.

John Zibutis was given a birthday party at the Continental after the Banner Dance. Salami on Lithuanian bread headed the menu.

Ruth Matulis also celebrated her birthday this month. Happy birthday to both of you.

Did you see Frank Gaides and John Tumas put away the sandwiches after the meeting. They must have been starving themselves for at least three days.

Just a reminder about the membership drive. Bring your friends to our meetings and affairs. Let them get acquainted with the clubrooms and members, and urge them to join. Don't forget, we are counting on all of you. **Sunshine...**

### Great Neck, N. Y.

#### COUNCIL 109.

The most important item underway now is the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America drive. Our members, knowing the material and financial aid our Lithuanian brethren need in Europe, are doing everything possible to make this drive a success.

During our recent cold spell, many of our members turned to bowling evenings. It appears like the Ladies are far better bowlers than the Knights. What's happened to Bill B. lately — his score is quite low. Is it love? Joe D. is still trying to compete with Lil R.

We learned that recently, our member Stanley Bukant, a patrolman, rescued a drowning boy in sub-zero weather. Congratulations, Stanley!

Cute Mary Wesey must have been in a daze the evening she mistook a mirage for a chair and landed on the floor. Was Mary's face red?

Our members enjoyed the bowling match had with C-110, Maspeth, N. Y., even though "we" lost. We're having a return match this month — hope for better results. **Jo-Jo.**

## Cambridge, Mass.

### COUNCIL 18.

Greetings from Ole Rip Van Winkle!

Many exciting things happened since we last appeared in this column!

Following are our officers: Al Marcin, pres; Frank Grazulis, vice-pres; Ruth Survilas, sec; Peter Puzin, treas; and Dorothy Skibauskas, fin. sec. We also take this opportunity in thanking all our members and especially Dr. Pauline Luzackas, Ruth Survilas, Peter Puzin and Al Marcin for the splendid accomplishments since the revival of our council, and also extend a hearty welcome to the newly-elected officers.

It's a banner year for Council 18 and many new plans are being made to keep each and every member occupied throughout the year.

Last year, we had our Christmas Party, with Al Marcin acting the part of St. Nick; we also held a Square Dance, which was enjoyed immensely. Our bowling team has the real spirit. We meet every Thursday evening at the Brookline St. Alleys, located in the heart of the University City. The stars of the bowling team are: Millie Wilcinski, Nattie and Alfreda Zeles, Helen and Ann Zukus, Vera Shephard, Peter, Eddie and Joey Puzins, Vinny Zukus, Ted Mankus, Al Jankauskas and Al Marcin. Congratulations, bowlers!

Our meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month, 8:15 p. m., in the parish hall. Members, invite a prospective member to our next meeting.

#### Question Box.

Who is the fellow that sets up the pins? Could it be Richard?

"Ole Rip".

## Dayton, Ohio

### COUNCIL 96.

Bearing in mind that the patron of our organization is St. Casimir, we are going to commemorate that day with fervor as all councils, by attending Mass and receiving Communion "in corpore", followed by a breakfast, to be held at the Biltmore Hotel.

Our ever popular social meetings will be dispensed with during Lent, at which time we shall concentrate on the remodelling of our combined club and recreation room. The work will be done by our own members, and upon its completion we will sponsor a huge membership drive party for all the youth of the parish.

Our recently held dance was quite colorful and most successful. As C-96 was furiously laboring with the decorations for "Sweetheart Swirl" who should appear upon the scene,

but "SINBAD." What dashing form, what wondrous tales he told, but no helping hand did he give! The mother of our newest member, Eddy Petrokas, generously donated the hamburgers while the remaining food was contributed by Mrs. Zalinskas, Mrs. Petkus and Joe Noreikas. We are certainly grateful to them.

Ronile.

## Jersey City, N. J.

### COUNCIL 124.

Once again we would like to announce our coming Spring Dance, to be held Saturday Evening, April 19, 1947, at St. Ann's Parish Hall, Grand St. & Manning Ave. Music will be furnished by Johnny Nevins Night Owls and dancing will begin at nine. We'll be looking forward toward seeing you all.

Our bowling team is improving rapidly. After a poor start, our boys are beginning to win and give the other teams a battle. They've left the Newark Misfits, way behind and are hot on the heels of Linden. Good work, fellows. We will not say very much about the Newark Misfits in this month's column except that the less said about them, the better the Newark council will feel. Maybe a better name for them would be "Newark's Folly."

We are also extending an invitation to all councils to join us Monday evening, April 14, 1947, at St. Ann's Parish Hall. We are holding a social. We'll manage to get quite a few name bands to play for us that night.

We hate to write this piece, but in all fairness to the girls from Kearny, we must. The Kearny girls' bowling team accepted a challenge from our Juniors to bowl in Jersey City and proceeded to trim their pants by taking 2 out of 3 games played. JUNIORS!!! A rematch has been arranged to be played in Kearny, but this time there will be four seniors on the team as ringers. We will rack our brains during the month for a suitable obituary to write in the "Vytis" on the Kearny girls' bowling team.

Our members are busy these evenings, rehearsing for the musical comedy to be presented several months hence. The name of the musical comedy is "Up and Atom" and we are getting a great deal of pleasure out of it.

Congratulations to Vincent Sidtis of Jersey City and Helen Johnson of Kearny. Their engagement was recently announced and it couldn't have happened to two finer people.

Best wishes to our Joe Smith and Stella Leraitis of Linden, who vowed their true love in matrimony. We are sorry to see Joe leave our coun-

cil for he was one of our sincerest and hardest workers, but our loss is Linden's gain. Good luck, Joe and Stella.

Our faces are red! In announcing the new officers for the year we erred. The financial secretary is Mae Maldaikas and the Treasurer is Flo Bazilus.

We think Linden deserves a few words of praise for the grand treat they gave all who attended the last convention there. After bowling and then attending the meeting it was a splendid surprise to have a turkey dinner served to us.

Here goes with a hearty welcome to the new members who joined our club during the month. They are Wanda and Ruth Parzel and Helen Vernickas.

#### THINGS TO BE SEEN.

Joe S. without a girl.

Tony T. without a loaded car!

Vince S. in an ill-tempered mood!

Frank V. losing in ping pong singles!

Eddie B. attending a meeting!

Chas S. without his Millie!

Walter B. speechless!

Mae M. without Dottie Y.!

Alex B. with a frown!

Joe J. in a serious mood!

Adele J. not being whistled at!

Jersey City without Charlie Bason!

Wolves, Inc.

## Norwood, Mass.

### COUNCIL 27.

Our February meeting, which by far was not one of the most populated, was most interesting. Among the important timely subjects discussed were the stricken countries in Europe, especially Lithuania. Our council will endeavor to do its utmost in giving aid financially and materially in this movement. It has also been voted to deduct ten per cent from all our future social events, and set up a separate treasury for this worthy cause.

Our bowlers are having some difficulties in getting started in the second round, with one defeat under their belts by So. Worcester.

St. Casimir's Day will be observed with solemnity — by receiving Holy Communion, with breakfast following at the Norwood Manor.

"Nor-Co-Co — Scoops-and-Snoops".

New members were introduced: Helen Cormier, Mrs. Nella Paznio- kas and Alphonse Antonitis... Helen Sidlauskas and her committee are all hub-bub about their Spring Frolic... Cupid hit our popu-gal Julia Babel, who will walk down the aisle shortly after Easter. Best wishes from us all, Julia... Helen C. and her Minstrels are going at it vigorously.

"Oc-Oc-Ron".

## Harrison-Kearny, N. J.

### COUNCIL 90.

Our February meeting gave our Membership Drive a good start. We welcomed the following six members: Adele Zuigzda, Vincent Mikionis, Joseph Kaspar, Lillian Bumbulis, Helen Mackel, and Eleanor Mackel. There was also an unusual good attendance of older members that evening.

The new officers took over the meeting, with Marcy Matelaitis presiding. Where is our Gavel? It seemed to be the most important discussion of the meeting. We put Sherlock Holmes on the trail. We couldn't find the Key to the Knights Kloset of Klues, but somehow or other it was opened. There was a bit of reminiscing as old copies of "Bright Lites" (Council 90's local news) and the "Vytis" were all pulled out one by one.

The members that attended the N. Y., N. J. District Convention in Linden came back with a good report.

How about having some cheer leaders for the bowlers? The team shows up but where are the rooters? "Speedball" Mary Paslavičius had a little difficulty getting her ball to hit pins recently. Professor Bill Musekevich just couldn't figure it out. Everyone was urged to join the bowling team next year. It seems even Richard wants to join our team, now. Our girls finally got around to bowl against the Jersey City Juniors on February 9th. Although their regular games haven't been so good, they did win over the Juniors 2 out of 3 games.

"Old Buttermilk Skies" Wilkie is thinking seriously of trying out for the Met next season. With a few more rehearsals you might make it, John! See his business associates, J. Praner and J. Balazas, for further information.

Helen Johnson, a local Kearny girl, received a sparkler from Vince Sidtis, a Jersey City Knight. Best of ment. Best wishes to you both.

Aldona and Willie G. have a system worked out whereby this year Willie bowls and Al acts as baby-sitter. However, next year, it will be vice versa. By the time he's three, Robert will be ready to set up pins so they can both bowl at the same time.

Who's superstitious about Friday the 13th? To Adam Konchus and Amele Zalis it was a lucky day, because they announced their engagement. Best wishes to you both.

We want to thank the Brooklyn K. of L. Dramatic Group for putting on a play entitled "Moterims Neišsimeluosi." It was under the direction



Lietuvos Vyčiai nuoširdžiai sveikina tik ką atvykusį Amerikon Dr. Kazį Grinių, buvusį Lietuvos Prezidentą.

of Joe Boley. It's worth seeing over again.

The advertising and ticket committee members did a fine job. They are: John Wilkie, Joe Praner, Eleanor Matulaitis, Grinevich, Ann Klem and Marcy Matelaitis.

Attention Philadelphia — Thanks for your invitation to attend your Play on February 9th.

"Two Bits".

## Newark, N. J.

### COUNCIL 29.

Our new entertainment committee is keeping everyone happy. They've come through with flying colors. This past month was filled with roller skating and swimming parties and an outing to Schwartzwood Lake. Their socials are nothing to pass up either.

Have you noticed our new "Key?" The staff has added features. It has interesting items not only to our council, but the entire district as well.

Ship Ahoy, Mates! We're sailing on the S. S. St. George's Hall for the best time ever. Leaving port on April 12 at two bells. Passage will be \$1.00 and anyone short of funds will be forced to swab decks while the rest of the crew have a good time dancing to the Oley Bros. orchestra. Passports are available in advance from any of the council members. Remember, Matey, our "Nautical Nite" won't be a success unless YOU are there!

Our bowling teams are still among the highest and lowest standing in the league. The Webfeet are fighting with Elizabeth for top honors, and the Misfits have practically won the battle for last place with Jersey City. The long awaited raffle took place on Feb. 9. Tony Vernickas, captain of Jersey City's team, was the lucky winner.

Plans are being made for the Council's Communion Breakfast, which is to take place on March 23rd

We extend our sincere condolences to Sally Jesulaitis, from Council 13, Chicago, on the death of her mother.

Two of our "huskies" have fallen through the ice this year. Richie L. and Gene L. have both sworn to go on diets!

With horseback riding, hiking and snipehunting at Schwartzwood Lake, it's a wonder more of us didn't require first aid... Walter K. and Vera L. were easily taken care of, but Gene L. had a complaint that was beyond all medical aid...

At the Pancake Dance—

Jerry T. walked M. Schneider home from the dance and when he came back his glasses were steaming. Why?

What happened to that cheese you won, Eddie D. Don't tell us you finally got rid of it...

Happy Easter, everyone! G. G.

## Bayonne, N. J.

### COUNCIL 67.

Our last meeting was fairly well represented, although we certainly would like to see more of the old familiar faces coming around again. After Mr. Novitt's pep talk, we had better have at least one new member each at the next meeting!

A theatre party is being planned for sometime in the near future. Save your pennies gals! Remember what happened the last time!!!

Our sincerest congratulations to Tommy Long and his lovely Alice and to Charlotte C. and her Ed on their recent marriage. Best wishes, also, to Johnny Bray who has given a lovely sparkler to Marge Grekstas.

What is it or rather WHO is it that gives Jean Rogers that far away look in her eyes these days? Could it be a fairhaired lad from around down Linden way?

Perhaps once and for all Mary Griggs will let us in on the secret as to why she's always too busy to attend any of our affairs as of late.

Mr. John Novitt is another of our members who keeps his "goings" and "comings" a secret. How about that, John?

When is Anne Goupsas going to give that certain someone a break?

Hoopla.

## New York, N. Y.

## COUNCIL 12.

With mingled feelings of hesitation, your newly-appointed correspondent will endeavor to enlighten the uninformed, advise the earnest and encourage sociability among our members and non-members.

It is with reluctance that I accept this post — for who can approach or compare with the charm and informative comments that was rendered by that paragon of gentility and beauty — our former correspondent! However, I shall try to do my best, Brenda!

Our renowned Knight, Val Yorkus, has performed another service to the organization — an achievement worthy to be engraved on Corinthian brass. The Linden convention would have been delayed had it not been for Val's agility.

To Jersey council members: that intermittent pinging of shock waves on your ears every Sunday afternoon may be due to our members striking the pins at the 14th Street bowling alleys with such unbelievable and enormous energy and remarkable accuracy that sometimes rare resonant effects are produced. Remember Paul's cyclone send-off, Vincent's rocket shot, Valentine's full swing motion, Eldy's accelerated throw and Frieda's lightening lungs?

The Firebrand.

## PITTSBURGH, PA.

## COUNCIL 62.

The Pre-Lenten dance held is really something to reminisce about now. Irene, Beatrice and Bunny had their pictures appear in our local press. Ann G. and Ann S. are still trying to find the person who stood between them and the camera. Tony G. and Tony Z. are to be commended for the work they put into this grand affair also. It even reminded your correspondent of the days he spent in basic training.

Our activities are quite varied—roller skating parties and such. Though we had zero weather, many came to the skating party.

As the bowling season draws to a close, we look at the averages and find Vic on top with Andy as a "runner up". We also notice Custy in close competition with Helen. Ann Z. and Sue are still wondering why the pin boys don't knock the pins over instead of setting them up. Pete and Eddie just can't understand why they roll so many "gutter balls" and "splits."

All our members are looking forward to seeing more of Rosemarie, now that she has recuperated from her illness.

Dutch.

'Jeigu Turite Širdį —  
Duokite!'

Toks yra Raudonojo Kryžiaus Fondo šūkis 1947 metų vajuje. Tokius posterius, kaip parodo viršuje, matysite visoje apylinkėje laike vajuje.

## Hartford, Conn.

## COUNCIL 6.

Greetings from Hartford! As usual when the first Tuesday of January rolled around, all local K. of L's showed up for the monthly meeting. The first meeting of 1947 was well attended. Our brand new president, Joe Becker, presided very nicely.

We extend best wishes to Anne Litwinas on her recent engagement to Ray Vaichus of Waterbury.

It seems as though every meeting brings forth several new members. How about coming to the bowling alleys on Monday evening? It's a lot of fun. A good way to get acquainted.

The month of February brought forth a Valentine Party. Those that attended had a good time but how about a better attendance, folks!

Rita Jacobs has been in the hospital recently. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

June will surely be a month of K. of L. brides. Fran Litwinas and Nell Brazauskas have chosen that month for their wedding. That takes care of two Saturdays during the month — who will take the remaining two?

The Liberals do get around these days. The popular boys are being asked by the fair sex to attend all sorts of formals and school dances.

It's a girl for Lt. and Mrs. John Vilkas. Her name is Joan. Now little Billy has a playmate.

We are happy to announce that our membership is growing — activity is increasing.

Ann On Emos.

## Linden, N. J.

## COUNCIL 113.

Our council was host to the N. Y. and N. J. District bi-monthly meeting which was held last month, in our city. We had a large representation not only from our district, but also from the N. E. District in the personage of Fr. M. Stepaitis, O. F. M., L. Totilas, and Frank Zvalionis, pres. Our district president, Charles Bason, presided. Following the meeting, a turkey dinner was served. We wish to thank Ann Zurlis, Vera Sharkus and Kay Tratulis for preparing such a tasty dinner to nearly two hundred K. of L'ers.

Our bowling teams seem to go from one extreme to another, in our district. The girls' team is No. 1 on the list. It is gratifying to see so many members attending the matches — and cheering on the sidelines.

Joe Krotulis, our bowling captain, has been on an auto tour. So far, he has visited the states of Virginia, Florida, New Orleans, Texas, California, Missouri and Illinois. We expect him home, shortly, and relay some of his experiences at our next council meeting.

We are planning to hold an APRIL SHOWERS DANCE, Saturday eve., April 26th, at the CLUB LINROSE. Freddie Sleckman and his Orchestra will entertain us that evening. Julius Baker, chairman, assures us of a good time.

Recently married were two popular "K. of L'ers" — Stella Leraitis of Linden to Joe Smith of Jersey City — our congratulation to them.

A membership drive is under way headed by Sally Shukis, who won a medal a few years back for signing up a large number of new members. It is our intention to surpass our assigned quota in regards to new members.

## SHAVINGS FROM AN OLD OAK:

Members have so much difficulty in telling the Bundonis boys apart that a move is underway to have them wear large cards, with their names on them... Incidentally Steve makes better coffee than most girls... Someone should tell Eleanor Lucas that a bowling alley is not a proper place for a lady to sit down on... John Tratulis takes four girls along when he goes ice-skating — why Johnnie?... Mille Strazdas seems very happy when her doorbell rings and it's Richard who opens the door.. Phil Carter of Providence and Aldone Norvilas of South Boston were guests at the Smith-Leraitis wedding... Helen Guzevich hates to see anyone bowl a poor game, so she keeps score and makes sure they don't.

Veranda Vic.

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Social life is very important, to each and every one of us. One cannot live without participating in some social functions. The Knights of Lithuania sponsors dances, parties, banquets, dinner-dances and other worth-while social events. It is a great opportunity to join the Knights of Lithuania just to meet interesting people of Lithuanian extraction, and to exchange our own points of view, and help one another along the line of living in peace and harmony.

**Drama**

Every year each council of the K. of L. presents numerous plays and stage productions, which have al-

ways been successful. This is a splendid opportunity to cultivate your dramatic ability and develop your desire to appear on the stage. Each council has its dramatic circle in which you are invited to participate.

**Music**

Lithuania is known as a nation of songs, and the Lithuanian youth being musically inclined, finds great pleasure in forming choirs and glee clubs. The K. of L. provides its members a splendid setting for coordination in musical ventures.

By way of illustration, we may cite the Chicago District Choir as one which has won widespread recognition in the United States.

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