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VYTI!

Atsimink, kad šie
metai yra Lietuvos
Vyčių Organizacijos
jubiliejiniai (40) me-
tai. Paminėk šią sukak-
tį savo energinga veik-
la ir didžia meile vy-
čių siekimams.

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IR

PLATINKITE

“VYTI!”



V i e n y b ė T e ž y d i ! . . .

UNITED WITH OUR PATRON: ST. CASIMIR

Rev. Albert J. Contons

March 4 is a very special day for every K. of L. member, because on that day we celebrate the feast of our Patron: Saint Casimir. During the twenty-six years of his short life he made such progress in the ways of God that he won the highest honor open to the sons of Adam: a place on the honor role of the Church's heroic saints. He blazed a trail for every Lithuanian youth to follow.

During Life

Casimir was a pioneer in spreading the faith among the Lithuanian people. Born in 1458 of good Catholic parents, Casimir during his youth found the pagan religion and practices still rampant among many Lithuanian people. From the lips of their parents or grandparents these people had heard the tales of the eternal fire, the sacred groves, and the Christianizing efforts of Vytautas and Jogaila. The devotion of St. Casimir, his spirit of prayer and zeal for the practice of the Catholic religion encouraged others to deepen their love for Christ who, died that they might have life. Casimir took care of the sick, gave help to the poor, and showed mercy to the suffering. Living in the Lith-

uanian capital, Vilnius, during the last five years of his life, Casimir, in a humble and quiet manner, set an example of Christian living which was to win many followers. At the age of twenty-six, Casimir was called by God to the infinitely happier life of heaven.

After Death

But like every other saint, Casimir's good work did not stop when he passed through the gates of Heaven. By his powerful intercession with God, he continued to help the Lithuanian people and all who pray to him. At the time of Casimir a new spirit was spreading over Europe. It was the spirit of freedom, of revolt against authority, even against God Himself. Martin Luther was born a year before Casimir died. When Luther finally rebelled against the Church, Pope Leo X was in the process of beatifying Casimir. During the sixteenth century it appeared that Protestantism, which had already swept a large part of Europe, would engulf Lithuania as well. Almost all the upper classes had embraced the new religion, and the poorer people were being drawn after them. In this darkest hour, the Jesuits of Lithuania, anxious to de-

MES KELIAUOME I ROMA (13)

Ketvirtoj Didžiojoj Bazilikoj. Artėjom prie išigijimo pirmųjų jubiliejinių atleidų. Jau atvykom į paskutinę tam skirtą Baziliką. Tai Šv. Marijos Majoris Bazilika. Ji turi jubiliejines duris ir yra pati didžiausia bažnyčia Panelės Švč. garbei pastatytą. Padavimas sako, kad IV amžiuje Marija pasirodė popiežiui Liberijui ir vienam pamaldžiam čidiku Jonui ir pasakė pastatyti jos garbei bažnyčią toje vietoje, kur bus sniegas. Ir rugpiūčio mėnesio 5 dieną, kuri yra karščiausia diena Romoje, popiežius ir didikas rado sniego dabartinėj bazilikos vietoje.

Bazilika buvo statoma, gražinama ir didinama šimtmečiai iš šimtmečių. Šios bazilikos istorija jau surišta ir su Amerika. Mat bazilikos lubos buvo labai gražiai atnaujintos ir pagražintos pirmuoju auksu, atvežtu iš Amerikos.

Bazilika turi labai brangų ir gražų Šv. Mato

relikvijų paminklą su 5 gabalėliais Betlėjaus prakartėlės. Bazilika garsi savo mozaikomis, gražiomis koplytėlėmis ir relikvijomis. Kolonų kolonos, kurios pirmiausiai pagauna akį, labai stipriai nuteikia kiekveną lankytoją ar maldininką. Čia pergyveni išstisus šimtmečius, kurie atsispindi senose kolonose, mozaikose ir visoj klasinėj bazilikos statyboj. Sykiu pergyveni ir visą tų ilgų amžių žmonių maldos ir susitelkimo dvasią, kurią jie turėjo toje bažnyčioje. Juk ji stebuklingai nurodyta pastatyti ir todėl kelia daugiau pamaldumo prie Dievo Motinos Marijos. Garsi ta bazilika ir anų laikų persekiojimu. Syki čia išiveržė imperatoriaus Henriko IV sekėjai ir prievarta ištraukė popiežių Gregorių nuo altoriaus, Kalėdų naktį. Jis tik vėliau buvo ryta paliuosuotas ir sugrįžo pabaigti laikyti mišių. Šios bazilikos mozaikos yra vedamos lig II amž. Tai istorijos iš Senojo Testamento.

and preserve the true Faith in Lithuania, revived an interest in Blessed Casimir. They hastened the cause of his canonization, and in 1603 Casimir was officially declared by the Church to be a Saint of heroic virtue. The Jesuits entrusted the work of restoring Catholicism in Lithuania to St. Casimir. New churches and schools were erected in his honor. Celebrations were held, processions organized, hymns were sung, and prayers were said in honor of the Saint of Lithuania. St. Casimir answered these prayers. He saved Lithuania from heresy. After a long struggle Protestantism all but disappeared from Lithuanian life.

TODAY

If the help of St. Casimir was so necessary to ward off the Protestant attacks of the German wolf, how much the more is his intercession needed to break Lithuania loose from the death hug of the Russian bear. This tiny land of our fathers has been offered up as a lamb on the altar of sacrifice to placate the bloodthirsty Soviet Communists. But the Soviets have not been satisfied with this tiny victim. They want more and more blood, until they shall have devoured every free nation of the globe. That is why they have pledged themselves to a life and death struggle against America: because it is the only land which holds them back from conquest. But the Communist tactic is not direct, frontal attack. Rather it is a slow process of wearing down opposition: by winning American minds through bad education; by poisoning souls through sin; and only then pouncing on for the kill. Young people are an important target of this Communist

aggression. Every youth who wavers in his belief in God, who weakens his loyalty to the Church, who neglects the reception of the Sacraments, or violates the laws of morality, is playing right into the hands of the Communist enemy. What America needs most of all today is young people who are strong in virtue, loyal to the Church, and courageous in fighting for ideals. It is precisely St. Casimir who can show us the way to do this.

Casimir is the model of Lithuanian youth. Are you given to Pride? St. Casimir was humble, meek, and peace-loving. Are you hungry for honor? St. Casimir renounced a crown that he might the better give honor to God. Do you seek riches? St. Casimir gave away his wealth to the poor, and built churches and schools. Are you tempted to impurity? St. Casimir before his death cried out, "It is better to die, rather than lose the innocence which I have pledged to God." Are you slow to pray? St. Casimir would spend whole nights barefoot kneeling in front of the Church doors that he might be the closer to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Are you afraid of penance? St. Casimir would often throw himself on the floor in prayer from midnight to dawn as a penance for sin. Are you forgetful of your soul? St. Casimir used to spend many hours kneeling before the Crucifix, meditating on the sufferings of Jesus. Are you searching for the way of perfection? St. Casimir will show you the way; you have but to follow him.

UNITED with St. Casimir, you are strong in virtue. UNITED with St. Casimir, you are a defender of America. UNITED with St. Casimir, you are a liberator of Lithuania.

V. Kulbokas.

JONAS BASANAVIČIUS

TAUTOS ATGIMIMO TĒVAS



Pernai suėjo lygiai 100 metų, kaip gimė Lietuvos Atgimimo Tėvas Didysis Aušrininkas, daktaras Jonas Basanavičius. Šiomet sukanka 25 metai nuo jo mirties.

Rusų ir lenkų marinama lietuvių tauta.

Sunkūs buvo tuomet laikai Lietuvai. Aukštesni luomai, bajorija, beveik ištiesai sulenkėjusi — kalbanti ir galvojanti lenkiškai. visai nutolusi nuo sveikojo tautos kamieno — liaudies, kuri vilkdama sunkią baudžiovos našta, turėjo visas pareigas, o teisių nė jokių. Didelė dalis kunigijos sulenkėjusi taip pat. Miestų gyventojai — žydai, lenkai, rusai ir tik maža dalis amatininkų ir darbininkų lietuvių. Liaudis — tamsi ir neturtinga. O visus šiuos luomus slegia vis labiau juntama žiauri rusų valdovų ranka. Rusai, ypač po 1831 ir 1863 m. sukilimų, mato, kad Lietuva jie negali pasitikėti, kol lenkiškoji bajorija ir katalikybė joje stipri.

Rusinimas per mokyklą.

Kad pakirstų lenkiškos bajorijos įtaką, uždarė pradines parapines ir kitokias mokyklas, kuriose buvo dėstoma lenkiškai ir lietuviškai, o steigė rusiškas. Senuosius mokytojus pašalino, o atkėlė pustumusius rusus. Popams (pravoslavų kunigams) pavedė mokyklas prižiūrėti, kad jos gerai atliktų rusinimo darbą — skiepytų rusišką ir pravoslavišką dvasią, bruktų vaikams į rankas rusiškas knygas.

Aukštesniosios mokyklos irgi buvo rusinimo įrankiai. Net tikyba dėstyta rusų kalba, o katalikai

mokiniai buvo varomi į cerkves (pravoslavų bažnyčias) melstis.

Katalikybės vargai.

Buvo uždrausta statyti naujas bažnyčias ir taisyti senas. Drausta procesijos, suvaržytas kunigų judėjimas; pamokslus turėjo sakyti tik iš valdžios patikrintų pamokslų rinkinių; vysk. M. Valančių, kad galėtų labiau jį sekti, perkelia į Kauną ir uždraudžia lankyti parapijas. Svarbiausia — 1864 m. uždraudžia lietuvišką spaudą — gina spausdinti, platinti ir skaityti lietuviškas knygas ir laikraščius.

Baudžiovos nebėra!

Kad labiau susilpnintų nepatikimą bajorų luomą ir patrauktų į save liaudį — valstiečius, rusų valdžia padaro dar vieną labai lemtingą ir jau mūsų tautai naudingą žingsnį — 1861 m. paskelbia baudžiovos panaikinimą! Lietuvos valstietis gauna laisvę ir žemę. Ir keliolikai metų praslinkus tas buvęs vargšas baudžiauninkas jau tiek prasikuria, kad pajégia leisti savo vaikus į mokslus. Taip atsiranda pirmoji iš liaudies kilusi inteligentija, susipratę lietuviai šviesuoliai, kurie stojo į kovą dėl lietuvių tautos gyvybės — dėl lietuvių kalbos, knygos, mokyklos ir katalikų tikybos. Šios didžios kovos pirmtakai irgi valstiečių vaikai. S. Daukantas (1793-1864), vysk. M. Valančius (1801-1875). Vienas (Valančius) skiepidamas blaivybę, ragindamas tvirtai laikytis prieš rusus, nepriimti rusiškų knygų, leisti vaikus į mokslą, amatus, kitas (Daukantas) didingais Lietuvos praeities paveikslais kaitindamas prasišvietusio lietuvio sąmonę, — abu padėjo pagrindus Lietuvių tautos prisikėlimui.

Tokiais laikais gimė ir augo J. Basanavičius.

J. Basanavičiaus mokslo metai.

Jis gimė 1851. V. 23. Suvalkų žemėje, Vilkaviškio apskr., Bartininkų vals., Ožkabalių kaime. Tėvai — pasiturį ūkininkai jį paūgterėjusį leido į Mariampolės gimnaziją (1866-1873). Paskui jis studijavo mediciną Maskvoje. Greta studijavo Lietuvos istoriją, archeologiją ir rinko tautosaką. Jau studentas apie save spietė kitus lietuvius studentus ir gaivino jų lietuviybę, pats drąsiai visur kalbėdamas lietuviškai, dainuodamas lietuviškas dainas. Kur tik mato, kad lietuviškasis reikalas prasimuša aikštėn, jis džiaugiasi. Antai Mažoj Lietuvoj vokiečiai įsteigia Lietuvių Literatūros Draugiją (Lituanische Literarische Gesellschaft), jis tuoj svei-

kina, tikėdamasis, kad ta draugija paskubins mūsų tautos atgigavimą.

Gydytojo darbas Bulgarijoje.

1879 m. baigęs gydytojo mokslą, apsigyvena Bulgarijoje (Lietuvoje negalėjo savo darbo dirbti). Vaisingajai Bulgarijai jis atsimokėjo geru: sutvarkė Lom - Polankos miesto naują ligoninę, atsidėjęs gydė, parašė rimtą veikalą apie Bulgarijos sanitarinę etnografiją. Šituo veikalu pagarsėjo ir Vak. Europoje. Būdamas pažangus ir uolus gydytojas, buvo perkeltas į Varną vyriausiu miesto ligoninės vidaus ligų gydytoju, gavo Bulgarijos pilietybę ir pasidarė net kunigaikščio rūmų gydytoju. 1905 m., išstarnavęs pensiją, kad ir negavęs rusų valdžios leidimo, grįžo į Lietuvą, į Vilnių, 25 metus išgyvenęs užsienyje.

Bulgarijos meto lietuviškasis darbas.

Dar būdamas Maskvoje užmezgė ryšius su Didžiojoje Lietuvoje ir Rusijos gilumoje išsisklaidžiusiais lietuviams bei Mažosios Lietuvos veikėjais. Nors daktaro darbo turėjo iki kaklo, bet visą atspėjimą laiką jis skyrė lietuviškiems reikalams.

“Aušros” išleidimai.

Matydamas, jog Maž. Lietuvos laikraščiai neatlieka Lietuvos žadavimo darbo, susisiekęs su kitais veikėjais išleidžia “Aušros” laikraštį (ėjo 1883-6 m.) ir suredaguoja kelis pirmuosius jos numerius. Be jo tas laikraštis greičiausiai būtų negimęs: Basanavičius tada buvo vienintelis mūsų veikėjas tiek populiarus visuomenėje, jog į bendrą darbą galėjo sutelkti įvairių pažiūrų žmones. Per trumpą “Aušros” amžių Basanavičius į ją parašė apie 70 straipsnių. Jo lietuviško darbo programa buvo tokia:

1. padaryti Lietuvą lietuvišką,
2. Lietuvos bajorus grąžinti į lietuviybę,
3. Visų Lietuvos luomų kalba padaryti lietuvių kalbą,
4. Visi Lietuvos luomai turi taikiai tarp savęs gyventi ir siekti bendro idealo — lietuviybės.

Mokslo darbas Bulgarijoje ir Vilniuje.

J. Basanavičius visą savo sielą buvo įdėjęs į mokslinį darbą: istoriją, archeologiją, tautotyra. Dar gimnazistas būdamas tėviškėje renka padavimus, dainas, pasakas, mįsles; į šį darbą sutelkia visą eilę padėjėjų.

Pasakų ir dainų leidiniai.

1898 m. Amerikos “Dirva” išleidžia I t. Lietuviškų Pasakų, 1902 m. II tomą. 1898 m. išėina jo “Medega mūsų tautiškajai vaistininkystei.”

1899 ir 1900 m. Tilžės ir Amerikos lietuvių laikraščiuose ragina rinkti tautosaką. To atsišaukimo vaisius — 4 tomai Lietuviškų Pasakų. 1902 m. Amerikos “Dirva” išleido 2 tomus Ožkabalių Dainų, o 1903 m. Iš Gyvenimo Lietuviškų Vėlių bei Vėlnių.



V. KULBOKAS,
Straipsnio Autorius.

Kiti darbai.

Kiti svarbūs jo darbai: “Apie senovės lietuvių pilis”, “Medžiaga V. Pietario biografijai”, “Medžiaga J. Sauerveino biografijai” (J. Sauerveinas himno “Lietuviais esame mes gimę” — autorius), “A. Strazdo biografija” (“Pulkim ant kelių autorius”), “P. Vileišio biografija” (pirmojo lietuviško dienraščio “Vilniaus Žnių” leidėjas, spaudos globėjas). Be to, tyrinėjo Lietuvos kryžius, baudžiavą Lietuvoje, lietuvių kalbą valstybės raštuose ir kt.

Lietuvių kilmės teorija.

Svarbiu savo gyvenimo uždaviniu laikė surasti lietuvių kilmę. Gyvendamas Bulgarijoje jis susidūrė su senosios to krašto kultūros — senovės trakų - frygų — liekanomis ir atrado jam neabejotiną panašumą tarp minėtųjų trakų - frygų ir lietuvių kultūros, kalbos, vietovardžių, papročių. Daug tam skyrė laiko ir darbo. Nors mokslininkų neįtikino, kad mūsų protėviai yra atsikėlę į Lietuvą iš Bulgarijos, bet surinko daug vertingos medžiagos Lietuvos istorijai.

Basanavičiaus darbas Vilniuje.

Basanavičius parvažiavo per pačią 1905 m. revoliuciją. Mūsų tauta po ilgos priespaudos tada pirmą sykį pradėjo gyventi politikos gyvenimą. Kūrėsi naujos partijos, organizacijos. Jo vaidmuo čia buvo dvejopas: 1) jis buvo didžiausias moralinis autoritetas ir stovėjo aukščiau už visas partijas, 2) jis turėjo savas politines pažiūras ir jas vykdė gyvenime. Šiuodu vaidmeniu Basanavičius stengėsi atskirti, politinius raštus prisidengdamas slapyvardžiais. Kai tik lietuviškieji reikalai reikėjo ginti ir jiems atstovauti — visų akys buvo atkreiptos į J. Basanavičių. (Bus daugiau)



MIRĖ VYČIŲ GARBĖS NARYS

PREL. KAZIMIERAS URBANAVIČIUS

Š.m. Kovo m. 1 d. mirė Vyčių Garbės Narys Prel. Kazimieras Urbanavičius. Jis buvo viena pačių žymiausių asmenybių Amerikos lietuvių visuomenės tarpe.

Su jo mirtim Vyčiai neteko nuoširdaus prie-telio ir didelio rėmėjo. Visa vyčių organizacija dėl jo mirties giliai liūdi ir siūnčia Aukščiausiam už jo vėlę karštas maldas.

BALTASIS RAITELIS

Danutė Petronytė

Šalta, žvarbi diena pilkšvais šešėliais supasi paupio krūmokšniuose. Putodamos, besiblaškydamos, teka patvinusios Dauguvos bangos. Dauguvos krantų atsirėmusi, stovi sena Polocko lietuvių pilis. Sena ir rami ji, tarsi niekas negalėtų tų masyvių mūrų pajudinti.

Šiandien tas ramumas apgautų svečių pakeleivį. Pilies viduje didžiausias sujudimas ir kuoruose jau nuo pat ryto dega ugnys, šaukiaučios aplinkines pilaites pagalbon. Jau polockiečiai apsupti Maskvos kariuomenės, kuri, nors negalėdama įsiveržti į vidų įsitaisė prie pilies sienų, ir, kaip atrodo, pasiryžo laukti tinkamo puolimui momento.

Kuorų ugnys pagaliau pasiekė savo tikslą. Padauguvio vieškeliu atidunda raiti lietuviai kariai pilies gynėjams pagalbon. Bet kas tai? Lietuvių pulkai beviltiškai sustojo prieš patvinusius upės krantus. Joks raitelis neperjos dabar per Dauguvą. Susirūpinę tariasi vadai, nusiminę šnekučiuojasi kareiviai. Apgultajai piliai padėti nebus galima, nes kito kelio, kaip per upę, nėra.

Staiga kariai nustemba. Keliu link jų atlekia raitelis. Jis jau visiškai arti, ir vyrai aiškiai mato kilnius, karališkus jaunuolio bruožus bei tamsias, vėjo sklaidomas garbanas. Pavėjuj plasdina raitelio apsiaustas, ir atrodo, kad jo baltas žirgas nesiekia žemės — taip lengvai jis lekia.

Jaunasis raitelis štai jau čia pat. Švysteli kardas baltojo kario rankoje, o jo žirgas metasi į upę. Lengvai skrieja jo žirgas per putojančią upę, plevesuoja jo apsiaustas, žybčioja kardas iškeltoje rankoje.

Lietuvių pulkai metasi paskui jį į Dauguvos vandenį. Vanduo tik šiek tiek apsemia arklių kojas. — Juk tai brasta! — pasigirsta nustebę balsai.

Džiugi žinia it žaibas praskrenda lietuvių kariuomenės eilėmis.

— Brasta! Brasta!

Patogiai įsitaisę prie pilies sienų, Maskvos pulkai šaiposi iš lietuvių kariuomenės pastangų juos pasiekti.

— O jei pasiektų, — juokiasi jie, — mūsų pulkai dvigubai didesni už jų.

Staiga visi išgąstingai žvelgia į upę. Bangomis, su iškeltu kardu skrieja į juos raitelis ant balto žirgo. O paskui jį smarkiau negu putojanti Dauguva veržiasi lietuvių pulkai.

Griebiasi rusai už ginklų, sumišę vadai mėgina tvarkyti kariuomenę, bet jau pervėlu. Užpultų maskolių šauksmai susilieja su lietuvių karo šūkiomis. Skamba kardai, aidi žirgų žvengimas, dejuoja sužeistieji.

Kova trunka neilgai. Gėdingai bėga rusai, pilies vartai atviri ir gynėjai džiaugsmingai sveikina savo išgelbėtojus. Pačiame džiaugsmo įkaršty pasigendama nepažįstamojo raitelio, kuriam gi visi dėkingi už pergalę. Ilgai visur jo ieško, bet niekur neranda. Nuostabiai atsiradęs, jis dinga niekeno nepastebėtas.

Visaip spėliojo lietuviai, kas buvo jų išgelbėtojas. Staiga prisimenama šio baltojo raitelio panašumas į Lietuvos Kunigaikštį šventąjį Kazimierą. Tai jis išgelbėjo! Stebuklas! Lietuvos kariuomenė pamaldžiai klaupias jo garbei...



Linksmasis Lietuvos jaunimas, darbar kaip partizanai, heroiskai kovoja ir miršta už Lietuvos laisvę.

J. Daumantas

Partisans Behind the Iron Curtain

(The true story of the Lithuanian Underground)

(The following is a second installment of a free translation of the book "Partizanai už Geležinės Uždangos" by J. Daumantas, the pen-name of one of the Resistance Fighters for the Liberation of Lithuania. It gives the background which led many courageous Lithuanians to join the Resistance Underground, known as the Partisans, in defense of their homes, their families and their country.)

WHY I JOINED THE PARTISANS

Now that the Russians had all but routed the Germans from our part of Lithuania, they soon showed themselves brutal invaders and conquerors. They began making wholesale arrests. Most of the policemen and local militia were soon behind bars. This left the whole countryside unprotected and set the stage for Communist military banditry. It seemed that the Russians were under orders to steal everything that they could lay their hands on. The farms along the main roads were the first to be plundered.

Communist Robbers Visit Our Farm.

I had come home from the University to help my father and brothers with the winter planting. While in the fields one afternoon, we heard our mother's voice screaming.

"Help, help! The Russians! They're robbing us."

We did not need a second call to rush toward the house. There we saw three Russian soldiers and a Russian WAC with bags on their backs, making for the forest. We gave them chase. I was first, and as soon I was just about on top of the last of the Reds and made ready to jump on him, he suddenly stopped and turned toward me, quickly pulling out his pistol.

"One step more, and I'll shoot."

Of course, I stopped where I was. His revolver was argument enough. Oh, how sorry I was that I did not get a chance to grab my rifle which lay hidden in the hay in my father's barn. Lucky for me, the Red did not shoot. He started to run again,

turning his head every once in a while to see that I was not following. He soon disappeared with his loot. His companions had long since lost themselves in the dense forest.

When we got home, my mother explained that when she had gone out to feed the pigs, she left the door opened. The group of bandits came along, saw the open door, and went inside. They found some empty potato sacks in the barn and then returned to fill them with whatever pleased them from our possessions.

At my mother's return, she discovered one of them in the kitchen. Scared out of her wits, she did not know what to do. The bandit pulled out his revolver and pretended that he was seeking bandits.

"Where are the robbers?"

"You are the bandit," my mother replied.

Then the Red called out to his comrades in the other parts of the house.

"Arcadio, Marusia, let's go. The devil brought back this woman. Hurry up."

Usually, the Reds did their plundering at night. But there were many cases of daylight robberies, too. This was one reason why many of us joined the Partisans. It was the self-assumed duty of the Partisans in the outlying districts to protect the farmers against the brutalities and pilferings of the Red invaders.

The Terror of M-Day.

The real reason why I joined the Partisans was this. The Russians lost no time in issuing a proclamation of Mobilization Day, M-Day. They planned to mobilize the men of fighting age into battalions to fight the Germans. Notices were plastered over all public buildings and along the main roads, that on such and such a day mobilization would take place in that region. All able-bodied young men would be expected to report. Then they would send detachments of the Army into the region to effect the mobilization. The Army would search every house and barn and comb the forests. Every young man that was caught would be brought to a central location at bayonet point. There they would be loaded into trucks or trains and they would never be seen again.

This brought about a panic. Young men would disappear into the forests rather than join the Red Army as Lithuanian Volunteers. Many young men would dig secret cellars, or dugouts, where they would hide for days to escape the mobilization decree. These were the men that first formed the ranks of the Partisans.

Now, I, as a university student, had been deferred, but when I saw that draft deferment cards meant little when the mobilization patrols took

over the region, I began to fear for my own safety.

One day I had a very close call.

Riding back to Kaunas, to the University, after a day or two at home, I was stopped by the Recruiting Patrol, and asked to produce my documents. This I did willingly, because I thought all was in order. The Mongolian soldier who stopped me went through my documents and papers and then discovered that they were not stamped by the military official of the zone in which I lived. This was suspicious so, pointing his rifle at my back, he marched me to the lieutenant. There I had a hard time trying to explain why there were no stamps on the papers. My arguments were useless. I was led to a row of benches where about fifteen other young men were sitting, waiting to be taken into the city to the head recruiting office. When this group reached twenty in number, four soldiers were called and each took five of us under his care, and with pointed rifles marched us to the main office on Gedeminas Street. Here, one by one, we were admitted to the officer in charge.

"Well, now, my young comrade, we are going to do some fighting, aren't we? Since you have not had time to enroll in the Volunteer Brigades, you can do so now. What do you say? You DO want to do your part to help the glorious Soviet Army to defeat Hitler, don't you?"

Suddenly, I got an inspiration. I had learned that it pays sometimes to talk Communist-wise. So I began as if giving a speech before Joe Stalin, himself.

"Comrade, I know very well that all the citizens of the Soviet Republic of Lithuania should follow most faithfully the decrees of the Council of Commissars. Now, the wise and prudent commissars have decreed that some should go to fight the Germans, others should work on defense fortifications, and still others should go to the University and become the leaders and intellectuals of the new Soviet Republic of Lithuania. I am a university student. You can prove all that I say by simply sending to the Dean of Men at the University. There you will see how faithfully we in the university are fulfilling our duty to the Soviet Republic. I would be guilty of sabotage, if I went off to fight, when my duty keeps me here at my books."

This "big" talk, seemed to please the officer. Anyway, he did send me with another soldier to the University where the Dean identified me and sent me to the military office there to have all my documents stamped.

I was lucky this time and I was truly thankful.

In the corridors I met some fellow students. They were bubbling over with excitement as they talked over the latest deeds of the Partisans.

They told me how just a few days before the

Partisans had liberated a group of Lithuanian "forced volunteers" who were being held in an evacuation center before being sent off to an army camp.

When the Partisans discovered where they were being held, they sent two, just two fighters, loaded with hand grenades and armed with rifles to the farm where the men were being guarded. At dusk, they quietly approached the guard houses, and began tossing grenades through the windows. This, of course, liquidated the guards and then it was a simple matter to batter down the doors of the house and free the prisoners.

At this time, besides defending farmers against the robber-soldiers, this was the main activity of the Partisans: the liberation of the men who were being mobilized for the Red Army. A few days after this event the news got around that a convoy of Russian trucks was attacked by the Partisans. The drivers and soldiers were killed and the Lithuanian prisoners set free.

My Brother is Arrested.

I had my second close call that same day. As I prepared to go to the dormitory where about twenty of us lived, one of my classmates looked at me with the greatest surprise:

"Don't be crazy. You're not going there tonight. Don't you know that the dorm was raided and several students arrested last night?"

As a matter of fact, I did not know. I did not know, either, that my own brother was among the students who were arrested and taken Heaven knows where.

I did go back to the dorm, however, to get some clothes that I had there, but I did not stay. I decided to go to my friend T's house.

My greatest worry now was to find out something about my brother. I felt that I could not stay in Kaunas any longer but I knew that I should not run away at this time, because if I went home without the Red Army officer's permission, I would be considered a deserter. So, I thought up some excuse or other and asked for a two weeks leave of absence. I was given a document to prove this. I made sure, this time, that it was properly stamped and signed.

The Robbers Return to Our Farm.

I was at home now, and feeling rather safe. We always had to be on the lookout. At the slightest sign of a visit from the Communist, I would run to my hideaway. But sometimes, I could not get to it in time.

One winter day, as I was chopping wood, a scream broke the snowy silence that I was punctuating with the strokes of my axe.

"Oh, oh, the Reds again," I said to myself.

Instinctively, I began to make for my hideaway, but before I could take ten steps toward the house, I could see a one horse sleigh with four Russians in it come dashing over to our house. Before I could disappear they were in our yard.

"Hey, you. Stop where you are. Come here. Where are your papers?"

"They are inside. I will bring them out to you."

"No, comrade. Just a minute. We are going with you."

I looked over to the four soldiers and recognized the same group that had visited and robbed our house before. The WAC, however was not with them. In the sleigh I could see several bags of loot that they had just taken from our neighbor's house.

Once inside the house, I took my wallet from my coat pocket and was about to take out the papers he asked me for, but the captain snatched the wallet from my fingers, opened the money compartment and clumsily took out the several bills that he found there and stuffed them into his pocket. Then he began fumbling through the other compartments looking for the documents.

I pretended I did not see him take the money.

"Here, you take out your identification papers."

That I did and laid all my papers on the table: my passport, my draft deferment card, my work card, my professional credentials, and the vacation permit.

When the captain had finished looking at the documents, the two lieutenants came in and they, too, had to examine the papers.

When they saw that I was "well documented" they became a bit more polite, but especially so, when they noticed two other men coming up the lane: my brother and his friend.

When the Russians saw that things were even, three to three, they called out to the private in the sleigh to come in, so that they would have the advantage of numbers: four to three.

All four of them were drunk as could be. In fact, the captain, who had sat down, slumped over the table and was soon fast asleep. Once he moved his position, and his nightstick fell to the floor. The noise woke him up. Then he fell right off the chair and landed under the table. When I tried to lift him up again, one of the lieutenants told me to leave him alone.

The lieutenants asked us for whiskey and food. When I went to the pantry to get some, the private, (who could scarcely walk) stood up and reeled toward me.

LIETUVIŠKOJO ŽODŽIO GARBĖ

Alfa Sušinskas

Tarp daugybės įvairiausių pasaulio kalbų lietuvių kalba yra viena iš gražiausių, skambiausių bei žodingiausių. Kiekvienam lietuviui savąją kalbą gerai mokėti ir ją kalbėti yra ne tik lietuviškoji tautinė pareiga, bet ir didelė garbė.

Aišku, geriausiai ir gražiausiai lietuviškai kalba tie, kurie yra Lietuvoj augę, gyvenę ir lietuvišką mokyklą lanę.

Gerokai seniau į U. S. A. atvykusiųjų mūsų tautiečių lietuviškoji kalba žymiai skiriasi nuo dabar atvykusių kalbos. Ir kodėl? Ogi todėl, kad jiems neteko lankyti lietuviškos mokyklos ir kad jie vartoja caristinio meto lietuvių kalbą, kuri tada buvo labai primaišyta rusiškų, lenkiškų ir kitokių nelietuviškų žodžių bei posakių. Be to, ir ilgas gyvenimas Amerikoje su savo anglų kalba stiproškai apamerikonino jų lietuviškąją kalbą. Todėl jų lietuviškoji kalba savo tobulumu bei grynumu žymiai skiriasi nuo lietuvių kalbos, vartotos Lietuvos laisvės laikais.

Visai suprantama, kad ir jų vaikai, jau Amerikoje gimę, juo labiau neturėjo tinkamos progos išmokti gražios ir taisyklingos lietuvių kalbos. Čia dėl to niekas iš jų nėra kaltas.

Betgi jau visai kitas reikalas, jei Amerikos lietuviai, tokiais save belaika, nenorėtų kalbėti tokia lietuvių kalba, kokią jie moka, ir jei nenorėtų mokytis gražesnės, taisyklingesnės, sakytume, lietuviškesnės lietuvių kalbos, jei nebenerėtų tobulėti savo lietuviškąją kalbą.

O gražesnės lietuvių kalbos tegalima išmokti skaitant gera lietuvių kalba parašytas knygas, gera lietuvių kalba redaguojamus laikraščius ir ben-

draujant su neseniai atvykusiais lietuviais, su jais lietuviškai kalbant ir nesivaržant bei nesigėdinant juos paprašyti pamokyti taisyklingesnės lietuvių kalbos. Čia net būtų galima pritaikyti vadinamąją kalbų prekybą — kalbų "biznį":

—Aš tave mokysiu angliškai, o tu mane mokyk lietuviškai.

Ir namie, esant tarp saviškių, nevengti kalbėti lietuviškai; priešingai, — stengtis kiek galima dažniau ir daugiau vartoti tėvų kalbą.

Kalbėti lietuvių kalba yra didelė garbė! Mūsų kalba yra pavergtosios ir baisiai kankinamos tautos kalba. Mūsų tautos praeitis yra labai garbinga! Mes esame tauta didvyrių ir kankinių, visais amžiais kentėjusių dėl lietuviybės ir dėl krašto laisvės. Pagaliau tai juk mūsų kraujo kalbai!...

Prieš kelerius metus vienas vytis labai sunkiai kalbėjo lietuviškai. Šiandien jis puikiai vartoja lietuvių kalbą. Jis degė dideliu noru išmokti tėvų kalbą. Jis ją ir išmoko! Jo noras nugalėjo visas kliūtis.

Štai vėl vienos vyčių kuopos nariai nutarė savo susirinkimuose tarp savęs kalbėtis tik lietuviškai. Ir reikia pasidžiaugti jų pasiryžimu: visi jie jau daug geriau kalba lietuviškai, negu kad anksčiau jie kalbėjo.

Kiekvienas vytis turi justį savyje gyvą lietuviškojo žodžio garbę. Kiekvienas vytis turi nešiotis savyje lietuviškąją ugnį, kuria uždegtų ir kitus — visą gyvenamąją aplinką. Kiekvienas vytis turi pats savyje turėti lietuviškojo žodžio šviesą, kuria šviestų kelią sau ir tiems, kuriuose ši lietuviškojo žodžio šviesa jau ima prigesti.

"Waida minit... I gotta go wicha. Whersh your paparsh."

"Look, comrade, I just showed them to the captain and to the two lieutenants. They said that they were in order."

"Never min', Whatcher occupation?"

"I'm an architect."

"Whersh you weapon? Show me your weapon."

"I don't have any. I don't need any."

"Sure, you do. All architects in the Soviet Union have weapons."

I could tell that this poor private knew nothing about architects. So I said, "Let's ask the lieutenant if architects have weapons or not. What do you say?"

"All right. Let's ask the lieutenant."

The lieutenant laughed out loud when he heard the question.

"You fool, where did you ever hear such nonsense."

After eating and drinking they decided to go. They had to carry the captain out to the sleigh.

When we met our neighbor the next day, she told us that not only did the Reds take whatever caught their fancy, but that before they left they had a little target practise in her house, shooting at the pictures of the Saints upon the wall.

Do you wonder why every able bodied man who could, chose to become a Partisan instead of joining the Red Army?

(Next issue: The Underground.)

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JO ŠVENTENYBĖ POPIEŽIUS PIJUS XII,
 kuriam š.m. Kovo mėnesy suėjo 75 amžiaus metai ir 13 metų
 kai jis yra išrinktas į šv. Petro sostą. Dabartinis Popiežius
 Pijus XII laikomas žymiausia šių laikų asmenybe. Jam tenka
 vadovauti katalikams nepaprastai sunkiais laikais. Šiuo metu
 katalikų visame pasaulyje skaitoma virš 400,000.000.

R E G Ė J I M A S

(Legenda apie Šv. Kazimierą)

A. Kalnius, Coventry, Anglija.

Tai buvo seniai, seniai. Lietuvoje dar buvo neiškirstos girios, neišdžiuvę peikės ir didžiulės pievos nepaliestos dalgio. Visa šalis žaliavo, margavo, kvepėjo ir jos gilius klonius balti miglynėliai dengė. Kur ne kur iš glūdumų girių dar kildavo pilkų dūmų kamuoliai, kurie draikydavosi virš medžių viršūnių, arba, kaip kokios keistos, storos gyslos, nusidriekdavo iki dangaus skliautų ir ten dingdavo. Tai dar senųjų bočių palikimas, kada jie slaptai kūrendavo šventąją ugnį dievo Perkūno garbei.

Tada tai girių tankumoje, stūksančių tarp Trakų ir Vilniaus, gyveno žilas žilas senelis, kaip baltaobelėlė, kaip vyšnios viršūnėlė. Jis buvo vienas vaidilų ainių, kurie dar pagarbiai budėdavo prie šventų ugniakurų, perkeltų iš šventų ažuolynų ir paslėptų didelių girių tankynėse.

Vai tai gražiai ruseno ugnelė vaidilos, kol jis dar buvo jaunas ir žvalus, kol rankos pajėgė įsmeigti ietį į stumbro krūtinę, kol turėjo kuo alkį numalšinti, troškulį nuraminti. Bet bėgant dienelems, kaip vandenėliui tekant, palinko senelio keliai, pražilo galvelė ir rankos, tartum, pagalėliais virto. Tada tai prigeso ir šventa ugnelė.

Ir išsirengė kartą senelis į kelionę ilgą, į Vilniaus miestą didį, į sostinę garsią, kad ten išbartų šviesųjį kunigaikštį, kad didžiūnų ir bajorų darbus išpeiktų. Kam jie iškeitė Perkūną galingą į nežinomą žmogų, Dievu pavadintą. Jis išbars juos, kad vaidilas su vaidilutėmis paniekino, kad ažuolų gojus su ugnimi šventąja išnaikino, o jų vietoje pastatė kažkokius mūrus su aukštais bokštais ir blizgančiais kryžiais. Jis pasakys jiems teisybę ir apie save, apie savo senatvę ir alkį, kurio jis savo jėgomis neįstengia nuraminti. O tą vilniškį jaunuolį, tą sūnų karaliaus, kurį mirusį žmonės gerbia labiau, kaip dievus gyvuosius, jis prakeiks Perkūno vardu. Juk jis viską žino ir viską pasakys ir padarys, nors jam ir numirti tektų. Tai kas, kad jis tik vienas, bet jis yra garbingų vaidilų palikuonis ir jam pritinka jų seną garbę ir protėvių palikimą ginti.

Šitaip jis bemąstydamas, apsilviko savo rūba baltą, apsijuosė juodu diržu, ir, pasiėmęs vaidilos lazda, išdūlino iš savo gojelio tankaus. Daug plačių vieškelių į Vilnių vedė, bet jis tai siaurais takeliais ėjo. Jis bėgo per avietynus aukštus, pro paparčių krūmus ir per brūzgynus tankius. Ir kai ankstyvą rytą išėjo, tai visą dienele ėjo. Vai, sunku jam buvo nešti senus savo kaulus. Linko, sulinko jo nugara, kadaise standi buvus, galva nusviro ant plačios krūtinės, o kojas vos vilko, tarytum į

aukštą kalną lipdamas, ar per tirštą dumblą brisdamas. Jos kliuvo už mažiausio kupstelio, už ploiausios šaknelės ir vis seną liemenį lankstė ir vargino.

Nors ir ne labai ilga ta kelionė buvo, bet tik saulei leidžiantis į pušų viršūnes, jis priėjo Smilties kalną, savo vienu šonu staigiai besileidžiantį į Nerį. O ten už upės gulėjo plačios pievos, stūksojo keletas kalnelių ir didelė aukštuma. Ant jos dunksojo ir patsai Vilnius su daugybe bokštų, tarytum parėmusių dangaus vieną kraštą.

Senelio kojos galutinai atsisakė tarnauti ir jis nutarė čia atsisėsti, pavargusiems kaulams leisti pailsėti. Ir atsisėdo jis ant pačios aukščiausios pakriaušės, atsirėmė pečiais į šimtmetės pušies kamieną ir įbedė akis į tolumas plačiasias. Jo žvilgsniai klajojo po kalnelių viršūnes, pušų gojeliais nusagstytas, baltais berželiais iškaišytas, ir po dangaus pakraščius toliusius, girių viršūnėm paramstytus. Vai, kiek čia vaidilų barzdų, kiek vaidilučių geltonplaukių tarnaudavo didiesiems dievams. Ir jis pats čia savo gražiasias dieneles praleidęs, dievų garbę skleidęs. Dabar čia stovi kito Dievo šventovė — su aukštais bokštais, su aukso kryžiais. O tenai ant vidurinio kalnelio, vai, kiek jaunų bernelių krito, begindami Gedimino pilį. Čia kraujas upe liais tekėjo, bet priešams niekad nepasisėkė net pilies vartus pasiekti.

Taip beklajojant žvilgniams, pavargo senelio ir akys. Jis uždengė jas delnais ir užspaudė pirštais, o galvą nuleido ant kelių... Jo krūtinėje pasidarė kažkas negera, kažkoks klaikus jausmas suspaudė jo širdį, kažkokia baisi lemtis užgulė jo sąmonę. Jis purtė savo galvą ir trynė blakstienas, bet mintys vis sunkėjo ir sunkėjo. Staiga jis pravėrė akis ir išvydo reginį, niekad nematytą, išgirdo skundą, niekad negirdėtą.

—Užklydai, vaidila, į Smiltį valandą lemtingą. Ne vienas lietuvis prie šios pušies kamieno sėdėjo: čia senieji kriviai gėrėjosi dūmų stulpais, kylančiais iš tavo ažuolyno švento, čia naujojo tikėjimo kunigai grožėjosi savo šventnamių bokštais ir klausėsi vakaro varpų gaudimo, o ir ne viena mergelė ir jaunas bernelis čia savo laimužę būrė. Bet jų nė vieno neužklupo ši valanda pranašinga. Taigi klausyk, tėvuli, ir įsitėmyk, o, ką išgirsi ir pamatysi, apsakyk savo šaliai.

Senelis didžiai nustebo. Jis plačiai apsidairė aplinkui, bene pamatys tą žmogų, ką taip nuostabiai prabilo. Bet jis niekur jo nematė. O balsas vis

sklido ir sklido. Kartais jis atplaukdavo iš išsidriekusio Nerio vandeny, kartais atsklysdavo nuo valdovų miesto, o kartais, atrodė, žodžiai pabirdavo iš šios pušies šakų.

—Vai ištiks mūsų šalį nedalia piktoji. Apnyks ją priešai iš visų keturių šonų, nuterios ją ir pavergs mūs seses ir brolius. Ir tekės kraujo upeliai skersai ir išilgai visą kraštą ir pasklis gūdžios dejonės po erdves mėlynasias. Tai motulė raudos kritusio sūnelio, tai mergelė lies ašarėlę ant bernelio kapo, o ir šunelis skalūnelis liūdnei kauks prie savo alpstančio šeiminko.

—Tai ir sukils tada vyrai ir grius, kaip mūrai, ant atėjūno pikto. Ir kris jų galvos, kaip rudeny lapai, ir nuklos laukus lavonų gausybe. Bet dils ir mūsų broliai, išretės jų eilės, o priešų vis nauji pulkai plauks iš pakraščių žemės. Ir taip ateis valanda, kad vienas mūs brolis stos prieš atėjūnų šimtą... Tada tai išdigs milžinkapių eilės ant tėvynės kalnelių, nueis kelmynėliais žaliosios girelės, apžels usnynėliais plačiosios lankos ir seselių darželiai...

Šaltas prakaitas išpylė senelio skruostus ir kaktą, girdint šią pranašystę liūdną. Ir jis ne tik girdėjo šiuos žodžius šiurpulingus, bet pro jo akis plaukė ir reginiai nematyti. Jis delnais užspaudė savo ausis, akis užleido sunkiom blakstienom, tartum norėdamas išvengti visų tų baisybių. Bet tai nieko nepadėjo — balsas skambėjo, kaip skambėjęs, reginiai plaukė, kaip plaukė... Sudrebėjo tada senelis ir, staigiai atsistojęs, didžiu balsu sušuko:

—Nutrenk, Perkūne, seną savo tarną, kad jis nematytų šiojo likimo, arba prašalink juodąją nedalią...

Bet nei Perkūnas trenkė, nei kiti dievai pagalbon skubėjo, nei paslaptingas balsas liovėsi kalbėjęs.

—Nenuogąstauk, vaidila. Joks priešas nesulauks paskutinio tėvynės atodūsio. Priartėjus šiai valandai baisiai, sudrebės erdvių skliautai, sušnars oro vilnys ir iš aukštybių mėlyniausių dangaus vieškeliais plačiausiais atskubės karaliūnas jaunas, pūsdamas sidabro ragą. O jo balso įkandin prasiwers milžinkapiai bočių, iš kurių pasipils didi kariuomenės pulkai, taip daugel kartų šią šalį apgyne... Ir užvirs baisi kova tarp karaliūno jauno ir atėjūno pikto. Tai čerškės kardai aštrūs, tai nardys po orą ietys smailios, o priešas kris, kaip krinta migla rytmečiais saulėtiais. Taip retės išretės ir išnyks jų eilės ir neliks nė vieno atėjūno ant Lietuvos žemės... Vai, kelsis, tada vėl kelsis tėvynė, vai, subanguos laukai mariom javo žalio, sulapuos girios, sužydės pievos ir lietuvaiečių darželiai...

Dar apie daug ką paslaptingas balsas kalbėjo ir daug vaizdų prabėgo pro akis senelio. Jis girdėjo raudas ir skundus šalies gyventojų, matė ašaras senų motinėliu ir jaunų mergelių... Pagaliau

tilo nutilo viskas, kvipo pakvipo šieno pradalgėliai, laukų aguonom nuraudo dirvos, gėlėm numargo žaliosios pievos... Ir taip pasikeitė viskas, tarytum gadynė nauja būtų atėjus.

Bet senelis į nieką daugiau nežiūrėjo ir nieko neklausė. Jo dėmesys nukrypo į tą jaunuolį, į karaliūną narsų. Kas jis toks buvo, kodėl jis dausų keliais atklydo ir iš kur jo galybė toji?

Ilgai jis apie jį galvojo, ilgai svarstė, kol atsiminė vieną pasakojimą, apie Kazimierą, tą sūnų jauniausią karaliaus, kad jis ateis gelbėti savo šalį kiekvieną valandą pražūtingą.

—Ak, tai tu, — sudrebėjo senelis. --- Štai dėlko visa Lietuva tave taip myli ir lenkia galvas prieš tą šventyklą, kur tavo kūnas padėtas. O aš tave Perkūnais siundyti - prakeikti norėjau... Tai tu esi tas karaliūnas, kurį paslaptingas balsas minėjo...

Ir nusviro seno seno vaidilos galva ir palinko jo keliai... jis pirmą kartą pagarbino šventąjį lietuvi.

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Dabar senelis nutarė į Vilnių neiti ir prie savo agniakūro negrižti. Tos lemtingos valandos išvargintas, jis sunkiai pakėlė savo kelius iš baltų smilčių, dar kartą apmetė akimis tolomas apylinkes ir paneriu patraukė į artimiausio bajoro sodybą, kad ten apsakytų viską, ką jisai girdėjo ir matė ant Smilties kalno.

Jam pamažu beeinant, Dumblio pelkėse devynis kartus subūkavo būkas, tarytum pritardamas senelio sumanymui.

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Ir taip pasklido gandas po visą Lietuvos šalį, kad Šv. Kazimieras gelbės savo tėvynę iš kiekvieno mirtino pavojaus. Dar ir dabar, kas žino šį gandą, laukia anos išganingos valandos, kurią jis pasirodys dangaus mėlynėje ir savo kardu perkirs nelaisvės grandines apraizgiusias mūsų žemę. Bet tėvynės atodusiai dar nesuskaičiuoti ir valanda lemtinga dar nepriartėjo...

KIEK LIKĘ EUROPOJ LIETUVIŲ TREMTINIŲ?

Europoje tarp visų pasilikusių ten tremtinių dar yra apie 8,900 lietuvių, kurių dalis, neabejojame, bus įkurdinti kitose valstybėse, bet, deja, nemažai jų dėl įvairių priežasčių, turės pasilikti gyventi tremtyje. Tokiems bus reikalinga nuolatinė globa ir pagalba. Bendras Amerikos Lietuvių Šalpos Fondas, geraširdžių lietuvių padedamas, pasiūlyęs tęsti savo darbą ir teikti jiems materialinę pagalbą.

Amerikos lietuvių organizacijos kviečiamos į talką, ir sudarydamos savo metinius biudžetus ar skirdamos dalį savo pajamų labdaros reikalams, skirtų atatinamas sumas tiems lietuviams tremtiniams šelpti ir globoti.

A Defense of Lithuania

Anthony D. Yuknis



Opponents of Lithuanian independence, in the past, have castigated Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia as a "hodge podge" of races, religions and nationalities; that neither by ethnology, tradition, or proven ability of self-government can the Baltic States be called nations. As Raymond Moley, political editorialist for Newsweek Magazine stated during the critical war years, that "tidal waves" of Slavs have overwhelmed the Lithuanians during the past centuries and now they assume a Slavic character and rightfully should belong to their brother nation, Russia.

Let us examine the facts. Everyone who is familiar with Lithuanian history is aware that our ancestors were secluded from the rest of Europe in their deep forests for many centuries. Upon becoming more active in European history Lithuania became the largest state in Europe ruling vast territories. Since the Middle Ages has Lithuania ceased to exist as a homogeneous state or race? Of course, it has not. Today, racial scientists admit that most Europeans are of mixed stock. However, Prof. Careton S. Coon, author of the textbook *RACES OF EUROPE*, asserts that out of these European mixtures one can distinguish certain physical types as belonging to specific sub-races. Prof. Coon describes the Estonians with their Finnish admixture as being blond as Swedes and Norwegians. He speaks of the Lithuanians as being more southern in habit—coming in contact with entirely different kinds of neighbors, but are nevertheless predominantly light. Prof. Coon sums up his analysis of these two na-

tionalties by stating that in spite of the variations they are to be considered members of the EAST BALTIC RACE. In other words they do assume definite racial characteristics.

When Lithuania ceased to be the largest state in Europe she fell under Russian, German and Polish domination. All of these nations tried to denationalize the Lithuanians with some degree of success. In times like these Slavic historians proclaimed the Lithuanian speech as a Slavic language. Slavic scholars went to great pains to prove an affinity between the BALTIC and SLAVIC tongues. To their disappointment they were unable to unearth the "MISSING LINK" or intermediary language to tie the two together says Prof. Salys.

Lithuania has survived the tyrannies of her unfortunate past, but is now under the domination of an even more brutal tyranny. The Lithuanian intelligensia has been tortured, imprisoned and murdered — or exiled to the remotest parts of





PROCLAIMS LITHUANIA DAY:- Mayor Joseph A. DeGuglielmo shown signing a proclamation declaring Saturday, Feb. 16, as "Republic of Lithuania Day" in Cambridge. Looking on are members of Council 18, Knights of Lithuania, left to right, Paul Zukas, president; Mildred Wilcinski, Helen Zukas, and Al Marcin, Lithuanian Affairs committee; and Rev. Joseph Naudziunas, Spiritual Advisor.

Russia or Siberia — to slave labor camps. On Jan. 12, 1952 one hundred U.S. Congressmen called on Secretary of State Dean Acheson to press a United Nations investigation of Russia's mass murders and deportations of nationals inside the iron curtain. This methodical destruction, the legislators assert, violates the U. N. genocide convention of Jan. 12, 1951. They announced they "were horrified" by the communists' persistent annihilation of Catholic, Jewish and Protestant populations. They denounced the "silence of death and agony" visited upon the prisoner nations of Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Poland, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Ukraine and others. Rep. Kersten (Wis.), in a separate plea, said it was about time Russia accounts for its actions. It remains to be seen whether our timid government will pursue any conclusive action on this grave matter. At least we can rest assured that there is a ray of hope of liberty for oppressed nations.

(All K. of L. members throughout the U.S.A. who are interested in a book on the history of the

Lithuanians illustrated in the popular cartoon manner similar to the articles that have appeared in VYTIS put your name on our mailing list now. Drop a card to: A. D. Yuknis, K. of L. Center, 2453 W. 47 St., Chicago 32, Ill.)

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Atitaisymas

Praėjusiame "Vyties" numeryje (1952 m. nr. 2) Alfons Sušinsko straipsnyje "Nepailstančioji Vyčių Bitelė" įsibrovė klaida: Inž. A. Mažeikos du gyvieji broliai yra atvykę į U.S.A., o ne likę Lietuvoje. Tai Dr. Pranas Mažeika su šeima Chicagoje ir inž. Vytautas Mažeika Pittsburghe. Juos abu jis yra atsikvietęs pagal DP įstatymą. **Redakcija**

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Visoms Vyčių kuopoms

Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijoj, kuri šiemet švenčia keturiasdešimt metų darbuotės sukaktį, randame tikras lietuviškas ypatybes. Tai nepaprasta meilė aukštesniam katalikiškam gyvenimui ir lietuviškos kultūros pamėgimas. Savo lietuviškoj veikloj Vyčiai skleidžia taip pat lietuviškas dainas, šokius, vaidinimus Amerikos visuomenėje. Savo lietuviškumo darbais jie stengiasi pakelti lietuvių vardą, kur tik jiems tenka veikti. Jie dirba "Dievui ir Tėvynei". Gražių keturiasdešimties metų darbuotės vaisių galima rasti kiekvienoj lietuvių kolonijoj.

Ir jei patys vyčių nariai bei lietuviška visuomenė suprastų kiek išlaidų reikia organizacijos veiklai padaryti, visi mielu noru prisidėtų šį reikalą finansiskai paremti.

Brangūs Vyčiai! Siūskite savo kuopos auką, paremkit centro valdybą ir parodykit įvertinimą jų veiklos. 1952 metų piniginis vėjus jau garsintas. Mes čia dar kartą prašome visas kuopas prisidėti. Savo dalį reikia siūsti centro kasininkui šiuo adresu: Mr. Frank Gudelis; 129 Rita St., Dayton 4, Ohio.

Centro valdybos įvertinimas aukomis duos galimybės jai dar stipriau dirbti organizacijos labui.

Jonas Stoškus
Centro Vice-Pirmininkas

Kastantas A. Zaromskis, Vyčių garbės narys yra didžiai sujaudintas gausingomis užuojautomis bei maldomis ir Šv. Mišiomis paaukotomis jo intencija jam sunkiai sergant. Jis nei kiek neabejoja, kad visa šita daug prisidėjo jo sveikatai atstatyti. To jis niekuomet neužmirš. Visiems giliai, nuoširdžiai dėkoja.

Chicagos Vyčiai š.m. Vasario m. 17 d. gražiai atšventė Vasario 16 — Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės paskelbimą. Vyčių 16 kuopos iniciatyva Šv. Jurgio bažnyčioje 10 val. buvo pamaldos o 8 val. vakare vyčių salėje vyko minėjimo iškilmės.

Chicagos Vyčiai š.m. Kovos 2 d. gražiai paminėjo savo globėjo Šv. Kazimiero šventę. Visų šventų bažnyčioje 9 val. 30 min., įvyko pamaldos, o 8 val. vakare Vyčių namuose įvyko iškilmes su vakariene. Iškilmių metu veikliams vyčiams suteiktas 3 ir 4 laipsniai. Iškilmių organizavime daug pasidarbimo 8 kuopa.

N. E. DISTRICT K. OF L. BOWLING LEAGUE

Worcester, defending champion, seems headed for another pennant, possessing a 12—0 record in the men's division of the Bowling League. The schedule is nearing the end of the first round.

With Joe Sakaitis, captain, the league-leading Worcester combine is followed by South Boston, Cambridge and South Worcester. All three are battling for second place laurels. Brockton, Providence and Lawrence follow in that order.

A nip and tuck battle is also taking place in the women's division. Providence has won 10 and lost 2 games while Worcester and South Boston continue in pennant contention with Lawrence in seventh position and Brockton has yet to crash the win column.

This New England District Bowling League is unusual in that ten of its teams use candlepins and the other three duckpins. In the near future, the history of bowling will appear in the "Vytis". Watch for it!

Phil Carter
Sports Director

Vyčių Vadamo Kursai

Š.m. Kovo m. 16 d. 2 val. p.p. So. Bostone, Šv. Petro lietuvių parapijos salėje įvyksta Naujosios Apskritės vyčių vadamas kursai. Laukiama atvykstant vyčių kuopų valdybas ir kitus vyčius, norinčius dalyvauti šiuose kursuose.

Naujosios Anglijos Apskritės Vyčių Seimas

Š.m. balandžio m. 27 d. 2 val. p.p. Athol, Mass. lietuvių parapijos svetainėje įvyksta Naujosios Anglijos Apskrities Vyčių Seimas. Laukiama atvykstant dvasio vadų, atstovų ir bendrai visų vyčių.

Naujos Anglijos Apskrities Vyčių Valdyba

LINKĖJIMAS.

Advokatas Antanas J. Young - Jankauskas, Boston, Mass., L. Vyčių garbės narys, po sunkios operacijos pradėjo taisyti. Linkime greit pasveikt.

UŽUOJAUTA.

Kun. A.A. Jurgelaičiui, O.P., mirus jo tėveliui, reiškiamo gilios užuojautos.

Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdyba ir
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CHICAGO, ILL.

COUNCIL 13

NEWS AND VIEWS

At our February meeting we received news that our spiritual adviser's mother was quite ill at Holy Cross Hospital. A Mass was offered for her speedy recovery.

Our president, Jerry Jesulatis, urged us not to forget to partake in the activities at our K. of L. Center Hall for Lith. Independence Day commemoration Feb. 16th and to attend the High Mass at St. George's Parish Sunday, Feb. 17th... 10 a.m.

Besides forming a bowling team, our council plans to sponsor a Fall Dance and a Card and Bunco Party before Easter.

There will be a social at our next meeting with a few guests from other councils and a nice talk by Father J. Grinius.

Happy Birthday to those born in February — Anne Asura and Paul Kurpis, and to Pat Kamar, who celebrates hers in March.

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CHICAGO, ILL.

COUNCIL 5

With gavel confidently in hand, Loretta Macekonis opened Council 5's first meeting of the New Year. Miss Macekonis is the first young lady ever to hold the presidency of this council, and her successful conduct of the meeting more than justified our confidence in her abilities.

In addition to Miss Macekonis, five new officers and two re-elected ones will be working together throughout the year. The new officers are: Bruno Videckis, vice-president; Lucille Yucius, secretary; Laura Yucius, corresponding secretary (formerly vice-president for two years); and Bill Civins, sergeant-at-arms.

Those continuing in office are: Albin Planchunas, financial secretary; and John Lebezinskas, treasurer.

Plans for this year already include

an autumn dance to be held the latter part of October, and a series of board meetings to be held exclusively for the officers prior to each monthly meeting. Additional projects and plans are under consideration.

In cooperation with two other parish societies (the Holy Name and St. Theresa's) the council sponsored a Christmas party for the children of the parish. Let it be known that the sponsors had just as much fun at the party (and possibly more) watching the kiddies get pleasure out of all the goodies.

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The membership campaign in our council this year is headed by our vice president, Bruno Videckis. We are particularly interested in reactivating former members, as well as signing up new ones. Let's make a resolution this year to pay up our council dues as they become payable.

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Council 5 is planning on being well represented at the Annual St. Casimir's Day Communion and Breakfast to be held in Roseland this year.

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Members are urged to support the Catholic press particularly during the month of February which has been designated as Catholic Press Month.

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How about helping to keep up the morale of the boys in our council now serving in the armed forces overseas? Leonard Serpetis and Al Oleskevicius are in Europe; while Edmund Daugird is in Korea. Make it a point to write a letter TODAY. Their APO's may be obtained by contacting the council secretary.

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Congratulations to Lucille Yucius who recently celebrated her birthday with a party attended by the younger set of the council.

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Greetings to Loretta Hushka at County Hospital. Cards, letters and

especially VISITORS are very much welcomed by "Lorry". She is in Ward 66, Women's & Children's Bldg., Chicago.

Laura Yucius will be a one-day visitor at Presbyterian Hospital at the end of February. While there, she will have her tonsils removed. One can become rather attached to them, but when they gotta go, they gotta go!

LAWRENCE, MASS.

COUNCIL 78

We're just recovering from writer's cramp since the last council's news items appeared in VYTIS 6 months ago. NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION, "Hope to have our news items appear regularly in "VYTIS".

We wish to express our thanks to the outgoing officers for a job well done and hope that our past president John Zemis will not become a stranger to us!

At our December meeting the new 1952 officers were elected. The following took over the burden — President, George Unick, Jr.; Vice President, Leo Gaidis; Recording Secretary, Pauline Rimas; Financial Secretary, Agnes Vilkisius; Treasurer, Anna Svenchonis; Marshall, Peter Willan. May 1952 be a prosperous year!

Lawrence was represented at the "Snow Flake Dance" in Brockton in high spirits even though their limousine (1932 Ford) met with a flat tire. George Unick, Jr. and Frank Lemay were fortunate in having three lovely assistants as Pauline, Anne and Dotty to light the way.

What happened to our bowling team, girls? Let's show the other bowlers how good we really are! Thanks Helen for letting the K. of L. Army (CAMBRIDGE), invade your house after the bowling meet.

Be on the look out for a "new comedy" hit which will be presented in Lawrence sometime after Easter.

Believe it or not, Lawrence council can finally boast of its own club-

room, thanks to our pastor, Monsignor Juras, who made it possible for us. Grand opening in about two months.

WANTED: AMBITIOUS PERSONS WHO ARE NOT AFRAID OF HARD WORK. SEE AGNES AT 5 HANNAGAN ST.; ANNE AT 235 CHESNUT ST.; OR PAULINE AT 76 SPRUCE ST.

SHIP ALL UNWANTED ARTICLES TO LAWRENCE VIA "ROYAL AIRCOACH".

Congratulations and best wishes to Frances Suslovitch upon her engagement to James Barry!

We may soon lose Mary Neversky to the Hartford council when she says "I do".

"NIGHT OWL"

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

COUNCIL 3

"Winter Wonderland"

Our Snowflake Dance was a success, but not too profitable. The quilt was chanced off the same night, January 20, and a nice sum was turned over to the Parish Building Fund.

"Shortnin' Bread"

Girls' basketball has been coming along fine, but now we are closing for the season as our basketball nights are needed for practice for our forthcoming Minstrel Show.

"Over the Wide, Blue Yonder"

Dot Barauskas, the future Wave, has found herself, shall we say, a "friend" who is also sailing the seas. Lots of luck with Bob, Dot.

"Come On-a-my House"

Viena Vyte mano atsidaryti valgykla, turbut Wildwood'e. Tik greiciau atsidaryk, tai galesime visi ateiti gerai ir pigiai pavalgyti.

"Sunday Driver"

We hear that Xenia is taking driving lessons. A certain "Vyčiukas" better watch his car or he won't have it much longer.

"Auld Lang Syne"

The New Year's Party that the Vyčiai had at Eddie's house turned out to be a huge success. Almost everyone showed up, even our Spiritual Adviser, Father Raila.

"I Like It"

Our February meeting was held in the school basement, February 1. A nice sum was given to the Lithuanian Relief and also a sizable amount was presented to Father Valanciunas, pastor, for his feast day. After the meeting the Vyčiai all stayed and had soda and big pieces of a heart-shaped cake, baked by Mary as a special pre-Valentine treat.

"Unforgettable"

Cpl. Raymond V. Misauskas flew home for a day, February 7, before leaving for further duty in Idaho. He extended his sympathy for the loss of our Church and clubroom. We wish Ray best of luck and Godspeed.

"Vagabond Shoes"

Our Sergeant-at-Arms, Joe Wilkus, busy traveling auditor, now gets to see a good deal of the good old U. S. A., but he always comes back with interesting tales.

I take this opportunity to extend my sympathy to Ann Rimdeika on the death of her mother and to Dot Barauskas on the passing away of her grandmother.

Kiaušinis

GREAT NECK, N.Y.

COUNCIL 109

March winds are beginning to blow and uncover new activity in our council.

Congratulations are in order on the engagement of our very energetic member, Mary Truss to Julius Picardi, who, though not a member, is a staunch supporter of all our K. of L. affairs. Luck to you both. May the future ahead be one of joy, happiness and contentment.

Birthday greetings to Gladys Banks, our cute New Year's baby, and also to Amelia Chapin, Jo Rusas, and Al Wesey who celebrated in January. Incidentally, Starcy and Al have already moved into their new home, and it feels like "home-sweet-home" again.

We've lost one of our members, temporarily, — Stan Simanovich, who has left for Delaware, and will be joined by Josephine a little later. Don't stay too long; we're going to miss you both!

Our thanks go out to Alma Kaye who donated a bottle of champagne to our Christmas Party. It was nice to be remembered.

Welcome back to Anne and Peter Bernatovich, who have returned from Virginia and are again residing in

our neighborhood. We haven't seen you at our meetings, though, — come on down and pay us a visit.

A nice delegation of our members attended the district dance held in Kearny, N.J., where we danced to good music and were about the last to leave. Wonder why more K. of L. members don't attend these district affairs? Say have you seen Ann Martens' protege — Rosemary Glowacki? She's our newest member. We're wondering whether a dance is complete for the Kobers unless it's followed by a visit to Chinatown. Thought that "Gee, I'm hungry" title belonged to Lil Remenchus!

Our Culture evenings have become more and more interesting, especially now that Al Wesey, chairman, has the able assistance of Joe Matachinskas. Our last evening was one on Public Speaking. It sure was nerve-racking for a few of us until it was our turn, but it wasn't so bad after all. We're looking forward to more of the same.

Plans are getting under way for our Spring Dance to be held on May 3rd at the Villa Nova Social Hall, Main Street, Port Washington. A lively committee has been selected, which means a good time for all.

"We've started the ball rolling,

And we're gonna have fun.

The sky's the limit;

The blues are on the run.

Remember May 3rd, keep it a date,

To Port Washington, we'll go,

To a dance that's first-rate".

Snoopy

BAYONNE, N.J.

COUNCIL 67

Junior Council

We are the Junior K. of L. Council in Bayonne, N.J. organized by our Spiritual Adviser Father V. Karalavicius.

Our first meeting was held on September 19, 1951 with 19 boys and girls joining our council. Our meetings are held every second or third week.

During our meetings we read a few paragraphs of the K. of L. constitution and have them explained; we have a short talk about the land of our forefathers — Lithuania, etc. At the present time we are learning to answer in Lithuanian the prayer "Sveika Marija" (Hail Mary). To build up our treasury we have a raffle once in a while during our meetings. The winner gets a prize from our Spiritual Adviser. We had movies a few times after our meetings.

Our council members took part in the celebration of the 25th anniversary of our local Council 67 by receiving Holy Communion in a body during the Solemn High Mass. We want to thank Council 67 for inviting our officers to its Silver Jubilee banquet. We also thank the members for the Christmas party and gifts which we received during the party.

From our small treasury we have already paid our annual fee of \$ 5.00 to the Supreme Council. On March 2 we traveled by bus to see the famous Passion play "Veronica's Veil" in Union City, N.J.

During our meeting (before February 16 — the 34th anniversary of Lithuania's Declaration of Independence), we passed a few resolutions condemning the occupation of Lithuania by the Soviets and demanding the withdrawal of Soviet forces from the land of our forefathers. An article on this occasion was sent to our local newspapers.

We received Holy Communion in a body on February 24 for Lithuania.

Our present officers are:

Rev. V. Karalevicius
Spiritual adviser;
Anne Patmore
President;
Marcella Chesney
Vice-president;
Thomas Morkevich
Recording secretary;
Amelia Buonaiuto
Financial secretary
Marianne Dagutis
Treasurer;
Carolyn Plaskon
Historian; and
Elena Miskewitz
Correspondent.

Elena

MASPETH, N.Y.

COUNCIL 110

Congratulations to our new officers for 1952 — Walter Wezwick, president; Terry Razickas, vice-president; Joanne Shinkunas, recording secretary; Helen Yocis, financial secretary; and John Bugenis, treasurer. We all wish them success.

A theater party was arranged in January to see the great comedy "Stalag 17".

If you haven't heard—John Shields has been very fortunate in getting a position with one of our well-known airlines, which enables him to travel a great deal. His recent trip was to Africa and Portugal. At our January meeting, John brought in pictures which were taken while he was at

Fatima, Portugal. For those of us who may never get a chance to see the Shrine of Fatima, it was a nice experience to look over the pictures of the Shrine, the tree in which our Virgin Mother appeared and many other beautiful sites.

Belated birthday greetings to Sue Gedwillas (January 9th); Joanne Shinkunas (January 12th); Betty Puris (January 25th); Helen Yocius (February 24th); and Walter Wezwick, February 21st.

"Cubby"

ELIZABETH, N.J.

COUNCIL 52

Our monthly meeting was held February 19th at Lithuanian Liberty Hall with Charles Oskutis presiding.

Celebrations

A large group attended the New York and New Jersey Lithuania's Independence Day celebration at Kearny Sunday February 24 at the Citizen Club House.

Communion Breakfast and Conventions

The members attended the New York and New Jersey district's annual communion breakfast and convention on Sunday March 2nd, Brooklyn, New York with Council 41 as host. . .

Our council also commemorated St. Casimir's Feast Day (our Patron Saint) Sunday March 9th with the entire membership receiving Holy Communion in a body at the eight o'clock Mass followed by a breakfast in the parish hall. A brief skit stressing the need of unity among the people in Lithuania was put on. The skit was sent to us by Rev. A. Contons. The cast consisted of Charles Oskutis, our president, Victor York, vice president, William Senkus and Charles Grinius. Charles Oskutis and Victor York were in charge of the arrangements.

Leadership Course

On March 16th, we will be host to the New York and New Jersey district leadership course, to be held in the parish hall. We are looking forward to a large attendance since these courses are very educational and interesting. Charles Oskutis is in charge of arrangements.

Membership Drive

Our council's membership drive

4th. All members are urged to do their utmost in getting as many new members as possible.

Engagements

We extend our sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Rita Cupo who became engaged recently. Will we be going to a wedding soon, Rita?

Sports News

The Elizabeth girls' bowling team topped the New York — New Jersey district's bowling league this year and no wonder after trying to bring it home for 14 years and losing only three. The girls also won single game high — 764, three game high — 2063, and Eva Gromley was honored with an high average of 191. The council is very proud of them and is planning to honor them with a social affair. The champs are — Ann Mitchell, Helen Balandis, Peggy Meritt, Ann Stabonis, Ronnie Krezonis, Eva Gromley and Toni Krezonis. Trophies and prize money will be awarded them in New York on March 9, with Council 12 as host. Sorry to say the boys ended up in third place.

Let's Talk About

Mary Motecus without Ann Baronas. Toni Krezonis' hair being messed up. Marion Wysocky, treasurer, not worrying about the council's money. Vice-president Victor York and his wife with a frown on their faces. Ann Stabonis not attending the meeting. Eddie Abomunas refusing coffee at the socials. Dominic Kupsty not offering assistance at any time. Joseph Degutis speaking his piece at a meeting for his own benefit and the club's interest.

Helen Balandis not wanting to hit a perfect 300 in bowling. Ronnie Krezonis starving our guest bowlers.

Little Susie

PITTSBURGH, PA.

COUNCIL 19

On February 2, Saturday evening, a group from Council 19 assembled in St. Casimir's school hall and really "surprised" Martha Braze with a little farewell gathering and presented her with a memento to remember us by — a beautiful piece of luggage. She claims that this year she will just have to go to Dayton to show it off! She has left us, temporarily we hope for we don't know how we'll get along without her, to join her

mother who lives in Youngstown, Ohio.

Our new president has earned his engineering degree from the University of Pittsburgh — presented at commencement exercises on Friday February 1. Congratulations, Frank, and the best of luck to you in your chosen profession from all your fellow Knights!

Some skating parties have been enjoyed by some of Council 19's younger enthusiasts.

Mitzie

WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 26

On The Road

First stop in the past month of various travels was in Brockton for Council 1's "Snowflake Ball". All those who attended agree that the music, decorations, etc. were all wonderful.

Next stop — Athol, Mass. Although there was no snow, and the ice was a little thin, C-10's Annual Winter Carnival was one to be remembered. Twenty-three members joined many others from various New England communities for a morning, afternoon and evening of wholesome fun. About twenty of the more ambitious individuals from Athol, C-26, Norwood and Brockton took a four-mile hike to get up a good appetite for the delicious dinner. After dinner, the braver individuals from the above-mentioned councils tried out the somewhat watery ice for a little "ice-skating". The evening was spent eating hot-dogs, playing games and singing folk songs.

Hats off to Franney Nockunas and Adele Ivaskas, who piloted our military whist party on February 14 to a very social and financial success. Thanks to Rita Brazauskas, Kathie Yakutis, Olga Kersis, Louise Grazulis and Joe Landis, who formed the "kitchen crew", to Father Tamulevich and all the boys who set and cleared the tables and to the many cake and attendance prize donors. Proceeds went to the Athletic Fund.

The clubroom will soon be the proud owner of a new 20" screen TV set, and a pool table, among other improvements. We hope more members will come down and spend their leisure evenings with us. Cribbage seems to be the favorite card game, and Pinochle the most popular game.

President Bill Bengtson shows absolutely no favoritism. He recently

started March 4th and will end July presented all the girls (Friday Night bowling league) with lollipops for Valentines's Day. All the same size, and heart-shaped.

Down the Alley

Rudy's Beauties rest comfortably on top of the league. Al Rutelonis is pretty proud of his team. Louise Grazulis and Charlie Tagman remain "high averagers" with 87 and 97 respectively, and no one has topped Mary Jankowski's high single of 139.

At the end of the first half of the New England League, our mighty men's team remains undefeated. Good work, boys! Our girls' team is also right up on top of the league, having lost only 3 points. Keep it up gang! Two more trophies in our clubroom, maybe?

Thanks to Southie for the very nice after-bowling social in your clubroom after our match out there. We're sorry more of us couldn't stay to enjoy it.

Brockton's teams were recently victims to us and lost six points here in Worcester. However, all bowling losses were forgotten at the clubroom immediately after the match. Sandwiches, coffee, cribbage, whist, Lithuanian folk dance, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis all did their share to help make the after-bowling party a success. We hope Brockton enjoyed being our guests as much as we enjoyed being hosts to them.

Doting parents...

Adele and Charlie Tagman are pretty proud of their new baby daughter Martha; and Rita and Joe Delonis are equally proud of their Carol Ann. Congratulations to both couples.

"K & L"

WORCESTER, MASS.

COUNCIL 116

All of our members received Holy Communion in a body Sunday, March 2, at 9:30 Mass commemorating St. Casimir's Feast Day. Following Mass, breakfast was served in the parish hall. The meal was prepared by parish members of "Moterą Sąjungą". Our principal speaker was John Ambrose, well known Lithuanian in our community and Sports Announcer for Station WTAG.

Those responsible for arranging this most important event were: Dorothy Sinkavitch, Richard Polaski, Bill Burdulis, Jr., Gert Zebinskas,

Julia Sinkavich, Mary and Irene Balukonis, Robert Stevens, Tony Tumas and Mary Klimaitis.

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Turning to the less serious side of our activities, we spied our Lillian Katkauskas, Dot Sinkavitch, Helen Gvardauskas, Shirley Miller, Richie Polaski and Ed Grigas having a "S"-wonderful Time" at the Snowflake Ball in Brockton. We hear that Ed Grigas' "Cadillac" did not hold up so well on the trip.

For Country

Two of our "nautical" members were home on leave recently.

It was good to see Al Tumas blending his voice with the rest of our 11 o'clock choir members. Al was home for three weeks.

Home for a 14-day fur....oops! leave was Bob Zinkus, who looked as if he had lost some weight and quite a bit of hair. You will remember that Bob was leader of the mighty nice band called "The Polka Kings".

We hope to see some of our fellow Knights at the District Leadership Course to be held on March 16 in South Boston.

"Taradaika"

WATERBURY, CONN.

COUNCIL 7

ELECTIONS: Peter Drevinxkas, president; Joseph Stevens, vice president; Patricia Richards, secretary; Mary Undraitis, treasurer, and Agnes Zdanis, financial secretary. Social Chairmen: Nellie Shaiknaitis and Valerie Boley. Delegates: Joseph Stevens, Edmund Blinstrubas, Adele Paulauskas and Agnes Zdanis. Board of Directors: Adele Paulauskas, Valerie Boley, Sally Barkauskas, Al Matulis, Edmund Kazleuskas and Joseph Cookie. Sergeant-at-Arms: Joseph Stevens; and Correspondents: Fran Brieva, Eleanor Barkauskas and Agnes Zdanis.

VALENTINE PARTY: Vera Puzas was chairman of the party, assisted by Helen Koza, Beverly Keyes, Mary Undraitis, Joseph Alshauskas, Robert Keyes, Wally Pitcavage and Peter Kozak.

SPORTS: Our K. of L. men's bowling team competed with St. Joseph's Holy Name team on Sunday, February 2. Our boys won.

CAMERA SHY? Then stay away from Mary Undraitis. Since Mary got that camera for Xmas, things have been happening!

MANY HAPPY RETURNS: Ann

Ruoff celebrated a birthday recently. Which birthday,

DRIVE: Interested in joining the K. of L.? Well, right now we are having a membership drive. Anyone meeting the qualifications required, is invited to join.

NEW HOUSEMAN: "Hap" Greblunas has resigned as club houseman, and Rbert Keyes filled the opening.

OVERSEAS: Gus Diamonds, Robert Brebin and Stanley Yankauskas are now serving with our Armed Forces in Germany... Ray White is stationed somewhere in Japan.

LONELY: Antonette White sure misses her husband. Ed is in Dayton, Ohio, on a business trip.

INSTRUCTOR: Kenneth Dubauskas is now a Math Instructor at the Sampson Air Base in Sampson, N.Y.

SYMPATHY: Our sincerest sympathy to Alice Kulikauskas, whose father passed away recently.

INCIDENTALLY, who is Pat Richards knitting those socks for?

ATHOL, MASS.

COUNCIL 10

Winter Carnival

At last the awaited day arrived and the gregarious and the athletic joined together at Tully Brook Inn for Athol's annual Winter Carnival. The afternoon's activities began with a three-mile hike from which Brockton returned a half hour late for dinner. (We wonder if it was because of the little reminder they carried cautioning them to limit their speed to 25 miles an hour!) They returned in time, however, to hear Casimir Pinigis (who made an impressive master-of-ceremonies) and President, Mary Gaurinski welcome the guests. The roll call showed guests from Brockton, Cambridge, Lawrence, Worcester, So. Worcester, So. Boston, Hartford, Conn., Lewiston, Me., and Providence, R.I. Father Mazukna was quick to explain our obvious lack of snow. (It seems that they had used it all up on television.)

After dinner while some of the hardier souls attempted to go ice fishing or skating and camera fiends (Frank Anoris and friends) shot each other to their heart's content. The more intellectually inclined remained indoors to sharpen their wits over a cribbage board or a canasta game — but their powers of concentration soon disappeared when the contests began. There are many, we are sure, who will never forget how to spell the fair name of ATHOL

but Stanley Sargut proved his ability to do so and for this was rewarded with a genuine prize cow. Eddie Grigas seems to have some experience with feeding babies, but perhaps he was inspired by his pretty partner — even if he couldn't see her.

The broom dance revived the rhythmic instincts of the crowd and couples were soon hopping and swaying in time to the best bands in the land — provided by John Takowsky's trusty phonograph.

A snack in the evening gave the guests a chance to refuel their bodies and gain the energy needed to begin the long journey home and with the parting words "See you at the Convention", we bid our friends farewell.

The Night Before

Seen at the Lithuanian Club dance Saturday night preceding the Carnival were three pretty maids from Lawrence, Mass. A party after the dance gave us a chance to meet guests from Orange and Gardner who, we hope, will soon be members of the K. of L.

Cupid's Corner

February is the month of hearts and flowers and it seems that Dan Cupid is certainly doing his share of work in Athol. We had just recovered from the news that wedding bells will soon be ringing for Eleanor Kuchinskas when Geneva Rimsa came around to show us her lovely engagement ring. We wish you the best of luck girls! Don't forget to bring the lucky fellows down to the K. of L. meetings!

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

COUNCIL 41

Our annual Christmas party was filled with warm spirit and gayety notwithstanding the weather. Adele Bobis and Albina Jesinskas made a "big hit" doing the Charleston dance. The committee is to be commended for the way it handled the affair.

Election of officers: Joseph Boley, president; Adele Bobis, vice president; John Andrews, recording and financial secretary; and Edward Kastar, treasurer. Best wishes to our newly-elected officers.

We also extend a hearty welcome to Johanna Zemaitis, new member of our council.

Many former hard-working members have drifted away from the council. With the Membership Drive

on, we shall make every effort to get these members back including new members.

J.A.

K. of L. CALENDAR

March 25 — Chicago, Ill. (13) Card & Bunco Party, K. of L. Youth Center.

April 13 — Chicago, Ill. (112) Easter Dance, D-G. American Legion Hall.

April 19 — Norwood, Mass. (27) Dance, Runeberg Hall.

April 26-27 — New England District K. of L. Annual Convention. Athol, Mass. (10) host.

May 3 — Great Neck, N.Y. (109) Spring Dance, Villa Nova Social, Port Washington.

May 3 — Cambridge, Mass. (18) Dance.

May 17 — Newark, N.J. (29) Dance, St. George's Hall.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

COUNCIL 18

Important Dates

February 16 was a very important date to all Lithuanians — the thirty-fourth anniversary of Lithuania's Independence. It does not seem right to say thirty-four years because since 1939 the people of Lithuania have known nothing but oppression, suffering, and dictatorship.

For weeks before February 16th, members of Council 18 have willingly donated their time to writing letters to newspapers, city, state, and United Nations officials in hopes that they may in some way help Lithuania's plight.

I am sure that all Lithuanians in this country are looking forward to the day when Lithuania may truly call herself independent.

Another date which is important to K. of L.'ers is March 4th. Saint Casimir's Day. To honor our Patron Saint, Council 18 received Holy Communion in a body on March 2nd followed by a breakfast held at the church hall.

The Small Fry

The top song on Council 18's hit parade is "SHRIMP BOATS ARE A COMING".

Council 18's Junior K. of L. is now well on its way to being a big success. Each Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:30 — 9:00 P. M. the young crowd takes over. No dues are required of them, and plans are pret-

ty well set as to letting them run their own elections and meetings.

Blessed Event

Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Al Jankauskas. They were blessed with a baby girl on January 16th.

Clubroom Views

Bob Lenkauskas, John Towski and Al Eurglunes attended Southie's Snow week-end at Jaffrey, New Hampshire and returned home with pleasant reminiscences.

Saturday evening January 19, brought Council 1's "Snowflake Ball" a large group of representation from our council.

Bowling

The final quarter of the bowling season is drawing near and so far both our women's and men's teams have done fairly well.

One of our stars, Peter Puzin, will have to drop out for the rest of the season because of a minor operation he underwent recently.

Council 18 sent a box of cigars which we hope will help make his recovery a little more pleasant.

New Members

Council 18's roster was enlarged this month by three new members: Fran Powell, Helen Radaitas and Anthony Skirius. We welcome you all.

J. V. B.

AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK

COUNCIL 100

The party is over! Everyone had a grand time at our banquet on January 19. Sophia Gavry and Ed Bablinskas had a great deal of trouble in getting Sophia's camera adjusted. A number of flash-bulbs were ruined before one picture was taken. As to the entertainment, everyone agreed that Sophie Olbie's selection of games provided the mirth and laughter which made the affair complete.

The following were present: Reverend Robert Baltch, Val and Theresa Kerbelis, Ed and Marjorie Bablinskas, Sadie Kissel, Sophia Gavry, Leo and Helen Druziak, Helen Gustas, Edna Gustas, Bernice Blusis, Sophie Olbie, Marion Jakaitis, Anthony Mikolaitis, Ann Tamoliunas, Joe Tamoliunas, Ben Luksus, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, Gene Gobis,

Ed. and Eleanore Baranauskas and Mr. and Mrs. Kabasin.

Election of officers took place at our February meeting. The new crew is made up of the following:

Helen Gustas — president; Edward Bablinskas — vice-president; Ann Tamoliunas — secretary; Sophia Gavry — financial secretary; and Sadie Kissel — treasurer.

Congratulations and a successful year are wished to every one of the staff.

We want to thank our former President Val Kerbelis for the superb job he did in the past two years. Through the combined efforts of our Father Baltch and Val, the K. of L. was able to once again re-organize in Amsterdam.

We had a very good secretary in the person of Eleanore Baranauskas. However, she had to give this position up a few months ago and "Bootsie" Jakaitis did very well in finishing out the term.

The other officers were all re-elected and we know they will keep up the good work they have been doing.

The subject taken up by Father Baltch was another chapter of Lithuanian history. He touched on the rule of the brothers, Algirdas and Kęstutis. The theory of Evolution was also discussed.

Chocolate cake and banana nut bread were served by Ann Tamoliunas and Ednas Gustas immediately following the meeting.

New Bits

By mere chance two former Boston brothers met in Amsterdam on January 27. They were John Contons presently located in Schenectady, New York and Steve Contons of Watertown, New York.

We are very proud to welcome back one of the charter members of the Knights of Lithuania — Matthew Kazlauskas.

Pfc. Anthony Degustis, stationed at Osaka, Japan, is taking a course in Medical Training. He sends greetings to all his K. of L. buddies.

Recently, Helen Gustas spent a week-end at Bayside, Long Island, who visited her sister.

Corporal Richard J. Sakadolsy, "B" Battery, 69th AAA Gun Bn., at Fort Tilden, N. Y., was elected as the "Battalion Soldier of the month of January" and in recognition of that honor he was recently presented with two tickets for the popular

Broadway stage play, "Two on the Aisle", by State Senator Abraham Kafkin. He was also given a day off by his Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. M. G. Moyer. Congratulations Richard!

Smile and Sparkle

NEW YORK, N. Y.

COUNCIL 12

There's another sure sign of Spring ahead! Two more girls are donning very beautiful sparklers on their fingers. Congratulations to Betty Kacnaitis, one of our most active members; and our good wishes, too, to Irene Butkus of Kearny and Johnny Novitt of Bayonne, N. J. Johnny Bell says, "Thanks, fellas. That was a very grand Bachelor's Party."

Good luck to Al Blozis, who is now with the United States Marines.

Council 12 says thanks to everyone who made our Valentine's Dance such a fine success. We saw quite a few people we haven't seen in ages. It was good to see Johnny Talacka, who is back from Korea recovering nicely from very serious injuries. It was also nice to see our favorite Lithuanian radio announcer, Jack J. (Florida tan) Stukas, and I heard a mad rumor that Bobo "you know who" has her blue eyes on Jack. Is this true Jack?

Brenda Razickas

CHICAGO, ILL.

COUNCIL 112

New Officers

The new slate of officers, sworn in by retiring president John Stoskus, at the January meeting: President — Anthony Lubert; Vice president — Julius Kazunas; Rec. sec'y — Eugenia Strisko, 3018 W. Marquette Rd.; Corres. sec'y — Dolores Kuksta; Fin. sec'y — Lucille Venekus, Trustees — Augusta Gudas and Edward Wersells; and Sgts-at-Arm Gordon Gudas and Frank Jurgaitis.

Easter Dance

Easter Dance plans, under the chairmanship of Julie Greicius, are being whipped into shape. After spending the day with your families, come to D-G American Legion Hall and spend a gay evening with your friends, dancing to the music of Mike Sullivan.

Dinner Dance

Our Dinner Dance at the Midlothian Country Club on February 9th proved a great social success. The members are already thinking in terms of making it an annual event.

Congratulations

We gain a new member and C-16 loses one on June 7th when Theresia Stokus marries our John Pocius.

Goodies

Antanas Balcytis-36

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"APRIL 24"

What does this date mean to you? Are you aware of the fact that April 24 is "ORGANIZATION DAY" of the Knights of Lithuania? Councils in the past have only half heartedly given this day any significance. This year let us give this date some meaning. Why not plan some commemoration, some celebration to let the world you live in know that there is such an organization as the K. of L. This is an excellent opportunity to acquaint our Lithuanian friends with all of the activities and merits of the Knights of Lithuania.

Furthermore, do YOU realize that the membership drive is one-third over. Have you signed up that new member? Have you helped your council establish that Junior K. of L.? Will you be able to proudly say "I helped" or "I did my part" when this drive is over? Don't say "I cannot get anyone to join", TRY FIRST!

GIVE YOUR K. of L. a BOOST on ORGANIZATION DAY, APRIL 24th.

**Walter R. Chinik, Chairman
Membership Drive**