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METINIAM SEIMUI DETROITE ARTĖJANT

EDVARDAS ŠULAITIS

Praėjusiais metais bemaž šiuo pačiu laiku šio žurnalo puslapiuose teko plačiau prasyti, raginant visus dalyvauti L. Vyčių 45-me seime Philadelphijoje. Dabar gi, apsisukus laiko ratui, vėl tenka tuo pačiu klausimu rašyti, nes jau dideliais šuoliais artėja 1959 m. seimas Detroite.

Iš tiesų, pažvelgus į kalendorių jau matome, kad ne už kalnų yra rugpiūčio mėn. 19 d., kada į Detroitą pradės rinktis delegatai savo 46-tam metiniam seimui. Puikus Sheraton Cadillac Hotel yra parinktas pagrindine šio seimo vieta ir jame seimo dalyviai praleis daugiausia laiko.

Šio seimo rengėjai su pirmininku Robert S. Boris priekyje, yra pramatę nemaža pramogų visiems jo dalyviams. Pirmąją dieną (rugpiūčio mėn. 19) yra numatyta ekskursija po Ford Motor kompaniją, Rotundą, Edison muzėjų ir Greenfield Village. Tos dienos vakare bus galima nuvykti į Windsorą, Kanadoje ir ten smagiai praleisti laiką.

Rugpiūčio mėn. 20 d. yra paskirta sportui ir šią dieną įvyks golfo ir kėgliavimo ("bowling") turnyrai. Šios dienos vakaras bus pašvęstas pasivažinėjimui laivu po Detroito upę ir St. Clair ežerą. Šioje trijų valandų ekskursijoje bus galima pailsėti ir pasilinksinti.

Rugpiūčio mėn. 21 d. įvyks L. Vyčių organizacijos talentų pasirodymas, o sekančią dieną — šeštadienį — šokiai hotelio Grand Ballroom patalpose. Šias abi dienas bus bendri pietūs viešbutyje, po kurių pirmąją dieną bus įdomi paskaita, o antrąją dieną — madų paroda.

Rugpiūčio mėn. 23 d. įvyks pamaldos (jos bus ir penktadienį bei šeštadienį), o vėliau — pusryčiai ir

vakare — baigiamasis bankietas. Be to, seimo dienomis, aišku, bus ir darbo posėdžiai, kuriuose bus svarstomi organizacijos reikalai, tačiau apie juos čia plačiau nekalbėsime.

Kaip matome iš augščiau paduotos seimo programos apybraižos, jo metu nuobodžiauti tikrai nebeteks. Čia bus užsiėmimų ir senam ir jaunam, pagal jų norus ir troškimus. Kiek teko girdėti, seimo rengėjai jau kuris laikas daug dirba, kad suvažiuavę delegatai ir svečiai Detroite rastų tinkamą, malonią atmosferą.

Reikia pabrėžti, jog šių metų seimas vyksta geroje geografinėje vietoje ir šiemet chicagiečiams nereikės važiuoti į tolimuosius vakarus, kaip kad 1957 m. (Los Angeles) ir ne taip artimus Rytus, kaip kad važiuavo 1958 m. (Philadelphija). Šiemet Detroitas tiek Chicagai tiek kitų vietovių gyventojams (išskyrus Los Angeles) yra lengvai pasiekiamas, tad dėl atstumo čia neturėtų būti kalbos. 6-10 valandų mašinomis nėra ilgas kelias, o taip pat ir išlaidos yra lengviau pakeliamos.

Turint tai galvoje, reikia tikėtis, jog šiemet į Detroitą susirinks rekordinis delegatų ir svečių skaičius ir tuom bus parodyta, kad L. Vyčių organizacija yra gyvas ir gajus vienetas. Čia bus užantspauduota, jog ji tiek daug metų gyvavusi ir tokių gražių darbų atlikusi dar nebenori mirti, bet turi didelį troškimą gyventi ir siekti naujų laimėjimų.

Šioje vietoje norisi iškelti "Vy-

ties" (šių metų Nr. 3) puslapiuose matyto str. — "Vyčių žygis už lietuviškumą" kai kurias vietas, nusakančias gražų organizacijos kelią, kuris turėtų susilaukti didelio susidomėjimo bei diskusijų Detroito seimo metu.

Ten lietuvių kultūros darbų plane buvo pažymėti toki tikslai bei uždaviniai lietuviškumo plėtojime: Lietuvos ir lietuviškumo meilė; palaikyti ir ugdyti lietuviškumą kasdieniniame gyvenime; padaryti lietuviškumą organizacijos ir kuopų veikimo centru; vyčiai meldžiasi, gieda, dainuoja lietuviškai; skaito lietuviškus laikraščius ir juos remia, žino garbingąją Lietuvos praeitį — istoriją; rengia lietuvišką teatrą, koncertus, pobūvius; domisi lietuvišką muzika; sudaro choras, orkestrus; šoka taut. šokius ir organizuoja šokėjų grupes; rengia lietuvių radijo ir TV programas; brangina lietuvių liaudies meną, tautosaką, tautinius drabužius; pažįsta ir palaiko kilnius lietuviškus papročius ir t. t.

Apie visus šiuos klausimus ir daugelį kitų Detroito seime reikės pakalbėti, nes gyvu žodžiu yra galima daugiau išsiaiškinti ir tokiu būdu pasiekti geresnių rezultatų. Čia susirinkę delegatai daug turės padirbėti, bediskutuojant organizacijos ateities gaires, stengiantis į ją įnešti daugiau jaunatvės ir gaivališkumo.

Tad jau nuo šiandien ruoškimės 46-jam seimui Detroite! Tegul jis būna gausus ir darbingas. O tas priklausys nuo mūsų visų prisidėjimo ir reagavimo. Nelikime namuose, kada mūsų laukia dideli sprendimai, sprendimai nuo kurių gali pasikeisti organizacijos veikla teigiamon ar neigiamon pusėn, gyvavimui ar sunykimui.

SKAITYK

IR PLATINK

"VYTI"



BRIEF SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF FATHER IGNATIUS BOREISIS

Born in Lithuania, young Ignatius Boreisis, came to America at an early age, and worked his own way through the seminary until in 1920, he answered the Bishop's call to step forward and be ordained. Prior to ordination, he found time during trips to other Lithuanian colonies, to assist at religious ceremonies at Eastertime and to Catechize during summer months. On these trips he was instrumental in founding Knights of Lithuania councils in Gary, Indiana, Grand Rapids, Mich. and Detroit. He also helped establish a council of clerics in Sts. Cyril and Methodius Seminary at Orchard Lake, Mich.

After ordination, the Bishop of Detroit appointed him to direct the activities of a small group of Lithuanians on the Westside of Detroit, who were trying to organize a parish.

Upon establishing St. Anthony's Parish, Father Boreisis' love of the K. of L. blossomed out into Council 102, whose accomplishments were unequalled by councils twice its size.

A brilliant scholar, Father earned a Doctor's Degree in literature. His great love of books is attested by his personal collection which numbers into the thousands.

To sum up the life of Father Boreisis, during this year the eve of his Fortieth Anniversary as a priest, is to say, He is truly a Man of God, a genuine Knight of Lithuania.

Robert Boris

LOS ANGELES SENIORŲ-VYČIŲ VEIKLA

Idomus susirinkimas

Balandžio 26 d. susirinkimas įvyko p. Korsakų patalpose. Kuopa turi tradiciją, kad kiekvienas naujai priimtas narys turi papasakoti savo biografiją. Šiame susirinkime kalbėjo Bronė Starkienė, Paulina Petkutė ir Gen. Korsakienė, praėjusiame susirinkime — J. Truskauskas, Pranas ir Stella Žukauskai, V. Kazlauskas. Naujai prisirašė Barbra Rimdzius ir Pranciška Kaunienė.

Buvo diskutuota Lietuvių Šv. Kazimiero parapijos pavertimo teritorine parapija klausimas. Pageidauta, kad paliktų tautine parapija.

Piknikas stipendijų fondo naudai

Nutarta susitarus su reguliaria kuopa suruošti pirmąjį Vyčių pikniką Los Angelyje ir gautą pelną paskirti Vyčių stipendijų fondui. Pernai metais seniorai aukojo savo

pinigus šiam fondui, bet manoma, kad pikniku bus galima sukelti didesnę fondą.

Apie narius

► Juozas Urbonas dabar po sunkaus priepolio guli miesto ligoninėje. Visi susirinkimo nariai pasirašė jam nusiuntė linkėjimus pasveikti. C. Yakutis gydosį namuose.

► Vincas ir Valeria Kazlauskai jau baigė statydinti 26 apt. Inglewood, Calif. Laukiame pakvietimo susirinkimui.

Koresp.

CLEVELAND, OHIO

L. Vyčių 25 kp. Senjorai sukvietė savo mėnesinį susirinkimą L. Vyčių 25 kp. 4-to laipsnio nario A. Kunigiškio name š. m. balandžio 26 dieną. Sumaniai susirinkimą vedė pirm. M. Trainauskaitė. Vytė M. Mačiokienė darė pranešimą iš įvykusio kortojimo pobuvio bal. 19 d. Lietuvių salėje. Pajamų gauta — \$116.85, išlaidų turėta \$42.89, pelno likutis \$73.96.

V. Mačiokienė tarė ačiū visiems, kurie kuomi nors prisidėjo prie sekmingo pobuvio surengimo. M. Trainauskaitė, V. Mačiokienė, A. Buknis, P. Pikturna ir A. Kunigiškis padarė pranešimą iš įvykusio L. Vyčių Vidurinių Valstijų Apskritis suvažiavimo balandžio 12 d., Dayton, Ohio. Mūsų delegatai pasidžiaugė seimelio darbingumu bei sėkmingumu ir gėrėjosi Daytono Vyčių nuoširdžiu vaišingumu.

Nutarta L. Vyčių Centru, "Vyties" reikalams paaukoti \$30.00. Nutarta surengti gegužinę pas vytę Čapienę birželio pabaigoje. Staigmena padaryta J. Sadauskui, M. Trainauskaitei, V. Mačiokienei ir J. Kuzui, nes jie yra gimę balandžio mėnesyje. Jie buvo pakviesti prie puikiai iškepto pyrago ir jiems buvo sugiedota ilgiausių metų. Vytė Pikturna iškepė tą skanų pyragą. Ačiū jai. A. Kunigiškis vaišino vyčius kavute ir skaniais užkandžiais.

Jaunuolis



Didžiam Lietuviui Patriotui, Vyčių Garbės Nariui Prel. Pranciškui Virmauskui Vyčių Centro Valdybos Pirmininkas Juozas Sakevičius prisiėga vyčių aukso medali, jam suruoštose pagerbtuvėse šių metų balandžio 26 dieną Bostone. Stebi kun. Jonas Zuromskis, pobuvio organizatorius ir advokatas Jonas Grigalius, pobuvio pirmininkas.

SIBIRE – IR GRĮŽUS Į LIETUVĄ

Buvusio Sibire tremtinio du eilėraščiai

I RYTUS

Dunda ir dunda traukinio ratai,
Rieda ir rieda vagonai juodi.
Saulės nebėra, saulė nemato,
Ką veža į rytus vagonai juodi.

Jokia šviesa neapšviečia vagonų,
Tamsa tik, tamsa ir tamsa nerami.
Šautuvų vamzdžiai vien blizga peronus.
Vis rieda į rytus vagonai juodi...

Blaškos ir blaškosi garvežio dūmai,
Laimė manoji su dūmais kartu.
Laisvės idėja vagonuose žūna,
Laisvei iš purvo pakilti sunku...

Veža ir veža. Niekas nemato,
Ką veža į rytus vagonai juodi.
Dunda ir dunda traukinio ratai,
Ratuose kūnai pražūsta jauni.

Sibiras, 1952 m.

ABEJONĖS LIETUVOJĖ

Daužaisi visą naktį lig aušros:
Išvykti ar palikt prie ažuolo kamieno?
Ir siuto mintys. Ant galvos
Nukrito katorgoj praleistos dienos.

Kažkur šuva nustaugė. Pamiškėj
Daina medžius į žemę vertė.
Rymojo Kristus liūdnas toks kertėj
Ir gaudė beržas prie gimtinės vartų.

Kovoti ar išeit, kur saulė nesileidžia,
Kur žmogus žmogui duobę nekasa slapčia?
Tos mintys šėlo tokios klaidžios
Ir griuvo, virto į kapus nakčia.

Išvykti ar palikt prie ažuolo kamieno?
Gūdi naktis. Kada gi bus diena?
Lyg karstas gulė pirkios pilkos sienos
Ir pasismaugė šėlusi daina...

Lietuva, 1958 m.



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LITHUANIA AND COMMUNISM

Joan Mazeika

In October, 1939, Soviet Russia began an infinitesimal but effective invasion and "reformation" of a country, which from her independence in 1918 until 1939, had made tremendous strides to prove herself equal and free in the great family of other nations. Speaking a language of the oldest form, having created a rich and great treasure of original songs and folklore, and holding a history so striking as to be unusual for so small a nation. Lithuania speedily emerged from the slough into which Czarist Russia had plunged her, into a prosperous and happy nation.

Bolshevik occupation

With this Russian invasion in 1939, Lithuania was painfully orientated into Soviet Russia policy, culture and economy. People were allowed no further desire than animal existence. Religious and cultural institutions were destroyed, private ownership of land was slowly discouraged, religious freedom suppressed and finally abolished, theologians driven out, thousands of Lithuanians deported to Siberia and Lithuanian societies liquidated are only a number of so called "reforms" made by Russia. Lithuania was now under Russian "sphere of influence" and for the second time, she was transformed into a Russo-German battleground.

Although Lithuania was under the suppression of the German later

in 1941, she became finally and completely overrun by Russian Soviet troops in the summer of 1944, and through the Soviets, Lithuania became a completely mangled and helpless nation.

Communist Doctrine

In order to understand better the desire of the Soviet leaders to incorporate Lithuania into the family of Soviet Republics, we must understand better the Soviet doctrine, known as Communism.

The term "Communism" denotes a system of social organization based upon common property, or an equal distribution of income and wealth. "Communism" in this sense dated back to the middle ages, for there were many communist communities, most of them on a religious basis. Some "Utopian" socialists of the nineteenth century followed a similar course though they replaced the religious emphasis by a rational and philosophical motivation. However in 1848, the word "communism" was distorted into acquiring a new definition similar to that of socialism. This was accomplished by two men, Karl Marx and Freidrich Engels in their famous "Communist Manifesto".

Communist Manifesto

Living in a century of rapid industrial revolution, they regarded the working class as bearers of a

new social order with class war as a means. Marx and Engels' theories may be divided into two doctrines of belief:

1) the materialistic conception of history — that is, the establishment of society with its political and social institutions according to the economy of the time. A social class is formed, a change in economy takes place, which brings revolution and finally, a new arrangement of classes and a new set of institutions arise in harmony with the new economic order.

2) the theory of surplus value — this comes from the idea that the value of certain products depends upon the amount of labor involved in their production. In other words, the capitalist, after paying the worker a subsistent wage, is able to keep for himself the rest of the worker's product. This profit is known as surplus value.

Bolsheviks Party

Based upon the theories of Marx and Engels, plus those of Lenin and Trotsky, A Communist Party known as the Bolsheviks was established in Russia in 1903. Their beliefs were firmly based on state ownership of everything productive — land, forests, water, industry and transportation included. Separation of Church and State was favored, together

with an aim of establishing a bann on all religious beliefs. Emphasis was placed on labor unions in industry and co-operative farms in agriculture. Banking was made a state monopoly and private trade was abolished. But all this was placed under one overpowering aim — to extend the theories of Communism to not only the other countries of Europe, but to all the world. To emphasize this, the youth of the Soviet Union are influenced by the Communist party through three youth organizations: The Komosols, the Pioneers and the Little Octobrists. Through these groups, the party hopes to extend these idealistic policies to the youth, and through them to the world.

Invasion of Lithuania

Thus, we can see the aim of the Soviet invasion of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. There were three little Baltic states bordering Russian territory; therefore, Russia considered it her "Manifest Destiny" to sweep them up into the whirlpool of atheistic Communism, and there it stays.

In 1940, immediately after Lithuania's suppression, an announcement was made by the British ministers of foreign affairs:

"The lights have gone out in the three gallant little countries which just over twenty years ago won their independence after a hard struggle. Russia has annexed Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania..."

The Russians were astonished to find that three small countries on the border of the Soviet were living in totally different and far better conditions than those prevailing in Russia. The standard of living was higher, everybody had plenty of food, pleasure and freedom. All sections of the community had plenty of clothes, shoes and means of transportation. There was no secret police, no spying by one member of a family upon another. Everything was different and dangerously attractive. Sooner or later men from the Russian garrisons would have to be sent home on leave, and the Kremlin feared the stories that might go with them..."

Therefore, we can see from this announcement, the situation of Lithuania before 1940 as being extremely impressive.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

It is our sincere hope that we will have our full quota of delegates and or alternates attending National Convention this year.

Each coucil is allowed 1 delegate and 1 alternat for every 10 paid-up members. Each district is allowed 2 delegates and 2 alternates.

We'll be looking for you at DETROIT.

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Council members' voluntary assessment of 25¢ per member, or money raised from social functions sponsored by the council may be sent to K. of L. Scholarship Committee Treasurer, Mr. William Kolicius, 3522 Marge Drive, Pittsburgh 34, Penna.

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Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Fund Booster Club has been organized (\$1.00 and up). Attractive membership (receipt) cards will be given to all donors to the Fund. Be a Booster — mail your dollar to the Treasurer, Mr. William Kolicius, 3522 Marge Drive, Pittsburgh 34, Penna.

Independent Lithuania

During the last twenty years of her independence, Lithuania had increased her agricultural production by 300%. She had built an entirely new textile industry with ten thousand workers. New slaughter houses and creameries were established and the exportation of livestock was tremendously increased. In the field of education, new universities were founded. The publishing of books was increased by ten thousand. In philosophy, five magazines were published. In the field of education, four new periodicals were written. In the social and applied sciences, there were eighteen and in fine arts, seven. Besides these, dozens of cultural institutions of history, language, folklore and ethnography were established.

The Lithuania Opera was considered one of the finest in Europe. All these facts taken into consideration, Lithuania was well on her way to playing an important part in the world and wealth of nations.

Stars of hope

But was all this built up so that the ravages of Communist ideology could break it down forever? Are the peoples of Lithuania to break their hearts and their backs, and must they give up their inherent right to think as an individual and as a nation?

No, Lithuania still has her stars. As the people look out their prison windows of suppression and destitution, they still see stars of hope. As stated by Cardinal Richard J. Cushing in his address to the Lithuanian American youth of today:

"Lithuania has the star of respectful friends abroad... she has loyal sons and daughters who, even though they have established their own homes and acquired new loyalties elsewhere, have not forgotten their Mother Country. She still has the stars of cultural vitality. Above all, she still has the star of the Catholic Faith.

...You are the children of people who heroically marched across seven tortured centuries. You are the children of people who follows stars... Lift your eyes from the earth and your hearts to God. Be worthy of your ancestors and make your children worthy of you."

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“THERE WILL BE A LITHUANIA;

BUT THERE WILL BE NO LITHUANIANS” ...?

In June 1940 the Red Army crossed the Lithuanian border, the NKVD seized power and Lithuania's independence was again at an end. Within a short while Lithuania was forcibly inducted into the Soviet Union. Soon afterwards in 1946 Bolsheviks predicted, “There will be a Lithuania; but there will be no Lithuanians.”

Fulfillment of this ominous prediction was to be featured by bloody mass murders, as at Telsiai, executions, deportation to the far reaches of Siberia, Soviet Central Asia and for the fortunate, exile. Even the Soviets, however, could not, if only from purely pragmatic considerations physically exterminate every Lithuanian. Therefore the Soviets resorted to the only possible remaining method, the old Tsarist policy of Russification, a policy refined in some ways yet more dangerous than the infamous perpetrations of Muriaviev the Hangman or the Cossack massacre at Kraziai in 1893, so deplored by Kudirka.

This policy has certain aspects which it would be well for us to remember. They are by no means a peculiar Lithuanian cross but are constantly present in Communist dealings with other subjugated peoples such as the Latvians, Estonians, Ukrainians, Byelorussians and generally speaking all the non

Great-Russian peoples or 41.6% of the populations of the USSR. The sole differences lie in time, intensity and persistence based on expediency, the domestic situation or simply the Party whim.

In their theoretical works on Communism and the national question, Marxist theoreticians continually speak in such terms as a “universal human culture, “socialist in content,” “national in form” characterized by “internationalism” devoid of “chauvinism”, as well as “national self-determination”, “regional autonomy” and “democratic centralism”. In such “republics” as Lithuania these rather noble sounding phrases exist solely in theoretical and legalistic works. In fact, Communist policies of rigid centralization, promoting the Great - Russian hegemony completely nullify those national and ethnic rights provided by the Soviet Constitution.

Various methods are employed to maintain such a situation. Firstly, there is the glorification of Great-Russia and its achievements, real and otherwise, by every means of communication from textbooks to the few existing television sets. Great-Russia and its people are divinized as the “most outstanding of nationalities”, as the “leading power”. Textbooks refer to their “political wisdom”, “military values”, and their “genius”. They are



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also outstanding as the known inventive wizards. All such disgustingly laudatory expressions are circulated in violation of both the Socialist and Communist myth of national and ethnic equality. Since the Great-Russian nation made the Revolution and established the pattern of Socialist development from its own heritage all nationalism among other peoples can only be considered as symptomatic of anti Great-Russianism and therefore anti-Communist.

Following the Tartar practice, part of Russia's unfortunate political and psychological inheritance transplantation of population is carried on. Lithuanians and other Europeans are settled beyond the Urals in Siberia, Kazakhstan and other Central Asian areas. Tartars, Kalmucks, Uzbeks and other Turco-Mongolian peoples are settled in Lithuania and other European areas. Great - Russians in turn colonize all the non Great-Russian areas of the Soviet Union! By destroying roots and mixing the population it is hoped that a replica of the Great-Russian will be achieved even if it takes several generations.

Strong emphasis on Russification is applied in the schools, especially the Party schools. The majority of Communist Party leaders are either roughly Russified. Great-Russians of Great-Russian origin or are thor-

predominate in the armed forces, especially in those branches connected with internal security. Top bureaucrats, diplomats, managers, intellegentsia, advisers, experts and others of the new privileged class are likewise Great-Russian or are thoroughly Russified.

While it is true that the young Lithuanian may use his own language in his studies guided by Marxist - Leninist principles it is expected that sooner or later he will be absorbed. The Great-Russian language will triumph in any competition with his provincial tongue as the student becomes a true devotee of Communism and unswerving in his loyalty to the Soviet Union. At that point a new level of understanding will have been achieved.

As victory is achieved and Communism becomes a fact throughout the world, nations will cease to exist. According to Marxist dialectic a universal language neither French, nor English, nor Russian will appear. As yet we do not have a single word of this new "universal language", unless one counts such hybrid monstrosities as "kolkhoz" or "sovkhoz" or their Lithuanian equivalents. It seems rather that Great-Russian the official language of the Soviet Union, which most of the world will learn in the development of world Communism, will be the basis of this new Esperanto.

No rational justification of the nation can be made except as a transitory phase on the road to Communism. The encouragement of national culture exists to a certain degree. Example of this are the Lithuanian State orchestras, choruses and ballet as well as the Lithuanian press. We no longer have the brusque Russification as practiced by the Tsars Nicholas I and Alexander III. The Communists are willing to wait, smugly confident in ultimate success by gradually pecking away at Lithuanian culture. This clever and subtle tactic is expected to encounter less resistance than did wholesale suppression in the time of the Tsars. In short anything that brings Lithuania closer culturally to the Great-Russians and Great institutions is encouraged, nurtured and fortified. The ultimate goal never to be forgotten is that national self-consciousness is

regarded as anachronistic, "counter-revolutionary", "clerical" and "bourgeois" in origin and orientation, deserving nothing less than savage annihilation. The means of suppression may be as subtle as that in the Ukraine or as crude as in Hungary.

Moreover the non-Communist world is pictured to the Soviet subject as "wretched", "rotten", "corrupt", "collapsing" and destined for destruction. Khrushchev confidently exuded such beliefs in his simple yet sinister "We will bury you!"

The singular purpose behind these machinations underlying all Soviet policies concerned with the national question and self-determination is the eventual "amalgamation of the masses", not in what Stalin termed a "universal culture" but into a **Soviet Great-Russian culture!** All must be drowned in the Communist Great-Russian sea. By emphasizing both real and mythical benefits of close association with Great-Russia and its institutions the Communists hope to achieve at least a semblance of national unity. The feeling of common interests, common hopes and objectives and, above all, psychological and ideological unity must be instilled into all the subjugated peoples of the Soviet Union even the Russians themselves! Mass desertions from the Red Army, defection of entire divisions to the Germans in World War II, the welcome extended to the Nazi invaders of the Ukraine and the recent aid of certain Red Army units and personnel to the Hungarian freedom fighters all point to the unreliability of the Communist dominated peoples. Until the Communist clique can remedy this situation, if it can, the 177 races, tribes and nationalities of the Soviet Union will always be a latent threat to Bolshevik power, an obvious crack in the Soviet monolith.

The Soviet Union is far from collapse and such a blessed event caused by internal convulsions can hardly be expected tomorrow. The "melting pot" could nevertheless boil over. The question of Lithuania and her enslaved neighbors is also our problem and opportunity. It is a problem whose possibilities we must both explore and prudently exploit.



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DID YOU KNOW THAT....

Movie and TV star Rūta Lee (Kilmonis) appeared with "Maverick", San Francisco Beat, and Line-up four times in March. She's a K. of L'er from California.

In the TV "Life of Riley", "Otto" (Henry Kulky) is a Lithuanian.

There are 1,000,000 Lithuanians in America.

After 500 years the body of St. Casimir was moved from Vilnius Cathedral because the Reds desecrated it by turning it into an art gallery.

It's the 10th anniversary for Divine Providence; the cornerstone was laid March 6, 1949 by Bishop Vincent Brizgys.

The K. of L. is rounding out half century of service.

This is the 100 anniversary of the birth of Vincas Kudirka, author of the Lithuanian anthem, "Lietuva Tėvynė Mūsų."

The K. of L. was represented at the February 16th Lithuania's Independence Day exercises at Western High.

The reactivated 79 campaigners have mailed a thousand cards and letters so far. Persistent!

General Mark Clark said: "There is no decency in the communists. They will cheat, they will lie, they will murder."

"KNIGHT LIFE"

feminine

fair

Mergaičių Pasaulis

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MERGAIČIŲ GYVENIMO
PAVASARIS

Koks gražus pasaulis žydinčiame pavasaryje, koks gražus gyvenimas jaunystėje. Jaunystė kryžtauja pasaulį, jaunystė žaidžia gėlėmis, jaunystei šypsosi saulė. Kūrėjas išpuošęs pavasarį gėlėmis, leido jaunajai, jautriajai sielai juo džiaugtis. Ir švelnioji ranka nedrįsta nuskinti saulės atokaitoj prasiskleidusio žiedo.

Jaunystė — mūsų gyvenimo pavasaris, jaunystė — mūsų džiaugsmas ir laimė. Nekaltoji jaunystė graži, kaip pavasario rytas, pilnas brėkstančios gyvybės. Nužydėjusios gėlės vysta; rudeni suskurdusi gamta atbunda vėl pavasarį. Gi žmogaus jaunystė nebegrižta, nebesikartoja. Gražus ir brangus jaunystės laikas Kūrėjo skirtas ne vien žaismui ir džiaugsmui. Jaunystė yra fizinio išsivystimo ir dvasinio subrendimo laiko tarpas, nuo kurio priklauso tolimesnis žmogaus gyvenimas.

Ka jaunas pasėsi, tą senas nupiausi

Taip sako sena lietuvių patarlė. Jaunystės laikas yra skirtas pasiruošti gyvenimui. Nuo jaunų dienų, nuo jaunystės darbų pareis visas žmogaus gyvenimas. Gražiai praleista jaunystė yra paguoda, džiaugsmas ir stiprybė tolimesniame žmogaus gyvenime. Blogai praleista jaunystė ir įvairūs jos šešėliai lydi visą žmogaus gyvenimą.

Kiekvienas žmogus yra surištas su savo tauta, su religija, su šeima ir gimine ir su arčiau ar toliau esančiais žmonėmis. Žmogus tautai, šeimai, Bažnyčiai, ir pačiam sau bus tik tada naudingas, kada jis bus pilnai pasiruošęs gyvenimui.

Iš jaunų mergaičių visi laukia kilnių, šviesių ir tvirtos valios asmenybių. Asmenybės ugdo kasdieninė kova su pilko gyvenimo

smulkmenomis: apsileidimu, tinginavimu, ištižimu, nepareigingumu, bloga nuotaika, smalsumu, pavydu liavimu, plepumu ir kitomis silpnybėmis. Sėkmingiausias kovos būdas su savo silpnybėmis tai konkretus darbas ir gražūs pasilinksminimai. Daugelio šių dienų jaunimo

gyvenimo šūkis "pramogauti" (good time) gyvenimą daro tuščią ir beprasmį. Tai nereiškia, kad jaunimas neprivalo linksintis. Tačiau pramogavimas neturėtų būti vien pasišokimai, prisivalgymai bei išgėrimai. Žmogus juk yra dvilypė esybė, susidedanti iš kūno ir dvasios. Tad



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LET'S CALL IT BEAUTY

JOANNE H. NEVIERA

The summer season has arrived and girls everywhere are striving to put their best foot forward in gay and lively summer fashions. Their thoughts turn to beauty even more so than during the rest of the year — in summer-time their beauty is best shown and least disguised. How does one become more beautiful?

To be more beautiful you must find your type and, once you've found it, perfect it all through the year. How do you go about finding a type? The best clue is your personality, your likes and dislikes — whether you're happier during a quiet, long week-end in the country or a bustling week-end in the city. If you are an honest-to-goodness

outdoor girl, fine, but be a glowingly beautiful example of one. If you aren't, don't try to look like one, or else you'll find yourself trying to make intelligent conversation about rugby. If you're a borderline case, wavering, say, between "ingenue" and "fluffy doll," then aim for the type you admire most. Another clue: what you look like unadorned. A handsome big-boned woman doesn't become a starry-eyed debutante just by wearing a bouffant white dress and pale-pink lipstick. When you're deciding who the Real You is, don't aim for the stars. Even if you are a violet-eyed brunette, try to look like you, not Elizabeth Taylor. Besides using your own judgment, take note of others' descriptions of the four prevalent types — the cool beauty, the ingenue, the out-door girl, and the gay adventurer. Once you've settled yourself in a category, dramatize

whatever type you are. If you're fairly neat and crisp and fresh-looking, make a project out of being extraordinarily so. If you feel your best in coolly sophisticated clothes, stand your ground — even if you find a perky, young-looking dress that's a fabulous bargain. It won't be one unless it really belongs in your life. Your hair style and make-up help define the kind of woman you are.

The pitfall in this be-more-beautiful program? Rigidity. Don't be so much one type that you won't move forward with fashion. What's new in clothes and accessories and coiffures is what makes you look fresh and exciting to other people. There will always be fads and flurries that are special to only a few, but every important fashion is flexible enough to look marvelous on YOU — no matter what your type.

tenka rūpintis ne vien tik tai kūno, bet ir dvasios ugdymu. To siekiama per mokslą — švietimą, kultūrėjimą. Gerų knygų skaitymas ne tik tai išplečia žinių horizontus, bet taip pat ugdo ir brandina asmenybę. Organizacinė veikla turėtų reikštis ne vien formalių reikalų atlikimu ir pasilinksminimais, bet nagrinėjimu ir vykdymu pasirinktosios ideologijos, paįvairinant kultūriniais bei socialiniais momentais. Pramogavimai, turintieji kultūrinį pagrindą, kaip gerų kinų teatrų, koncertų, meno parodų ir kitų kultūrinių pobūvių lankymas, pakelia žmogaus dvasią ir teikia daug moralinio patitenkinimo.

Mergaitės, nerūpestingai leisdamos jaunystės laiką, mergaitės be valios, be kilnesnių siekių, mergaitės be ryžto, dažnai sudrumsčia savo jaunystės svajones, likdamos amžinai nelaimingos. Savo klaidingą gyvenimo kelią tokios mergaitės pažins tik tai iš griuvėsių savo pačių suverstų užtvenkiant kelią į tikrąją laimę.

Mergaitė jaunystėje daug gali. Ji, stipriu žingsniu žengdama gyvenimo tobulėjimo keliu, gali pakeisti visą aplinką, kurioje jai tenka būti. Mergaitė savo malonių šypsnių veikia kaip pavasario saulės spindulys: ir šviečia ir šildo ten, kur tik tai krinta.

V. Kulbokienė

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT

VILNIUS — the capital of Lithuania, miraculous shrine "Aušros Vartai", fort of Gediminas, tombs of St. Casimir and Vytautas the Great.

KAUNAS — temporary capital of Lithuania.

KERNAVĖ — first capital of Lithuania.

TELŠIAI — largest city in Žemaičiai region; some Lithuanians were martyred here by the Reds.

PALANGA — birthplace of Queen Birutė, a most beautiful summer resort.

KLAIPĖDA — harbor of Lithuania.

TILŽĖ — city of Lithuania near Nemunas River, center of printing and distribution of forbidden Lithuanian books.

VARNIAI — episcopal residence of Žemaitija.

KRAŽIAI — site of bitter persecution by the Russian Czars of the Lithuanians who strongly defended their faith and Church.

RAGAINĖ — site of an ancient fort of the Teutons. It was used to attack Lithuania. During the suppression period of the Lithuanian press, the first Lithuanian newspaper AUŠRA was founded here.

KUDIRKOS NAUMIESTIS — home and burial place of Vincas Kudirka.

SUVALKAI — site of Treaty of Lithuania - Poland, but Poland disregarded the agreement and seized Vilnius and part of East Lithuania.

MERKINĖ — famous ancient Lithuanian fort.

TRAKAI — home of Vytautas, beautiful lake, ruins of a fort.

KREVOS PILIS — place in which Kęstutis, the ruler of Lithuania was killed.

Lietuvos Vyčių Istorija

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Numeriai, kuriais nežinomos kuopos

Steigiant vyčių kuopas lietuvių kolonijose, jos buvo registruojamos Centro knygoje ir eiliniiais numeriais. Tokia tvarka ir mes ėjome iki priėjome prie 105 numerio. Čia prisėjo sustoti. Nė "Vytyje", nė Centro anų laikų ir vėlesniųjų sekretorių skelbiamuose oficialiuose pranešimuose, nė apskričių suvažiavimų ir visuotinių organizacijos atstovų suvažiavimų protokoluose niekur neteko rasti kuopų su numeriais 105, 106, 107 ir 108. Prašiau dabartinių Centro finansų ir protokolų sekretorių pasirausti po senus organizacijos dokumentus, bet ir jiems pasirodė tais numeriais nežinomos kuopos.

Kaip tai galėjo atsitikti — prašokti net keturis iš eilės numerius? Greičiausiai atsitiko taip. Plečiantis organizacijos tinklui, buvo įsisteigusios kuopos ir miestuose, kur gyveno nedidelis lietuvių skaičius. Centras galėjo gauti žinią apie ten įsteigtą naują vyčių kuopą, bet turėjo būti oficialus pranešimas, pasirašytas kuopos valdybos, kad kuopa būtų įregistruota Centro knygoje ir jai paskirtas eilinis numeris. Belaukiant oficialaus pranešimo, kitur įsisteigusios kuopos pasiskubino su oficialiais pranešimais ir joms teko jau augštesni numeriai. Gi vietovėse, kurių kuopos buvo pralenktos, lietuviai geresnio darbo jėškodami arba kitokių aplinkybių verčiami, išvažinėjo į kitus miestus ir kuopos veikimui dirva pasidarė permaža. Tokiu būdu kuopa vos gimusi mirė, nespėjusi net oficialaus pranešimo Centru, kad gautų numerį, pasiūsti. O gyvenimas ėjo nesulaikomai: jaunimas būrėsi po vyčių vėliava, didesnė kolonijose įsisteigusios gavo kitus numerius ir taip prieiname prie 109 kuopos Great Neck, N. Y.

109-ji KUOPA

Lietuvos Vyčių 109-ji kuopa Great Neck, N. Y., įsteigta 1934 metais. Steigiamajam susirinkime įsirašė 20 narių. Great Neck nėra sena lietuvių kolonija ir neperdaugiausiai lietuvių gyvena, todėl toks steigiamajam kuopos susirinkime jaunimo būrys buvo ne tik džiuginantis, bet ir teikias vilčių ilgam jos gyvavimui bei veikimui. Neveltui ir pirmojo korespondencijoje ("Vytis" nr. 8, 1935) buvo užakcentuota, kad naujoji vyčių kuopa Great Neck žadanti tapti gyviausiu jaunimo sambūriu New York ir New Jersey apskrityje. Tai pasitvirtino.

Steigiamajam susirinkime tarpe kitų įsirašė ir eilė talentingo jaunimo. Tą parodė pirmas kuopos talentų vakaras, kuriame meninę programą išpildė nariai K. Povilaitis, J. Masiulis, Jane Gladke, Al. Vasiliauskas-Wesey, J. Maner, Agnes Lauren, K. Budris, Lillian Zarowich, J. Zorskis, Agnes Daglis ir k.

Neužilgo po to kuopa sudarė komisiją vakarams ir pasilinksminimo pobūviams ruošti. Vėliau įsteigė ir sporto sekciją, kuri įsijungė į New York ir New Jersey

apskr. sportinę veiklą ir gyvai reišėsi. Pati kuopa apskrityje taipgi vaidino ir vaidina svarbią rolę kultūriname veikime.

Kuopos veikimą liudija dar ir tas faktas, kad praėjus dviems metams įsigijo nuosavą buklą (klubruimį) su knygynu ir radija, kuri paaukojo vietos Šv. Aloyzo parapijos kleb. kun. MacDonald, ir kitais dalykais, mėgstamais jaunimo susirinkus į buklą vakarus praleisti.

Kuopa gali didžiutis dar ir tuo, kad vienas jos narių Al. Vasiliauskas-Wesey yra žinomas viso organizacijoj, keletą metų pagrečiui ėjęs Centro valdybos pirmininko ir po to sendraugių pirmininko pareigas. Vietos lietuvių tarpe jis yra vienas žymiausių veikėjų tautiniame veikime.

110-ji KUOPA

Vyčių 110-ji kuopa įsteigta 1924 m. sausio 20 d., Atsimainymo Viešpaties Jėzaus parapijoj, Maspeth, N. Y. Steigiamajam susirinkime susirašė 16 narių. Valdybon išrinkta: pirm. P. Šlapikas, vicepirm. M. Budrytė, protokolų rašt. M. Tamulinaitė, finansų rašt. O. Laukaitytė, išd. Ed. Zigmuntas.

Gražūs organizacijos tikslai sužavėjo daugelį lietuviškojo jaunimo ir kuopa pradėjo augti taip, kad per porą metų narių turėjo per 125.

1926 metais parapijoj kilo vidujiniai nesusipratimai, kurie persimetė ir į draugijas. Neišvengė to ir vyčių kuopa. Rezultate kuopa turėjo savo susirinkimams ir sueigoms susirasti vietą kitur. Buvo gautos patalpos Clinton gatvėje, tačiau jos pasirodė permažos, pasijieškota didesnių patalpų, nes kuopa buvo didelė, o savo izde turėjo per \$800.

1930 metais įvyko tai, ko daugelis narių nepramatė ir nesitikėjo. Kuopoj susidarė tam tikra grupė, kuri ėmėsi savotiškai tvarkytis, šeiminkauti. Visa, kas buvo kilnu ir gražu, nustumta į šalį. Prasidėjo jaunimą žeminantieji reiškiniai. Grupė ėgavo tiek jėgos, kad kaip manantiems net pagrasindavo ir dėl to niekas neįdriso kelti pasipriešinimo. Kuopa pradėjo mažėti nariais. Galop beliko tiktai toji grupė. Izdas buvo išekvotas. Pagaliau ir toji grupė nutarė likviduotis, o likusius izde pinigus išleisti teatrui ir atsisveikinimo banketui. Ir taip gražiai: sužydus kuopa, dėl nesusipratimo parapijoj, dėl narių neapdairumo priimant naujus narius, liko palaidota.

Nors kuopa palaidota, nors vyčių vardas jaunimo tarpe neteko popularumo, tačiau buvo dar tokių, kuriuose ruseno vytiškoji dvasia. Tokiais buvo ypatingai A. Januškaitis ir K. Augustinas, kurie 1932 metais sušaukė pakrikusių narių susirinkimą kuopai atgaivinti. Pirmininko pareigas pasiėmė A. Januškaitis. Sunku buvo su susirinkimais. Tam reikalui neturėta patalpų. Iš pradžių susirinkimai buvo daromi narių namuose. Vėliau gauta prieglaida kaimyninės anglų parapijos sa-

lėj. Kad ir nedidelė saliukė, bet tuo laiku užteko vietos. Nariai, padedami savo tėvų, patalpą išdekoravo, tinkamai apstatė ir pasidarė jaunimui miela vieta.

1934 m. kuopa jau buvo tiek sustiprėjus, kad sudaryta krepšinio rinktinė, kuri New York ir New Jersey apskrities lygos suruoštose rungtynėse laimėjo pirmąją vietą. Susidarė stalo teniso ir kitokio sporto rateliai, pradėtas leisti laikraštukas "110 Speaks" ir persikelta į erdvesnes patalpas.

1936 m. kun. Masiulio ir Krušo sumanymu ir iniciatyva Brooklyne išdygo Katalikų Jaunimo Sąjunga (Catholic Youth Association). Pradėjo leisti laikraštėli ir buvo manyta, kad sąjunga išsiplės ne tik Brooklyno lietuvių kolonijose, bet pasieks ir toliau, kad ji užims vietą vyčių kuopų ir sutrauks visą lietuviškąją jaunimą. Deja, taip neįvyko. Dideli CYA užsimojimai šian die belikę tikrai atsiminimuose, o vyčių kuopos kaip gyvavo, taip ir gyvuoja. 110 kuopos veikime ypatingai pasižymėjo Augustinas, Augustinaitė ir Kabažinskas, kuriems 1938 metais kuopa buvo suruošus pagerbtuves ir įteikė tam tikrus garbės pažymius.

Sekančiuose metuose kuopa suruošė porą vakarų. Vieno vakaro pelnas buvo paskirtas savo parapijos reikalams. Du nariai, būtent Augustinas ir Augustinaitė pradėjo reikštis N. Y. ir N. J. apskrities veikime ir išėjo į pirmaujančius veikėjus.

1940 m. Maspetho lietuvių tarpe kilo mintis pasistatyti nuosavus "tautiškus" namus ir tam tikslui buvo įsteigtas fondas. Sumanymui ir vyčiai pritarė ir du kuopos nariai buvo vyčių atstovai minėtame fonde, tai J. Augustinas ir J. Wezvick. Kilęs karas suardė visus planus ir sumanymas buvo palaidotas.

1941 m. kuopa savo susirinkimus vėl perkėlė į parapijos salę, sėkmingai pravedė naujų narių vaju, suruošė dvasinę puotą, keletą parengimų ir sukėlė aukų lietuviams pabėgusiems nuo bolševikų į Vokietiją sušelpiti. Keletas narių, imant ir veikėjus A. Gražulį, J. Kleizą, Al. ir M. Wezvickus ir B. Čarneckį Dédé Samas pašaukė į karinę tarnybą, kas gerokai atsiliepė į kuopos veikimą. Tačiau nenuleista rankų.

Sekančiais metais kuopa daug rūpinosi surinkti lėšų pirkimui paketų kareiviams, o kad jie žinotų, kas namuose girdėti, kaip kuopa veikia, kokius sumanymus praveda, buvo įsteigtas laikraštukas "K. of L. (S) Nooz". Jis buvo nariams siuntinėjamas nemokamai. Be to, veik visi kuopos nariai aukojo kraujo Amerikos Raud. Kryžiui. Šauniai prisidėjo prie apskrities suruošto vakaro Centro reikalams. Pati kuopa ruošė vakarus, išvažiavimus, kultūrinius subūvimus, dėjosi prie kiekvieno didesnio parapijos veikimo, padėjo karnavaluose ir kitokiuose parengimuose.

Pergyvenus šilto ir šalto kuopa ilgainiui užsigrūdino veikime ir nepasidavė apsnudimui. Dalyvavo sporte, kultūrinėj veikloje, apskrities veikime ir dėjosi prie kiekvieno lietuviško ir katalikiško darbo. Peržiūrėję "Vyčio" komplektus matome, kad kuopa mėgo savo laikraštį — organą ir dažnai jame rašė apie savo veikimą. Visam tam reikėjo sumanumo, pasišventimo, o taip pat iš šalies paakstinimo. Didžiausiu ne tik vyčių kuopos, bet visų draugijų ir organizacijų kuopų akstintoju prie lietuviško veikimo buvo parapijos klebonas prelatas J. Balkūnas, kuris yra taip pat ir vienas žymiausių Amerikos lietuvių veikėjų.

Centro duotas valdybos oficialiame kuopų sąrašė kuopos numeris 87 taip pat Maspeth, N. Y., tačiau žinių apie ją nėra.

111-ji KUOPA

111-tuoju numeriu Centre buvo įregistruota dvi kuopos — Youngstown, Ohio, ir Clifside, New Jersey.

Youngstowne kuopa įsteigta 1924 metais Petro Česnulio pastangomis. Studijuodamas teises jis tų metų vasarą per atostogas pakviestas čia lietuvių vaikus pamokyti lietuviškos kalbos, rašto, Lietuvos istorijos, įsteigė ir vyčių kuopą. Pirmininku buvo išrinktas vienas judriausių to laiko Youngstowno jaunuolių, taip pat studentas, Vincas E. Pavis, čia gimęs ir augęs. Buvo ne tik rimtas ir gabus kuopos vadas, bet ir visame lietuvių veikime pirmaeilis jaunuolis.

Vyčių iniciatyva susiorganizavo parapijos choras, kuris sekmadieniais per mišias giedojo lietuviškas giesmes, o bendruose lietuvių susibūrimuose ir vakaruose lietuviškais dainomis palaikė lietuviškumą.

Mėgstantiems sportą sudarė sąlygas krepšinio rinktinei, kuri gražiai veikė trejetą metų.

Vakarai, išvažiavimai taip pat buvo vyčių veikimo programoj ir jie labai daug prisidėjo prie palaikymo lietuvių vienybės ir lietuviškumo.

Kuopa priklausė tuo metu gyvavusiam Ohio ir vakarinės Pennsylvania valst. apskričiai, gausiai dalyvavo jos suvažiavimuose ir buvo veikliausias narys visame apskr. veikime.

Be abejonės, kuopa būtų buvus ilgai gyva ir veikli, bet pirm. V. E. Paviui išvykus į Ohio Universitetą teisių studijuoti, pasijuto netekusi vado ir asmens, kuris savo iškalba, organizacijos reikalų supratimu sugėbėjo ir jaunimą organizuoti, jį organizacijoj palaikyti ir blėstantį lietuviškumą nuolatos pakurstyti. Kaikuri laiką kuopa dar laikėsi, bet ilgainiui pradėjo silpnėti, pagalios veikimas visiškai sustojo ir kuopa išsibraukė iš gyvųjų organizacijos šeimos narių tarpo. Vyčiams pakrikus, ir lietuvių vardas pasidarė retas lietuvių spaudoje, o lietuviškumas pradėjo nesulaikomai blėsti.

1934 metais New York ir New Jersey valstybių apskritis nutarė praveisti didelį naujų narių verbavimo ir naujų kuopų steigimo vaju. Apskritį tuo laiku sudarė aštuonios kuopos, kurių tarpe randame ir 111-ją kuopą iš Clifside, N. J. Kuopos valdyboj tais metais buvo dvasios vadas kun. S. Stonis, Patersono, N. J., parapijos klebonas, pirmininkas Ed. Damaskas, sekretorius V. Karsokas. Kuriais metais kuopa buvo įsteigta ir Centro įregistruota, taipgi kas pasidarbavo subūrimui Clifside lietuvių jaunimą po vyčių vėliava taip pat neteko patirti. Greičiausia tai buvo kun. S. Stonio pastangos, nes būdamas Patersono lietuvių parapijos klebonas, kartu ir čia gyvenančių lietuvių katalikų aprūpindavo dvasinius reikalus.

Kuopa turėjo išsinuomavus savo klubui patalpas 247 Walker St. Čia susirinkimus darė ir mažesnius parengimus ruošė. Veikėjų ir sumanumo kuopai netrūko. 1934 m. kuopos suruoštas vakaras tėvams pagerbti savo programa ir tvarka ne tik tėvams, bet ir visiems kviesiems svečiams padarė gražaus išpūdžio ir po vakaro visi ilgai gyrė vyčių sumanumą.



ALFA SUŠINSKAS

IDĖJINĖ NEAPYKANTA

Nuo pirmųjų amžių iki mūsų laikų krikščionys kankiniai didžiai stebina religiniu tvirtumu savo budelius ir visą nekrikščionišką aplinką. Jie ir stebins. Mirdami dėl savo įsitikinimų, jie šviečia nepaprastai tvirtu tikėjimu.

Krikščionys kankiniai yra idealistai, siekia savųjų idealų, nepaisydami jokių kliūčių. Tačiau jie nėra fanatikai: jie mus žavi kilniu religiniu patvarumu, bet ne fanatizmu, kurio jie neturi.

Kaikas mano, kad idėjinis tvirtumas tereiškias fanatizmą. Toks galvojimas yra klaidingas.

Idėjinio tvirtumo negalima laikyti fanatizmu. Idėjinis tvirtumas yra garbingas gyvenimas pagal savo įsitikinimus, savo idealų siekiant teisingomis bei garbingomis priemonėmis ir nereiškiant neapykantos kitokių idealų žmonėms.

Idėjinis fanatizmas irgi yra gyvenimas pagal savo įsitikinimus, tik juos praktikoje vykdant negarbingomis bei neteisingomis priemonėmis ir įvairiu būdu išliejant neapykantą kitaip įsitikinusiajam.

Idėjinis fanatikas mano, kad, siekdamas savųjų tikslų ir savo idėjas beįgyvendindamas, jis galiis vartoti visokias priemones: pačias negarbingasias, pačias suktašias, net

kruviniausias — kruvinąjį terorą bei smurtą. Fanatikas tiki, kad savo tikslui siekti jam esančios leistos ir pateisinamos betkurios priemonės.

Kilnus idėjinis tvirtumas yra dorybė, rodanti aiškų žmogaus galvojimą ir jo charakterio pastovumą. Gi fanatizmas nėra dorybė: jis yra neigiamasis charakterio bruožas; betkurios rūšies fanatizmas visada esti griaujamasis bei naikinamasis veiksnys.

Idėjinis fanatikas elgiasi ne vien kaip dvasinis, bet neretai ir kaip fizinis banditas...

Iš visų fanatizmo rūšių ypač šlykštus yra religinis ir politinis fanatizmas.

Religiniu fanatizmu labiausiai nusikalstama vienam iš pačių pagrindinių religijos principų — artimo meilei. Gi politinis fanatizmas tuo yra bausis bei viską naikinaš, kad jis apakina žmogų iki žvėriško plėšrumo. Ryškiausią šitokio fanatizmo pavyzdį turėjome nacizme bei fašizme ir tebeturime komunizme. Iš viso, kiekviena diktatūra yra politinio fanatizmo išraiška.

Gi pats fanatizmas yra viena iš dvasinio žvėriškumo ir nežmoniškumo apraiškų.

Idėjų bei idealų yra įvairiausių bei skirtingiausių. Tačiau tarp jų sekėjų ir vykdytojų, idealistais va-

dinamų, turi būti randamas kelias, kuriuo jie visi kaip žmonės galėtų keliauti, vienas kito nenaikindami. Juk net tos pačios šeimos vaikai turi skirtingų, saviškų pažiūrų. Juo labiau jų turi tarp savęs negiminin-gi žmonės.

Idėjinis tvirtumas, pasireiškiąs fanatizmu, nėra kilnus ar patrauklus. Paprastai jis pats sau galą suruošia savo nuolatiniu, aklu įkarščiu: anksčiau ar vėliau jis žūsta nuo ginklų bei metodų, kuriais sau kelią skynė kitaip galvojančiuose žmonėse. Kiekvienas fanatizmas yra akla neapykanta: jis nežiūri kitokių idėjų kilnumo ar teisingumo ir nieko kito šalia savęs nepakenčia.

Idėjinis tvirtumas yra didis dalykas. Juo pasireiškia žmogaus kilnumas ir žmoniškumas. Tvirtas ir garbingas savųjų idėjų bei idealų laikymasis visada sukelia padoriuose žmonėse pagarbą, susidomėjimą ir nuostabą. Gi fanatizmas teiškelia ir teišryškina gyvuliškąjį pradą žmoguje, užmirštančiame, kad šalia jo gyvena dar ir kitas žmogus taip pat su savišku, atskiru dvasiniu pasauliu; idėjinis fanatizmas terodo idėjų drabužyje pasislėpusį žmogų žvėrį, siekiantį sunaikinti šalia savęs bestovintį kitokių idealų Dievo kūrinį — nemirštamios sielos kitą žmogų.

Sekančiais metais kuopa suruošė apskrities seimelį turininga programa ir atstovams pasilinksminimą, o vasarą — didelę jaunimo išvyką. Nežiūrint to vis tik ir ši kuopa neilgai gyvavo. Po kelių metų vienam apskrities susirinkime, atstovams darant pranešimus iš kuopų, buvo pranešta, kad Cliffside kuopa jau pairus.

Iš žymesniųjų veikėjų yra minimi Ed. Damaskas, V. Karsokas, A. Vedegis, M. ir H. Stulgaitytės, J. Grabauskas, Al. Pettrow, James Braddock, J. Noreika ir k. Iš jų J. Grabauskas buvo pirmaujantis muzikos srityj, Kaip geras akordeonistas, jis visus vyčių susibūrimus pajvairindavo muzika, o J. Noreika buvo žymus basebolininkas ir tiek iškilo, kad vėliau buvo patekęs net į Los Angeles, Calif., basebolo rinktinę.

Vyčių Garbės Narį ir buvusį Vyčių Centro Valdybos Pirmininką Antaną Mažeiką ir jo žmoną Zuzaną, veikliąją vyte, šių metų birželio 3 dieną šventusius 25 metų vedybinę sukaktį, nuoširdžiai sveikiname ir geriausius linkėjimus siunčiame

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WHY YOU SHOULD COME TO DETROIT

Anthony Dainus

When anyone mentions Detroit, the first thing you think of is "the motor city of the world." However there are other attractions here for the delegates to the Knights of Lithuania 46th National Convention, besides the tours through the Ford Rouge Plant (world's largest industrial concentration) and other auto plants with their mammoth presses, mile long production lines, marvels of automation, etc.

For instance, for 60 years we fought to get the engineering marvel known as the St. Lawrence Seaway. Now it is an accomplished fact. President Eisenhower and Queen Elizabeth will dedicate it in June. Well, Detroit is a part of it. Furthermore, the Detroit River already carries more tonnage than any waterway in the world.

Perhaps you would like to walk to Canada, over the sky-high Ambassador Bridge or relax at beautiful Belle Isle, a few minutes drive from city hall and watch the freighters knife through the waters only a few feet away. Then there's the new Civic Center, a half-billion dollar project with the largest Convention and Exhibits Building in the world, artistic Ford Auditorium, graceful City-County building, Veterans Memorial, Greyhound Terminal, office buildings, entwining express-ways, all brand new and all at the river front, like a dreamland. At the terminal see the huge mosaic of Father Gabriel Richard, a city pioneer and co-founder of the University of Michigan; then while you're still down-town, visit one of the largest department stores in the world, fabulous J. L. Hudson's.

Getting back to the auto industry's side attractions, just out of town, are Ford Rotunda and Greenfield Village, General Motors new multi-million dollar Technical Center, a show place of fountains, landscaping, color etc. Perhaps a visit

to Ann Arbor, the home of the University of Michigan, or a swim at the new mile long Metropolitan Beach, world's largest fresh-water beach, or in one of the hundred lakes around here. You may want to visit the new \$100,000,000 Mackinac Bridge — longest suspension bridge in the world. The baseball fans will find the Detroit Tigers home every day of the convention; take your choice, New York, Baltimore, Boston; even a night game.

But enough of temporal values, let's look to the spiritual. You'll find it in the magnificent Gothic Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, or Father Coughlin's Shrine of the Little Flower; Sacred Heart Seminary, the University of Detroit, among the world's largest Catholic universities; Marygrove College for women; three Lithuanian parishes; relax at the new Lithuanian Catholic Youth Camp 'Dainava', a bit of the ol' sod, right here.

Enough of personal wants. As Christians we must be altruistic too, for we must be our brother keepers. In line with this, an excellent resolution was adopted at last year's convention, prompted no doubt, among other reasons, by the undermining effect on the K. of L. of the suburban exodus of many parishioners. It reads,

"Mes pasiryžtame padaryti lie-tuviškumą mūsų asmeniško gyvenimo ir Kuopų veikimo esmine žyme..."

In other words, dangerous inroads have weakened the fabric of some councils. How can they be helped?

"Ranka ranką šluosto." You can strengthen your particular council by an exchange of successful plans at the convention. Not all councils are plagued alike. Here's an example: You might undertake what was tried recently here in Detroit—a council was reactivated that ceased to exist 35 years ago. Earlier

a changing neighborhood had dispersed the parishioners; a new church was built elsewhere, but this time they were confronted by a new problem — the scattered status of the parishioners, the absence of a live-wire club, and a mixed congregation created a threat to the Lithuanians. The K. of L. was reactivated, gradually they are managing to return the younger folks, thus the council strengthens the parish and vice versa. (Unfortunately, the DPs were of no help to the council since their orientation is to other city parishes where Lithuanian is predominant.)

In brief, we must strengthen the loosely knit fabric of the disintegrating parish and its Lithuanian character and the convention hopes to show you how. Thus your Detroit visit will prove a boon culturally and spiritually, not only to you, your council and your fatherland, but also to your parish. Our motto could be "Per Šv. Kazimierą, surinkime savuosius."

K. OF L. CALENDAR

June 18 — Worcester, Mass., Councils 116 and 26, SPORTS SOCIAL, Our Lady of Vilna Church garden.

July 12 — Amsterdam, N. Y. (100) OUTING, Rimkūnas' Camp, Lake Galway, New York.

July 19 — New York - New Jersey District Picnic, Bayonne, N. J. (St. Michael's parish grounds).

July 26 — Pittsburgh, Pa. (19) ANNUAL PICNIC.

August 2 — New England District K. of L. Picnic, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass. Swimming, boating, dancing

August 20 - 23 — 46th K. OF L. NATIONAL CONVENTION, Detroit, Michigan. Hosts — Councils 79 and 102.

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS PILGRIMAGE 1960

One of the most thrilling and unforgettable K. of L. adventures will be the pilgrimage being planned to visit the Eucharistic Congress in Munich and the sacred shrines and cultural centers of Europe.

Arrangements for the pilgrimage are almost completed and a tentative itinerary has been prepared.

Leaving Boston or New York on Saturday afternoon, July 23, by overnight trans-Atlantic flight, the pilgrims will land at London airport. Two days of sightseeing will include Buckingham Palace, Parliament, Downing St., Westminster Abbey, Windsor castle, etc.

Arriving in Paris by plane, the tour will spend two days visiting the Louvre, Notre Dame Cathedral, Sacre-Coeur de Montmartre, Versailles, etc.

From Paris the pilgrimage will proceed by train to visit the famous cathedral of Cologne, sail up the Rhine river by steamer to admire the wondrous beauty of the Rhine valley from Coblenz to Wiesbaden, and then take a train for Munich and two days at the inspiring opening sessions of the Eucharistic Congress. The pilgrims will go on to Oberammergau to attend the full day performance of the world renowned Passion Play, which is produced every ten years.

The tour will continue by private motor coach through Lichtenstein and the towering Swiss alps to Lucerne and the shrine of Einsiedeln. Leaving Switzerland by the St. Gotthard pass, the pilgrimage will stop at Milan to view Leonardo de Vinci's fresco of the "Last Supper," pass through Verona, famed for its ancient Roman amphitheatre, and then relax among the splendors of the island city of Venice.

Motoring to Rome, stops will be made at Florence, the art center of the world, and Assisi the home of St. Francis. There full days in Rome will provide ample opportunity to visit the great shrines and basilicas of Christendom, the ruins of the ancient Roman Forum, the great Vatican museum, and the shrines of Christian martyrs. An audience with the Holy Father will be requested.

From Rome the tour will continue along the Italian and French Rivas, through Monte Carlo, the romantic now home of Princess Grace, to Nice for a day of leisure on the sunny shores of the Blue Mediterranean.

An overnight train will take the pilgrims to the revered shrine of the Blessed Virgin at Lourdes, where there will be opportunities to take part in Morning Mass at the Basilica, the afternoon blessing of the sick, and the evening torchlight procession to the Grotto of the Apparitions.

From Lourdes the group will fly to Lisbon and on the following day motor to the famed shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. Trans-Atlantic overnight flight will return the pilgrimage to New York or Boston on Sunday morning August 21.

The pilgrimage is being planned under the leadership of the national spiritual director of the Knights of Lithuania.

An official announcement of complete details for the K. of L. Eucharistic Congress Tour will be made at the national Convention in Detroit.

After DETROIT WORCESTER 1960

VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIŲ SKYRIUS

Redaguoja **IGNAS SAKALAS**

Rekolekcijų organizatorės. Marijona Paukštienė ir Peggy Zakaraitė gegužės 17 d. buvo suorganizavusios moterų rekolekcijas vienuolių saleziečių įkurtoje Šiluvoje prie Cider ežero Indiana valstybėje.

Abi organizatorės yra žinomos ir Moterų Sąjungos veikėjos. M. Paukštienė yra ilgametė tos sąjungos direktorė Illinois valstybėj.

Gegužės 24 d. buvo suruoštos rekolekcijos vyrams ir moterims vienuolių marijonų naujame vienuolyne Chicagoj. Čia veik visą organizavimo darbą vykdė E. Samienė, T. Marijonų Bendradarbių Chicagos apskr. pirmininkė.

Atšventė reikšmingą jubilėju. Jonas ir Veronika Simonavičiai, gyv. Brighton Parke, šįmet atšventė aukštinį vedybinio gyvenimo jubilėju. Jubilėjaus dieną Nekalto Prasidėjimo Švč. P. Marijos bažnyčioje jubiliatai, šeimos, giminės ir gausus būrys draugų bei bičiulių išklaušė iškilmingųjų šv. mišių ir Šv. Tėvo palaiminimo. Po to Amerikos Legiono Dariaus ir Girėno posto patalpose per banketą dar išklaušė ilgą eilę sveikinimų, kurių vienas buvo net iš Sibiro — jubiliatės brolio Krasausko.

J. Simonavičius yra kilęs iš Žemaitkiemio kaimo, Troškūnų parapijos. Vedęs V. Krasauskaitę iš Šiaulynės kaimo, abu 1909 metais atvyko į Ameriką ir apsigyveno Chicagoj. Kaip susipratę lietuviai, greit išitraukė į katalikišką, draugijinį ir tautinį veikimą. Gyvendami West Side kolonijoje, jubiliatai buvo vieni stipriųjų Aušros Vartų parapijos šulų ir anais laikais veikiančiųjų katalikiškų draugijų nariai - veikėjai, o jubiliatas Jonas dar nuolatinis valdybose — vienur pirmininkas, kitur sekretorius. Žinant, kad anų laikų šakotas ir sėkmingas lietuvių katalikų veikimas didžiumoje eidavo iš draugijų iniciatyvos ir jų paramos, galima išivaizduoti, kiek nuopelnų jubiliatai yra susikrovę tose srityse.

Po antrojo Pasaulinio karo atsidurusius tremtyje ne vien tik giminės, bet ir kitus šelpė siuntiniais ir daugeliui sudarė sąlygas atvykti i



Jonas ir Veronika Simonavičiai

Ameriką. Kaip seniau Tautos Fondą, taip dabar Balfą jubiliatai remia ne tik būdami nariais, bet ir įvairiomis progomis. Savo dalį taip pat atiduoda ir Altui — Lietuvos laisvinimo reikalui.

Jubiliatai išaugino ir mokslo davė dviem sūnum — Vladui ir Povilui ir dukteriai Emilijai, kurie be anglų kalbos taip pat gražiai kalba ir lietuviškai. Džiaugiasi ir dviemis vaikais.

Sendraugių kuopa savo nariams linki ko geriausios sveikatos ir susilaukti deimantinio vedybų jubilėjaus.

Pamatysime naują filmą. Adv. Kastas Savickus, mūsų organizacijos centro teisinis patarėjas ir Chicagos miesto advokatas, laimingai grįžo iš Europos, kur apkeliavo daugelį valstybių. Vyčiai jauniausiai ir sen-

draugiai turėjo progos pasigrožėti jo spalvotu filmu iš prieš porą metų kelionės po Europą.

Naujas narys. Prieš porą mėnesių mūsų narių gretas papildė naujas narys — Juozas Dobrovalskis, gyvenęs West Side lietuvių kolonijoje, kur ilgus metus turėjo valgomųjų daiktų krautuve ir stambiai paremdavo kiekvieną draugijų katalikišką ir tautinį veikimą. J. Dobrovalskis yra vienas pirmųjų narių Town of Lake veikusios 13 vyčių kuopos narių. Jo įtraukimu sendraugių tarpan pasidarbavo kuopos išdininkas N. Karliavičius, senas J. Dobrovalskio bičiulis.

Naujojo nario žmona yra taip pat žymi draugijų, ypač Moterų Sąjungos ir Šv. Kazimiero Akademijos Rėmėjų dr-jos narė.

JUNIORS' POEMS

ABOUT LITHUANIA

MARY'S LAND

Little Land so firm and strong
Land of happy carefree song
Friendly people, wayside shrines,
Upon you Mary's grace does shine.
People who died for their faith
We pray they entered heaven's gate.

Lynn Laskevich
St. Casimir's School
Grade 7



LITHUANIA

Land across the flowing sea
Where my homeland used to be,
It was very happy and gay
Until the communists came to stay.
Now, I hope God will make it free
Lithuania which is dear to me.

John Kolodziej
St. Casimir's
Grade 7



LITHUANIA

The land of Mary, The land of Sorrow,
O Lord, let this country someday borrow,
The freedom of America rich and strong,
And hold and keep it forever long.

O, please dear Mary, let us be free
From the Communist's oppression and tyranny.
Land of Mary, land so fair
This, O Mary, is our prayer.

Linda Nagiones

JUNIOR COUNCIL 100

Amsterdam, N. Y. In commemoration of Lithuania's Independence Day, this past February, our project — "Wayside Shrines" — was proudly displayed. Also, several of our Juniors wrote poems about LITHUANIA. They were Algi Dzek, Sandra Fraumane (Grade 7), Chester E. Priniezny, Arlene Sarkowski (St. Casimir's, Grade 8), Gerald Kopraski (Grade 7), Mary Anne Yutes, Linda Nagiones, Mary Danyla (Grade 7), Antoinette Sargalis, Dorothy Ukeritis (Grade 7), Margaret Pianys (Grade 7), Lynn Laskevich (Grade 7), Sandra Bedell (Grade 8), John Kolodziej (Grade 7), Juanita Stokna (Grade 7), and Frances Korzeniewski (Grade 7).

Lynn Laskevich, Secretary

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LAND OF LITHUANIA

O' Flag of Lithuania, red, yellow and green,
Land of great beauty, how much you do mean!
We fly your banner toward the big blue sky,
Our love for you will never die.
Your people, your land and many a song,
We'll remember them ever so long.

Frances Korzeniewski
St. Casimir's School
Grade 7



LITHUANIA

Lithuania, Lithuania, land of the brave
Lithuania, Lithuania, thy Faith will be saved.

Here the echo of freedom ring
As thy people suffering sing.

Soon thy flag will wave on high
With Mary's blessing sent from the sky.

Algi Dzek.



MY NATIVE COUNTRY

My native country Lithuania
Which is so dear to me
Filled with forest, field and vale
As far as the eye can see.

Some day I wish there to sail
To see her Baltic shores
Washed by the waves of the gale
That grips like an enemy forever more.

Her Baltic shores again to trip
Where heroes fought their best
Oh Lord, the people Communism strip
And give thy people rest.

Chester E. Priniezny

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Worcester, Mass. — 116

"Platkuvienė"

Bowling is the main topic of discussion among our members lately. With the Council Bowling League finished for the season, the Champs this year are Team #1: Al Krasinskas, Captain, Vin Burdulis, John Yurkinas, Bernice Kavadaras, Mary Klimkaitis and Pauline Savage.

The awarding of trophies took place at the banquet held on Saturday, May 23. Ann Matachinskas and her fiance, Koke, are to be commended for the nice job they did in reviving competitive bowling in our council. Also, they deserve a pat on the back for arranging the banquet and purchasing the awards.

In District Bowling, the C-116 Girls' Team is tied for first place with our neighbor C-26. The final match with C-17, South Boston, was a heart-breaker for our girls. In order to capture the first-place title, they had to win all four points . . . they lost the last string by **one pin!**

Father Yankauskas and our fine Spiritual Committee are planning a visit to St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer. This should be an interesting event.

Both our council and C-26 are planning to get together in our church garden on June 18 for an evening of basketball, volley ball and **food!** Later on in the summer, C-26 has invited us to Maironis Park for a similar social. Sounds like a wonderful time!

Personalities

Dot Sinkavitch is getting to be a remarkable golfer. She is playing several times a week and improving all the time. The first time out this year, playing on a difficult, unfamiliar course, she broke 70 for nine

holes. Pretty good for a relatively new golfer!

Bernice Burdulis, one of our council's ex-presidents, is attending the University of Miami evenings.

Ann Matachinskas, our council recording secretary, and John Korkernak were joined in Holy Matrimony on June 6.

Joan Cashman, one of our newest members, had the honor of crowning the statue of Our Blessed Mother during the annual Mother's Day Procession.

NEW YORK NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

Amsterdam, N. Y. — 100 Smile & Sparkle

Father Peter Jonaitis of Albany attended our May meeting and represented Father Baltch who was detained at the Bishop's Fund gathering. Our meeting was presided by Matt Kazlauskas, vice president. On the Agenda: Sadie Karbus, secretary of the Fall Bazaar, gave a brief resume of the committee's plans. All proceeds to go towards renovating the parish school. Also discussed was the forthcoming OUTING — July 12th at Rimkunas' Camp, Lake Galway, N. Y. All interested, please contact Gene Gobis, 18 John St., Amsterdam, N. Y.

Father Jonaitis gave an interesting talk on RELIGION in a communist-dominated country and how little if any freedom of religion there is. Father Baltch (late arrival) spoke on how four girls from Siberia contributed their efforts to produce a miniature prayerbook and on February 16th they forwarded it to a fifth girl to bring her into the same circle of prayer and national aspirations.

(Article written by Simas Sužiedelis, editor of DARBININKAS and reflections on the Prayerbook by Romualdas Leimonas appeared in the April issue of VYTIS, 1959.)

Following the meeting, Margaret Boccio and Beleckas served delicious delicacies to a large group in attendance.

News Bits

Matt Orante's store windows had a beautiful display of Lithuanian art, books, music, Knight in Armor, etc. during the month of February. Several of his paintings depicting Lithuania's historical events were also on display. He is proud of his Lithuanian heritage! We are proud of having him as one of our members and outstanding businessmen in the community.

Birthday greetings to our new member, Anthony Rusilas (May 23!). Hear Milda Zemaitis is interested in a young gentleman from Iran who is studying in Cleveland, Ohio? They met at John Urban's Adirondack Inn last year.... We wish all a pleasant summer. Don't forget the Detroit Convention. Our regular meetings will resume in September (first Monday).

Philadelphia, Pa. — 3 "Twinkle"

We wish to thank Vice President Walter Svekla for the good job he did in presiding over our May meeting in the absence of our President Irene Varevice, also to Father Wassel for his very inspiring talk on Mother's Day. At this meeting, it was decided that we have two activities for the month of May: First, since it is the baseball season, we are planning to attend a game at Connie Mack Stadium, (Phillies vs. Milwaukee). Second, so as not to break away from tradition, it was decided to hold our annual wienie roast at Harper's Meadow.... A party was held at St. Casimir's Hall in appreciation for all those who participated in the Minstrel Show.... Choir practice, under the direction of Stanley Petraitis, has resumed, and will be held every Thursday at 7:30 P.M.... Belated Birthday Wishes to: Eleanor

Chebatoris (March), Irene Sasnauskas (April), and Agnes Timmins (April).

Congratulations to the graduates: Walter Svekla — Villanova University; Chris Miedzius — Villanova University; and Ray Pukis—Temple University.

Brooklyn, N. Y. (Queens) — 41

Joan Mazeika

On April 1, 1959, our council held its first swimming party at St. George's Indoor Pool, Brooklyn. All members attended (22) and everyone had a wonderful time. It was a "splashing" success!

On April 5, 1959, a regular council meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dublis, Howard Beach. Before formal business was opened, we received our usual Lithuanian dancing instructions from Mrs. Matulaitienė which everyone enjoyed. Then the meeting was opened with a prayer. Lithuanian Cultural Committee members (Bob Dublis, Helen Matusevicius and Diana Lovinikaitis) and Sports Committee members (William Paulauskas, Eleanor Peckaitis and Eugene Marcis) were elected. Also a report was given by Joan Mazeika on the Communist Invasion of Lithuania. After the meeting, time was divided between admiring Mr. & Mrs. Dublis' beautiful home and dancing to "stereo" music. Later some wonderful entertainment was put on by our strummin' — balalaika player Tom Mickalski and wonderful accordianist (!) Anthony Mazeika. A birthday cake, baked by Helen Matusevicius, was presented to our Council President Anthony Mazeika on his nineteenth birthday, and everyone sang hearty congratulations.

On Saturday evening, April 25, a number of our members went by car to the Newark council Hawaiian Night Dance. The gay and fast-moving polkas, tangos and other music, the unusual "hula" entertainment put on by the Newark male members, plus the pleasant trip to and from New Jersey, was thoroughly enjoyed not only by our "shy" Vice President Tom Michalski, but by all members as well.

On Sunday, April 26, we met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Paulauskas for our meeting. Future plans for a picnic was discussed

plus a suggestion to visit Rye Beach, New York, by boat. Also planned is a dance sometime in June or July for the purpose of replenishing our council treasury. The dance committee consists of Eleanor Peckaitis, Eugene Marcis and William Paulauskas (chairman). It was decided that all the "gals" would participate on the decoration committee. Later a report was given by Helen Matusevicius on the general characteristics of Lithuania, which proved to be both interesting and enlightening.

After the meeting, a little "surprise birthday party" was held for our hardworking and delightful secretary Eleanor Peckaitis, who was enjoyably initiated into her nineteenth birthday. A delicious cake, baked by Helen Matusevicius was served and everyone sang hearty congratulations to Eleanor.

JUNIOR K. of L. RALLY

N. Y. - N. J. District, Kearny, N. J.

April 12, 1959

The enthusiasm on the part of these young Knights and Ladies was really something to behold! Imagine about 100 first, second and third generation, American Lithuanians having a tremendous amount of interest in their priceless Lithuanian heritage, that they participated in Council groups by having skits with a Lithuanian theme.

For the future of our K. of L., the Juniors are most important, and as was demonstrated at this outstanding rally, **THEY HAVE TO BE KEPT ACTIVE!** Let them have more "group participation", skits and recitals a wonderful way for everyone to take an active part. In this way, they will be able to strengthen our organization more and will at the same time mould themselves as leaders and be able to face the future as Americans, proud of their Lithuanian heritage.

To do this our Juniors need the help of the regular K. of L. members, but even more important they need the help and **ENCOURAGEMENT** of **PARENTS, PRIESTS** and **PASTORS** of the Lithuanian parishes throughout the country.

Albin J. Janks (Jankauskas)
Council 29, Newark, N. J.

**MID-CENTRAL
DISTRICT**

Dayton, Ohio — 96 "Ambrose"

Since this Council has not been heard from for some time we have a lot to report. Our council had been bitten with the ice skating bug. For the past couple of months, we traveled to Hobart Arena in Troy, Ohio to try our skill on the "silver blades". Average attendance was 40.

On Palm Sunday the women of our council had their annual Bake Sale. It was a big success, thanks to Mary Lucas, our president, who was chairman of the Bake Sale.

Four members made a Retreat at the Trappists Monastery in Kentucky. Several of our women made a retreat at the Dominican Retreat House in Dayton. It would do all of us good to give God one weekend out of a year.

Many of our members are planning to attend the wedding of George Mikalauskas and Frances Machutis in Cleveland. We all feel that we are gaining a wonderful new member and friend. It is good to hear that Tony Zelinskas and Barbara Leasure are up and around again after their recent operations.

Council 96 was host to the Mid-Central District Convention held in Dayton on April 11 and 12. There was a large representation from Cleveland, Pittsburg and Detroit. We also had two guests from Chicago visiting with us. Our own Stanley Vaitkus was elected President of the Mid-Central District. Congratulations!

Our members came out in full force for the dance Saturday night, young and old. Our decorating committee did an excellent job with their outdoor cafe scene of France. Thanks to Geraldine Gevat, Ann Sinkwitz, Elaine Lucas, Ronnie Omlor, Rita and Frank Ambrose and Robert Omlor and our Junior members, Joe Sinkwitz and Marilyn Lucas. A special thanks to our visitors from Chicago for their big help in decorating. It added that certain authentic French atmosphere.

The Detroit Council came armed with straw hats and put on their advertising campaign for the National Convention to be held in Detroit. On Sunday, Mary Lucas



Dayton, Ohio — Ice Skating Party

entertained all delegates and guests with a breakfast held at the home of Joe and Ada Sinkwitz. The men put on an impromptu Easter Parade modeling the girls' hats. They were really dolls! The closing banquet was held at the Miami Hotel. Our guest speaker was Mr. Al Strozdas, City Welfare Director and a K. of L'er. His talk made us feel, as he put it, "proud of our Lithuanian heritage."

Sally and Annadel Miller came back from their vacation in Florida sporting good tans. It sure made us pale lilies look bad. Our bowling season is over! The top team was the Cardinals including Charles Petkus, Eva Leasure, Jake Goldick and Anita Goldick.

We welcome the following new members into our council: Barbara Leasure, Robert Omlor, Ronnie Vangan, William Leasure, Elaine Lucas, and Ann Sinkwitz.

Congratulations to Tony and Joanne Zelinkas on the birth of their first daughter, Patricia An.

Detroit, Mich. — 102

Carl

For the past several months, Convention Committee meetings have been held quite regular (sometimes 3 a week) at the parish hall, and the homes of the Neveroucks, Borises, Caldwelles and Simonises. The committee members are working hard to make the 46th Convention in Detroit a MEMORABLE one!

Our good friend, Joe Sakal, accepted a position in Miami and now has moved his entire family including three little potential K. of L'ers, there.... Ray and Terry Medonis and their three children have

been residing in Florida for the past year.

Our council has been sponsoring Card parties to help replenish our treasury.... Jennie Yuskis, past president, will be married this month.... Vince Boris is working in the Army Intelligence branch of the government, in San Antonio, Texas. Hope to see him at our convention this August!

Detroit, Mich. — 102 "One-O-Two"

Beside feverishly taking care of the thousand and one details necessary to prepare the biggest and best convention ever, Detroiters also find time to engage in other activities. Weekly rehearsals for the "K. of L. Capers" find 30-40 persons learning songs, dances for this gala event.

Our delegation to the Mid-Central District convention in Dayton, Ohio brought back glowing reports of Dayton's hospitality. A special thanks to Mary Lucas, Ada and Joe Sinkwitz who were wonderful hosts. Thanks Dayton!

Congratulations to Albert Aleks, long time K. of L. member on his recent marriage. How about bringing your bride down, Al?... Wedding bells will be ringing in June for Gennie Yuskis, past president of our council. Best wishes, Gennie!

A fabulous three weeks in Miami, were spent by Anna Mae Uznis. Beside a beautiful tan, Ann brought back loads of Miami fashions, which are being featured in her shoppe! Save a few of those creations for the Convention Fashion show, Ann! Rita Neverouck, reports a glorious trip to Gatlinburgh, Tenn. where she spent a vacation in the Smokies.

Congratulations to Al Gaize, our Ad book chairman, who recently opened a used car lot. Al promises a nice discount to all delegates to the convention.... Tom and Bernadette Plunkett, newlyweds, have purchased a home in Dearborn.... Congratulations to Ann and Andy Lenchart who recently were blessed with their third income tax exemption, Andrew Jr.... Also to Maryanne and Joe Guerriero whose son, Joey Jr., received his First Holy Communion this year. Best wishes and prayers to Mrs. Caldwell, mother of Isabelle, our Convention Secretary, who is recovering from a serious illness.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

Tony Yuknis

The District concluded its monthly series of bowling days and supper club combinations. Bowlers as well as non-bowlers were exercised and entertained throughout the indoor season. These affairs were successful because of the splendid cooperation from members of the various councils who didn't hesitate to pitch in and help out. As usual the District president, Al Manst, was the guiding hand. At the last May supper he was assisted by the following kitchen shock troopers, Mrs. Kaminski, Mrs. Rukas and Mrs. Carver. The chef was Alex Shviraga, owner of the Gaiva restaurant. The charming hostesses were Ange Andres, Gerry Mack, Ruth Daxis, Sally Sosnitszki, Irene Rakaitis, Sophie Zukas, Gerry Kantaut, Pat Doman, Irene Sankus and Peggy Zakaras. The District will have its own bowling league come next September with Friday as the tentative date. So you guys and dolls rush to your telephone and turn name in to Gerry Mack, YA 7-1233. The disc jockeys who furnished the Hi-Fi music for the diners and dancers at the Supper Club were Peter Butkus, Gordon Gudas and Tony Yuknis. It must be mentioned that each one had the best set of records that you've ever heard.

The District had a dance at the Youth Center preceding the Mid-Western Bowling tournament in Gary. Reliable Al Daxis was the hard working chairman of this affair.

Mrs. Sophie Kaminski agreed to finish out the term of her late husband, John Kaminski, as president of Gary C-82. Other officers giving her a hand for the Mid-Western Bowl are Joe Kurpalis, Miki Shirvinski, Tony Jank, Stanley Juknevich, Joanne Mazeika, Emily Mihaluk, Mary and Jim Rukas. Stan Juknevich was interviewed by the Tenpin Tattler on station WCFL and gave their bowling tournamnet a final big boost.

Chicago, Ill. — 24-99

Tony
Yuknis

The May GAY 90'S PARTY sponsored by Council 24-99 was the gayest social of the year. Producer - director Frank Jurgaitis put together a hilarious show for the customers. John Pocius was the M. C. and he was assisted by the great Alex Shulicke — which was as fine a combination of corn and ham that you've ever tasted. Other burlesquers were Paul Maguire and Walter Gregor who had the audience in a titter.

Dressed in clothes that grandfather wore were members of the GAY 90'S band featuring Gordon Gudas, John Cibulskis, George Jonikas and Louis Rogers. After the program they played lively dance tunes.

The donors of the food were Sally Sosnitszki, Gordon Gudas and Tony Yuknis. The latter dished out old fashioned steins of tap beer to the customers for free. The beer was donated by "Meet me in St. Looie" Jurgaitis.

After the show the snacks were on the house and it sure disappeared as fast as the romance 'tween Frankie and Johnnie — who did her wrong. The table was daintily set by our gal Sal. The customers all agreed that this was the biggest bargain in the world — this party of ours. If you weren't present you sure goofed. You just missed the most wonderful time in all of the world by an old fashioned whisker.

Chicago, Ill. — 112

Geraldine
Kantaut

Plenty of skills and spills were displayed when sixteen Council 112 members and guests had a roller skating party at the Oak Lawn Roller Rink on April 29. It must be said in all fairness though, everyone did pretty well, even those who had never before been on roller skates.

Al Zakarka challenged Ruth Daxis to a race which, unfortunately, had to be called off. It seems that Ruth gave Al a head start and then passed him up and was racing to a glorious finish when she was stopped short by a guard for speeding! Also in the crowd was District President Al Manst (who fell only once) and Council 5 President Lu-

cille Yocius. After getting plenty of exercise (not to mention bumps and bruises), the hungry skaters stopped in at Aylward's Round-Up for a late snack.

April 26 marked the last District sponsored bowling meet for the year. Several of our council's members joined in on the fun and some even bowled well enough to share in the prizes. The lucky winners were Irene Rakaitis, Louis Rogers, and Irene Sankus. Tell us how you did it!

"Gay Nineties" was the theme of the dance hosted by Council 24-99 on May 2 and attended by fourteen of our members. During the entertainment portion we were treated to an old-time vaudeville routine and were surprised to see several of our own talented members performing behind the footlights. There were Louis Rogers (who plays a real "cool" sax), Al Shulicke (Mother Murphy's favorite son), John Pocius (a rib-tickling M.C.), George Jonikas (anyone for a polka?), and Wally Gregor (Wally, we never knew you'd look so glamorous dressed as a girl). We also had a lucky winner of a stylish prize (pink garters and matching handkerchief) in our midst. Ruth Daxis won it for being the girl with the best giggle. We all agreed she won it hands down!

Council members who celebrated birthdays in May were Janina Carrig, John Chaplin, James Jaigella, Walter Klevinsky, Len Shemaitis, and Dominick Yocius. Those having birthdays in June include Pat Doman, John Pocius, Al Shulicke and Eloise Yerkes. Happy birthday to you all!

As an oversight on this correspondent's part, Adam Oskeliunas' name was omitted from the April birthday list. We did, however, have a chance to wish him a "happy birthday" in person at our regular meeting in April.

And speaking of our regular monthly meetings, it has been suggested and wholeheartedly agreed to close the meetings with the singing of the Vyčiu Himnas. We feel that not only is this very appropriate, but also in this way the newcomers will become acquainted with the K. of L. song and the seasoned members will have a good chance to brush up on the lyrics.

ILLINOIS - INDIANA

The annual **Midwestern Bowling Tournament** was held in May with Gary C-82 acting as host. Here in the Hoosier state 175 people assembled from Detroit, Dayton, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Chicago and other points. This was a fine tribute to the groundwork laid by the late John Kaminski, president of C-82, who succumbed shortly before the tournament. At the final banquet Charlotte Kukuryga read a beautiful composition to his memory. However John's wife, Sophie, stepped into his place and took over the reins bravely to see this through.

The battlefield was the Ambassador Lanes in Gary. Mary Rukas, Miki Shirvinski and Stan Juknevich worked like beavers to line up the contestants. Then din of battle commenced and continued for a number of hours. When the smoke of battle cleared we saw the Detroit (C-102) team, as the champions. Their warriors were Leo Smiglis, Donna Kirsh, Mary Ann Gurriero, Josephine Janulate and Joseph Guerriero. Detroit was practicing knocking 'em dead with the 46th National Convention in mind — no doubt.

The men's high games were rolled by Lee Galinskas, Steve Manst and the men's high series went to Stanley Juknevich, and Joseph Guerriero.

The women's high games were racked up by Ursula Yankauskas and Donna Kirsh. The best high series were recorded by Gerry Mack and Charlotte Pazina.

The winners of the "HOOSIER HOT SHOTS" title was the team consisting of Jerry Jesulaitis, Louis Rogers, Helen Zimmer, Val and Joe Stanaitis.

On Sunday morning everyone met at St. Casimir's Church where the Solemn High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Ignatius Urbonas. That same day at 1 p.m., the final banquet was held in the parish hall. The janitor was warned in advance to swab the decks good and clean as Stanley Kancewick, of TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL, was m. c. of the program and he usually has them rolling in the aisles. This worked fine later as the people got off the floor and with clean clothes too. Seated at the head table were



KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA 46th NATIONAL CONVENTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Left to right (bottom row): Robert Boris, chairman and president of Council 102, Detroit, Michigan; William Juodvalkis, treasurer and vice president of C-102; Rev. Bronius Dagilis, Rev. Dr. I. F. Boreisis, pastor of St. Anthony's Parish; Rev. Michael Kundrat, pastor of Divine Providence Parish; Anthony Dainus, president of Council 79; Joseph Chaps, vice president of Council 79. Second row: Delphine Stefan, Lillian Stefan, Dolores Neverouck, Genevieve Yuskis, Pat Ramus, Victoria Chepelonis. Third row: Loretta Paulauskas, Ralph Valatka, Ann Valatka, Joseph Gueriero, Maryanne Gueriero, Joseph Zane, Acquiline Zane. (Not pictured: Anna Mae Uznis, Julius Bridgevaitis, Albert Gaize, Leondas Galinskas, Louise Simonis, Rita and Diane Neverouck, Isabelle Caldwell and Gerry Chaps.)

the Rev. John Daniels, pastor; Betty Malinka, Emily Mihaluk, Stanley Juknevich, Al Manst, Julia Aleshunas, Jack Jatis, Bob Boris, George Agurkis and Tony Yuknis. Nobody could decide at which table Joe Sable was sitting.

The Midwest's finest cooks prepared everything so deliciously that the people took their hats off to them. The people who did not have hats promptly removed their toupees in tribute. The Mayor of Gary did not show up and it was suspected that someone locked him out when the person heard that the Mayor was a great eater. Those who worked so hard at the chicken and kelbasu and coffee that it had become warm. The janitor was summonsed to turn on the air conditioning and he promptly did — he threw open a couple of windows. At the conclusion MARY LUCAS, president of Dayton council, invited everyone to attend the next MIDWESTERN BOWLING TOURNAMENT IN DAYTON, OHIO come next year. Chicago almost got it — they ate more than Dayton and couldn't get up in time to make the bid. In other words they lost by one chicken leg and a lump of kelbasu.

Tony Yuknis



Iš Chicagos Vyčių Veiklos.

Viršuj kalba J. Jatis - Juozaitis kėgliavimo pramogos dalyviams.

Apacioj vyčiai po vakarienės balandžio 26 d. vyčių salėj.

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KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

46-th National Convention



Detroit, Michigan

August 20 — 23, 1959

Sheraton Cadillac Hotel

Host Councils: 79 and 102

Fellow Knights:

The Detroit Knights of Lithuania cordially invite you to attend the 46th National Convention August 19—23. With your enjoyment and pleasure foremost in mind, a program has been planned to include, golf and bowling tournaments, a trip to Canada, a pleasant evening cruise on the Detroit River, tours through the Ford Motor Company and world famous Greenfield Village, a fabulous show of K. of L. talent along with the regular convention attractions, luncheons, dance and banquet.

For those who will be on vacation during the convention, we would like to arrange, pre and post convention activities, if enough persons are interested.

All that will be necessary to make this convention a complete success is your attendance, so please come! You'll be sorry if you don't.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WED. Aug. 19

Tour: Ford Motor Co., Rotunda, Edison Museum & Greenfield Village 9:00 AM
Get-acquainted Party. 8:00 PM

THU. Aug. 20

Golf Tournament — Roseland Golf Club in Canada 7:30 AM
Bowling Tournament 4:00 PM
Three-Hour Cruise on Detroit River with dancing & refreshments 8:30 PM

FRI. Aug. 21

Mass and Breakfast — St. Anthony's Church 8:30 AM
Sessions AM & PM.
Sportsmen's Luncheon — Trophies to be awarded — Two members of
Lith. Olympic Team, guest speakers Noon
K. of L. Capers, a variety show featuring K. of L. talent 8:15 PM

SAT. Aug. 22

Mass and breakfast — St. Anthony's Church 8:30 AM
Sessions AM & PM
Luncheon and Fashion Show by ANN'S FASHIONS of Dearborn Noon
Semi-formal Dance 9:00 PM

SUN. Aug. 23

Solemn Pontifical Mass — Divine Providence Church, 9:45 AM
Archbishop Dearden & Bishop Brizgys, Presiding
Brunch in Church Hall 11:00 AM
Solemn Closing Banquet 6:00 PM

A Registration Fee of \$20.00 will include: Bus service to Church, Fri., Sat., & Sun.; Fri. & Saturday Luncheons; the Variety Show; Bob-lo Boat Cruise; Semi-Formal Dance; Three Breakfasts; Get-together party and the Banquet. The Wednesday Tour all-day long, including a luncheon will cost \$6.00. The fee for golfing and bowling will be \$2.50 each.

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