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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In a spirit of sincere humility, may I thank all of you for the great honor you have accorded me. I shall honestly strive to discharge the duties of president with diligence and zeal, so that our beloved K. of L. will progress to heretofore unknown glories and accomplishments.

Upon first consideration, the presidency appears to be a colossal undertaking. However after serious reflection, it becomes evident that responsibility for a successful organization rests not primarily on the president, but squarely upon the shoulders of the individual member. The officers can merely coordinate and guide activities: it is basically the rank and file members, serving to the best of his ability, on committee and functions, that determines the success of an organization. As the strength of chain is determined by its weakest link, similarly the strength of the K. of L. is dependent on you the members. The Supreme Council has pledged the fulfillment of its obligations to the best of its ability. On the other hand, we will need the cooperation and support of each and every member if success is to be attained.

On this, the threshold of our 50th Jubilee, we must signify our willingness to cooperate in first, reestablishing the K. of L. as the right arm of the Lithuanian Catholic parish, through close collaboration with our pastors in works of Catholic Action; second, regarding lost prestige by at least doubling our membership; third, revitalizing interest in the K. of L. by cooperation with other organizations and clubs in our communities; fourth, improving and modernizing our organizational techniques and by-laws so as to attract more intellectuals, businessmen and other high-calibre members. Although this may sound to be a monumental task, but taken step by step, it can and must be done, so that the not-too-distant Jubilee will witness the dawning of a truly Golden Age for the new Knights of Lithuania.

In closing may I ask for an occasional prayer, so that the good Lord will bless our endeavors, and



ROBERT BORIS,

**Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdybos naujai išrinktasis
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TAI BUVO GRAŽUS SEIMAS

Lietuvos Vyčių 47 Seimas, įvykęs š. m. rugpiūčio 18 - 21 dienomis Worcester, Mass. puikiai pavyko. Seimas buvo gausus, gerai suorganizuotas, sklandžiai prarastas, entuziastingas. Jau šiame, Vyčių Seimui skirtame "Vyties" Nr., iš jame telpančių aprašymų bei paveikslų, tai galėsite įsitikinti. Bet tuo, žinoma, apie Seimą dar nebus baigta nei "Vytyj", nei Vyčių veikime, nei gyvenime, o ypač Vyčių kuopose per kurias eis Seimo pasiryžimų vykdymas.

Taigi linkime su Seimo darbais gerai susipažinti ir juos sėkmingai vykdyti, kad garbingai artėtume prie didžiojo 50 metų Lietuvos Vyčių jubilėjaus.

likewise may I solicit your comments and suggestions by mail. This is YOUR organization and we the officers are here to serve you. This will be possible only when members make known their ideas and thoughts and will help greatly in planning for the future.

Robert Boris

SENATOR THOMAS J. DODD — FIFTH RECIPIENT OF THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA AWARD MEDAL

Rev. John C. Jutt

Lithuania, one of the three small Baltic States, was one of the last nations in Eastern Europe to accept Catholicism. Once she accepted Catholicism, she never wavered in her fidelity to Rome. Her people cherished the faith, guarded it as a priceless treasure and Lithuania became known as the Catholic State of the Baltic Nations. At the time of World War II she was 85% Catholic.

In order to be able to worship God in accordance with the dictates of her conscience, Lithuania has constantly fought for her freedom and independence. She lost her freedom in 1795 when she became a victim of the Great Partition and again in 1940 when a ruthless Soviet imposed its mighty hand upon her.

This past June marked the 19th and 20th anniversaries of the so-called Tragic Days of Lithuania. In 1940 and 1941 on the same days of the month of June, events occurred which have since made present-day Lithuania a vast cemetery. NKVD agents broke into homes, awoke the sleeping inhabitants and ordered them to prepare immediately for a long journey. They were trucked to railroad stations where they were packed into freight cars, boarded up like cattle and shipped for exile into the barren wastes of Siberia. Husbands were separated from wives, children from their parents, families were broken up. According to authentic reports, over 60,000 Lithuanians were thus separated from their homes. It was what many have since called Lithuania's Calvary.

Back in Lithuania a month later, elections were ordered by Soviet officials. The Moscow-appointed government in Lithuania officially reported that of the 95.1% of those who voted, 99.2% had cast their



SENATOR THOMAS J. DODD (Conn.) — Recipient of K. of L. Award Medal at the closing banquet by Rev. John C. Jutt of Worcester, Mass., Hon. Chairman of Lithuanian Affairs Committee.

ballots for the Moscow candidates. Clumsily enough, these were officially announced by the Soviet News Agency in a London newspaper fully 24 hours before the closing of the polls.

Since that time Lithuania has been struggling to regain her rightful place among the free and independent nations of the world. So far her efforts have been fruitless. However, her undying hope is that in God's own time freedom will come with the help of God's grace and with the aid of friends in high influential positions who, imbued with the spirit of justice and charity, have the courage to speak to the world in behalf of a nation held tightly by a cruel grip of the bloody hands of Soviet Russia. One of these friends is the man whom we are especially honoring tonight.

Born in Norwich, Connecticut on May 15, 1907, Senator Thomas J. Dodd was educated in Connecticut public schools and graduated first from Providence College in 1930 and then from Yale Law School in 1933.

After service with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and later on for seven years in the Department of Justice, he was appointed United States Executive Trial Counsel at the International Nuremberg War Trial of Nazi war criminals. For this service, he received a Presidential Citation and the United States Medal of Freedom.

In 1952, he was elected and two years later re-elected Representative of the First Congressional District of Connecticut. It was during this time that he served so well as a member of the famous Kersten Committee which did such a thorough job of investigating the forcible incorporation of Lithuania and the other Baltic States into the Soviet Union. It was this Committee which opened up the eyes of an apathetic America to the atrocities and grave injustices committed by Russia upon the peace-loving nation of Lithuania. This Committee later became the Committee on Communist Aggression which gave an opportunity to all captive nations to have their cases heard in public hearings.

In 1955 he was the featured speaker at the celebration of the 37th anniversary of Lithuanian Independence Day in New York. He vehemently condemned the Soviet for her ruthless and inhuman policies of extermination in Lithuania and called upon the free world to wake up to the menace of communism and to free Lithuania from Soviet subjugation. Since then, he has spoken frequently in behalf of Lithuania at similar gatherings.

In 1956 he appeared before the platform Committee of the Democratic party and was successful in having the platform include a plank calling for the liberation of all captive states.

Elected to the United States Senate in 1958 from the State of Connecticut, he arranged for a Lithuanian priest to say the opening prayer at that session of the Senate on February 16 which had on its agenda one hour's time speeches commemorating the anniversary of Lithuania's independence. Each February 16 both in the House and Senate he has delivered speeches which called for an end to the religious persecution and the injustices committed upon Lithuania by Russia.

Last year he was most emphatic in opposing Khrushchev's visit to this country. When the visit was set, he delivered a strong statement in the Senate asking the President to take up with Khrushchev the issue of captive nations like Lithuania and urging all during the visit to hold public observances of prayer for the deliverance of the captive nations and to remember in prayer the murdered millions behind the Iron Curtain.

His recent addresses in the Senate and elsewhere, condemning the principles of communism and calling for concrete action in behalf of small nations like Lithuania, have received wide comment throughout the country.

Because of his fearlessness in condemning communism and its consequent evils, because of



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(Read article CONVENTION SPOT NEWS for names.)

his unceasing willingness to champion the just and righteous cause of Lithuania wherever and whenever he can, because his tireless efforts and his dedication to a just cause have given Lithuanians the determination not to give up but to continue the difficult struggle for the restoration of Lithuania's independence, because on occasions, too numerous to mention, he has proven himself to be a **LOYAL FRIEND IN LITHUANIA'S FIGHT FOR FREEDOM**, it is now a high honor and a distinct privilege for me to present, with the approval and in behalf of the officers and members of the Knights of Lithuania Youth Organization, the Knights of Lithuania **AWARD MEDAL** to that courageous and loyal defender of Lithuania's just right to freedom and independence, the distinguished Senator of the State of Connecticut, the Honorable Thomas J. Dodd.

REMARKS OF SENATOR

THOMAS J. DODD

**Knights of Lithuania
Convention in Worcester,
Sunday, August 21, 1960**



Bishop Flanagan, Father Jutt,
distinguished guests, friends:

I am moved and deeply honored by the award you have bestowed upon me. But when I ask myself: what have I done to deserve this award?, I am, very frankly, troubled.

Somehow it seems to me that it would be more appropriate if I, as an American, were here to present an award to a representative of the Lithuanian people. For no people in the world has fought more heroically for freedom, or suffered more cruelly under tyranny, or clung more tenaciously to their national identity, their cultural and spiritual heritage, their faith in the ultimate triumph of freedom.

This great nation, this nation of heroes and martyrs, has, in its suffering, become a symbol for free men everywhere.

On the one hand, the agony of your people serves as a constant reminder to us of the ignorance and cynicism and lack of foresight and courage that resulted in the abandonment of the captive peoples of Europe at the close of World War II.

On the other hand, by their obstinate refusal to reconcile themselves to tyranny, either under the Tsars or under the Bolsheviks, the Lithuanian people have inspired all of us to fight harder and work harder for the eternal cause of freedom.

If I have sometimes spoken up on behalf of the Lithuanian people and the other captive peoples of Europe, if I have sometimes urged that we seek after more effective ways of promoting their liberation,

I take no special credit for this. To me it has been a simple matter of conscience. I would have been delinquent had I done less. And so it seems to me that, instead of receiving an award from you, it is I who should be presenting an award — an award for exemplary courage and spiritual fortitude — either to some living Lithuanian patriot or to the unknown soldier of the Lithuanian resistance movement.

America has every reason to be proud of its citizens of Lithuanian extraction — and you have every reason to be proud of your ancestry.

The history of the Lithuanian people, as I have read it, is an epic story of heroism and suffering and man's unquenchable will to assert his god-given human rights. It is a story to be told again, for free men everywhere have much to learn from it.

I believe the story of Lithuania should be told for another reason. Better than any story I know, it illustrates the nature of the enemy we now confront. It teaches us how much trust can be placed in treaties with the Kremlin, in its pledges of coexistence, in its off-and-on pretenses of friendship. It teaches us how inhuman international Bolshevism is, how utterly without morality or restraint.

When the Lithuanian people, at the close of World War I, established their own government and proclaimed their independence, the Bolsheviks invaded the newly established state. There were many bitter battles but finally the Lithuanian people emerged triumphant.

On July 19, 1920, the Soviet government signed a treaty of peace. It declared in this treaty — mark these words well — that it “voluntarily and forever renounces all sovereign rights possessed by Russia over the Lithuanian people and their territory.”

For 20 years Lithuania knew peace and independence. During this period, there was a great renaissance of their national literature and culture.

But then came the Hitler-Stalin Pact and the partition of Poland between Germany and the Soviet Union. Almost immediately, the Kremlin demanded permission to place 20,000 troops in Lithuania for the duration of the war. These troops, it was emphasized, would be removed at the end of the war. Prime Minister Stalin himself stated — and again mark these words well — “we respect the independence of the Lithuanian state. We are disposed to defend its territorial integrity.”

History records no blacker or more perfidious lie by the head of a great state.

On October 10, 1939, only two weeks after the original demand was served on Lithuania, the Soviet Union concentrated its armed forces on the Lithuanian frontier. The government of this brave little nation had no alternative but to sign the pact of mutual assistance which the Kremlin placed before it. But at the point of they discovered that the clause stipulating that Soviet bases would be maintained in Lithuania only for the duration of the

war had been stricken from the agreement, on the personal instruction of Stalin.

This was only the beginning of the perfidy. Eight months later, on June 14, 1940, the Soviet government demanded that the Lithuanian Minister of the Interior and Director of Security be brought to trial, that a government friendly to the Soviet Union be installed and that the Red Army be granted free entry in force into the territory of Lithuania. There was not even time to reply to this ultimatum. The very next day, on June 15th, the Red Army occupied Lithuania and the government was compelled to flee abroad.

The communists had made their plans carefully, as they always do, and they moved rapidly. They had a quisling regime ready to install. They had their lists of names of Lithuanian patriots who were slated for arrest and execution.

They had their plan of action.

On July 7th, three weeks after the occupation, the quisling regime ordered the liquidation of all non-communist parties and the arrest of their leaders. On July 14th and 15th, the people were compelled to vote in national elections with only the communist party represented. The Lithuanian people resisted heroically, desperately. But they were fighting against hopeless odds. On July 17th, the regime announced that 95.1 per cent of the people had voted and that 99.19 per cent of these had cast their ballot for the communist party.

Two days later, on July 21st, the so-called "Peoples Diet" convened for its first session. In less than one hour, without any debate, it voted unanimously to ask the supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. to admit Lithuania into the Soviet state as one of its federated Soviet Socialist Republics.

What an object lesson this should be to all those who insist that we must be trustful, who wish to believe that the world's difficulties can be resolved by signing another treaty of non-aggression and coexistence with the Kremlin, who think that we can somehow improve relations by signing treaties on Antarctica or on outer space or on Berlin.

I know there are those who will say "But the events you relate took

place in Stalin's day. Today we have a new regime, a regime that is less brutal, less immoral." How they can argue this in the face of everything that has happened in the captive nations, in the face of the brutal suppression of the Hungarian Revolution, in the face of Khrushchev's ultimatums and threats of nuclear war — how they can still pretend that there has been some basic change for the good in Soviet policy, I cannot understand.

Let me point to one simple fact. The man directly responsible for the occupation of Lithuania under Stalin was General Ivan Serov. It was he who installed the quisling government, who directed the mass arrests of Lithuanian patriots, who was responsible for the brutal deportations of scores and hundreds of thousands of Lithuanians to the oblivion of the Soviet slave labor camps.

It was the same General Ivan Serov, who was responsible for the inhuman suppression of the Hungarian Revolution, the perfidious arrest of General Maleter while he was negotiating under flag of truce, the mass deportations of Hungarians which took place after the Soviet occupation.

In short, the only thing that has changed in the Soviet slave empire is that Khrushchev has succeeded Stalin. There is the same total inhumanity, the same total perfidy, even the same General Serov. Let me correct myself. There has been another small change. General Serov has been promoted. He is now the head of the Soviet secret police.

The despots of the Kremlin may be efficient, but, like all tyrants, they have a blind spot. They believe that, with enough oppression, they can ultimately destroy the human will to freedom. How wrong they are! The Hungarian Revolution and the continuing resistance of the Lithuanian people and of the other peoples of the Captive Nations prove once again that neither one generation nor two generations nor ten generations of brain washing can produce a breed of men that is willing to accept the denial of the God-given human rights as natural and proper.

The word "liberation" has been somewhat compromised because in

the 1952 campaign it was used as a crude election slogan. It is however a good word for which there is no substitute, instead of abandoning the word, as some have proposed, we must redeem it and give it meaning.

To use it again as an electioneering slogan or simply to pay lip service to it would — I agree completely — be the height of irresponsibility. If we use the word again — and I wholeheartedly urge that we do — we must do so as a serious act of self dedication, and we must spell out precisely what we mean. "Liberation" does not mean that we confront the Soviets with an ultimatum and launch a war if they object to it. Basically, liberation will have to come from within. But what we say and what we do can encourage or discourage the spirit of liberation — while our behavior at critical moments like the Hungarian Revolution can be of decisive importance.

How should we go about encouraging the liberation movement? The first step, in my opinion, would be to demonstrate the earnestness of our concern by raising the issue of the Captive Nations at every diplomatic conference and at every UN session.

In enslaving the Captive Nations, the Soviets were guilty of violating a whole series of international agreements that guaranteed free election. In imposing their regimes and maintaining them in power, they have used the Soviet army in the most flagrant manner as an instrument of political intimidations; and when intimidations failed in Germany and in Hungary in recent years, they resorted to open military intervention and repression. They have violated the UN Charter repeatedly and at almost every point.

Let us spread the facts about Soviet imperialism on the record at every available opportunity. Let us continue to demand that the Soviets respect all their obligations.

Above all let us make liberation a cardinal goal of our diplomacy. I do not underestimate the difficulty of persuading the Kremlin to liberate its satellite empire. But, after Hungary, I find it easy to conceive of a situation where a combination



AWARDS GIVEN AT SPORTS LUNCHEON

of division within the Kremlin, unrest in the satellites and hard bargaining on the part of the West will induce the Soviets — in their own interest — to grant freedom to the unyielding, troublesome captive peoples of Europe.

Liberation is not a pipe dream. It is the only conceivable way in which we can recapture the political offensive. And, as every school boy knows, a side which defends itself when attacked but never takes the

offensive, is bound to lose. The same is true in politics.

A point in history has been reached where men who are free must come to the aid of those who seek to be free — because if they do not, the chances are that they will lose their own freedom.

Mrs. Chairman, in accepting this award, I salute the brave people of Lithuania. I promise you that I shall continue to speak about the Captive Nations and the issue of

liberation at every appropriate opportunity.

And I venture to prophecy that, before I am too old to travel, I will some day have the great pleasure of visiting a free Lithuania — of visiting your ancient capital of Vilnius, which I have so often wanted to see, and of drinking a toast to freedom and to enduring friendship between the Lithuanian and American nations there, with some of my friends in this audience.

KAD LIETUVA LAISVA BŪTŲ . . .

KUN. JONO JUTKEVIČIAUS,
Lietuvos Vyčių Lietuvių Reikalų Komisijos
Garbės Pirmininko Pranešimas



Nors beveik visi Vyčiai yra čia gimę ir auge ir niekados Lietuvos nematė, tačiau jie rūpinasi Lietuvos reikalais ir daro ką tik gali, kad Lietuva atgautų savo nepriklausomybę. Be to Vyčiai stengiasi visokiais galimais būdais skleisti Lietuvių vardą po visą žinomą pasaulį. Su šiuo visuotiniu seimu Lietuvos Vyčiai jau užbaigė 14 metų tautinės darbuotės. Tai graži sukaktis.

SAŽINĖS APYSKAITA

Ką toji labai svarbi komisija yra nuveikusi per praėjusius metus? Atsakymas bus aiškus iš šios statistikos:

	1959	1960
Biuletenių parašyta	14	11
Biuleteniuose laiškų	334	341
Biuletenių išsiųsta	3192	2748
Pavardžių ant "mailing list"	187	169
Laiškų bei atviručių parašyta .. apie 12,059	apie 11,670	
Atsakymų gauta	apie 1,094	apie 750

Iš statistikos galima padaryti sekančias išvadas:

- 1 — Mažiau biuletenių išleidome, bet beveik tiek pat laiškų parašėme.
- 2 — 18 mažiau pavardžių turime ant "mailing list".
- 3 — Kaip paprastai darome, ir pernai po seimo visu narių buvo prašyta, kad kiekvienas atskirai vestų savo darbų užrašus. Kaip kasmet taip šiais metais buvo keletas tokių, kurie jokio raporto neprisiuntė. Gal kai kurie iš jų parašė laiškų ir todėl, gal daugiau negu 11,670 laiškų buvo parašyta.

Pastebėjime, kaip atskiros apskritys veikė praėjusiais metais:

	1959	1960
New York - New Jersey apskritis ..	5319	4313
Naujos Anglijos apskritis	5224	3292
Illinois - Indiana apskritis	485	2262
Mid-Central apskritis	276	998
Kalifornijos apskritis	253	175
Visi kiti atskirai	502	630

Iš čia galime pasidaryti sekančias pastabas:

- 1 — Komisijos veikla nukrito šiose vietovėse: N. Y.-N. J. parašė apie 1000 laiškų mažiau, o Naujos Anglijos apskritis apie 2000 laiškų mažiau.
- 2 — Džiugu pastebėti, kad Illinois - Indiana apskritis beveik penkis kartus daugiau laiškų parašė, o Mid-Central apie 4 kartus daugiau.

GERIAUSIEJI DARBININKAI

Pernai per seimą Julė Alešiūnaitė buvo išrinkta Centro Komisijos pirmininke. Jos darbas buvo oficialiai parašyti visos organizacijos vardu laiškus tiems, kurie vienu ar kitu būdu atsiliepė apie Lietuvą. Per praėjusius metus ji iš viso parašė 188 laiškus, o atsakymų gavo 22. Dėkojame jai už jos atliktą darbą. Kaip šios komisijos garbės pirmininkui teko man parašyti iš viso 746 laiškus bei atvirukus Lietuvos reikalais, jau nekalbant apie biuletenius, kuriuos paruošiau ir išsiunčiau.

Komisijos nariai parašo laiškus tiems, kurie vienaip ar kitaip atsiliepiama savo raštuose ar kalbose apie Lietuvą. Padėkos ir pagyrimo laišakai siunčiami asmenims, kurie palankiai apie Lietuvą rašo ar kalba, o protesto ir aiškinimo laišakai tiems, kurie nepalankiai apie Lietuvą rašo ar kalba. Kaip ir kas atsiliepiama apie Lietuvą žinome iš straipsnių ir iš pranešimų, kurie telpa laikraščiuose, žurnaluose ir kurie daromi per radio ir per televiziją. Nariai atsiunčia mums tuos straipsnius, kuriuose mato laikraščiuose ir žurnaluose ir praneša mums ką girdi per radio ir televiziją. Daugiausia tų iškarpu bei straipsnių atsiuntė Pranas Vaškas iš Newark, N. J. Jau kelinti metai, kaip jis viršija visus kitus šiame darbe. Kiek mažiau atsiuntė Vincas Višniauskas iš Gardner, Mass., Leonardas Valiukas iš Los Angeles ir Genovaitė Gobytė iš Amsterdam, N. Y. Jiems visiems esame labai dėkingi. Giliai įvertiname jų uolumą ir nuoširdžiai kviečiame visus kitus jų gražų pavyzdį pasekti. Kartu noriu seimo dalyviams priminti, kad iškarpos ir pranešimai mums labai svarbūs. Todėl jei girdėsite ar matysite ką nors apie Lietuvą, praneškite mums. Paraginkite ir kitus tą patį padaryti.

MŪSU LAIMĖJIMAI

Sausio mėnesį vėl komisija atliko savo gal svarbiausią užduotį. Su pagalba Amerikos Lietuvių Informacijos Centro, komisijos nariai parašė laiškus savo Kongreso Atstovams, savo Senatoriams, savo miesto burmistrams, savo valstijų gubernatoriems, savo miesto laikraščių redaktoriams ir kitiems asmenims, primindami jiems, kad Vasario 16-ta diena, tai Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės Šventė ir prašydami juos tai atitinkamai paminėti ir parodyti savo kalbomis ar raštais Amerikos visuomenei kiek Lietuva kenčia bolševikų priespaudoj.

To viso rezultatas yra toks:

- 1 — 107 atstovai ir 26 senatoriai pasakė kalbas apie Lietuvą Vasario 16-tos dienos proga ir visos tos kalbos tilpo Congressional Record.
- 2 — 16 gubernatorių savo valstijoms ir 16 burmistrų savo miestams paskelbė Vasario 16-tą dieną kaipo Lietuvos Respublikos Dieną.
- 3 — 108 laikraščiai aprašė savo puslapiuose Vasario 16 d. minėjimus.

Už Jų palankumą, Komisijos nariai jiems šiltai padėkojo. Nemažai jų atsiuntė labai gražių laiškų, kaip pavyzdžiui:

Senatorius Oren E. Long iš Hawaii rašo:

“We in the United States reaffirm on this anniversary of Lithuanian freedom that we will do all in our power as men of peace and good-will to see that the Lithuanians will again be in a position to enjoy their traditional liberties”.

Senatorius Thomas J. Dodd iš Connecticut rašo:

“The free world salutes them (Lithuanians) on this anniversary of their declaration of independence. But in saluting them today, will we forget them tomorrow? Will our diplomacy accept the enslavement of the captive peoples as in irreversible fact? Or will we make their liberation a sacred and cardinal objective of our diplomacy — an objective to be pursued with constancy and fidelity and by every means short of war”.

Kongresmanas John J. Rooney iš New York rašo:

“The sufferings which the Lithuanian people have had to endure through the ruthless domination of the Soviet tyrants should inspire all the peoples throughout the free world to come to the aid of their cause for freedom and independence”.

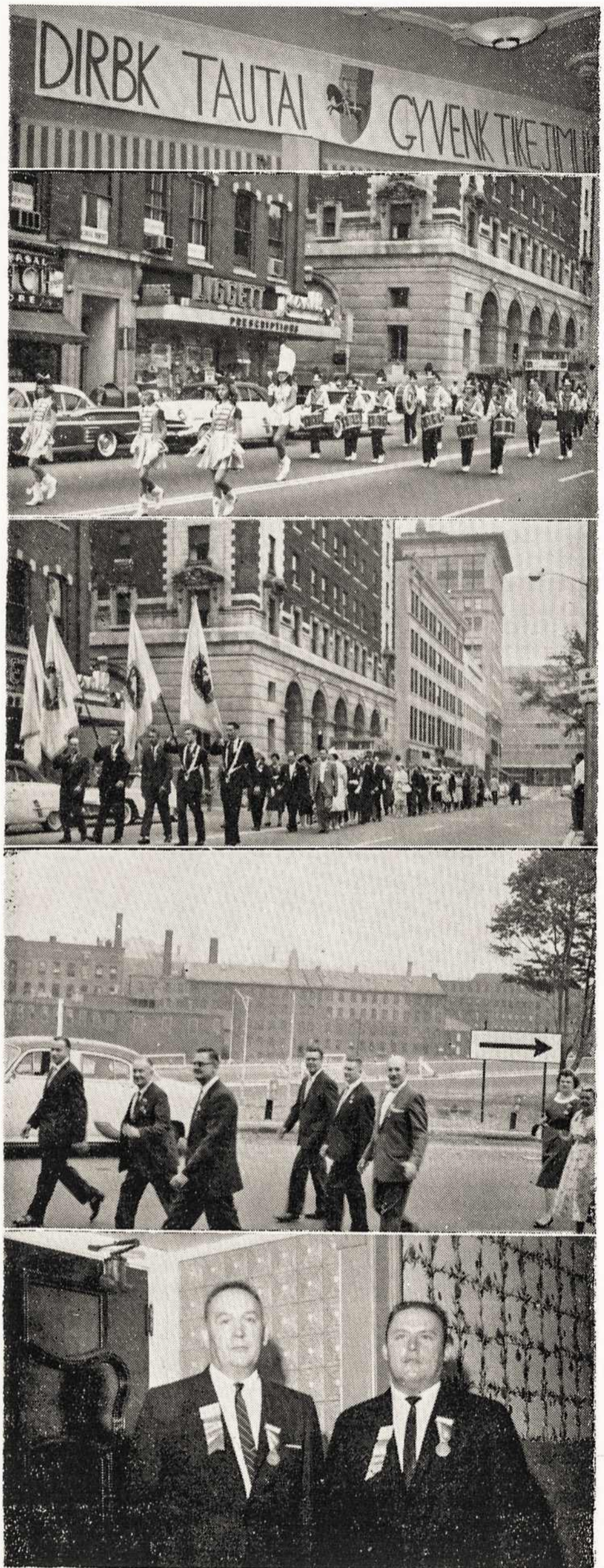
Stephen Lancaster, Public Relations Officer of the United States Mission to the United Nations, rašo:

“The United States has never recognized the unlawful Soviet occupation of Lithuania and the other Baltic states. We have never wavered in our faith that the peoples of these countries will regain their freedom. You can be sure that the United States will not lose sight of this objective.”

KIEKVIENA PROGA LIETUVAI

Vyčiai panaudoja kiekvieną progą painformuoti pasaulį apie Rusijos daromus žiaurumus Lietuvai. Štai per Šv. Kazimiero šventės, tragiškų dienų birželio mėnesyje, Pavergtųjų Tautų Savaitės Liepos mėnesyje ir per Maldos už Lietuvą Dienos minėjimus, Vyčiai stengėsi svetimtaučių ir mūsų žmonių dėmesį atkreipti į Lietuvos kančias, kurias šiandien kenčia, ir į lietuvių pastangas atgauti savo kraštui nepriklausomybę. Per Pavergtųjų Tautų Savaitės minėjimą Čikagoje, Vyčiai ypač gražiai pasireiškė. Dėka čikagiečiams, o ypač Onai

Delegates, escorted by 4 K. of L. District Flag bearers, Lithuanian War Vets' Color Guard and the Lithuanian Drum Corps parade to St. Casimir's Church. Bottom, Sgs. at-Arms V. and A. Morkunas, brothers.



Paukštytei, Vyčiai aiškiai parodė, kad Vyčiams rūpi Lietuvos dabartinė padėtis ir kad jie stengiasi visokiais būdais padėti Lietuvai atgauti savo nepriklausomybę. Šioji Vyčių veikla padėjo svetimtaučiams geriau susipažinti su Lietuvos reikalais. Pavyzdžiui, Los Angeles lietuviai pagerbė savo Kongresmaną Lipscomb. Pagerbimo programai vadovavo garsusis filmų aktorius, George Murphy, kurs pamatęs ir sužavėtas tautinių šokių grupe, šitaip atsiliepė:

"It pains me that Lithuania, the land of these Lithuanian folk dancers, should be slaves under the communist regime. They all were free as we are. They never thought that they would be taken into slavery under the communists as we think that such a thing will never happen to us. While at the moment there is little that we can do from a concrete point of view, none the less let us pray and remember always the land of these happy and culture-loving people."

ŽENGIAM PIRMYN

Gal jau teko pastebėti, kad dabar negirdime tiek daug skundų dėl mūsų jaunimo apsileidimo tautiniuose dalykuose. Pirmiau mūsų lietuviai sakydavo, kad jaunimas pražuvęs, kad nepaiso Lietuvos ir lietuvių, kad lietuviški reikalai tolimi jų širdims. Dabar to mes veik negirdime. Ir kodėl? Todėl, kad jie dabar žino apie Vyčių tautinį veikimą. Todėl, kad jie supranta, kad Vyčiai daugiau dirba Lietuvai ir jos reikalams, negu kuri kita organizacija, o Vyčius sudaro tie, kurie čia gimę ir augę, kurie Lietuvos nematė ir gal niekada nematys. Štai kodėl mūsų komisija yra labai svarbi mūsų organizacijai. Tas turėtų paskatinti visus narius be išimties stropiai prisidėti prie komisijos darbo, išsižadėti savęs, surasti laiko parašyti laiškus ir ginti Lietuvos reikalus. Taigi, malonūs Vyčiai-Vytės, skatinu jus visus gyvai suprasti komisijos darbuotės svarbą. Savo kuopose raginkite be perstolio visus narius aktyviai dirbti tautinį komisijos darbą. Suraskite laiko rašyti laiškus. Sekite gerą pavyzdį, duotą:

M. Činikienės iš Pittsburgho, kuri parašė 276 laiškus, Pr. Vaško iš Newark, N. J., kurs parašė 205 laiškus ir Ritos Pinkienės iš Worcesterio, kuri parašė 147 laiškus.

Pernai įteikėme pažymėjimo ženklus keturiems nariams, kurie parašė per metus šimtą su virš laiškų: Pranui Vaškui, Ritai Pinkienei, Mildred Činikienei ir Leonardui Valiukui. Šiais metais trys iš jų parašė daugiau negu šimtą laiškų, tai Pranas Vaškas, Rita Pinkienė ir Mildred Činikienė. Sveikiname juos ir nuoširdžiai dėkojame už gražų pavyzdį kitiems duotą ir už pasišventimą Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atgavimo darbui.

Užbaigdamas savo raportą, drįstu duoti sekančius patarimus:

- 1 — Kiekviena kuopos komisija turėtų būti padidinta naujais nariais. Reikia naujų narių rašyti laiškus, o tie nariai, kurie mažai veikia, turėtų atsinaujinti ir daugiau veikimo parodyti.
- 2 — Mažai vyrų turime, kurie rašo laiškus. Kasmet vyrų skaičius mažėja. Nenorėčiau tikėti, kad mūsų vyrai tinginiai ir už tai leidžia Vytės viršinti juos šiame svarbiame tautiniame darbe.

**Congressman
Harold
Donohue
(Worcester)**



**Hon. James O'Brien,
Mayor of City of Worcester**

SPAUDA IR LAIMĖJIMAI

Mano brangūs Vyčiai-Vytės, supraskime spaudos reikšmę. Spauda palaiko mums tą laisvę, kurią turime. Spauda remia visa kas žmogui brangiausia. Be spaudos paramos žmogaus asmenybė bei laisvė yra pavojuje. Todėl mums reikia branginti spaudą. Mūsų tautos priešai tą gerai supranta. Tai paaikškina kodėl, kai jie užima kraštą, jie pirmiausia uždaro spaudą, neleidžia žmonėms teisingų informacijų. Jie gerai supranta, ką tai reiškia spauda. Mes irgi supraskime. Redaktoriai nori išgirsti mūsų mintis, ką mes manome įvairiais klausimais. Jie nori sužinoti kas mus interesuoja. Todėl rašykime jiems apie Lietuvą ir jos dabartinę sunkią padėtį. Kadangi jie svetimtaučiai, tai kartais klaidingas mintis turi. Jie tai daro ne iš blogos valios, bet todėl, kad nėra kas juos gerai painformuoti. Tat informuokime juos apie Lietuvą, paduokime jiems tikras žinias. Jie visa tai maloniai priims ir daug naudos atneš mūsų tautai. Mes tai galime atlikti per Lietuvos Vyčių Lietuvių Reikalų Komisiją. Tapkime jos nariais, rašykime laiškus. Tuo būdu gausime daugiau draugų, kurie padės mums toje kovoje už Lietuvos nepriklausomybę. Mūsų pastangomis, mūsų maldomis, mūsų pasiaukojimu Lietuva atgaus savo nepriklausomybę. Ji vėl bus laisvų ir nepriklausomų pasaulyje tautų tarpe. Dieve, padėk mums tai atsiekti!

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

ACTIVITY

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JOSEPH A. SAKEVICH

In order to give a complete report on the activities of the Supreme Council, I must include reports from several officers and committee chairmen.

The 1959-1960 Supreme Council started the year's activities with a meeting at the Sheraton Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Michigan, immediately following the closing banquet of the 46th National Convention. At this meeting plans were formulated for the coming year. The newly elected Supreme Council officers were informed of their duties and their programs to be presented to the local councils.

Our first official meeting was held at Newark, New Jersey, Council 29's headquarters. At this meeting, which was very well attended by Supreme Council officers and Supreme Council committee members, the officers submitted their plans for the year's activities. Committees were selected to look in on the revision of our Constitution, prepare a slate of nominees for the Convention Presidium, and a definite schedule for the Presidium to follow. A committee was selected to start working on the Jubilee Year program.

Our Second meeting was held in Worcester, Massachusetts, where the host council for the 47th National Convention was making plans for this year's National Convention. This meeting was also well attended and it gave the people of New England a chance to get acquainted with the officers of the Supreme Council.

The highlights of this meeting included the progress of the Junior's program with a planned Junior Rally to be held in Philadelphia in the spring; and the final plans of the membership drive with the drive extending to five months.

What could be considered the third Supreme Council meeting was held in Chicago. Although, officially there were only three Supreme Council officers present, there were a good number of District Officers and Council Officers present.



Sportininku Pagerbimas. Viršuj dešinėj matome buvusi Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdybos Pirmininką Juožą Sakevičių

K. of L. problems were discussed and an overall picture of the national, district and local programs were discussed. At this meeting, opinions were voiced by everyone who wanted to speak, and the feelings of everyone was expressed. I would like to add that in Chicago, I found a very active district under the capable leadership of Eleanore Laurin. Councils in the Illinois-Indiana District are coming back to life. Contact with dormant councils showed a renewed interest and plans to re-activate these councils are in the making.

The fourth meeting of the Supreme Council was held in New York City at Our Lady of Vilna Parish Hall. Our First Vice President, Miss Helen Shields, gave a complete report on the Junior Rally held in Philadelphia, and the totals of Junior members nationally. The Membership Drive was not completed at this date but results were very favorable and the drive was moving along nicely. At this meeting, the first reports of the business session of the 47th National Convention was presented and formulated for the coming Convention.

The week following our fifth Supreme Council meeting, the Jubilee Year Committee, met at the Bar-bizon Plaza Hotel in New York City. (A full report of the Jubilee Year Committee will be given at the Fourth Session of this Convention by our National Secretary, Miss Loretta Kassel.)

The sixth meeting of the Supreme Council was held in Worcester, Massachusetts, to present final plans of the business session for approval. It was decided at this meeting to have a master sheet of the business program for the presidium to follow. Any deviation from this program could be called out of order by any delegate. Every delegate has a copy of the program and a right to express himself if the Presidium is out of order.

I would like to express the gratitude of the Supreme



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Vyčių Seimo Banketo Dalyvių Dalis

Council in having such a good and active Vice President Miss Shields, in charge of Juniors.

The Membership Drive under the capable leadership of our Second Vice President, Larry Janonis, got underway the first of January and ended May 31, 1960. All the councils were informed well in advance of the rules governing this drive. The results of this drive will be submitted by our Second Vice President at the Third Session of this Convention. Trophies will be awarded the winners of this year's Membership Drive.

Our final Supreme Council meeting was held just before the start of our 47th National Convention. All unfinished business for the past fiscal year was taken care of at this meeting.

Reports of the Special Committees will be submitted by the Chairmen of the respective committees and full accounts of their programs will be presented to you at this Convention.

I would like to extend a word or two of compliment on the fine work fulfilled by the Sports and Public Relations Committees. Albert Kassel in the Mid-West and Joe Sakaitis here in the East showed us that Sports are not lacking in the K. of L., and that under the right leadership, the Knights of Lithuania can conduct Sports Program of all types.

Our Public Relations Committee consisting of Anthony Yuknis (Chicago), Joseph Sadauskas (Cleveland), Edward Sulaitis (Chicago), and Frank Vaskas (Newark) kept the name of the Knights of Lithuania in the public eye through their efforts in the "Draugas", "Darbininkas", "Garsas", and the "Vytis" with Lithuanian articles, and in the Newark News, Newark Star Ledger, Chicago Tribune, Chicago Daily News, South-

town Economist, Southwest News Herald and the Catholic publications in their respective areas with English articles.

I would like to add a generous thank you to this Committee because of their efforts in behalf of the Knights of Lithuania.

I would also like to add a hearty thank you to all the Committees that worked with the Supreme Council this year. Most of the Chairmen will give their individual reports to this 47th National Convention, so I'll forego any comment on their respective committee work.

In closing, I would like to say that it was a pleasure and an honor to serve the Knights of Lithuania as National President for these past two years, and I would like to thank each Supreme Council member and committee member at this 47th National Convention for the fine work and the wonderful cooperation I received from them in our efforts to serve the Knights of Lithuania.

With respect to your gracious invitation, I regret to say that I shall not be able to attend your convention.

Best wishes for your continued work in the service of "God and Country."

Sincerely,
 Anthony O. Shallna,
 Lithuanian Consul of Boston.



Lietuvos Vyčių Seimo Dalyviai Po Pamaldų Prie S

LITHUANIAN LEGATION

Washington, D. C.

"Aš labai dėkingas Lietuvos Vyčių Vyriausiajai Tarybai už malonų kvietimą dalyvauti Vyčių 47-me Seime, Worcester, Mass. š. m. rugp. mėn. 19-21 d.d. Aš tą kvietimą ypatingai vertinu dėl to, kad jis išeina iš jaunimo, kuriam priklauso ateitis, kuris didžiuojasi savo lietuviška kilme, domisi Lietuva ir užjaucia jos nelaimingų tautiečių likimui.

Vyčiai savo tikslais artimi giminingi Lietuvoj veikusiems Pavasarininkams, kurių didelė dalis nukentėjo už ištikimybę "Dievui ir Tėvynei". Jų auka Vyčiams ypatingai skaudi.

Aš labai apgailestauju, kad taip kilnių nusiteikimų organizacijos Seiman, dėja, negalėsiu šiemet ištrūkti. Gailėdamasis, kad negaliu Jūsų tarpe būti, noriu dar štai ką pastebėti. Šiandieną, kada Jūs dalyvaujate savo 47-tame Seime ir rengiatės 1963 m. švęsti savo gyvavimo auksinį jubiliejų, prašau Jus, Lietuvos ir savo vardu, prisiminti savo idėjos brolius ir seseris vergijoje. Jie ne tik negali veikti, bet priešingai, dėl savo idėjų kenčia. Jie ne tik negali Jūsų Seimo pasveikinti, bet negali dargi Jums pasiguosti. Tat, savo ir jų vardu giliai nuoširdžiai sveikinu šio Seimo vadovybę, delegatus ir dalyvius.

Linkiu, kad Jūsų jaunatviškas entuziazmas suteiktų Jums jėgų įgyvendinti savo siekimus.



Šv. Kazimiero Bažnyčios, Worcester, Massachusetts

Aš džiaugiuosi, kad Jūs taip šauniai sugebate suderinti ištikimybę J. A. Valstijoms su darbu Tėvų Žemei. Aš giliai nuoširdžiai dėkoju Lietuvos Vyčiams už kilnų darbą Lietuvai ir jos nelaimingiems tautiečiams.

Dirbdami "Dievui ir Tėvynei" skelbkite pasauliui, kaip tos Sibiro maldų knygelės autorės lietuvaitės, taip pat Lietuvos kančias ir Lietuvių Tautos ryžtą būti Laisva ir Nepriklausoma.

Linkiu sėkmės Seimo darbams. Te Dangus laimina Lietuvos Vyčius.

Jūsų

J. Kajeckas, Lietuvos Atstovas."

"Lietuvos Vyčiai Amerikoje visuomet buvo tvirti kariai - kovotojai už Lietuvą ir lietuviybę. Ypatinčiai Jūsų reikšmė ir svarba pakilo, kai Lietuva tapo pavergta.

Mes, Nepriklausomos Lietuvos pareigūnai jaučiamės tvirtai žinodami, kad nesame vieni o turime stiprių Amerikos lietuvių organizacijų paramą.

Nuoširdžiai sveikinu 47-tą metinį Seimą ir linkiu sėkmės. Šiandien, kuomet Azijos ir Afrikos tautos gauna nepriklausomybę, ypatingai jaučiame mūsų tautos nelaimę ir skriaudą!

Kelkime tvirtą balsą prieš pavergėją už Lietuvos laisvę! Reiškia pagarbą,

Jonas Budrys, Generalinis Konsulas."

Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdybos nariu dalis kalbasi vyčių veiklos klausimais. Iš kairės į dešinę: Larry Janonis, antras vice-pirmininkas, Robert Boris, pirmininkas, kun. Albertas Kontautas, dvasios vadas, Loretta Kassel, sekretore ir Elena Šaulytė-Shields, pirmas vice-pirmininkas.



LIETUVIŲ KULTŪROS KOMISIJOS PRANEŠIMAS

Liepos mėn. Vytuje buvo paskelbta pirmieji Lietuviškumo Vadovai. Čia duodame sąrašą kitų kuopų, kurios jau taip pat turi savo lietuviškumo vadovus ir pradeda lietuviškumo darbą;

6. Jonas Puikunas, 1132 N. Hyperion Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. — Sendr. Pirmininkas.
7. William Waslaske, Brooks Road, Athol, Mass., 10 k. vadovas.
8. John Daniels, 784 E. 4th St., South Boston, Mass. 17 k. vadovas.
9. Joseph Drumstas, 31 Oberlin St., Worcester, Mass. 26 k. vadovas.
10. Danny Laukzemis, 199 New York Ave., Newark, N. J. 29 k. vadovas.
11. Marcia Dardinski, 9 Sycamore St., Westfield, Mass. 30 k. vadovas.
12. Joseph Balcius, % M. Hobitz, 24 Huse St., Lawrence, Mass. 78 k. vadovas.
13. Birutė Mackevicius, 464 Chalkstone Ave., Providenc. 8, R. I. 103 k. vadovas.
14. Alexander Wesey, 72 Steamboat Rd., Great Neck, L. I., N. Y. 109 k. vadovas.
15. Gladys Pinkus, 11 Diamond St., Worcester, Mass. 116 k. vadovas.

Jau 23 kuopos turi savo Lietuviškumo vadovus. Neužilgo turės ir visos kitos kuopos, neišskiriant ir Jaunesniųjų Vyčių kuopų. Jau laukiame Lietuviškumo programos vykdymo. Jei lig šio Seimo pavyko susiorganizuoti, tai po Seimo turime pradėti vykdyti lietuviškumo programą. L. K. Komisija ilgai ir kantriai laukė iš kuopų atbalsio. Dabar jau žinome, kad kuopos judina tą taip gyvą ir svarbų vytiškumo žygį — lietuviškumą. Pradėkime ką nors veikti iš lietuviškumo programos. L. K. K. rengia pagelbinę programą — vadovėlių, bet viskas daugumoj priklauso vietoj, nuo pačių vadovų ir kuopos narių, kiek jie nuveiks.

LIETUVIŲ KULTŪROS KOMISIJA

K. OF L. HISTORY FUND

Recently you have read articles in the "Vytis" and other Lithuanian publications, submitted by K. of L. History Fund Committee.

There may be some members who don't know why this K. of L. History Fund Committee was elected during the convention. This was done in order to raise the necessary funds for the publication of the K. OF L. HISTORY.

It will take several thousand dollars to accomplish this and will hinge on the generosity of members, former members and friends of the Knights of Lithuania. All donations, small or large — \$1.00 or \$100 will be welcome; those donating at least \$5.00 will receive a copy of this History.

Inasmuch as the Knights of Lithuania will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 1963, it is only proper that its goals and accomplishments be recorded. As such, this book should have its place in the home of every member.

In the years to come, as the pages are turned, we will recognize faces and scenes that were once familiar and important to our fraternal life. Then, possibly more so than now, we will realize a deeper appreciation for the Lithuanian ideals and principles which we received under the guidance of our Patron — St. Casimir.

We, therefore, urge all of you to send your donation, whatever the amount, to: Mrs. Rita Pinkus, 76 Providence St., Worcester 4, Mass.

Knights of Lithuania History Fund Committee

Joseph Boley, Chairman
Larry Svelnis
Stanley Vaitkus



Joan Mazeika, Council 41,
Brooklyn, N. Y. (Queens)

Dear Knights,

As one of the two joint recipients of this year's K. of L. scholarship award, I would like to express my most sincere gratitude to all who made it possible for me to receive such a wonderful honor. My heartfelt thanks to every member who donated to this cause, and to the members of the National Scholarship Committee who saw fit to choose me. Never have I felt such great affection for any organization, nor such self-humility at my own unworthiness as I think of the warm and kindly introduction of Mr. Jack Stukas, our Scholarship Committee chairman, at the Convention Banquet, and the many, many congratulations and best wishes from fellow members that I received afterwards.

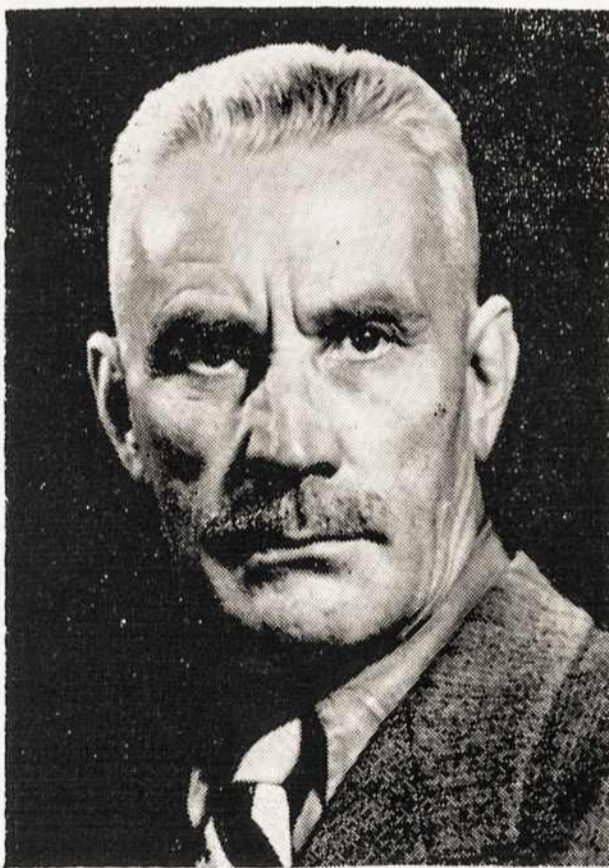
I can truly say that I will pledge myself always to the cause of the Knights of Lithuania and its ideals. Although I am still young and inexperienced in the workings of the K. of L. on all levels, I will try very hard to learn all that I can, and to devote much of my spare time in order to contribute in some small way to keeping the Knights of Lithuania as the true symbol of Lithuanian Catholic Idealism that it constitutes today. I will forever keep in my mind the self-explicit motto of the K. of L. — "For God and Country." May it move me and every other young Knight of the new generation to do his all for a Cause so potentially great as this.

With all sincerity,

Joan Mazeika



EDWARD A. DANIELS of Worcester, Mass., member of the Supreme Ritual Committee (2nd year). He first joined the Knights of Lithuania organization in 1948 and since has served as Council 26's sgt.-at-arms, vice president (2 years), and president; New England District's vice president (2 years); and Supreme Vice President (2 years). He is a veteran of World War II (USN — 2 years — S/1c).



JONAS JAKUBAUSKAS, Chicago's Vyčių Sendraugių kuopos veiklus narys ir jų atstovas Vyčių Seime.

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"VYTI"



CAROLYN A. NAGIN,
Council 41, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Fellow Knights:

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks, to all who made it possible for me to be chosen as one of the recipients of the K. of L. Scholarship Award.

I only regret that I was not able to be present at the National Convention to properly thank everyone in person, but nevertheless, I am deeply grateful to the Scholarship Committee that saw fit to bestow this great honor upon me.

I sincerely promise to make every effort to live up to this great honor in the future and to do my best to further the cause and the ideals of the Knights of Lithuania.

Gratefully yours,

Carolyn A. Nagin

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During the Convention held at the Hotel Bancroft, Worcester, a 4th K. of L. degree medal bearing the inscription "MRJ — 1946." Anyone having found it, please notify Mrs. Mary R. Jankowski, 36 Hingham Rd., North Grafton, Mass.

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CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOK

Councils, sponsors and patrons not having received a copy please write to: Mrs. Mary R. Jankowski, 36 Hingham Rd., North Grafton, Massachusetts.



JOSEPH A. SIPAS,
C-26, Worcester, Mass., former K.
of L. National Trustee, was official
photographer during the convention.

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STARTING THIS FALL, THE NEW
"VYTIS" DEADLINE — (ARTI-
CLES, COUNCIL NEWS, PHOTOS,
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K. OF L. CALENDAR

October 22 — New England District
K. of L. is sponsoring a **MILITA-**
RARY WHIST, 8 p.m., St. Casimir's
Church Hall, Waverly and Provi-
dence Streets, Worcester, Mass.
Donation 99 cents. Attendance
Prizes — Refreshments. Co-chair-
men: Mrs. Ann Bender (C-26) and
Mrs. Mildred Lapinskas (C-116).

November 5 — Newark, N. J. (29),
DANCE, St. George's Hall, 180
New York Ave., Newark.

November 12-13 — Mid-Central
District Convention to be held in
Detroit, Michigan.

November 26 — South Boston, Mass.
(17) ANNUAL FALL DANCE,
South Boston Lithuanian Club,
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will shape, for better or for worse,
the critical decades ahead. Only 40
short years separate us from the
year 2000. They offer breath-taking
opportunities for you, with God's
help, to exert your influence for
good.

In the 1956 presidential election
some 40 million Americans out of
the 102 million eligible to vote
failed to go to the polls. This num-
ber nearly equals the total popula-
tion of England and is twice that of
Argentina. Again, in 1958, some
states held elections for governors,
Congressional representatives, and
other officials. Only about 46 mil-
lion of 76 million citizens eligible
to vote turned out for the election
in these states.

It is becoming the rule rather
than the exception that only about
60% of the potential voters indicate
their preferences regarding candi-
dates and issues.

You can serve your country and
world by helping to stir up the other
40% to pay for their God-given
rights of freedom in the coin of
responsibility. Get after the unre-
gistered. People often determine the
selection of public officials, not be-
cause they have the power to do so,
but because the majority of citizens



FALISA "PHYLLIS" GRENDALE
was nominated Republican Repre-
sentative of Ward 6, Boston, Mass.,
at Primaries held Sept. 13, 1960.
Miss Grendal, associate editor of
VYTIS and honorary member of the
Knights of Lithuania, will have
been competition on Election Day in
November, and deserves the support
of all members and friends residing
in her district.

overlook the importance of voting
and thus endanger representative
government. In the average precinct
65 out of every 100 persons are re-
gistered voters. Of this 65, only 40
vote on election day. Of the 40, only
16 vote in primaries, which is an
average of 8 in each party. Of these
8, a candidate needs only 5 to win
a primary. Thus 10% of the people
— 5% in each party — really decide
who shall be candidates represent-
ing the other 90%. Take voting
seriously. How intelligently you
vote and how close a finger you
keep on the pulse of all govern-
mental activity may determine the
course of our country and the
world.

Prie kiekvienos vyčių kuo-
pos būtina turi veikti ir
jaunesniųjų vyčių kuopos.
Organizuokime!



Vyčių Garbės Narys, žymus advokatas ir Bostono Finansų Komisijos Pirmininkas Antanas Jankauskas - Young su žmona, dalyvavę Vyčių Seime Worcester.

GREETINGS FROM HONORARY MEMBERS

Prof. Alexander J. Aleksis (Waterbury, Conn.), Phyllis Grendal (Boston, Mass.), Juozas Sadauskas (Cleveland, Ohio), Rev. Fr. John C. Jutt (Worcester, Mass.), Anthony J. Mazeika (New York), Ann Mitchell (Elizabeth, N. J.), Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis M. Juras (Lawrence, Mass.), Rt. Rev. Msgr. Constantine A. Vasy (Worcester, Mass.), Jonas L. Juozaitis (Chicago, Ill.)

EXCERPTS FROM TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS RECEIVED FROM DIGNITARIES

"Greatly appreciate opportunity to send cordial greetings to Knights of Lithuania at 47th Annual Convention by your influence in support of good American citizenship and religious faith you add much to our country's strength every good wish for success in the years ahead —

HENRY CABOT LODGE,
United States Representative
to the United Nations."



AN OPEN LETTER TO THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA

Council 26 has assigned me with still another pleasant duty: that of commending the delegates and guests of the 47th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, on their earnest and active participation and their excellent conduct.

You have returned to your respective Councils, having earned for our entire organization, the esteem and respect of not only the Lithuanian community of Worcester, but of the non-Lithuanian community as well.

The apparent unity of our nationwide organization was recognized by many, and we are pleased to be able to have this opportunity to tell you so.

Our sincere gratitude goes out to everyone who participated in the Convention. A warm and sincere thank you to the delegates, guests and members of the Clergy who made possible the accomplishment of our recent Convention.

Vincent J. Grazulis,
General Convention Chairman,
Council 26, Worcester, Mass.

EDUARDA ŠULAITI, "Draugo" Vyčių Skyriaus Redaktoriu ir "Vyties" uolų bendradarbi ir
ONA ALIŠYTE, sukūrusius lietuvišką šeimą, nuoširdžiai sveikiname ir daug laimės linkime

Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdyba
ir "Vyties" Redakcija

SVEIKINIMAS

"Nuoširdžiai dėkoju už malonų kvietimą į Lietuvos Vyčių 47-tą Seimą, kuris įvyks šį mėnesį Worcesteryje.

Labai gaila — Seime dalyvauti negalėsiu.

Seime nedalyvaudamas ir asmeniai negalėdamas pakomplimentuoti Lietuvos Reikalų Komisijos ir Illinois - Indiana Apskričio — darau tą laišką:

Lietuvos Reikalų Komisija ir jos talkininkai atlieka didelį ir reikšmingą lietuvišką darbą. Tas darbas yra naudingas organizacijai ir Lietuvai. Už jį priklauso Vyčiams padėka ir pagarba. Vyčiai yra pavyzdys visiems šioje srityje.

Lietuvos ir lietuvių vardo garsinime pavyzdinčiai veikia Illinois - Indianos Vyčių Apskritis. Man buvo ypatingai malonu Vyčius stebėti ir komplimentus apie juos girdėti Pavergtųjų Tautų Savaitės demonstracijoje Chicagoje. Lietuvos Vyčių skaitlingas ten dalyvavimas ir sumanus pasirodymas atkreipė dėmesį visų kalbėtojų ir garbės svečių, kurie buvo tribunoje. Garbė ir sveikinimai Chicago Vyčiams.

Seimą nuoširdžiai sveikinu ir linkiu jam geriausių sekmių.

Su tikra pagarba,
Petras Daužvardis,
Lietuvos Konsulas"

LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS

Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, U. S. Representative to United Nations

Hon. Juozas Kajeckas, Charge d'Affaires, Lithuanian Legation, Washington, D. C.

Hon. Jonas Budrys, Consul General of Lithuania at New York City

Hon. Petras Daužvardis, Consul of Lithuania at Chicago, Illinois

Hon. Anthony O. Shallna, Lithuanian Consul at Boston, Massachusetts

Governor Foster Furcolo of Massachusetts

Leonardas Simutis, pres. of Lithuanian R. C. Alliance of America

Mrs. George Watkins, Moterų Sąjunga, Worcester, Mass.

Antanas F. Kneizys, garbės narys, Norwood, Mass.

Uršulė Jankauskas, Cleveland, Ohio

Matas Zujus, garbės narys, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

"Dainava", Lithuanian Youth Camp, Miss M. Vilimaitė, Manchester, Michigan

Antanas F. Kneizys, Lithuanian Radio Hour, Boston, Massachusetts

Antanas Masionis, Paterson, N. J.

Sisters of St. Francis, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sisters of Immaculate Conception of B. V. M., Putnam, Connecticut

Didžiam Lietuvui Patriotui, Giliam Mokslo Vyriui,
Pionieriui, Visuomenininkui, Vyčių Garbės Nariui

Prof. Kazimierui Pakštui

mirus, jo žmonai bei giminėms reiškia gilią užuojautą ir kartu liūdi

**Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdyba
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FELICIJAI GRENDAI

Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės Narei ir "Vyties" Redaktorei, josios didžio skausmo valandoj, mirus dviem jos brangiausiems asmenims, josios tėveliui ir josios broliui,
reiškia gilią užuojautą ir kartu liūdi

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VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIŲ SKYRIUS

Redaguoja **IGNAS SAKALAS**

Matas Zizas, vienas pirmųjų vyčių dr-jos narių Chicagoj (įsteigus pirmąją Chicagoj kuopą Dievo Apvaizdos parapijoj), o paskutiniu metu laikui priklausęs sendraugiams, liepos 13 d. mirė Little Company of Mary ligoninėj. Velionis buvo vienas dosniausių rėmėjų lietuviškųjų parapijų, labdaros, švietimo ir kitų kultūrinių įstaigų, katalikiškos spaudos ir katalikiškojo veikimo. Buvo seniausias lietuvių namų statytojas Chicagoj. Paskutiniaisiais metais, firmą perleidęs žentams, buvo išėjęs į poilsį.

Chicago vyčiai — jaunieji ir sendraugiai — gausiai dalyvavo šerme nyse, vieną vakarą bendrai susirinkę atkalbėjo dalį rožančiaus, užprašė šv. mišias už velionės sielą ir padėjo į kapines. Velionies žmonai, dukroms ir sūnui sendraugiai reiškia nuoširdžią užuojautą.

Vladas Strioga, vienas steigėjų vyčių 5-tos kuopos Šv. Mykolo parapijoj (North Side), kur šiuo metu klebonauja mūsų organizacijos garbės narys kun. A. Valančius, iširašė sendraugių kuopon. Sumokėdamas nustatytą kuopos mokestį, dar \$5 paaukojo Vyčių Namų Fondui.

V. Striogos amžiaus daugelis vyčių jau pasitraukė į poilsį. Net sendraugiams nepriklauso. Bet V. Strioga ne tik priklauso jaunių 5-tai kuopai, ne tik jaunimo laukiamas jų susirinkimuose su patarimais, bet yra veiklus ir parapijoj ir įvairiose draugijose. Biletų į įvairius draugijos rengimus nuolatos pas jį pilnos kišenės. Lioterinių biletų daug parduoda ir kitataučiams. Ir vyčių apskrities tradicinio pikniko pardavė kuopos sąskaiton ne dešimtis knygučių biletų.

Pasižiūrėjus į V. Striogą, su juo pasikalbėjus, tuojau prisimeni žmonių kalbą, kad ir senesnio amžiaus žmogus, dalyvaudamas su kitais žmonėmis, ypatingai jaunimo tarpe, pats jautiesi jaunas, pilnas gyvumo, energijos. Toks yra V. Strioga, tokia ir jo visuomet su šypsena veide žmona. Tai pora, kuria lietuviškoji visuomenė tikrai džiaugiasi, o, be abejonės, ir Dievui tai patinka.

Ilgiausių Striogams metų ir ...nepasenti.

N. Karlavičius, sendraugių kuopos išdininkas ir Vyčių Namų Tarybos narys, Illinois - Indiana apskrities tradiciniam piknikui liepos 4 d. laimėjo pirmą dovaną — \$150. Tiek sendraugiai, tiek ir jaunieji vyčiai tuo džiaugiasi, nes N. Karlavičius dažna proga paremia vyčių sumanymus ir darbus, o turėdamas plačią pažintį su namų statytojais bei įvairiais rangovais Vyčių namų salės remontas gauna per pus pigiau medžiagos, be to, ir pats daug laiko pašvenčia remontų darbams. Pažymėtina, kad ir aukščiau minėto laimikio žymią dalį paaukojo Vyčių salės reikalams. Beje, šiam piknikui jis pardavė net dešimtis knygučių biletų.

Vincas Ed. Pavis ir jo žmona Stella buvo mieli svečiai liepos 4 d. Illinois - Indiana apskrities tradiciniam piknikui. Iš Youngstown, O., (V. Pavio gimtinė) jiedu buvo atvykę Chicagon dalyvauti savo dukros ir žento Žemaičių trečio vaiko krikštynose.

V. ir S. Paviai ilgus metus gyveno Chicagoj ir buvo labai aktyvūs vyčiuose: apskrities chore, dramose, sekcijoj. Vytiška dvasia taip pat buvo persiėmusi ir jų vienturtė duktė, kuri, iki ištekėdama, buvo gražus pavyzdys pasiaukojimo jaunimo reikalams.

Įsteigus sendraugių kuopą, V. Pavis buvo ne tik vienas pirmųjų narių, bet ir vienas uoliausių organizatorių. Yra buvęs sendraugių pirmininku ir kituose valdybos postuose. Jo žmona sendraugiuose buvo reto pavyzdžio finansų sekretorė ir nepažinoma darbininkė įvairiuose sendraugių rengimuose.

Sendraugiams ir Chicagos apskrities nupirkus namą-salę, V. Pavis buvo išrinktas Namų Tarybos pirmininku ir keletą metų pavyzdinčiai vedė nuosavybės reikalus. Vėliau buvo Tarybos buhalteris ir naujai užvestos knygos buvo pagal šių dienų buhalterinę sistemą. Finansiniuose reikaluose buvo griežtas iki vieno cento.

Mirus uošvei (žmonos motinai) reikalai taip susiklostė, kad nutarė grįžti į savo gimtuosius namus

Youngstowne, kur įsijungė į politinį veikimą, gaudamas pareigas, kaip State Examiner for the State Auditor's office, Bureau of Inspection and Supervision of Public Offices.

Viešėdami Chicagoj ir pikniku atsilankę Paviai susitiko daugelį savo draugų ir bičiulių, o atsisveikindami su sendraugiais atnaujino narystę.

Chicagos sendraugiams tai bus staigmena, o kartu ir maloni žinia, kad sendraugių kuopa pradeda plėstis ir už Chicagos ribų.

V. E. Pavis Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijai priklauso nuo pat ankstyvos jaunystės. Jis yra įsteigęs kuopą Youngstown, Ohio, ir vėliau suorganizavęs Ohio ir vakarinės Pennsylvania vyčių apskritį, kur daug veikė; dalyvavo visose eilėse seimėse, į kurias yra įnešęs daug naujų sumanymų organizacijai auginti. Persikėlęs Chicagon, čia tiek Cicero 14-toj kuopoj, tiek Chicagos apskrityje, o vėliau, kaip aukščiau matėme, sendraugiuose visuomet buvo pirmose narių gretose. Įvertindama jo nuopelnus organizacijai, Chicagos apskritis buvo pasiūlius seimui pakelti jį į garbės narius, bet Rytinių valstybių vyčiai kaž kodėl neįvertino jo veiklos vakaruose ir tokiu būdu gražus chicagiečių noras tuo metu nebuvo patenkintas.

Emilija Karlavičienė, sendraugių išdininko N. Karlavičiaus žmona ir Moterų Sąjungos veikėja, turėjo kokią operaciją.

Tadas Aleliunas, sendraugių protokolų sekr., O. Aleliunienės vyras, kelis mėnesius atostogavo Arizonoj pas savo dukrą Liuciją ir žentą Arturą Robinsonus. Chicagon jį parvežė dukra savo automobiliu. Kartu atvyko ir Robinsonų dukrelė, kuri kartu su mamyte čia ilgesnį laiką viešėjo.

Pranas Čižauskas, Vyčių Federacijos, Susivienijimo ir kitų organizacijų veikėjas, Amerikos Legiono Dariaus ir Girėno posto iniciatorius ir garbės narys, ilgai sirgęs ir pergyvenęs operaciją atgauna ligos išsemtas jėgas.

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Los Angeles, Calif. — 133 J. P.

Seniors

Lietuvos vyčių senjorų kuopos (133) susirinkimas įvyko š. m. birželio 12 d. Zuzanos ir Stasio Tiknių rezidencijoje, 12441 Caster St., Yucaipa. Ši vieta nuo Los Angeles centro yra apie 100 mylių. Tačiau, nepaisant atstumo, į susirinkimą atvyko apie pusę šimto narių ir kandidatų. Susirinkimą pravedė senj. kuopos pirmininkas J. Puikūnas. Sukalbant maldą buvo prisiminta Lietuva ir baisieji 1940 m. birželio 13 d. trėmimai. Apie trėmimų tragediją ilgesnį pranešimą padarė valdybos narys inž. J. Kiškis. Žuvusieji buvo pagerbti atsistojimu, vienos minutėlės tylą ir susikaupimu.

Kuopos pirmininkas J. Puikūnas pranešė apie kuopos veiklą ir susirinkimui pristatė naujai iširašiusius narius Bolį ir Oną Janulius, kurie džiaugsmingais delnų plojimais buvo priimti ir trumpai nupasakojo savo biografijas. Tarp atliktų darbų pirmininkas paminėjo, kad šv. Tėvui Jonui XXIII už išleidimą Vatikano ženklų su Vilniaus ir šv. Kazimiero atvaizdais kuopos vardu buvo pasiūstas padėkos raštas.

Tarp kitų einamųjų reikalų buvo paliestas reikalas prisidėti prie Los Angeles Lietuvių Centro namų įsigijimo. Tuo reikalu buvo pareikštos tik teigiamos nuomonės. Baigiantis susirinkimui šv. Antano išvakarių proga buvo pasveikinti visi Antanai ir Antaninos. Mielų šeiminkų Z. ir S. Tiknių visi svečiai buvo gražiai priimti ir sočiai pavaišinti gražios jų rezidencijos ir gamtos aplinkoj.

Regular Council

Our May meeting was held at the residence of Miss Nida Balsys and her parents. President Ann Laurinaitis related interesting things

about her recent trip to Washington, D. C., New York City and of course, her own hometown, Elizabeth, N. J. In addition to Ann's remarks, we had a very fine business meeting.

The June meeting was held at the residence of Tom Yakutis.

Our council, recognizing Tom Yakutis' work and service, presented him a plaque with the following inscription on it — "Presented to Tom Yakutis, editor of the K. of L. Newsletter, in recognition of his excellent service to the organization by the Knights of Lithuania, Council 133, Los Angeles, May, 1960."

The officers of C-133 met at the apartment of Miss Ann Laurinaitis, president, and discussed future activities of the council.

Lithuanian - Americans of Los Angeles have organized a corporation — called LITHUANIAN COMMUNITY CENTER, INC. Anthony Skirius was elected director and Leonard Valiukas, secretary of the Executive Committee. K. of L. members are urged to buy at least one share (\$25.00). We are in great need of a club house for all Lithuanian groups in Los Angeles, including our own club — the K. of L. Council.

News about our members. Dominic Balciunas, vice president, is in business for himself — **3-D Letters and Signs**, 2202 South Vermont Ave. Dominic is a commercial artist. Good luck, Dominic!... Loretta Papsys, treasurer, received a B. S. degree in Chemistry last June... Nida Balsys received a B. S. degree in Engineering, last January... Anthony Vosylius, chairman of the Membership Drive Committee, was recently elected member of the Executive Committee of the Lithuanian-American Community, Inc., Los Angeles Division... Rita Medziukas was elected one of the vice presidents of the Lithuanian - American Council, Inc., Southern Cali-

fornia Division. She also serves as secretary of the Lithuanian-American R. C. Federation, Los Angeles Chapter... Alice Dotts, secretary, is also one of the secretaries of the NIXON FOR PRESIDENT — Lithuanian - American National Committee... A book, prepared and edited by Leonard Valiukas, LITHUANIA AND THE LITHUANIANS, will be off the press early this fall. This book will deal with Lithuania, Lithuanians throughout the world and their fight for Lithuania's freedom. It will contain hundreds of illustrations. Anthony Skirius is the publisher of this book... Ed and Helen Bartkus proudly announce the enrollment of a new member, Rita Marie (birthday June 2, 1960).

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

Chicago, Ill. — 112 "Ardee"

The vacation months found our 112-ers off to various parts of the country, partaking of that best time of the year, when we "get away from it all." Julie and Al Zakarka went "up East" to Amsterdam, New York, where our illustrious Vice President originally hails from, and among those going "out West" were Dolores Rupp and Irene Rakaitis who undoubtedly wowed them in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Also, President Al Dagus and wife Ruth, spent a glorious two weeks in the San Fernando Valley, doing parts of Los Angeles and Las Vegas.

Among the activities (other than vacations) that have been going on in our council was the big Fourth of July Picnic sponsored by the District. President Al Dagus (being the chairman of this affair) was one who really had a tremendous task of organizing and seeing that all went smooth, and many, many K. of L. members who helped out that

day are to be commended for their very fine efforts.

Our August Social was a Beach Party at the Indiana Dunes with of all things a Male Chairman! Yes, Len Malas volunteered to take upon himself the chores of seeing that everyone was fed and watered. As everyone knows the female sex of the K. of L. is usually called upon for a chairmanship of this nature, but our Len was undaunted by the prospect of this, and went right ahead and took on the responsibility and made a fine success of it. Of course, the moral of this tale is that we should have more male chairmen in the future, and give the boys a chance!

Plans are already being made for our forthcoming Halloween Masquerade Ball to be held at our K. of L. Hall on October 29. Ed Krivickas, chairman in charge, is hoping to make this one the best yet, with food, games and music.

Your reporter is rather late with this, but we want to wish Ed Urba a lot of luck in his new venture — The Sky Blue Lounge. Ed is one of our hardworking members who decided to change his vocation, and we hope that The Sky Blue Lounge won't keep him away from us entirely. Good luck, Ed!

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Detroit, Mich. — 79 Dot & Dash

Detroit's Convention - goers are back from Worcester and so are several proud honors amongst Councils 79 and 102. One award received which 79'er should be doubly proud was for first place National Membership Drive for the second successive year. Let's keep it up or better still increase our membership. Now, as a result of Detroit's highest honor, our best congratulations go to Bob Boris of C-102 upon his election to Supreme Presidency. Dieve, tau padék!

Well, with summer over and all hummingbird adventures behind us, we've settled down to earth. Yet, many fond memories still linger on. It started with the closing of the Board meeting at the home of the

Zagers on May 24. Amidst all considerable discussion, there was a flying trapeze act interjected (the gavel, obviously, had a "slipping" moment and it was a perfect catch by Aquiline Zane). A social took place afterwards where Frank's speciality — a homemade pizza was served.... Betty Petrosky and Gerry Chaps have a certain way of creating birthday surprises very imaginatively. Following an August executive meeting at the Petroski home, Len Salas was a 'Happy Birthday' recipient

On June 4 the Lithuanian Voices celebrated its 15th Anniversary with a Radio Banquet. Charles Gogelis who is a member of C-79 and a co-director of the radio club, helped provide a most enjoyable affair. Our president, Frank Zager and several others from C-79 attended.

Approximately fifty members attended a Fish Fry on June 10 at K. C. Monaghan Council. Plaudits to Bill Walls for all his efforts. For those who liked boxing there was an enjoyable Kiddies bout following the Fish Fry; whereas a group of stayups retracted to the lounge for chit'chat, music and dancing. Obviously, it was too nice to bring things to a close because the "Good Night" duel was a draw between the Petroskis and the Zagers. The Zanes hated to leave (Joe of course had to go to work).

Our first weenie roast was held on June 18, and the 79'ers had a beautiful evening roasting wieners and nibbling on homemade salads prepared by "gaspadinés" — G. Chaps, B. Petroski, E. Pileckas, and S. Zager. This time Sophie's salad set did not play a disappearing act in the blazing charcoal fire — she played Private Eye and even included in the array of observation a proposal by Len Salas to Delphine Stephen. Speaking of weenie roasts, our Chicago friends — Eleanor Laurin of C-112, Lorretta Kassel, Al Kassel, Sophie Zukas and Lucy Stacy of C-36, traveling to the Worcester Convention, were "intravenously" initiated at Hemlock Park. After dodging rain drops all evening, everyone congregated to Mr. & Mrs. Ed Martin's garage. (We hope the Martins still retain the same address). Amongst the showers there was a "Happy Birth-

day" to Leo "Mooney" Smilgis. Also, participating was C-102.

In the flurry of the late summer-fall closet cleaning, yours truly wrote to Dorothy Kilgallen in response to a comment on "What's My Line" when mystery guest Laurance Harvey disclosed his Lithuanian birth. Why not more K. of L.'ers inform Miss Kilgallen on Lithuania?

"We thank you" is our gratitude of expression to Mr. & Mrs. Frank Bunikas of C-102, and Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Valatka of our council for a job well done. Many compliments are still heard from our little "Moth Eaters, Dragon Flies, Lillies of the Valley, and Silver Stars" of their wonderful experiences.

Ever hear of the "last place chumps"? All kidding put aside it was "Last Place Champs" inscribed on trophies received by Betty and Frank Petroski and Estelle Pileckas of C-79, Carl Gobis C-102 and Frank Gudrich at the combined Councils' 79-102 Bowling Banquet. Council 79 has started a Bowling League under the fine chairmanship of Len Salas, and since it is our pioneer venture we'll be writing in the future.

Convention Memos

While the Zagers and Estelle Pileckas stopped briefly to reminisce some "good old days" in their hometown, Amsterdam, N. Y., the other two delegates, Len Salas and Chester Nashlon made a stop-over in Syracuse. Upon reaching Worcester, the first event "A Get Together" at Marionas Park was a real treat! It seems Worcester likes its picnics by beautiful lakes like the one held on Sat. Eve. at the Indian Ranch (Whatever you call it) with a delicious barbecue chicken... The programs were well planned and especially, the Sessions were efficiently conducted. (Frankly, we kept wondering, "How soon does the whooping and hollering start?") Much was accomplished during the sessions and we are asking this year that all the "lazy" members really pitch in and help promote the betterment of the K. of L. and C-79 at the same time... Friday nite's semi-formal could have easily been changed from "Funny Face Fantasy" to "Paris Calling". We wonder whether Balenciaga or Dior could have scor-

ed any better in the Fashion department. The most impressive event was the Grand March to St. Casimir's Church on Sunday morning, escorted by the Lithuanian War Vet's Color Guard and the Lith. Drum Corps. Though it was a 15-minute hike, most of us worked up a tremendous appetite for the delicious brunch that followed afterwards. Imagine! being served under candlelight — although some said the Conventioneers "blew a fuse"... We don't know how Leonard Salas' name was omitted as Sgt.-of-Arms in the Convention Ad Book. Instead, brother Ed was that and we were without a Treasurer. Sorry gents — it is human to err.

Short and Sweet— Welcome home to our European "vagabonds" — Elizabeth Paurazas and Bill Walls. Also, to suntanned Dargis' from Florida... The Petroskis joined membership in the "Turtle Club" while visiting the vacationing Zagers at Au Gres, Mich... Gerry Chaps O. K. after surgery — best wishes. We'll conclude "This 'n That" in the next issue... Congratulations to Chairman, V. J. Grazulis and the Convention Committee for the smooth-running affairs.

Dayton, Ohio — 96 Elaine Lucas

Our annual K. of L. "Lithuanian Day" Picnic held August 14, was a huge success thanks to Chairman Mike Petkus and Co-chairmen Pat Zelinskas and John Scott.

We wish to welcome Father Titus Narbutas from Brooklyn to our parish as new Administrator, replacing Father Walter Katarskis who will further his studies at the University of Dayton... Geraldine Gevat will start a teaching career at a local elementary school. She is also associated in real estate with her uncle.

Many of our K. of L. members enjoyed the hospitality of George and Frances Miklauskas at a gala christening celebration of their daughter, Mary Agnes, born July 5th. Congratulations!... Also congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kavalauskas who were united in Holy Matrimony on August 6th. Our deepest sympathy to The Sluzas Family on the recent death of their father.

Five of our fairer sex journeyed to the National Convention. They were: Ann Scott, Pat Zelinskas, Anita Goldick, Rita Ambrose and Elaine Lucas. Despite a few travel calamities they report having had a wonderful time.

Furthering their studies this fall are Ann Sinkwitz entering Sinclair College, Robert Omlor at the University of Dayton and Elaine Lucas at the Comptometer Business School.

Our local members are anxiously awaiting the forth coming District Convention to be held in Detroit November 12th and 13th.

Detroit, Mich. — 102 PAM

It has been a wonderful summer and one filled with many, many happy memories. There were vacations by the score — the weekly golfing dates for many of our fore-somes — those glorious picnics in the glen, which even proved fun whenever we were deluged with rain and looked like so many walking tents under the shelter of those blankets — the delightfully gay parties and weenie roasts — and all in all, the very memorable times shared by the Detroit councils and their guests from the cities of Chicago, Cleveland, Elizabeth, N. J. and Rochester, N. Y. We found out too, that the miles between us were in reality not that distant, and there was quite a bit of traveling to and from one city to the other. From all indications, the winter blasts will not deter our ardent travelers, and the schedule of events will be upheld with an all-out attendance. **IT'S FUN TO LIVE IN MICHIGAN** — so the Chamber of Commerce states — and you know, it's true, especially with all that is continually going on with the K. of L. councils here in Detroit.

Our congratulations to Donna Kirsh, who is now Mrs. William Pluto, and to Dolores Neverouck, who by the time this article goes to press will be Mrs. Eddie Anilonis. Eddie is of Council 52 in Elizabeth, N. J. Those wedding bells ARE breaking up that old gang of ours!

We were so pleased to learn that Bob Boris has been elected President of the Supreme Council. Congratulations, Bob, and may your term of office be a successful and

happy one. With the turn of events of Bob's becoming National President of the Knights of Lithuania and of Dolores Neverouck's approaching marriage, the posts of President and Vice President respectively were filled by the election of Frank Bunikis as President and William Juodwalkis as Vice President, both very able and capable fellows with just oodles of ideas. Plans are already underway for the District Convention to be held in Detroit, Michigan November 20.

We hear tell that Bob Boris and Carl Gobis had a ball in Europe this year, and we are anxiously awaiting the time when we can view the movies which Bob took of the trip. By the way, according to Bob, it was the most interesting and inspiring trip he has ever made. Bob had quite an exuberance about him when he spoke of Paris, and naturally this has aroused our curiosity all the more. It just goes without saying — how are we going to keep them in the City of Detroit — after they've seen PAREE!!!

**THE FIRST K. OF L.
JUNIOR CAMP —
A HUGE SUCCESS!**

As this electrifying news reached the National Convention in Worcester, direct by phone from the Campsite in Manchester, Michigan, a surge of optimism swept the delegates, since everyone is in agreement that the future of the Knights of Lithuania is in the Juniors.

As the pioneer K. of L. Campers from Detroit numbering around 30, said farewell to "Dainava", their home for a week, the organizers of the camp had found the answers to many questions such as — "Will our youngsters really be interested in the fact that "Šalia kelio — gyveno Šaltyšius" and will they care to learn the "Žogelis" or "Noriu Miego?" It took only a few hours for the Juniors to find in Mr. F. Strolia of Chicago, and his accordian, a genuine friend. Several times a day, the entire group would be found gathered around him for just one more rendition of "Išėjo Tėvelis į Mišką." All week found our Juniors composing poetry and prose for the camp newspaper, entitled by them, the "Mosquito Bite." The Chaplain,

Fr. Dagilis looked after their spiritual welfare with daily Mass and little talks. Mrs. J. Damusis was responsible to the entire program of camping and can be credited with the successful administration. Donna and Frank Bunikis became "Mom" and "Dad" for the girls and boys respectively and carried the heavy responsibility of counselors. With the help of other qualified teachers and personnel, a well rounded out program of swimming, hiking, games, sports, singing, folk-dancing, the week was climaxed with closing camp-fire, which included a five-piece orchestra of campers, playing several members. The very inspirational playing of "Marija, Marija" on the bugle, while prayers were read from the prayer book written by Lithuanian prisoners in Siberia — "Mary Help Us", closed the day.

That this new endeavor was successful, is attested by the parents of the campers, but even more so by the youngsters who were reluctant to leave, and anxious to come again next year, and meet more Juniors from other cities.

One-O-Two

Pittsburgh, Pa. — 19

Mitzi

It wouldn't do for you all not to be caught up with the latest news from Pittsburgh. Your reporter had to make a trip to the hospital to get hers — a visit to Mrs. Joseph Saliunas who was blessed with a new baby daughter. Congratulations to the happy couple who now have two girls and a boy. I didn't hear about Margie Potts' stay in the hospital until after she had come home so she is now on the road to recovery. It would never do if Margie couldn't make it to the convention. What would Julia do without her favorite roommate? Speaking of Julia reminds me that I neglected to report in my last notes that her father had been in the hospital — seriously ill. However, he has since returned to his home and is doing well.

Bill and Anne Kolicius have bought a larger home closer to South Park in Bethel. Your reporter hasn't seen either Bill or Anne for all the minute details but they expect to move into their new home sometime in August. Could that mean that faithful Bill will not be in attendance at the convention?

Anyway, we're all waiting for the big Open House after the Koliciuses are all settled! With all the complications that go with buying a house and selling another one Anne and Bill had another complication. Bill's parents' house caught on fire and resulted in very serious damage. Bill's father at the time was hospitalized to complicate matters but Mr. and Mrs. William Kolicius, Sr. are now settled temporarily at the home of a daughter until their home can be rebuilt. Bill, the only son, had to do some tall commuting between his own home and that of his parents to say nothing of the Sunday jaunts to the Radio Station to broadcast the Lithuanian Catholic Hour. We are very happy to hear tho' that Bill and Anne are moving into a larger home and hope they'll be very happy in it.

We also heard that two former active K. of L'ers, Ruth and Bill Marculaitis have bought a larger home in New Jersey across from a Country Club. Watch out, Ruth, Bill may be working out his clubs at the Country Club instead of going to work! Bill's brother, Eddie Marculaitis, who has been working in Altona, Pa. for the past several years became so tired of living in a one room that he bought himself an old house! Does this mean, Eddie, that you'll soon be bringing home a Mrs. to take care of the house?

All the news I have this month seems to be of K. of L'ers who have left Pittsburgh for greener fields. I guess we Pittsburghers are at a standstill — doing the same old things day in and day out. Ruth (Greblunas) and Gino Giusti have been seeing the sights in Mexico while the two grandmas are taking care of little Paul and Susan Marie at the Giusti home in Connecticut.

We've also had news of Jeannie Walkauskas — I'm sure many of you remember her. She was one of our live wires when she was in Pittsburgh. She and her husband (who is in the service) and their son had been living in a trailer at Fort Meade, Maryland but have just recently gone overseas — to France. We hope we'll be hearing from her because we all liked her so much and still miss her!

Father Karaveckas recently had a nice vacation at his home — the occasion — his sister's wedding!

On the spiritual side a very nice group received Holy Communion in a body on Father's Day, June 19th, and the rolls and coffee breakfast was prepared by Marcella Onaitis and Eleanor Allen.

Our big picnic for the benefit of the Radio Lithuanian Catholic Hour has been changed to August this year (28th), of all days — so many of us planning our vacations to coincide with convention dates may have to miss it!

Your reporter heard too that Nellie Kuntz was married recently. At the time of this writing I had not heard the name of the young man. Nell was always one of our good workers and we hope she has won a deserving husband and that they'll both be very happy!

Philadelphia, Pa. — 3

EDITOR'S NOTE. Error occurred in the July issue of VYTIS regards Irene Sasnauskas' engagement to Al Ozalis. It should have read: "I am happy to announce the engagement of Irene Sasnauskas and Al Ozalis, who are planning a June wedding." (They plan to be married June 24, 1961.)

NEW YORK NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

As the spilling seconds and the fleeting moments of the 47th National Convention held in Worcester, Mass. lie buried beneath the space of time, let us pause briefly and reflect upon the people and events that fill a delightful page in our memory book. Since memories are expensive because we pay for them with a part of our life we should consider the providers of these memories. They are the unselfish people who undertake the tremendous task of a Convention working diligently and sacrificing a bigger part of their life for our enjoyment.

Many thanks to the member of the Worcester Council for a wonderful job, especially to those who served as chairman on the various committees.

Thanks also to the Director and to the members of the colorful Lith-

uanian Bugle and Drum Corps who supplied the musical spectacle.

A special citation should be awarded to the Panel Chairmen for their endeavor to further strengthen our organization. Another award should be afforded to the members of the Presidium for their patience in trying to maintain some semblance of order among the delegates gone "mad" with the joys of another Convention.

Representing our District at the Convention were members from Elizabeth, Linden, Bayonne, Kearny, Newark, Maspeth, Brooklyn, New York and Philadelphia.

We are extremely proud of the stellar role our District President, Larry Janonis, played at the Convention. — Noteworthy was his comprehensive report on Membership, Chairman of the Panel on the "K. of L. Yorkshop," member of the Presidium, and re-elected 2nd V. P.

Frank Vaskas again maintained his pace of writing over one hundred letters for the Lithuanian Affairs Committee.

The film of people and places behind the Iron Curtain shown and narrated by our "world traveler" Jack Stukas was very interesting. Everyone knows how Jack smuggled out the film but who smuggled him out?

A Lithuanian American Beatnik orbiting in space after a launching at one of the cool room parties described the Worcester Convention beautifully when he said it was "like nice". We all agree.

Cerberus

Brooklyn (Queens), N. Y. — 41

Joan Mazeika

A great big "hel-au" from us weary but happy travelers who have just returned from the National Convention. Never have we packed so much fun, business, polkas and sleeplessness into four days as our council did at this convention. Our deepest thanks to Council 26 for making this 47th National Convention so wonderful!

Now to catch up on a few items...

On July 24, our Queens Council 41, together with Great Neck Council 109, sponsored a picnic and dance at the Steamboat Inn Park, Great

Neck. We are happy to report that it was a wonderful success. Our Lithuanian Folk Dance Group, with its colorful costumes and lively dance steps contributed greatly to the program for the evening. Music provided by our K. of L'er Nick Dzvonar and His Orchestra, made the evening lively and truly entertaining.

Our council has attended many various dances in the New York-New Jersey area this summer. Most of them featured Nick Dzvonar and His K. of L. Orchestra. We are very proud of Nick's lively Lithuanian arrangements for the orchestra... We certainly hope he will get a chance to record a few of these compositions.

An Executive Board and delegates' meeting was held the latter part of August to review the highlights of the National Convention and to discuss concrete plans for the coming year.

The council is very enthusiastic about planning a "Jonyniu" day in the country in the near future.

The Chatterbox

...What was Tony Mazeika doing in the Worcester common on Saturday night? Enjoying the scenery, no doubt...

...Imagine the impression of the passengers on the Trailways Bus when they saw Eugene Marcis returning home with a large stuffed alligator under his arm...

...What ever became of the extra mattresses leaning against room 334?...

...We certainly hope that Stanley Naiva found those trousers that he lost. As Al Budreckis would say — "Nugi Šiur"!...

...Joan Mazeika and Carolyn Nagin express their greatest gratitude for being the joint recipients of this year's K. of L. Scholarship Award. The council is extremely proud of these two hard-working girls...

...I wonder what Helen will say about Tom and Elaine living it up at the convention...

Rumors have it that Tony Mazeika got free hotel reservations. He must know some pretty influential people...

Congratulations to Tom Michalski upon his graduation from Fordham University. We wish him the great-

est of luck in all his future endeavors. It seems that Tom is hearing the bugle call...

Congratulations also to Carolyn Nagin, Carol Galenski and Joan Mazeika upon their entrance into college this fall...

Is it really true that Regina brought Stanley home on the bus?...

Amsterdam, N. Y. — 100 Smile & Sparkle

One of the largest crowds attended our festivities on July 17 at Mr. & Mrs. Steve Rimkunas' camp on Lake Galway, New York. A variety of dishes was on the menu in addition to the mixed selection of liquids. A day of sunshine was in store for us. God has always looked after us on our annual outing. The first to arrive at the camp were Gene Gobis and her guest, Dr. David Kaskel of Albany, N. Y. Upon Sophie Olbie's arrival, everyone pitched in to help set the table and dinner was served.

After dinner, some took to sun bathing, others swimming, boating, or card playing. The jolly mermaids were Pat Olbie, Pat Sargalis, Ginny Kutchis, Regina Drenzek, Juanita Stokna. The fellows who ventured the cool water were Joe Drumstas & Vitty Morkunas (Worcester, Mass.), Dick Drenzek and Raymond Robertson.

Ed Daniels preferred to sun himself on a blanket next to some of our lovely sun bathers — Helen Dombroski, Bubbles Kutchis, Bernice Blusis, Sophie Olbie, Anella Keriker, Eleanor Stakauskas and Pauline Urban.

A Canasta session was in progress with the following playing: Edna Stokna, Velma Svedarckas, Bernice Pickens, Mary Sweet, Mary Ann Podolec (Don Nikstenas' fiancée), Josephine Nikstenas, Sophie Rimkunas, Nancy Kazlauskas, Sadie Karbus, and Mrs. George Gaska.

Two real "hot" pinochle games were also on with the following men participating: Tony Stokna, Jack Sweet, Charles Pickens, John Svedarckas, Steve Rimkunas, Matt Kazlauskas, George Gaska, and Charles Karbus.

Our dear friends, Al & Julie Zakarka and their daughter from Chicago also attended. They got a bit "wet" in Lake Galway. Also present

were Marion and David Robertson, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas, John Hartvigas and John Urba. Father Kuzminskas of Germany and Father Ruokis of Fort Plain, New York were guests of ours.

A large birthday cake was presented to Mary Sweet by Sophie Olbie and our melodious(?) voices rose in wishing her a very happy birthday. Also, a Bon Voyage was wished Gene Gobis by all the group.

The "Man of the Hour" — Joe Drumstas, who might be a little modest to tell you of his role as a lifeguard.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

South Boston, Mass. — 117

Ann Onimus

Up to Convention

C-17 has two seasons of catching-up to do news wise. In the spring, the newer members merited an accolade for the brightest spring dance our council ever held. These folks with their paint brushes, imagination, and in genuity sparked Strand Hall with circus spirit and gaiety. Frank Averka, Janet Gideck, Mary Kraunelis, Diane Plevock, Alice Zuremba, and Gus Uselis worked with Al Taritis, John Olevitz, Rita and Jerry Venis to make that dance the season's social stand out. very succesful raffle sparked the council treasury.

In early spring, Angela and Stanley Yelmokas welcomed Mark Andrew. He is their third child and second son.

Anita and John Daniels bought a new home in Beverly.

In the Summer

The bowling season closed with a group dinner at 57 Carver St. The restaurant though weak on decor was strong on generous servings of delicious, hearty food. The group then adjourned to Symphony Hall where Pops was playing. The fall, naturally, calls all bowlers back to the alleys.

July brought vacationitis. Bill Gorski did get to that elegant dude ranch in Montana. To all folks

going West, he highly recommends a visit to Glacier National Park. Mary Kleponis left on Fr. Conton's K. of L. tour of Europe. While not necessarily vacations, Fr. Zuromskis, Pete Gedaminsky, John Daniels and Gus Uselis did get to Camp Drum for National Guard maneuvers.

The July social was a beach party at Duxbury.

August brought a flurry of news doings. Almost everyone was Worcester bound for all or part of the convention. Florence Zaleskas and Edmund Rudis, won a polka contest. Florence became an aunt to her first nephew — Joseph Anthony Ruka. Joseph's parents are C-17 stalwarts Edward and Marie (Zaleskas) Ruka. The Rukas are the owners of a new-to-them car. Many miles of motoring pleasure to them — and to Patricia Plansky with her new white Valiant — and to Ann Kleponis and Joanne Neviera and Edmund Rudis and Madeline Druzdis. All sport new cars.

In August, we welcomed four new members: Norma Razvad, Paula Bernotas, Albina Rudziunas and Joseph Lubinas. 1960 has been a good growing year for C-17. We're certainly pleased that more fine Liths. have come into our ranks.

Joseph Casper, Jr. graduated from the New England Institute of Embalming in September.

In June Wanda Yelmokas received her Master's degree from Boston College.

The summer also brought its sad news. The council extends its sympathy to Phyllis Grendal and Frank Yonika on the death of their fathers.

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The fall holds promise of the reactivation of **The Lancer** — (the council news bulletin); the re-opening of the bowling season; plus the November dance. These are in addition to the regular program of meetings, spiritual activities and socials.

Westfield, Mass. — 30 Genovaité

The summer season has come and gone quickly and with it many enjoyable activities. One of the most outstanding events sponsored by

Council 30 was our annual summer outing at Lake Congamond. This year, however, something special was planned — a surprise Bon Voyage party for Fr. Puidokas and Nellie Lingaitis as a send-off before their one month tour of Europe. Everyone had a wonderful time and hats off to the planning committee for doing such a good job. I'm sure no one will miss the September meeting and the "tales of the travelers."

Joe Descarage and Bob Smyk, Council 30's delegates to the National Convention, returned from Worcester with high hopes of attending next year's convention! Their main comment was that it was unfortunate that every member of our council could not have attended. The coming meeting should be very interesting when we hear all the news of what took place.

Welcome to our new members: Virginia Tarnauskas and Stella Fisher. At this rate of increasing membership we will be able to send more delegates to next year's national convention.

Misc.: Happy Birthday to Nellie Dardinski! Congratulation and best wishes to Marcia Dardinski and Jim Rogers on their forthcoming marriage. Glad to see all of our members back safe and sound after their various summer vacations.

Waterbury, Conn. — 7 W. A.

Two of our members were named to national committees at the 47th K. of L. National Convention held in Worcester, namely, Prof. Alexander J. Aleksis, honorary member and organist at St. Joseph's Church as Golden Jubilee Year Committeeman; and Marcella Andrikis, 4th degree K. of L'er, member of Public Relations Committee.

U. S. Senator Thomas J. Dodd received the merit award. He and Most Rev. Bernard Flanagan, Bishop of Worcester, formerly of Norwich, were principal speakers. Other delegates at the convention included Walter Pitcavage, president of our council, Lillian Paulauskas, John Alanskas (having returned from the K. of L. Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage - Europe), Alfred Greblunas, Mary Undraitis and Peter Kudzma.

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CONVENTION SPOT NEWS

In order that the post-convention issue of VYTIS may go out to you without unnecessary delay, only spot news of the 47th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania held in Worcester, Massachusetts, August 18-21, 1960, is being presented here. Some reports, illustrated with candid camera shots of K. of L'ers, guest speakers taken at the meeting by official photographer, Joseph Sipas, member of C-26, Worcester, Mass., resolutions, recommendations and action appear in this issue. Other reports to appear in the November issue.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

The new officers of the Knights of Lithuania elected at the national convention are: Rev. Prof. Albert J. Conton of Boston, Mass., spiritual director; Robert S. Boris of Dearborn, Michigan, president; Miss Helen Shields of Philadelphia, Pa., first vice president; Larry Janonis of Bronx, New York, second vice president; Miss Loretta I. Kassel of Chicago, Ill., recording secretary; Miss Dorothy V. Sinkavitch of Worcester, Mass., financial secretary; Mrs. Rita Pinkus of Worcester, Mass., treasurer; Miss Frances Daniels of Boston, Mass., and Miss Eleanore Laurin of Chicago, Ill., trustees; and Konstant J. Savickas, Esq., of Chicago, Ill., legal adviser.

IT'S CLEVELAND, OHIO IN '61

Senior Council 25, Cleveland, Ohio (by Juozas Sadauskas, hon. memb.), presented an invitation to hold the 1961 national convention in Cleveland, Ohio. The delegates unanimously accepted the invitation.

PRESIDIUM

Larry Janonis of Bronx, N. Y., chairman; Edmund Rudis of Boston, Mass. and Jack Jatis-Juozaitis of Chicago, Ill., co-chairmen; Helen Zimmer and Anna Marie Paukstis, both of Chicago, Illinois, secretaries. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE — Frank Zager (C-79, Detroit), Anthony Mazeika, Jr. (C-41, Brooklyn), Algirdas Budreckis (C-52, Elizabeth), Rev. John C. Jutt (C-26, Worcester), Rev. John D. Zuromskis (C-17, S. Boston), Ann Klem (C-90, Kearny), and Tom Michalski (C-41, Brooklyn). GREETINGS COMMITTEE — Eugene Mar-sis (C-41, Brooklyn), Monica Kasper (C-112, Chicago), Bernice Kavaderas (C-116, Worcester), and Juozas Sadauskas (Seniors C-25, Cleveland). MANDATE COMMITTEE — Frances Daniels (C-17, S. Boston), Irene

Sankus (C-112, Chicago), Anne Mitchell (C-52, Elizabeth), and Marcella Onaitis (C-19, Pittsburgh). NOMINATING COMMITTEE — Joseph Sakaitis (New England District, pres.), Larry Janonis (New York-New Jersey District, pres.), Eleanore Laurin (Illinois-Indiana District, pres.), and Julie Aleshunas (Mid-Central District for Stanley Vaitkus, pres.).

The convention was opened with a prayer by Father John C. Jutt; welcoming address by William Grigas, president of Host Council 26; Father Michael Tamulevicius, spiritual adviser of Host Council 26; Father John Bakanas, pastor of St. Casimir's parish; roll call by Joseph Sakevich, national president; greetings by Mayor James O'Brien of Worcester. Throughout the convention days, following greetings were made by: Father A. A. Jurgelaitis, professor of Providence College, Providence, R. I., Attorney Anthony J. Miller of Worcester, Mary Jankowski (read numerous greetings from Worcester County officials), Mrs. George Watkins in behalf of Moteru Sajunga, Professor Alexander J. Aleksis, author of Vyčiu Hymnas, hon. memb. of Waterbury, Conn., Dr. Juozas Leimonas, editor of VYTIS, Rev. Prof. Albert J. Contons, reported on the highlights of the Knights of Lithuania Pilgrimage to Europe, having just returned from a one month's tour.

Panel — "Workshop on K. of L. Problems" was lead by Eleanore Laurin (Chicago), Edmund Rudis (Boston), John Olevitz (Boston), Helen Shields (Philadelphia), Joseph Sakaitis (Worcester), which was prepared by Larry Janonis (Bronx, N. Y.).

Aside of reports submitted by Supreme Council officers (published in this issue), following reports were given: Father Stan Raila's report on CULTURE COMMITTEE by Jack Stukas; Assoc. Editor Phyllis Grendal on VYTIS; Jack Jatis - Juozaitis on HONORARY MEMBERS; Loretta Kassel on JUBILEE YEAR COMMITTEE; Jack Stukas on K. OF L. SCHOLARSHIP FUND; Father John C. Jutt on LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS; Al Janks on RITUAL (to be published in next issue).

The outgoing president, Joseph A. Sakevich was highly praised for his untiring efforts in behalf of the K. of L. During his term of office (2 years) as president much progress had been made. He was given a tremendous ovation and standing vote of applause by the entire delegation.

It might be said, that this year's Convention was a fruitful convention, and that the delegates returned home with additional inspiration and vigor to DIRBT TAUTAI ir GYVENT TIKĖJIME (Convention's theme).