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Special CONVENTION Issue

So that you may have, in one issue, at least a "bird's eye view" of the 48th National Convention - including decisions made, awards given, officers elected, and good times had, we have omitted all the regular features of VYTIS in this Convention Souvenir Issue. We hope you will be happy with this arrangement! Because of lack of space, we also could not go into detail on the many thought-provoking points covered by the Convention's numerous excellent speakers. These points will be covered, or used, in some way, in future issues of VYTIS.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE 48th NATIONAL CONVENTION AND ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL 25 AND THE SENIORS OF CLEVELAND WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND THEIR MOST HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL THOSE FELLOW KNIGHTS AND FRIENDS WHO ATTENDED AND SUPPORTED THE 48th NATIONAL CONVENTION. YOUR FINE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION CONTRIBUTED IMMEASURABLY TO ITS SUCCESS.

State of the Organization Report

Delivered by Robert S. Boris, National President on Aug. 25, 1961

The Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council Meeting of June 17, as one phase of its program to modernize the convention, decided to replace individual oral reports of the national officers and committees with written reports and charged me, with the task of preparing a "State of the Union" report. Thus, I shall attempt, as briefly as possible, to review the highlights of this year activity. To fully appreciate all the efforts of the Supreme Council, please read the detailed written reports and use them to report back to your home councils.

Since you have just heard the report of our Spiritual Advisor, FATHER CONTONS, it will be unnecessary to review his activities. However, it should be noted that the Spiritual program inaugurated several years back should be renewed during this coming year, as its absence has been sadly felt.

In my opinion, the greatest progress made this year has been in the field of Juniors, thanks to the efforts and brilliant leadership of our First Vice-president, HELEN SHIELDS. Five new Junior Councils were organized; C-7 Waterbury, C-10 Hartford, C-29 Newark, C-36 Chicago and C-102 Detroit. Foundations have been laid for eight more councils to be started this fall. Junior membership stands around 362 members. A week-long K of L Camp for Youngsters was held at Camp Dainava in Michigan, with thirty-six youngsters attending. Except for three campers from Cleveland, the rest were Detroiters, thus we hope that Midwestern councils will give better support to the camp in 1961. A camp in the East has also been proposed for next year. Two Junior Rallies and

one Junior Conference were held. A bi-monthly Junior Page has become a "looked-for" feature in the VYTIS. The aid of the Franciscan Sisters has been promised to help establish Junior Councils in their schools, wherever the Pastor and the local council show interest. If all our organizational projects and activities were as successful as Miss Shields' efforts with the Juniors, we could truthfully say, all is well!

Our Second Vice-president, LARRY JANONIS' many years of experience and proven leadership have made him a most valuable asset on the Supreme Council. Under his leadership, the membership drive yielded 96 new members. Although this is not a significant gain, we must bear in mind, that while a leader can motivate and co-ordinate, the actual work of recruiting new members is the sole responsibility of the general membership. If each council had but one member, who was dedicated enough to bring in 16 new members during the drive, as did Joseph Chaps of C-79 Detroit, the drive would have resulted in 700-800 new members instead of a mere 96.

Our Financial Secretary, DOROTHY SINKAVITCH, has done a fine job of keeping the membership records. Her annual report is one of the best and most enlightening that I have ever seen. A study of this report indicates that we have grave reason to become concerned with membership. Certainly, the fact that four regular councils and one junior council ceased to exist during the past year, should receive much attention during the coming year.

LORETTA KASSEL, Recording Secretary, has

discharged her duties with unsurpassed efficiency. Beautifully reproduced copies of the minutes of all board meetings were promptly sent to all officers after each meeting. Her wonderful spirit of concern for the organization and especially for our magazine VYTIS by accepting Editorship, will cause her to be long remembered as one of the K of L "greats."

RITA PINKUS, our Treasurer, has been most loyal and fulfilled her duties with great diligence. Her report will follow.

FRANCES DANIELS and ELEANORE LAURIN, Trustees, have been most cooperative and conscientious by attending board meetings and offering suggestions etc.

Our sincere thanks to MR. KONNIE SAVICKAS, Legal Adviser, whose services were cheerfully rendered, gratis.

Illinois-Indiana District president, ELEANORE LAURIN reported remarkable progress has been made in that District during the past year. The K of L Choir has been revived under the direction of Faustas Strolia, and already has made numerous appearances. A large-scale and high-calibre-type February 16th Commemoration was held. A \$1,000 donation has been made to the scholarship fund, of which \$200.00 will be turned over to the fund each year for the next five years. K of L participation in civic affairs has gained more recognition for the K of L in the past year than in at least the past ten. We hope that the example of the Illinois-Indiana District will inspire other Districts to greater achievements.

Mid-Central District president, STANLEY VAITKUS, reported that there are encouraging signs of increased vitality in his District. Distances between councils hinders District activity, however the first District pilgrimage to Our Lady of Consolation Shrine in Carey, Ohio was an overwhelming success.

The New York-New Jersey District President, LARRY JANONIS reported eleven active councils. Leadership courses were held with much interest and success. Four Junior councils are active.

No report was received from the New England District President, JOSEPH SIPAS.

No report has been received from the Ritual Committee.

Sports Chairman, ALBERT KASSEL reports that inter-council sports activity in the midwest is at an all-time high. Two full season bowling leagues exist in Detroit and one in Chicago. The annual Midwest Bowling and Golfing Tournaments were very well attended.

A report of the financial standing of the Honorary Membership Committee, has been received from JACK JATIS. All councils and districts are urged to reimburse the committee for unpaid medals bestowed upon members of their council or district.

Cultural Committee Chairman, JACK STUKAS, has made this past year a banner year. The long awaited "Lithuanian Self-taught Records" have appeared and merited much praise for the organization. This committee is assisting other groups which are working for the publication of a Lithuanian language grammar. Jack Stukas has done much in furthering the K of L, by appearing across the country with his films of enslaved Lithuania, always identifying himself with the K of L. No one in recent years has done for the K of L, publicity-wise, what Jack has done. We would like to propose that the Cultural Program initiated some years back be revived, as many councils have expressed the desire to use them.

The Scholarship Fund, also under the direction of JACK STUKAS, is slightly short of the annual \$600.00 award. The winner of the award will be announced during the course of the convention.

The Publicity Committee, under the chairmanship of Anthony Yuknis, has rendered invaluable service. Even better results could be realized if the work of the committee were better co-ordinated, so as to insure coverage of all major events.

FRANK GUDELIS reported that the Building Fund assets total \$1,228.68

JACK JATIS and JOHN CIBULSKIS have spent many hours organizing and cataloguing the Archives located in the K of L Building in Chicago. After a recent personal inspection of the Archives, I would say they are doing an excellent job. Cooperation is requested in obtaining items missing from the sets of VYTIS', convention badges etc.

No report has been received from the Jubilee Committee and the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, but due to the nature of their activities, we trust they will be given verbally by their respective chairmen.

The Knights of Lithuania Organization, in general, is facing several very serious problems. While definite signs of indifference and stagnation are strongly evident, there are likewise encouraging signs of hope.

Our greatest problem is with FINANCES. Needless to say, a great number of smaller problems and difficulties hinge on finances and would be easily solved if operating capital were available. Up until the present, nearly every cent collected in dues had been used to publish our monthly magazine, the VYTIS. Other organizational expenses together with the cost of VYTIS would have resulted in an annual deficit, if it had not been for numerous special fund-raising campaigns. This was one of the compelling reasons to switch to offset press, which will realize an annual saving of between six to seven hundred dollars. Another little known or realized fact is that none of the Supreme Council officers have required reimbursement for expenses, such as travel to board meetings

and other organization matters, postage, phone calls, telegrams etc. After all, how could they ask for reimbursement when there are no funds available. I would venture an estimate that the expenses incurred by the board members during the past twelve months would run well into two or three thousand dollars. This is a much more serious problem than meets the eye upon casual observation, as there are beyond a doubt many excellent leaders who could be wonderful Supreme Council officers, but cannot accept office simply because they cannot afford it. Likewise, there are many instances, where organizational work has been stymied because funds are not available for leaflets, brochures, publicity etc. As a partial cure, I strongly recommend that our Senior Councils give this problem serious thought. Their great love and devotion for the Organization and their desire to see its continued existence and prosperity, should prompt them to take on the aspect of an auxiliary or an underwriter of operational funds for the Supreme Council.

Another matter for grave concern, is our inability to attract NEW MEMBERS. Surely every city with a large Lithuanian population such as in New England, New York, New Jersey, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and others should be able to boast of membership of two or three hundred. Among the reasons advanced for this failure are: 1) Lack of a good well rounded-out program to make the organization more attractive, 2) Lack of good public relations and publicity, 3) Lack of close ties with the pastor and the parish, 4) Refusal to officially recognize the non-Lithuanian husbands and wives of members. Most of these points will receive attention during the conferences arranged for the sessions of this convention. We sincerely hope that you will take advantage of them and through them your council will ultimately benefit. In the realm of membership, no other solution is as sure and as readily available as the establishment of Junior Councils. Unless our youth is "captured" before they go off and become associated with high school and college groups, we stand little chance of enticing them into the K of L later on. In this very hall, a half dozen or so very promising potential leaders are present merely because they were former Juniors. Any council that does not exert every possible effort into the establishment of Juniors is truly inviting trouble and really missing the boat.

One of the major undertakings of this past year has been the IMPROVEMENT OF VYTIS. Seeking expert advice on this matter, it was natural and most fortunate that we turned to Father P. Cinikas, MIC of Chicago, whose years of experience in the field of journalism and publishing make him the best qualified to offer counsel.

The VYTIS problem as we saw it was threefold: 1) Cost of publication was using every cent of income from dues, and this, in spite of the fact that dues were raised from \$2.20 to \$4.00 in recent years. 2) Much dissatisfaction was caused by the VYTIS reaching members a month late. 3) The lack of interesting and inspirational articles. To remedy these problems, it was discovered that offset printing would greatly lower the cost of publication, as well as allow unlimited use of photos, which would add interest and life to the magazine. As an example the August-September issue contains 35 reproductions of photographs or illustrations, which did not cost one cent extra; to include exactly the same amount with our former letter-press method of printing would have cost approximately \$125.00 extra. The new printer working in cooperation with the new staff has succeeded, despite inexperience and several unforeseen problems, in getting the first two issues into the mail the first week of the month, and into the hands of the members by the middle of the month. With reduced costs and the appointment of a business editor, the new staff will endeavor to obtain articles by professional or experienced writers, as well as obtain "ads" to further reduce the cost of publication. With these facts in mind, and using its constitutional authority to appoint the VYTIS editor, the Supreme Council following established precedent, during its meeting of March 18th decided by a majority vote of the officers present, to effect this change as promptly and as efficiently as possible. Fr. Cinikas was appointed Editor and Miss Marilyn Kareiva, Assistant-Editor. Much to our disappointment, Fr. Cinikas was forced to resign this post shortly thereafter. During the interim, until the Supreme Council could appoint a new Editor, I called on Miss Loretta Kassel and Miss Eleanore Laurin, both Supreme Council officers, to oversee the publication of the first issue by offset press. During the next Board meeting on June 17th, these two most capable young ladies were appointed Editor and Business Manager respectively. Everyone has had the opportunity to observe the product of their labor, namely, the June-July and August-September issues. A very large number of favorable comments have been received which indicate that most members approve and appreciate the progress being made. I personally have the greatest amount of faith in their ability and trust that the new Supreme Council will re-appoint this same staff for the coming year and watch the VYTIS continue to improve and regain much of its former prestige. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the former Editor, Dr. Juozas Leimonas and Assistant Editor, Miss Phyllis Grendahl on behalf of the Supreme Council and the entire organization for their many long years of faith-

ful service. As a memento of our appreciation, a watch will be presented to both during this convention.

In effecting this change, I could not help but "step on a few toes" which was certainly an unpleasant task. Things were probably said and done, which perhaps would have been better not said or not done, but being human and subject to human weakness, all I can do is sincerely apologize for any possible personal injury, or unjust accusations. In all truth and sincerity, I must say that at all times, my actions were guided by what I thought was best for the advancement of the organization, and I thus tried to remain outside the realm of personal emotions and ambition.

Realizing the tremendous potential of the JUNIOR MOVEMENT, and the unlimited work necessary to completely organize the Juniors, the Supreme Council is proposing the formation of a SUPREME COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON JUNIORS, comprising a large number of members who will be charged with various phases of Junior

work, in all Districts. It is sheer nonsense to expect one Vice-president to singly handle the Juniors. It is hoped that this convention will ratify the legal status of this committee.

In closing this report, I should like to stress the importance and seriousness of the coming elections. There is so much work to be done in view of the many projects and problems facing us, that it is discouraging to hear the names of persons proposed for nomination who have no desire to roll up their sleeves and really pitch in and work. The piles of unanswered correspondence in my files indicate that there are many deadheads in our organization and surely too few realize how much unanswered letters do to hinder and retard progress. So please delegates, give some serious consideration to the people you place in office and vote intelligently.

Lai gyvuoja Lietuvos Vyčiai; dirbkime, kovokime dėl Šventos Motinos Bažnyčios gerovės, Amerikos Lietuvių labui, ir dėl Lietuvos laisvės. Ačiū.

Guest Speakers

AT THE LUNCHEONS



Dr. Michael S. Pap

DR. MICHAEL S. PAP. . . author and lecturer on communist ideology, Russian colonial practices and American - Soviet relations. . . authored THE SCHEME OF SOVIET EDUCATION, published in 1961. . . co-author of THE IDEA OF COLONIALISM, 1958, and SOVIET IMPERIALISM, 1953. . . born in Carpatho-Ukraine. . . stud-

ied in Czechoslovakia and Vienna. . . graduated 1948 with Ph. D. from Heidelberg University, Germany. . . Counselor of United Nations' International Refugee Organization in 1948-49. . . At University of Notre Dame 1950-58 as Research Associate, Committee on International Relations. . . teacher of Social Science, International Politics and Russian Affairs. . . Currently Associate Professor of History and Political Science, John Carroll University. . . United States citizen since 1952. . . Married, three sons.

MR. JOSEPH M. PROKOP. . . practicing attorney. . . graduate of Notre Dame University with B. S. in Commerce in 1942 and of Cleveland - Marshall Law School with B. L. in 1952. . . Cathedral Latin High School Graduate. . . Member of All-Scholastic Football and All-Catholic Basketball Teams 1937. . . State Hurdle Champion 1938. . . All-Lithuanian



Joseph M. Prokop

Football Team Notre Dame University 1941. . . Member of American-Lithuanian team competing in Lithuanian Olympics at Kaunas, Lithuania in 1938. . . Winner of 3 gold medals and 2 silver medals in track events. . . Captain of Minesweeper in Pacific Theatre World War II. . . Lieutenant, Senior Grade U.S. Naval Reserve. . . Married, 4 daughters, 3 sons.

Prof. J. Eretas L. Vyčių Seime

NUOŠIRDI JO KALBA SUJAUDINO KLAUSYTOJUS

Edvardas Sulaitis

PROF. J. ERETAS - žmogus, kuris atsisakė visų savo malonumų ir Lietuvą pasirinko antrąją savo tėvyne, turėjo pirmąjį savo pasirodymą pas Amerikos lietuvius. Atskridęs iš Šveicarijos rugpjūčio mėn. 24 d., praėjusį sekmadienį jis atvyko Clevelandan ir čia pasakė pagrindinę kalbą L. Vyčių seimo baigiamajame bankete Carter viešbutyje.

Gerbiamas svetys, kuris pirmą kartą vyčių seime yra dalyvavęs 1926 m. Chicagoje, čia taip pat priėmė šios organizacijos garbės nario medalį už jo nuopelnus vyčiams ir Lietuvai.

Kalbėdamas 300 grupei, kurią sudarė vyčiai bei kviestiniai svečiai, profesorius pasveikino L. Vyčių organizacijos narius, kad šie taip ilgai išlaikė ištikimybę savam kraštui. "Jūs esate paprastų anglių kasyklų darbininkų vaikai, o kartu ir nenugalima emigracijos dalis," - pabrėžė prof. J. Eretas, - ir tęsė: - "Jūsų seimainė kada nebuvo gedulo mišiomis, bet

ryžto demonstracija kovoti ir laimėti".

Klausytojus giliai sujaudino kalbėtojo nupasakojimas, dėl ko jis ryžosi važiuoti į Lietuvą iš savo gimtinės - Šveicarijos. Jį Lietuvon pakreipė Šveicarijoje tada besigydęs Mykolas Ašmys, kuris prieš savo mirtį, prašė profesorių, kad šis bent vieneriems metams važiuotų į Lietuvą ir ten prisidėtų prie krašto atstatymo. Nors ir turėdamas pasiūlymą vykti į gražiąją Veneciją, prof. Eretas iš klausė džiova mirštančiojo prašymą ir pasuko Lietuvos linkui.

- Pasiryžau vieneriems metams, o pasilikau visam amžiui. Pasiryžtu ir toliau, gal ir neilgą galą savo gyvenimo, tvarkyti pagal ano mirštančiojo prašymą. Jeigu dabar vėl reikėtų pasiryžti - ar į Veneciją, ar į Lietuvą, - dar kartą vykčiau į Lietuvą, - baigė savo kalbą profesorius.

Prof. J. Eretą klausytojams pristatė inž. A. Rudis iš Chicago, kuris anglų bei lietuvių kal-

bomis nušvietė garbės svečio nuėitą kelią Lietuvos labui.

Po banketo prof. J. Eretą asmeniškai sveikino daug buvusių prof. mokinių, draugų bei pažįtamų. Jie norėjo prisiminti senus laikus, išgirsti rūpimų informacijų iš profesoriaus lūpų.

Su visais profesorius buvo draugiškas ir į savo pokalbius imiesė geroką humoro dozę. Ir šių eilučių autoriui teko su juo trumpai pasikalbėti, pasiteiraujant apie jo planus Amerikoje. Pasirodo, kad profesorius Amerikoje žada išbūti apie 7 savaites ir per tą laiką nori aplankyti įvairias krašto vietas.

Iš Clevelando jis žadėjo vykti į ateitininkų stovyklą, netoli Scrantono, Pensilvanijoje. Kiek pabuvojęs, jis (kartu su savo globėju inž. A. Rudžiu) važiavo į Chicago ir ten dalyvavo Katalikų Mokslo Akademijos suvažiavime.

ŽYMŪS DELEGATAI IR SVEČIAI



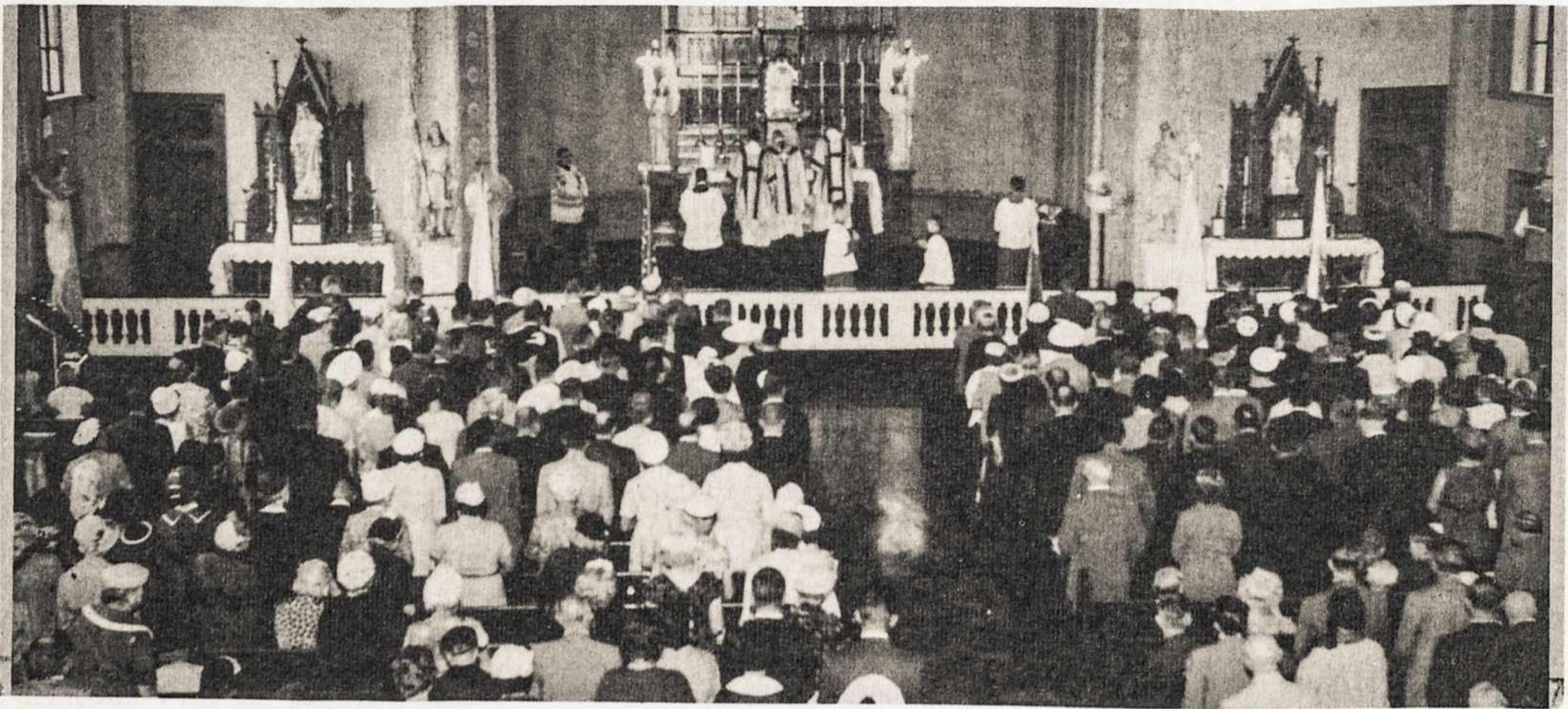
Kun. Ragazinskas iš Sao Paulo, Brazil, su Povilu Labanausku, Amerikos Balso štabo nariu.



Inž. Antanas Rudis, kalbant seimo posėdyje.



Spaudos komisijos nariai, E. Sulaitis (k.) ir J. Sadauskas.



Delegates attending official Convention Mass, Sunday, Aug. 27, 1961, St. George's Church.

Report of the National Spiritual Adviser

Delegates and guests of the 48th National K of L Convention:

It is a pleasure to be able to greet you personally and to present a report on the religious activities of the K of L.

During the past year many of the councils have tried hard to provide suitable religious activities for their members. Days of recollection, retreats, religious conferences, Communion breakfasts, St. Casimir's feast day observances and Holy Hours - those were some of the religious activities sponsored by various councils.

As Spiritual Adviser, I carried on extensive correspondence with officers and members of our organization and tried to answer all inquiries that were put to me. Religious articles were prepared by me for the Christmas and Easter issues of the VYTIS.

Sept. 25, 1960, I attended the New England District Convention in Lawrence and delivered a slide lecture on the K of L Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage of last summer.

Jan. 15, 1961, I was present at the Supreme Council meeting in Newark and the Testimonial to Larry Janonis the night before. The following weekend I had a pleasant meeting with many of the Knights and Ladies of Amsterdam, N.Y.

April 30, 1961 I offered Mass and preached at the New England District Convention in Providence, R. I. and that same day conferred the Honorary Membership medal upon Rev. John Vaitekunas, pastor of St. Casimir church in Providence.

June 10, 1961, I took part in the meeting of the Jubille Committee at the Hotel New Yorker in New York City. July 19, 1961, I extended the greetings of the K of L to the Lithuanian Catholic Priests' League of America Convention at Marionapolis and delivered a written report on the activities of the K of L.

Since 1952, it has been my privilege to serve the Knights of Lithuania as Spiritual Adviser of the Supreme Council. During these many years I have always tried to

fulfill the duties of this office conscientiously and to the best of my ability. Recently, however, other obligations have made it increasingly difficult to devote my full energies to this office. It is with a feeling of deep regret, therefore, that I announce that I shall not be a candidate for the office of Spiritual Adviser at this convention.

I wish to thank you for your trust and confidence in permitting me to serve the Knights of Lithuania over so many years. I am likewise appreciative of the many kindnesses shown me on so many occasions by the officers and members of our great organization. May God bless your sacrifices and strengthen your dedication in the pursuit of the noble ideals of the Knights of Lithuania.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Albert J. Contons
Supreme Council Spiritual
Adviser.

Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Award



Eugene R. Borek

The selections we trustees have made should help the worthy and deserving Knights in furthering their college educations. The total award will be paid to the recipients in two installments.

Our heartiest congratulations to the winners, namely to: WINNER No. 1 - Mr. EUGENE R. BOREK, of Council 26, Worcester, Mass., who is studying for the priesthood at St. Paul's Seminary, in Ottawa, Canada. He states ". . . (After my ordination). . . it is my wish to remain in Lithuanian parishes doing regular parish work. I hope this way to remain close to the K of L and to things Lithua-

Following is the presentation of the Scholarship Awards, as made by JACK J. STUKAS, Scholarship Committee Chairman, during the Closing Banquet of the 48th National Convention.

We, the Board of Trustees of the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Fund, are pleased this evening to award the 4th Annual Knights of Lithuania \$600.00 Scholarship award to three deserving candidates, to be divided in equal sums of \$200.00 each.

Ten highly-qualified candidates made the judging difficult this year. The committee of 6 trustees and officers, namely, yours truly as chairman, Joseph Boley of New York, Loretta Kassel of Chicago, Rev. A. Contons of South Boston, Rev. J. Jutt of Athol, Mass., and also Anthony Mazeika of New York, have made our selections based on an extensive and thorough investigation and analysis of the applicant's previous academic record, financial need, character, religiosity, organizational service and dedication to the principles of the Knights of Lithuania.



John V. Ridick

nian. Perhaps someday, with God's help, I shall be Spiritual Director of a K of L Council."

WINNER NO. 2 - Mr. JOHN V. RIDICK, also of Council 26, Worcester, Mass., who is studying at Worcester Polytechnical Institute for a degree in civil engineering. Father Tamulevičius of St. Casimir's Church in Worcester had this to say about John Ridick:

"I know that John will be appreciative of any aid that the K of L can give him. He will be a credit to the organization for he has shown that he is able and

willing to work for the K of L."

WINNER NO. 3 - Mr. MICHAEL A. MICAIVICH, 17 year-old President of the Junior K of L Council 78, Lawrence, Mass. Here is what Michael Micavich said in his application:

"About fifty years ago, my grandparents left their homelands of Lithuania and came to America. They were uneducated and humble, but they were also strong-willed and determined to succeed. However, they were not negligent in inculcating to their children a proper veneration and understanding of Lithuania, her people, language, and culture. In turn, my parents, not forgetting their heritage, did not fail to instill that same understanding of Lithuania as they had received from their parents to me.

Now that I have graduated from Central Catholic High School, what will I do with my life? This question I hope will be answered in a career of medicine. College is expensive and medical school will be an additional burden. Without financial aid, I cannot see clear of these expenses. It is for this reason I am applying for the scholarship offered by the Knights of Lithuania."



Michael A. Micavich

Vyčių darbai Lietuvai ir lietuviškumui

LIETUVIŲ REIKALŲ KOMISIJOS GARBĖS PIRMININKO KUN. J. JUTKEVIČIAUS
RAPORTAS L. VYČIU SEIME, 1961

DRAUGAS, savo 8-19-60 leidinyje, rašo: "Šioje srityje (atkovoti Lietuvos žmonėms šventas teises į laisvą ir nepriklausomą gyvenimą) L. Vyčių organizacija atlieka didelį ir garbingą darbą." Savo 12-31-60 leidinyje, toliau apie Vyčius rašo: "Savo seimuose jie gali pasidžiaugti savo darbais, ypač Lietuvos ir Lietuvių vardo garsinimo, gynimo srityje. Šiuo atžvilgiu jie, Vyčiai, v i s u s s u k e r t a."

Galime paklausti, kodėl katalikiškas, lietuviškas laikraštis kaip DRAUGAS taip gražiai atsiliepia apie Vyčius. Todėl kad Vyčiai, per savo aktyvią Lietuvių Reikalų Komisiją, rūpinasi Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atgavimu ir daro ką tik gali kad pasaulis tikras žinias turėtų apie Lietuvą ir jos žmones. Ši šiuo seimu Komisija baigia 15 metų tautinės darbuotės. Kad DRAUGAS net du kartu puikiai atsiliepė apie Vyčių darbuotę, tai aišku iš šių faktų:

Laiškų bei atviručių buvo parašyta:

apie 11,670 - 1960 m. ir apie 18,183 - 1961 m.

Atsakymų gauta:

apie 750 - 1960 m. ir apie 3584 - 1961 m.

Esu tikras, kad bus žingeidu seimo dalyviams sužinoti, kaip apskritys pasirodė per praėjusių metų veikimą:

	1960	1961
Naujos Anglijos apskr.	3292	7864
New York - New Jersey apskr.	4313	3861
Mid-Central apskr.	998	1898
Ill. - Ind. apskr.	2262	1644
Kalifornijos apskr.	175	1122
Visi kiti skyriai	630	1794

Sveikiname tas apskritis, kurios geriau dirbo, o toms kurios prasčiau veikė primename ir raginame tvirtą pasiryžimą padaryti ateityje daugiau veiklos parodyti.

Su šiuo seimu komisijos pirmininkė, Julė Alešūnaitė iš Pittsburgho, baigia du metus tose sunkiose pareigose. Jos darbas yra parašyti oficialiai laiškus visos organizacijos vardu. Per praėjusius metus ji parašė 162 laiškus, o atsakymų gavo 52. Man teko kaip šios komisijos garbės pirmininkui parašyti Lietuvos reikalais 901 laišką bei atviruką. Taip pat paruošiau visus biuletenius, kuriuos visiems nariams išsiunčiau.

Mūsų darbas neįmanomas be žinių ir be straipsnių, kurie telpa laikraščiuose, žurnaluose, knygoose ir kurie liečia vienu ar kitu būdu Lietuvą ir jos žmones. Tik iš tų straipsnių galima sužinoti kam ir kur siųsti laiškus. I kiekvieną reikia reaguoti: padėkoti tiems, kurie palankiai atsiliepia apie Lietuvą, o protestuoti tiems kurie neteisingai atsiliepia. Ačiū Dievui, kad mes turime tokių, kurie straipsnius mums atsiunčia. Daugiausia straipsnių per praėjusius metus atsiuntė šie nariai:

Pranas Vaškas iš Newark, N. J.

Leonardas Valiukas iš Los Angeles, Cal.

Vincas Višniauskas iš Gardner, Mass.

Edvardas Martin iš Detroit, Michigan.

Tol kol Lietuva neatgaus savo nepriklausomybės, komisija veiks ir be perstojimo dirbs. Už tai sausio mėnesyje su pagelba Amerikos Lietuvių Informacijos Centro komisijos nariai parašė laiškus mūsų krašto viršininkams, valstijų gubernatoriams, miesto majorams, senatoriams, atstovams, laikraščių bei žurnalų redaktoriams, televizijos ir radijo direktoriams su prašymu, kad jie neužmirštų, kad Vasario 16 yra Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės šventė ir kad jie savo būdu iškeltų Lietuvos kovą už nepriklausomybę. Taip pasaulis nuolat turės žinią, kad Lietuva kenčia po Sovietais ir kad Rusija didžiausią skriaudą daro kuomet jie neteisingai laiko Lietuvos žmones po savo letena. Be laiškų kai kurie Vyčiai asmeniškai pasikalbėjo su tais, kurie įtekmės turi. Šis darbas turėjo sekančius rezultatus:

- 1 - 88 laikraščiai idėjo žinias apie apvaikščiųiojimus, kurie įvyko tose, kur tie laikraščiai leidžiami, nieko nesakant apie tuos, kurie specialiai editorialus parašė.
- 2 - Vasario 16tą dieną kaipo Lietuvos Respublikos Dieną paskelbė savo miestams 13 majorų ir savo valstijoms 12 gubernatorių.
- 3 - 22 senatoriai ir 93 atstovai Kongrese pasakė kalbas Vasario 16tojo proga ir tos kalbos tilpo CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Sovietai stengiasi visokiais būdais, kad pasaulis užmirštų Lietuvą ir kitus Pabaltijos kraštus. Mūsų užduotis yra priešintis jiems, aktyviai reaguoti ir neleisti pasauliui užmiršti, kad Rusija žiauriai pasielgė su Lietuva, neteisingai užgrobė jos žemę, nežmoniškai kankina jos žmones. Mes privalome dėti visas galimas pastan-

gas leisti laisvam pasauliui ir Rusijai žinoti, kad mes nenurimsime tol, kol Lietuva bus po Rusija. Čia didelis ir sunkus darbas, bet daug pagalbos gauname nuo tų, kuriems parašėme Kongrese ir nuo redaktorių, kurie visaip iškėlė Lietuvos bylą Vasario 16tojo proga.

Ypatinga garbė eina Illinois-Indiana apskričiai kuri apvaikščiojo Vasario 16-tą dieną per dvi dieni su didžiausiomis iškilmėmis ir Newarko 29tai kuopai, kuri savo apvaikščiojimą turėjo, sužavėdama visus atsilankiusius. Tos kuopos rūpesčiu, didžiausia vėliava buvo pačiame miesto centre, taip pat kiekvienas praeinantis žinojo, kad toji diena lietuviams svarbi ir brangi.

Vyčiai ypač gražiai pasirodė per tris kitas progas: per taip vadinamas Lietuvos Tragiškas dienas, kada Kongrese tarpe senatorių ir atstovų buvo beveik tas pats judėjimas, kaip per Vasario 16-tą dieną; per Pavergtųjų Tautų savaitę, kurią vėl šiais metais mūsų krašto Prezidentas paskelbė ir kada Vyčiai taip veikė, kad Kongresmaną Petrą Rodino iš New Jersey akciją pradėjo, kad Atstovų Rūmai turėtų specialią komisiją, kuri nuolat tyrinėtu žiaurumus daromus nekaltoms tautoms ir padėtu jiems atgauti savo laisvę; ir dabar per šį laiką, kada Vyčiai daro viską, kad rezoliucijos Kuchel ir Lipscomb pagamintos ir Lietuvą liečiančios sėkmingai pereitų per Užsienių Reikalų Komisijas Senate ir Kongrese. Šiame paskutiniame darbe Vyčiai dar varo stiprią propagandą, kad tos rezoliucijos būtų pravestos supasisekimu. Varysime tą darbą ligi to laiko, kada sprendimas bus tų komisijų padarytas.

Iš šio raporto aišku yra, kad Vyčiai neapleidžia nė vienos progos iškelti viešai Lietuvos klausimą, ginti jos dievišką teisę nepriklausomai gyventi ir taip nuolat lietuvių vardą kelti svetimtaučių tarpe. Taipgi aišku, kokią gražų tautinį darbą dirba Vyčiai, kaip jie myli savo tautą ir kaip jie išsižada savęs jai pagelbėti sulyg savo išgalės. Toliau čia aišku, kokia pajėga yra mūsų padėti tam kraštui, kurs davė mums tą kraują, kurs mūsų gyslose teka.

Tik meilė savo tautos gali išaiškinti, kodėl: Jonas Andriuška iš 116tos kuopos parašė 339 laiškus Edvardas Martin iš 79tos kuopos parašė 303 laiškus Pranas Vaškas iš 29tos kuopos parašė 209 laiškus

19 narių per praėjusius metus parašė virš 100 laiškų ir taip gavo teisę tapti nariais mūsų 100-A-Year Klubo.

Šiems ir visiems kitiems, kurie parašė laiškus, esu dėkingas. Dieve, duok jiems daugiau stiprybės, kad jie toliau taip sąžiningai ir nenuilstamai dirbtų ir taip gerą pavyzdį visiems kitiems Vyčiams duotų.

Baigdamas šį mano raportą, patariu sekančiai:

- 1 - Kiekvienas Vytis-Vytė, ar priklausio komisijai ar ne, turėtų sau už pareigą turėti iškirpti visus straipsnius, kuriuos mato

laikraščiuose bei žurnaluose ir kurie liečia Lietuvą ar jos žmones ir atsiųsti mums. Mes kitaip negalime išleisti biuletenius. Taipgi turėtų kiekvienas pranešti ką tik išgirsta per radio ar televiziją apie Lietuvą.

- 2 - Apsileidžiusios kuopos turėtų kuo greičiausiai išrinkti aktyvią Lietuvių Reikalų komisiją. Seimo dalyviai ypač turėtų daugiau dėmesį atkreipti į šį dalyką. Apskričių pirm-sėdžiai turėtų būti veiklesni ir išjudinti kiekvieną kuopą savo rajone konkrečiai veikti tautiniuose žygiuose.
- 3 - Kuopos turėtų apdengti visas lėšas, kurias nariai daro rašydami laiškus. Jie dirba kuopai, todėl teisinga kuopoms jiems atsi-lyginti. Kuopos lengvai gali surasti būdus tas lėšas apdengti.
- 4 - Kiekvienas Vytis-Vytė turėtų daugiau dėmesį atkreipti į taip vadinamus Kuchel ir Lipscomb rezoliucijas. Čia be galo svarbus dalykas, taip svarbus, kad jokiū būdu negalime būti apsileidę.

Mano brangūs Vyčiai-Vytės, vienoje savo kalboje Vyskupas Sheen aiškino, kad daug pasaulyje išnaikinimų įvyko su pabučiavimu, kaip pavyzdžiui, Kristus pabučiavimu buvo išduotas. Toks pabučiavimas puslėtas, pūslę sutraukia. Jis tada toliau aiškino, kad Lietuva tokiu pat pabučiavimu buvo išduota. (Feb. 4, 1961) Mes kaipo lietuviai irgi išduosime Lietuvą pabučiavimu, jei neisime jos gelbėti visokiais galimais būdais. Jei tiek daug svetimtaučių dirba Lietuvos naudai, tai ką kalbėti apie mus, kurie esame lietuviai, kurie galime gana lengvai vieną kitą laišką parašyti gindami jos teisę gyventi tarpe laisvų ir nepriklausomų pasaulyje tautų ir keldami jos teisėtą bylą, kur tik galime. Ar sunku mums pašvęsti kelias valandas kartas nuo karto savo meilę parodydami tam kraštui, kurs šiandien žiaurių Sovietų persekiojamas? Ar sunku mums savo katalikiškus principus įvykdyti savo gyvenime, savo krikščionišką meilę parodyti Kristui per pagelbą, kurią galime suteikti Jo Motinos numylėtam kraštui per veikimą kaipo nariai Lietuvių Reikalų Komisijos.

Senatorius Thomas J. Dodd iš Connecticut pernai per seimą, kurs įvyko Worcesteryje, šitaip atsiliepė:

"If I have sometimes spoken up on behalf of the Lithuanian people. . . . 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.

The history of the Lithuanian people 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 again for free men everywhere have much to learn from it."

Matote, kaip jam, svetimtaučiu, kovoti už Lietuvą yra sąžinės dalykas. Ar mažiau tuomi mums sąžinės dalykas? Aišku, kad ne. Mums kaipo lietuviams yra dar daugiau sąžinės dalykas. Todėl klausykime mūsų sąžinės. Dirbkime mūsų tautai. Tapkime mūsų komisijos nariais. Su pagelba visų laisvę mylinčių žmonių, su pagelba

visų Vyčių, aš esu tikras, kad vieną dieną, kurią pats Dievas parinks, Lietuva bus laisva, bus nepriklausoma. Dieve, taip padaryk.

Kun. Jonas C. Jutt
Garbės Pirmininkas

Rugpiūčio 14, 1961.

Twenty Receive 100-a YEAR Awards

On behalf of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee, the following people were presented beautiful plaques by Rev. John Jutt, honoring them for writing one hundred or more letters during the past year, to assist in keeping the name of Lithuania alive and prominent among the non-Lithuanian public, and to aid in promoting her release from Communist tyranny. A most sincere CONGRATULATIONS to them all. . . namely,

Albert Ozalis	C-3
Irene Ozalis	C-3
Hedy Sarcewicz	C-3
Lillian Sasnauskas	C-3
Helen Shields	C-3
Agnes Timmins	C-3
Irene Varevice	C-3
Joseph Yonalaitis	C-3
William Grigas	C-26
Rev. Albin Janiunas	C-78
Joan Lisauskas	C-78
Ed Martin	C-79
Sophie Zager	C-79
Irene Sankus	C-112
Albert Zakarka	C-112
John Andruski	C-116
Ann Kobernak	C-116
Mildred Lapinskas	C-116
Marion Lukason	C-116
Barbara Mazeika	C-116

Congratulations also to the Councils which attained membership in the 100-a-Year Club.

C-112, Chicago	548 letters
C-3, Philadelphia	973 letters
C-116, Worcester	1029 letters



1961 100-A-YEAR CLUB

Seated, l. to r.: L. Sasnauskas, I. Varevice, Rev. J. Jutt, M. Lapinskas, A. Timmons, H. Shields. Standing, l. t. r.: E. Martin, S. Zager, I. Sankus, W. Grigas, M. Lukason, B. Mazeika.

PAST WINNERS

1959	-	Frank Vaskas	C 29
		Leonard Valiukas	C133
		Rita Pinkus	C 26
		Mildred Chinik	C 19
1960	-	Julia Aleshunas	C 19
		Mr & Mrs. P. Dausvardis	C112

1961 was a record year as the 100-A-Year Club membership increased by 20. Interested in joining this select group? All you must do is write 100 letters by the next convention. Considering there are 8,760 hours in a year, surely YOU can devote a few hours to Lithuanian affairs.

LITHUANIAN LEGATION
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Lietuvos Vyčių Vyriausioji Taryba,
4049 So. Rockwell,
Chicago, Ill.

Labai nuoširdžiai dėkoju už Vyriausiosios Lietuvos Vyčių Tarybos malonų pakvietimą dalyvauti Lietuvos Vyčių suvažiavime š.m. rugpiūčio mėn. 25-27 d.d., Cleveland'e, Ohio.

Su pasigerėjimu seku Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos veiklą ir jos narių užsimojimą dirbti Dievui ir Tėvynei. Iš laikraščių nuolat patiriu ir apie Lietuvos Vyčių darbus Lietuvos labui.

Giliai nuoširdžiai dėkoju už pavergto lietuvio prisiminimą.

Negalėdamas šiomet dalyvauti Lietuvos Vyčių suvažiavime, bent šiuomi sveikinu jį ir visus jo dalyvius, susirinkusius apžvelgti atliktą darbą ir jo gaires ateičiai nustatyti.

Linkiu suvažiavimui ir ateities veiklai sėkmės.

Su jaunatvišku entuziazmu tęskite kilnų darbą didesnei Dievo ir Tėvynės garbei.

Visu nuoširdumu ir gilia pagarba

J. Kajeckas
Lietuvos Atstovas

STATE OF OHIO
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Office of The Governor

P R O C L A M A T I O N

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA WEEK

AUGUST 20 - 27, 1961

WHEREAS, the Knights of Lithuania organization is celebrating its 48th National Convention, which organization is dedicated to God and Country.

WHEREAS, the Knights of Lithuania educate their members in good American citizenship, urging them to participate in national affairs and exercise their rights of citizenship.

WHEREAS, the Knights of Lithuania encourage among the youth an attachment to the land of their fathers - Lithuania and an affection for the Lithuanian language and customs.

WHEREAS, the Knights of Lithuania strive to spread education and culture among their members and among Lithuanian-Americans in general.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael V. DiSalle, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby proclaim August 20 - 27, 1961 as Knights of Lithuania Week in Ohio.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed at Columbus this - day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty One.

Michael V. DiSalle



THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA
48th National Convention
Cleveland, Ohio August 24-27, 1961
(Photo by Joseph Grazulis)



ORDER WITH THIS BLANK:

Mr. Joseph Grazulis
18025 Hiller Avenue
Cleveland 19, Ohio

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ Zone _____ State _____

PLEASE SEND ME A 10 x 20 48th National Convention Photo.
\$1.50 enclosed herewith.

Orders must be in by Nov. 5, 1961.

RESOLUTIONS

REZOLIUCIJOS

At the 48th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania held at the Pick-Carter Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio, August 24-27, 1961, the delegates and guests unanimously passed the following resolutions:

Since Soviet Communism has demonstrated by principle and by act that its whole purpose is the domination of the world by the proletariat through the ruthless destruction and annihilation of all existing forms of government, and

Since Soviet Communism is bent on only one purpose, its victory and experience has shown that the victory of Soviet Communism means very concretely the enslavement of all other peoples, and,

Since Lithuania has been unjustly subjugated by Soviet Russia which has steadfastly refused to permit the people of Lithuania to hold free elections, now be it

Resolved that we thank the President of the United States for proclaiming the week of July 16th as Captive Nations Week, a proclamation which caused the free world to recall and keep in mind the atrocities committed upon Lithuania and the other Baltic Nations by Soviet Russia, and be it

Resolved that our Government take immediate and concrete steps to compel Soviet Russia to leave the territory of Lithuania, to return free elections in Lithuania under the supervision of the United Nations, and be it further

Resolved that the representatives of free Lithuania be given a full-fledged seat in the United Nations which would permit her to state her righteous case to the world.

SINCE LITHUANIANS are interested in K of L activity and have occasion to learn of this activity through the K of L column published in the DRAUGAS, K of L 48th Convention unanimously thanks the Editorial Staff of DRAUGAS for permitting publication of the column.

KADANGI Lietuviška visuomenė interesuojasi Vyčių darbais ir gauna progą susipažinti su ta darbuote per Vyčių skyrių, kurs telpa "Draugo" leidiniuose, Lietuvos Vyčių 48tasis seimas vienbalsiai nutaria padėkoti "Draugo" redakcijai už leidimą spausdinti tą skyrių.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the K of L Convention express to the Franciscan Sisters of Pittsburgh, in care of Sister M. Leona, their sincere gratitude for their cordiality, interest and cooperation in furthering the Knights of Lithuania Junior movement in their schools.

REZOLIUCIJA, kad Vyčių 48tas visuotinas seimas išreiškia nuoširdžią padėką Seselėms Pranciškietėms iš Pittsburgh, Sesuo M. Leona Viršininkė, už jų gražų pritarimą ir bendradarbiavimą jaunamečių Vyčių sąjudyje Seselių vedamose mokyklose.

BE IT RESOLVED that this convention establish a Supreme Council Committee of Juniors comprised of an unlimited number of members from all districts who will devote themselves to fostering and expanding the Junior K of L movement. It is further resolved that the chairman of this committee be the Supreme Council First Vice President, and the First Vice Presidents of Districts will be members of this committee.

NUTARTA, kad šis seimas įsteigtų Centro Valdybos komisiją jaunamečiams, susidedančią iš neriboto skaičiaus narių iš visų apskričių, kurie pasišvęstų auginti jaunamečių Vyčių judėjimą. Šios komisijos pirmininkas būtų Centro Valdybos Pirmasis Vice-Pirmininkas ir visi apskričių Pirmieji Vice-Pirmininkai būtų tos komisijos nariais.

THE DELEGATES OF THE 48th NATIONAL CONVENTION express their very sincere gratitude and appreciation to the people who without payment took on the responsibility of organizing the first Supreme Council Junior Camp. Special gratitude is extended to Mrs. Jadvyga Damusis, Rev. Walter Karaveckas of Pittsburgh, John Andrulis of Cleveland, Miss Elaine Patocki of Detroit, Mr. Faustas Strolia of Chicago, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Medonis of Council 102 Detroit, Mrs. Emil Byville of Council 102 Detroit, Mr. Joseph Kazlauskas of Council 79 Detroit, and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Bunikis of Council 102 Detroit.

48tas VYČIŲ VISUOTINAS SEIMAS išreiškia nuoširdžią padėką tiems pasišventusiems asmenims, kurie be užmokesčio užsiėmė atsakomybę suorganizuoti pirmą Centro Valdybos globoje rengiamą jaunamečių stovyklą. Ypatingą padėką reiškiamo p. Jadvygai Damušienei iš Detroit, Kun. Vladui Karaveckui iš Pittsburgh, Jonui Andruliui iš Cleveland, p. Elaine Patocki iš Detroit, Faustui Stroliai iš Chicago, Ponams Ray Medonis iš Detroit 102 kuopos, P. Emil Byville iš Detroit 102 kuopos, Juozui Kazlauskui iš Detroit 79 kuopos ir Ponams Frank Bunikiams iš Detroit 102 kuopos.

BE IT RESOLVED that the 48th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, assembled at the Pick Carter Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, August 24-27, 1961, express its sincere appreciation to:

- A) Rev. Joseph Angelaitis and Rev. Peter Dzegoraitis for their hospitality and kindness to the delegates and guests of the convention and to
- B) K of L Council 25 and the Cleveland Senior Council, the convention committee, its chairman, Miss Ursula Yankauskas, and co-chairman Miss Mary Trainy, for their cordial welcome and gracious hospitality to the delegates and guests of the 48th National Convention.

The 48th National Convention express its profound sympathy to the people of St. George's Lithuanian parish and to the Knights of Lithuania of Cleveland upon the death of their beloved Pastor and Reverend Spiritual Adviser, Father Bernard Bartis.

Lietuvos Vyčių 48tasis Seimas, susirinkęs 1961 metais Rugpiūčio 24-27 dienomis Pick-Carter Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, reiškia savo Vytišką padėką:

- A) Kun. J. Angelaičiui ir Kun. Dzegoraičiui už globojimą Seimo ir malonų priėmimą.
- B) Lietuvos Vyčių Clevelando Seniors ir 25 tai kuopoms, seimo komisijai bei pirmininkėms Ursulei Jankauskas ir Marijai Trainy už jų pasišventimą taip iškilmingai surengti šį seimą.

Lietuvos Vyčių 48tasis Seimas reiškia gilią užuojautą Šv. Jurgio parapijai ir 25tai kuopai netikėtai staigiai mirus jų Dvasios Vadui Kun. Bernardui Barčiui.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Convention establish a Supreme Council Committee on Seniors comprising of three members who will devote themselves to fostering and expanding the Senior K of L movement. Be it further resolved that the Supreme Council take whatever steps are required by the constitution with the purpose of establishing the constitutional office of Third Vice President elected from Seniors who would be in charge of senior activities.

Seimas išrenka trijų asmenų komitaciją prie Centro Valdybos Seniorų reikalams. Taipgi nutarta, kad Centro Valdyba imtųsi tinkamų žygių pakeisti konstituciją, kad būtų renkama Centro Valdybos Trečias Vicepirmininkas iš seniorų tarpo, kuris vadovautų tai komisijai.

BE IT RESOLVED that one person be appointed by the Supreme Council to take care of the matters of public relations for the organization.

Nutarta, kad Centro Valdyba paskirtų vieną asmenį, kuris rūpintų Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos santykiavimos reikalais su visuomene.

The Knights of Lithuania wish to commend Leonard Šimutis personally and as the President of the Lithuanian American Council, for his outstanding service in bringing the message of oppression of the Lithuanian homeland to the citizens of the U.S. of A. and to its governmental leaders in Washington, D. C. for the past 20 years.

The delegates of the 48th Convention of the K of L urge that Leonard Simutis continue his fine work in exposing the false philosophy of Communism and the delegates want him to know that they stand at his side daily and that they wish to extend a helping hand in this work.

Lietuvos Vyčiai sveikina Leonardą Šimutį, asmeniškai ir kaip Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos pirmininką, už jojo nepaprastą patarnavimą per praeitus 20 metų ir 50 metų visuomeniniame veikime informuojant J. Valstybių visuomenę ir J. V. valdininkus Washington, D.C. apie mūsų tėvynės Lietuvos vargingą padėtį ir abelnai 50-ties metų jo visuomenės veikloje.

Šio 48-tojo Lietuvos Vyčių Seimo delegatai nuoširdžiai ragina Leonardą Šimutį toliau aukotis ir tęsti savo darbuotę atidengime komunizmo klaidingumo; delegatai irgi nori padrasinti Leonardą Šimutį tame svarbiame darbe ir priminti jam, kad jie tiesia pagalbos ranką.

SINCE THE K of L CENTER SPIRITUAL ADVISER REV. ALBERT CONTONS wholeheartedly and honorably performed Spiritual Adviser's duties during a nine year period, always sacrificing himself and his time to spiritually and morally strengthen the organization that the Knights of Lithuania remain good Catholics, patriotic Lithuanians and exemplary citizens of this country, this 48th National Convention fully evaluates Rev. Contons activities and wholeheartedly expresses its gratitude. This gratitude being expressed by applause of all those present at this Convention.

Kadangi Lietuvos Vyčių Centro Valdybos Dvasios Vadas, Kun. Albertas Kontautas, sąžiningai ir garbingai ėjo Dvasios Vado pareigas per devynis metus, nuolat išsižadėdamas savęs ir savo laiko dvasiniai ir moraliai sustiprinti organizaciją ir rūpindamas be perstojimo, kad Lietuvos Vyčiai pasilikėtų gerais katalikais, patriotingais lietuviais ir pavyzdingais šio krašto piliečiais. Šis 48tasis Seimas giliai įvertina Kun. Kontauto darbuotę ir nuoširdžiai išreiškia savo giliausią padėką, tą padėką išreikšdami per viešą rankų plojimą visų susirinkusių Seimo dalyvių.

SUGGESTIONS

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RECOMMENDED that Councils confer with their Pastors about the possibility of erecting Lithuanian Wayside Crosses on the grounds of their local parish.

Seimas pataria Kuopoms pasitarti su savo parapijos klebonu tam tikslui, kad lietuviškas kryžius būtų pastatytas parapijos aikštėje.

BE IT SUGGESTED that we form a committee, in each district, of former refugees who are members of the K of L and inquire how we may be able to attract more of them into the organization.

SUDARYTI KOMISIJĄ iš buvusių tremtinių kiekvienoje apskrityje kurie dabar yra Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos nariai, kad ištirtų galimybes pritraukti didesnę jų skaičių į organizaciją.

BE IT SUGGESTED that each district or council organize a folk dance or folk song group to commend the organization to the public in a cultural way.

Pageidaujama, kad kiekviena apskritis ar kuopa suorganizuotų tautinių šokių bei dainų ratelius kelti vyčių organizacijos vardą visuomenėje kultūriniu atžvilgiu.

IT IS SUGGESTED that each district have suitable persons appointed to represent the Knights of Lithuania on city, state and national committees as the International Institutes, Foreign Relations Council, Immigrants Protective League, Captive Nations Committees, etc.

PATARIAMA kiekvienai apskričiai parinkti tinkamus Vyčius būti mūsų organizacijos atstovais tokiuose miestų ar valstybių komitetuose kaip panašiai: International Institutes, Councils of Foreign Relations, Immigrants Protective League, Captive Nations Committees.

Official Highlights-----



Your Executive Board For 1961-1962 Term

- Spiritual Advisor. . . . Rev. J. Walter Stanievich
- President.Robert S. Boris
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- Lithuanian Affairs.Irene K. Sankus
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- RitualEdward Daniels
Edmund Rudis
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- SportsWilliam Juodawlakis
Richard Malis
- Public Relations.John Cervokas
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Joseph Sipas
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- Richard Karsok, C26 - Worcester, Mass.
- Louis Stukas, C29 - Newark, N.J.
- Albert Kassel, C36 - Chicago, Ill.
- Anthony B. Mazeika, C41 - Brooklyn, N. Y.
- Mary Motecus, C52 - Elizabeth, N. J.
- Robert Boris, C102 - Detroit, Mich.
- Donna Bunikis, C102 - Detroit, Mich.
- Rev. V. Martinkus, C103 - Providence, R.I.

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Scholarship Committee Officers 1960 - 1963

- (Elected last year, for a three year term.)
- ChairmanJack J. Stukas
 - SecretaryLoretta T. Kassel
 - TreasurerAnthony J. Mazeika
 - PublicityAnthony Young
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- CHAIRMANLarry Janonis
- 1st VICE CHAIRMAN.Albin Janks
- 2nd Vice-ChairmanJack Stukas
- SECRETARYFrances Daniels
- SECRETARYBernice Kavadaras

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NOMINATING:

- Larry Janonis
- Joseph Sipas
- Eleanore Laurin
- Stanley Vaitkus



Mandate:

Gerry Mack
Irene Sankus

John Andrulis
Edmund Rudis



Resolutions:

Rev. A. Contons
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Anthony Mazeika, Sr.
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Sgts. - At - Arms:

John Andrulis

Edmund Rudis

Mandate Report

Supreme Council Members

Rev. A. Contons (S.Boston), Robert S. Boris (Detroit), Helen Shields (Philadelphia), Larry Janonis (Bronx), Loretta Kassel (Chicago), Dorothy Sinkavitch (Worcester), Rita Pinkus (Worcester), Eleanore Laurin (Chicago), Frances Daniels (S. Boston), Joseph Sipas (Worcester), Stanley Vaitkus (Vandelia).

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Rt. Rev. Msgr. Tulaba (Rome), Rt. Rev. Msgr. Balkunas (Great Neck), Rev. A. Contons (S.Boston), Rev. J. Jutt (Athol), Rev. W. Stanievich (Detroit), Rev. P. Cinikas (Chicago), Rev. M. Tamulevicius (Worcester), Rev. C. Dobrovolskis (Rome), Rev. J. Pakalniskas (Brooklyn).

District Represented

New England - Joseph Sipas and Bernice Kavadaras.

New York-New Jersey - Albin Janks and Frank Vaskas

Illinois-Indiana - Albert Kassel and Irene Sankus.

Mid-Central - John Andrulis, Ursula Yankauskas and Evelyn Andrulis.

Councils Represented

(29, including 3 SENIOR COUNCILS)

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES (125 and 16, resp.)

New York Seniors - Zuzana Mazeikiene

Chicago Seniors - Ignas Sakalas, Mrs. I. Sakalas, Anton Petrulis, John Jakubs.

Cleveland Seniors - Antanas Buknis, Antanas Maciokas, Josephine Chapas, Hedwig Piktura.

C 1 (Brockton) - Sylvia Shukis.

C 3 (Philadelphia) - Irene Varevice, Walter Svekla, Lillian Sasnauskas, Agnes Timmons.

C 5 (Chicago) - Helen Zimmer, Anna Marie Pupinik, Therese Pupinik.

C 7 (Waterbury) - John Alanskas, Peter Kudzma, John Greblunas, Walter Pitcavage.

C 10 (Athol) - Howard Beaudette, Alvin Rodski.

C 17 (South Boston) - Edmund Rudis, John Olevitz, Albert Jaritis, Larry Svelnis, Jerome Venis; Ronald Venis, Brenda Statsky, Diane Plevock.

C 19 (Pittsburgh) - Stephen Onaitis, Marcella Onaitis, Joseph Aleliunas, Eleanore Aleliunas, Julia Aleshunas, Antoinette Naujelis, Andrew Rozger, Margaret Papaeka.

C 24 (Chicago) - John Jesulaitis.

C 25 (Cleveland) - Andrew Skarnus, Nellie Arunski, Bill Jakubs, Albert Shigo.

C 26 (Worcester) - William Grigas, Ellie Anusauskas, Ed Daniels, Mary Jankowski, Vyto Morkunas, Helen Gillus, Carol Tagmon, Anne Bucinskas, Joseph Drumstas, Richard Karsok, Theodore Pinkus, John Simonovitch.

C 29 (Newark) - Joseph Sakevich, Jack Stukas, Eleanor Sakevich, Charles Strolis, Gertrude Janks, Louis Stukas.

C 36 (Chicago) - Richard Shlaustas, Dale Srupsa, Alex Srupsa, Lucille Stacy, Stella Danielius, Walter Tenclinger, Genevieve Giedraitis, Rita Gorb, Frances Valancius, Aldona Kaminskas.

C 41 (Brooklyn-Queens) - Eugene Marcis, Anthony Mazeika, Joan Mazeika, Carol Nagin.

C 52 (Elizabeth) - Charles Oskutis, Edward Sharkus, Mary Motecus, Anne Baronas, Ann Mitchell, Stanley Naiva, Norbey Wysocki.

C 61 (Paterson) - Stanley Dutkus, Dorothy Dutkus.

C 67 (Bayonne) - Constance Mack, Rita Miskewitz.

C 79 (Detroit) - Frank Zager, Sophie Zager, Edward Martin, Delphine Stepan, Lillian Stepan, Victoria Chapolonis, Margaret Smalis, Chester Nashlon, Ruth Grasha, Andrew Milius, Patricia Milius, Magdalin Smalis, Estelle Pileckas, Frank Petroski.

C 82 (Gary) - Richard Malis, Joseph Kurpalis.

C 90 (Harrison-Kearney) - Anne Klem, Alice Salkauskas.

C 96 (Dayton) - Rita Ambrose, Mary Lucas, Elaine Lucas, Anne Sinkwitz, Frank Gudelis, Stanley Vaitkus, Steponas Bucmys.

C 100 (Amsterdam) - Genevieve Gobis, Eleanor Stakauskas.

C 102 (Detroit) - Anna Mae Uznis, William Juodawlkis, Donna Bunikas, Frank Bunikas, Rita Neverouck.

C 103 (Providence) - Patricia Balkus.

C 112 (Chicago) - Irene Rakaitis, Monica Kasper, Estelle Rogers, Dolores Wainauskas, Geraldine Mack, Walter Gregar, Al Raubiskis, Anthony Yuknis, Vyt Lubert, Bernice Laurentan.

C 113 (Linden) - Joseph Sable.

C 116 (Worcester) - Barbara Mazeika, Rita Skamarock, Ann Miller, Marion Lukason, Mildred Lapinskas, Charles Lapinskas.

Guests

Washington D. C. - Paul Labanauskas.

Rome, Italy - John Dobrovolskas.

Ohio - R. Batchelder, Elinor Sluzas, Ann Scott, Helen Vaitkus, Mary Trainy, Ed Pavis, Mrs. E. Pavis, Charles Petkus, Benedict Karklius, Alice Karklius.

Michigan - Carl Gobis, Mr. & Mrs. A. Petkus,

Mr. & Mrs. P. Stamulis, Mr. & Mrs. Vitchus, Isabelle Caldwell.

New Jersey - Helen Balandis, John Tratulis, S. Dutkus, Charles Rusteika, Casimir Chaponis, Gerry Kern, Martin Rusgi, Norbey Wysocki.

Pennsylvania - Alice Potts, Margie Potts, Irene Sarcewicz, Ann Salnoris, A.T. Matinaitis, Ellen Pavlosky, A. L. Onaitis, Bob Paul.

Illinois - Jean Shlaustas, Tony Valek, Russ Tomscheck, Edward Sulaitis, Anthony Rudis, Rose Adducci, Grave Adducci.

New York - Grazine Kulikauskas, Geraldine Garden, J. Olsauskas.

Indiana - Mikalina Shirvinski, Carol Shirvinski.

Connecticut - Joseph Silaika.

TWO RECEIVE HONORARY MEMBERSHIP MEDALS

The beautiful Honorary Membership Medals were presented to Prof. J. Eretas, of Switzerland, and Ignas Sakalas, of Chicago, during the Convention's Closing Banquet on Sunday. As both men had been elevated to Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania many years before the medals were introduced, this occasion was chosen to honor them with the presentation of the medals.



L. r. o. - Robert Boris, Ignas Sakalas and Prof. Eretas.

FOURTH DEGREE AWARDS

Stephen Onaitis, Council 19, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Nellie Arunski, Council 25, Cleveland, Ohio, were awarded the 4th Degree, the Order of St. Casimir, during the Convention's Solemn High Mass Sunday, Aug. 27, 1961 by Rev. Albert J. Contons. Albin Janks, outgoing Ritual Committee Chairman, presented Stephen and Nellie with their 4th Degree Certificates at the Closing Banquet.

Greetings - Letters - Telegrams

Hon. Michael V. DiSalle
Governor, State of Ohio

Hon. J. Kajeckas, Charge d'Affairs
Lithuanian Legation, Washington, D.C.

Hon. Jonas Budrys, Consulate General of Lith.
New York, N.Y.

Hon. Petras Daužvardis, Lithuanian Consulate
Chicago, Ill.

Hon. Anthony O. Shallna, Lithuanian Consulate
Boston, Mass.

Lithuanian R.C. Alliance of America
Leonard Šimutis, Pres.

Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos
Leonard Šimutis, Prim.

Faustas Strolia - Chicago, Ill.
Conrad Hilton Hotel of Chicago
Station WXEN FM - Tėvynės Garsai - Cleveland
Juozas Stempuzis, Vedėjas

Skautų Pilėnų Tunto Tėvų Komitetas
E. Steponavičius, Pirm.

Krikščioniškosios Demokratijos Studijų Klubo
Centro Valdyba, Adomas Viliušis, Pirm.

Greetings & Contributions

Alexander J. Aleksis, Hon. K of L Member -
Waterbury - Conn.
\$10.00 - History Fund; \$10.00 VYTIS Fund.

Jack L. Jatis - Hon. K of L Member - Chicago, Ill.
\$10.00 - History Fund; \$10.00-General Treasury

Stasys Šimulis, Hon. K of L Member - Chicago, Ill.
\$25.00 - History Fund

Antanas Petrulis - Chicago, Ill.
\$10.00 - General Treasury

Mrs. T. Norbut - Chicago, Ill.
\$10.00 - General Treasury; \$5.00 VYTIS Fund

Rev. V. Karalevičius - Elizabeth, N.J.
\$10.00 - General Treasury

Rev. V. Katariskis - Dayton, Ohio
\$5.00 - General Treasury

Antanas F. Kneižys - Fairfield, Conn.
\$5.00 - History Fund

Konstant J. Savickus - Chicago, Ill.
\$20.00 - General Treasury

Vygaudas Mildutis - Chicago, Ill.
\$1.00 - General Treasury

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Strolis - Newark, N.J.

Mr. Joseph A. Sakevich - Pt. Pleasant, N. J.

Antanas Žaliaduonis - Munhall, Pa.
\$5.00 - History Fund

Frank Vaskas - Newark, N. J.
\$10.00 - General Treasury

Matas Zujus, Editor of Garsas - Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
\$5.00 - History Fund

Jonas Sprainaitis - Paterson, N. J.
\$5.00 - History Fund

Pranas Wiliamas - Paterson, N. J.
\$2.00 - History Fund

K of L Council 29, Newark, Charles Strolis, Pres..
\$25.00 - General Treasury

K of L Council 112, Chicago, Ill, Irene Rakaitis,
Pres.
\$50.00 - General Treasury; \$25.00-History Fund

K of L Council 82, Gary, Ind.
Mrs. Sophie Kaminski, Pres.
\$10.00 - General Treasury

Lithuanian R. C. Priests' League
Msgr. P. M. Juras, Pres.
\$25.00 - History Fund

Ateitininkų Sendraugių Sąjungos Centro Valdyba,
V. Manelis, Pirm.
\$5.00 - History Fund

Clevelando Krikščionių Demokratų Sąjungos Skyr.
Bernardas Brizgys, Pirm.
\$10.00 - General Treasury

Clevelando Skautininkų ir Vyresniųjų Skaučių Vardu
M. Dunduraitė, Pirm.
\$5.00 - General Treasury

Ateitininkų Federacijos Valdyba
Simas Sužiedelis, Fed. Vadas
\$25.00 - History Fund

Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation of America,
Chicago District, Jonas Sakas, Pirm.
\$2.00 - History Fund

Lietuvių Skaučių Seserija,
O. Zailskienė, Vyriausia Skautininkė
\$1.00 - General Treasury

Amerikos Lietuvių Romos Katalikų Federacija
Ant. Masionis, Pirm.
\$25.00 - History Fund

Added Donations To The Convention Fund

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Ignatius Albavicius - Cicero, Ill
- \$25.00

First Regional Comm. of the Cleveland Bendruo-
menė - \$10.00

Rev. John A. Starkus - Bayonne, N.J. - \$10.00

Joseph Stempuzis - Cleveland, Ohio - \$ 5.00

**Boosters Not Shown in Convention
Program Book**

Mrs. V. Katkas - Cleveland, Ohio

Petras Tamulionis - Cleveland, Ohio

Albert A. Raubiskis - Chicago, Ill.

Gertrude A. Zibinskas - Worcester, Mass.

Howard L. Beaudette - Gardner, Mass.

1962 and 1963 CONVENTIONS GO EAST

After Albin Janks, on behalf of the New York-New Jersey District, delivered his inspirational invitation to Newark in 1962, all other bidders were discouraged. One ballot was cast for Newark in 1962.

Since 1963 will be the organization's 50th Jubilee Year, a special committee was formed to plan activities for the year and recommend sites for this most important convention. In order to give the convention committee sufficient time to prepare, a decision was made to select the site two years in advance. The committee recommended two sites and invited each city's representative to state the qualifications of their city. Eleanore Laurin, representing the Illinois-Indiana District, spoke of Chicago's qualifications, while John Olevitz, Council 17, represented South Boston. By a secret ballot and a small margin, the victors - South Boston. Eleanore Laurin, Ill. - Ind. District, offered congratulations and suggested that since we're ending the first half century near the origin site of the organization, we begin next half century in Chicago with the 1964 Convention.

RESULTS OF THE 1961 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

District Results

Illinois-Indiana	-	35 members
Mid-Central	-	28 members
New England	-	19 members
N.Y. & N.J.	-	10 members
California	-	4 members

Individual award

The award this year goes to the most outstanding "member-getter" in the three years that I have served as Chairman:

JOE CHAPS - Detroit 79 - with 16 members

If this organization had a few more go-getters like him, all membership drives would be easy work. His closest competition were several members who tied at 5 each.

Council Awards (For over 30 members)

- 1st - Chicago #36 with 48% of quota
- 2nd - Detroit # 79 with 35% of quota
- 3rd - Chicago #112 with 34% quota

Council Awards (Less than 30 members)

Cambridge, Mass. # 18 with 33% of quota

AWARD FOR BEST VYTIS ARTICLE

MISS JOANNE NEVIERA of Boston (now Mrs. Anthony Shalna of Hillside, N.J.) was awarded a beautiful replica of a Lithuanian wayside cross, during the convention. The award was made in the name of the Cultural Committee for the best article in VYTIS throughout the year, namely, "Letter From A Struggling Nation." The award was donated by Joseph Boley who read the inspiring article to the convention.

HISTORY FUND CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

The convention closed with \$1600 in the Fund. We need at least 4 times that sum. We need the generous participation of every council and every member in the organization to meet our objective in the coming months. Be a solicitor for the Fund. Be a contributor to the Fund.

VOICE OF AMERICA "ATTENDS" CONVENTION

Highlights of the 48th National Convention were recorded for the "Voice of America" under the able direction of Mr. Paul Labanauskas, V. of A. Staff Member from Washington, D.C. In addition to recording the various sessions and talks, Mr. Labanauskas also recorded interviews with various K of L Leaders, among them Robert Boris, Jack Stukas, Juozas Sadauskas, Loretta Kassel, Frank Vaskas, and others.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS TO THREE STUDENTS

Congratulations go to EUGENE R. BOREK and JOHN V. RIDICK, of Council 26, Worcester, and to MICHAEL A. MICAVICH of Junior Council 78, Lawrence, Mass, who were each awarded 1/3 (\$200.00) of the Knights of Lithuania Annual Scholarship Award. A more extensive description of the awards appears elsewhere in this issue.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS PUBLISHED IN BOOKLET FORM

Booklets containing annual reports of the Supreme Council Officers and Committee Heads were distributed to all delegates and alternates. Copies were also sent to presidents of all councils not represented at the convention. The booklets served a three-fold purpose:

1. Valuable convention time was saved as each officer did not have to read his entire report, only summarize it, if he so desired;
2. Delegates and councils now have a permanent record of the year's work;
3. The space in VYTIS usually allotted to reports can be used for other important articles.

CONVENTION MASSES

- FRIDAY** - Solemn Opening Mass - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Celebrant: Rev. Albert J. Contons, Boston. Assistants: Rev. J. Walter Stanievich, Detroit and Rev. Michael Tamulevicius, Worcester.
- SATURDAY** - Requiem Mass for Deceased Members - St. John Cathedral. Celebrant: His Excellency Bishop John F. Whealon, Cleveland. Assistants: Rev. John C. Jutt, Athol, Rev. Albert Contons.
- SUNDAY** - Solemn High Mass - St. George's Church. Celebrant: Msgr. J. Balkūnas, Maspeth. Assistants: Rev. John C. Jutt, Rev. Albert J. Contons. Sermon delivered by Msgr. L. Tula-ba, Rome, Italy.

A CHANCE TO EXCHANGE IDEAS. . .

Plenary conferences, on current problems of the current problems of the K of L, took the place this year, of panel discussions. Discussion leaders presented the problems and possible solutions, and delegates were given the opportunity to express their thoughts on the subjects, or introduce associated topics. Although most listeners seemed somewhat shy about becoming participants, we're sure they nonetheless took home with them much food for thought from the sessions. Congratulations and a hearty thanks to the Discussion Leaders, namely:

Rev. Peter P. Cinikas, MIC - Public Relations - Making the K of L Better Known.
 Anthony J. Rudis - Catholic Action - Cooperation with the Parish
 Albin Janks - Programming - Keeping Members Interested
 Helen Shields - Juniors - The Future of the K of L.

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETINGS - BEFORE AND AFTER

The outgoing Supreme Council held its last meeting Aug. 24, 1961 (Thursday) before the Convention's official opening, to clear up old business and to make final convention arrangements. Attending were: Rev. Contons, R. Boris, H. Shields, L. Janonis, L. Kassel, D. Sinkavitch, R. Pinkus, E. Laurin, F. Daniels, J. Sipas, J. Stukas, J. Aleshunas, F. Vaskas, R. Karsok.

Immediately after the Closing Banquet, the newly-elected Board met to plan the coming year. R. Boris, H. Shields, W. Grigas, R. Pinkus, A. Kassel, E. Laurin, J. Sipas, Rev. A. Contons, Rev. J. Jutt, I. Sankus, J. Stukas, L. Kassel,

E. Daniels, E. Rudis, A. Klem, J. Jatis, R. Karsok, and also guests Rt. Rev. Msgr. Balkunas, Rev. J. Pakalniskas, P. Labanauskas attended. A Seniors Committee of A. Skirius, S. Simulis, A. Mazeika, and Public Relations officer R. Karsok were selected. Also discussed were Membership, Publicity, Cultural and Supreme Council Bulletins, Lithuanian Affairs, Rosary Booklets, and other topics. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 14, 1961 in Pittsburgh, Pa. during the Mid-Central District Convention.

"HATS OFF" TO THE CONVENTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Convention and all its activities ran smoothly - thanks to the hard work of the Convention Executive Committee, namely:

- HONORARY CHAIRMEN** - Rev. Joseph Angelaitis, Rev. Alexander Goldikovskis, Anthony Buknis, Joseph Sadauskas
GENERAL CHAIRMAN - Ursula Yankauskas
CO-CHAIRMAN - Mary Trainy
SECRETARY - Sophie Millis
TREASURER - Benedict Karklius
CULTURAL AFFAIRS - Anna Mihelich
PUBLICITY - Paula Glugods, Gilbert Richman, Joseph Sadauskas, Dorothy Susin
REGISTRATION - Evelyn Andrulis, Helen Jakubs
AD BOOK - William Jakubs, William Smith, Eugene Kunsitis
SPORTS - John Apanavitch, Charles Machutas, Hedwig Pikturna, Stan Zakas
BREAKFAST AND BUFFET - Paula Glugods
CEDAR POINT EXCURSION - Algird Samas, Nellie Samas
VYCIU "WEDDING AND RECEPTION" - Nellie Arunski, Joan Susin, Mary Trainy
FRIDAY LUNCHEON - Joanna Shigo
CONCERT - Nellie Arunski, Peter Gruodis, John Millis
SATURDAY LUNCHEON - Sandie Paskevica
DANCE - John Andrulis, Alice Karklius
BANQUET - Al Shigo
COVER ARTIST - Eugene Kunsitis

AČIU, AČIU, AČIU !!!

The VYTIS staff extends a most sincere "Thank You" to all hands who cooperated in getting this issue to you . . . Particular thanks go to the many people who supplied needed reports and information, and to photographers Anthony Buknis, Cleveland, Gerry Mack, Chicago, and Alice Salkauskas, Kearny. Last but not least, many, many thanks to Irene Sankus, who assisted in putting this issue together, and to Stelle Danelius for her art work and advice.

Social Sidelights

"WILD MOUSE," FRIED CHICKEN AND CEDAR POINT PARK

"Early birds" who arrived in Cleveland in time for pre-convention festivities, were a stalwart group! In spite of the dismal and rainy weather, a bus-full of them ventured to Cedar Point Park, for a day of merry-making, singing, ride-testing, and even a bit of swimming.

The weather did decide to cooperate enough to give all a chance to enjoy the day. Special congratulations go to . . . the Cooks who provided the "lunch" (i.e. f e a s t) of Fried Chicken and "all the fixin's". . . the Jakubs, best "Yachters" in Ohio, who spent their day taking everyone for a cruise on their beautiful boat. . . Marty Rusgi, Champion "Wild Mouse" rider. . . Gerry Kern who finally acquired her "sea-legs". . . Vicki Chepelonis and Mary Jankowski, who knew so many songs. . . Rich Malis, Aldona Kaminskas, Bill and Helen Jakubs and other who braved Lake Erie on a 5 hour yacht ride - at night - back to Cleveland.

NATIONAL SPORTS AND SIDELIGHTS

Since Thursday morning looked cloudy, Mary Jankowski (Worcester) decided to forego golfing and instead was a contestant on the "Give and Take" TV program. Her first appearance netted \$150.00 and the second, 3 bowling shirts. Due to a sudden rain-storm, the Golf Tournament was officially cancelled after the third hole. The winners were determined by a drawing. First place Trophy was presented to Jack Jatis (Chicago). Perhaps a gremlin knew that Jack would later be stuck in a hotel elevator for several hours and decided to reward him early. Men's



"ALL ABOARD" to enjoy the Jakub's yacht.



Sports winners: D. Wainauskas, A. Miller, C. Tagmon, A. Kassel, I. Varevice & V. Morkunas.



Vyciu Wedding



"Ringbearer", Juozas Sadauskas

Second Place, Al Kassel (Chicago). Women's awards to: Dolores Wainauskas (Chicago) and Ann Miller (Worcester). Consolation prize winner, Ed Sharkus. Continuing in the sports vein, the National Bowling Tournament was held at the Ambassador Lanes in the afternoon. Perhaps the reason for all the "unhappy scores" was the fact that the scores were marked on a "Telescore" for all to see. The eventual winners: Men - High Series, 686, Andy Skarnus (Cleveland); High Single, 223, Vyto Morkunas (Worcester); Consolation prize, 382, Jack Jatis (Chicago). Women - High Series, 604, Irene Varevice (Philadelphia); High Single, 232, Carol Tagmon (Worcester); Consolation Prize, 374, Marian Lukason (Worcester).

VYCIU WEDDING AND RECEPTION

A Vyčiu "Oskaras" should have been awarded to the Cleveland K of L "Actors' Guild" for their splendid performance Thursday night of the Convention week. Special awards should go to the "shy but radiant bride," Dick Wahl, the "dashing groom," Andy Skarnus, and the "cute little ringbearer," Honorary Member Juozas Sadauskas. After the "solemn, impressive" ceremony, guests enjoyed a typical Lithuanian reception, including dancing, and an abundance of food and refreshments.

CULTURAL GARDENS TOUR

After Mass on Friday, Aug. 25, delegates and guests visited the Lithuanian Cultural Gardens to honor the memory of Rt. Rev. Jonas Mačiulis, better known as MAIRONIS. Ursula Yankauskas and Robert Boris placed a wreath at the Bust of Maironis, writer, educator, and poet-laureate of Lithuania.

THE FOOD WAS DELICIOUS...

Delegates couldn't say they weren't well fed!! Our Cleveland Hosts provided delicious breakfasts after each Mass. . . Friday, in the beautiful new Church Hall of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Saturday, in the Cleveland Council's Vice-Presidential Suite at the Pick-Carter. On Sunday, the delegates enjoyed a special brunch, served in St. George's Parish Hall, during which Juozas Sadauskas expressed the Hosts' gratitude for everyone's participation and cooperation in the Convention activities.

Lunch hours weren't neglected either. Friday's Sports Luncheon featured Guest Speaker Joseph M. Prokop, former Olympic Star, who also presented the Golf and Bowling Awards. Master of Ceremonies was Gilbert Richman, member of C-25 and of the Chamber of Commerce of Cleveland. Dr. Michael S. Pap, Director, Russian Ideology Institute, spoke at Saturday's Luncheon, while Paul P. Chalko, Attorney, was Master of Ceremonies.

ČIURLIONIS ENSEMBLE CONCERT

There was no doubt about why the "Čiurlionis Ensemble" is world-renowned, after conventioners listened to their concert Friday night, Aug. 25. Dressed in colorfully, beautiful Lithuanian costumes, the Ensemble, under the able direction of Alfonsas Mikulskis, presented an array of lovely and beloved Lithuanian folk songs. The Lorenzo-Carter Ballroom resounded with melodic tales of love, work, and play. Enthusiastic audience demands persuaded the group to repeat several numbers... and called upon the soloists, Vacys Verikaitis and Aldona Stempužienė, to also appear for encores. Especially enjoyable was the

women's chorus, (and later also the mixed chorus) as accompanied by the Kanklių Orchestra, made up of the traditional Lithuanian "Zither-like" instruments.

May this talented "Čiurlionis Ensemble" continue to provide enjoyment and promote Lithuanian culture by the blending of their voices for many, many years to come.

SEMI-FORMAL DANCE AND "WARM-UPS"

It seems that some of the Chicagoans can never find time at home to view slides of previous conventions, parties, etc., so Wally Tenclinger called everyone together immediately after Saturday's sessions for a "Slide Party." No sooner had this little party ended and everyone was off to join the Phillie group for their Annual Pre-Dance Cocktail Hour. With Wally Svekla serving, with the girls looking lovely, with all the loud voices singing, "Alleluia" - everyone was soon in a party mood and ready for dancing. The Semi-Formal Dance was held in the Ballroom with Al Tercek and his Orchestra providing the music for the polkas, fox-trots, cha-chas and an unusual dance called, "Glide Across the Floor." The dancing was enjoyed by all except a few who chose this time to "rest."

SOLEMN CLOSING BANQUET

The grand finale, equal to all expectations, was the Solemn Closing Banquet, Sunday night. Representatives from various parts of the world and varying walks of life were included in the impressive list of dignitaries in attendance. Those present were greeted by His Excellency Bishop John F. Whealon, Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland, and by Harold Lausche, Director of Public Property in Cleveland, who extended the city's welcome. Clarence Micknis of DuBois, Pa. served as Master of



Ursula Yankauskas & Robert Boris present wreath at Maironis Bust



Cultural Garden ceremony



J. Sadauskas welcoming delegates at Sunday brunch.



Scene from Sunday Brunch



Louis Stukas entertains during the Closing Banquet



Eleanore Laurin and John Olevitz, the 'speakers' for Chicago and South Boston



Mary Jankowski, winner of \$150.00 on Cleveland T.V. Program



Scene from the Vyciu Wedding Reception

Ceremonies.

The featured speaker of the evening was Professor J. Eretas, Honorary Member of the Knights of Lithuania. Speaking in beautifully eloquent Lithuanian, Prof. Eretas, a Swiss-born scholar who moved to Lithuania many years ago to assist her in time of great need, and who subsequently adopted her as his own nation, inspired all who listened, with his sincere expression of love for Lithuania and all she stands for, and his tremendous concern for obtaining her eventual freedom.

The program also included the presentation of various awards and medals, described elsewhere in this issue. A cultural note, via two Lithuanian vocal numbers beautifully rendered by Louis Stukas, provided the perfect end to a perfect evening.

EXTRA - CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Elizabeth boys, the perennial "unofficial convention entertainment committee," started off the "after socials" festivities with open-house in their suite Wednesday night. Their suite continued to be a favorite "Stop-off" spot, meeting place, good hospitality room, etc., throughout the convention. Thursday night provided a chance for all conventioners to visit at least imaginary Hawaii, at the Dayton delegation's most unusual party, a Luau, complete with sarongs, muu-muus, Hawaiian music and refreshments.

The Jubilee Convention campaigning gained momentum when both Chicago and South Boston chose Friday night for their respective official parties. Not to be outdone, the Detroit delegates also hosted a party, which turned out to be a haven for neutrals - and tired campaigners! . . . Strains of "Kai Aš Turėjau" and "Išėjo Tėvelis - Cha,cha,cha." led all conventioners from the Ballroom to the Host City's social Saturday night. Their luxurious

Vice-Presidential Suite provided the ideal atmosphere for relaxation after the evening's dancing. . .

Joyous expressions prevailed at the Sunday night Victory Party, hosted by South Boston, (with Worcester-ites acting as Auxiliary Hosts). QUESTION: Why were the Chicagoans equally happy??

POST-CONVENTION PARTY

Monday morning was the scene of a most unusual social in the Chicago suite. Instead of the usual party menu, it started with coffee and rolls and rapidly became a rendezvous for all to say their "adieu," "good-bys," "su Dievu," "We'll see you in Newark, Detroit, Pittsburgh, etc., etc., etc." As the day came to an end (much too soon) all joined in the final chorus of, "To New York in '62, Al-le-lu-ia, To the Sea in '63, Al-le-lu-ia, To Chicago in '64, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia." And in the distance a very faint voice was heard singing,

W-i-l-d M-o-u-s-e

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THOUGHTS BROUGHT BACK FROM THE CONVENTION...

Every Knight is bilingual. Vytis yra dvikalbis Amerikos lietuvis.

American Lithuanian life progresses through the Knights. Bring your aims and desires to the Lithuanian public. Carry your Lithuanian spark to the entire Lithuanian community in America. Amerikos lietuvių gyvenimas eina per Vyčius. Savo troškimus, siekius neškite į lietuvių visuomenę. Neškite lietuvišką kibirkštį į visą Amerikos lietuvių visuomenę.

(From a talk by St. Barzdukas, President, Lithuanian American Community)

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ATTENTION JUNIOR KNIGHTS OF THE NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT!

The SECOND NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT JUNIOR K of L RALLY will be held Sunday, November 12, 1961 at St. Casimir's Church Hall, Worcester, Mass.

Junior Knights of C-26, Worcester, Hosts of the Rally, cordially invite Junior K of Lers from each and every council in the New England District to attend and help make the Rally a real success.

LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE RECORDS

The Lithuanian Language Course records are now available from the Supreme Council Culture Committee. The set consists of two records that can be played at either 33 or 45 RPM, and two booklets giving the Lithuanian and English text of the recordings. Price per set is \$3.00 plus 25 cents postage on mail orders.

Orders should be sent to: Frank Gudelis, 129 Rita Street, Dayton 4, Ohio.



The 48th National Convention Committee worked so hard some of them even lost their heads!

Random Views

