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VYTAUTAS DIDYSIS

Povilas Dirkis

Kiekviena tauta turi savo istoriją, kurios lapus puošia tautų didvyriai bei jų herojiški darbai. Visos tautos - didelės ar mažos - savo dabartį riša su praeitimi, ja didžiuojasi, semiasi stiprybės, gerbia ir mini savo didžiuosius prosenius, buvusius vadus, kunigaikščius. Lietuvių tauta turėjo daug kunigaikščių, karo vadų. Jų čia visų išvardyti neįmanoma. O tik suminėsiu vieną kaip simbolį - politiką ir kari strategą, Vytautą Didįjį, tampriai susijusį su rugsėjo 8 diena. Tiesa, garsus buvo Mindaugas, kaip pirmasis Lietuvos karalius, garsus buvo ir Gediminas, kaip įkūrėjas Lietuvos sostinės Vilniaus, garsus buvo ir Kęstutis, kaip Zemaičių valdovas su savo žmona Birute. Tačiau visus juos pralenkė savo didvyriškais žygiais, sumanumu, gabumais, energija tai Birutės mylimiausias sūnus Vytautas.

Jo vardas buvo statomas šalia Europos garsiausių vyrų: Juliaus Cezario, Aleksandro Makedoniečio, Karolio Didžiojo ir kitų. Tais laikais karūna buvo pats didžiausias įvertinimas valdovams už jų darbus. Dėl to ir valdovai visomis išgalėmis siekdavo karūnos. Vytautas Didysis, nors buvo pilnai to vertas, bet nesiveržė prie tos garbės. Jam ta garbė buvo pripažinta 1429 m. ir Lucko suvažiavime iškelta, kad Vytautui karūna priklausė ir kad jis turi būti paskelbtas Lietuvos karalium. Su tuo sutiko net ir pats Lenkijos karalius Jogaila, nors gerai suprato, kad Vytautui uždėjus karūną, būtų nutraukti visi ryšiai su Lenkija. Šiam istoriniam faktui įvykdyti buvo numatyta net data - 1430 m. rugsėjo 8 d., kuriai ir Vytautas pats ruošėsi.

Karūną į Lietuvą turėjo pristatyti Romos imperatorius Zigmantas, kuris pavedė tai atlikti savo pasiuntiniams. Pastarieji prie Prūsų ir

Lenkijos sienų buvo sulaukyti ir karūna pagrobta. Dėlto karūnavimas ir negalėjo įvykti. Jis buvo nukeltas vėlesniam laikui. Tačiau Vytautas kitos datos taip ir nesulaukė, nes spalio 16 d. jodamas su Jogaila tarp Trakų ir Vilniaus nukrito nuo arklio, susižeidė ir to pasėkoje spalio 27 d. mirė. Svečiai, atvykę iš visų valstybių į vainikavimo iškilmes, turėjo didįjį lietuvių tautos genijų palaidoti be karūnos.

Mes, lietuviai, tą istorinę dieną, būtent rugsėjo 8 d. prisimename nuo 1930 m., kai minėjome Vytauto Didžiojo garbingą 500 metų mirties sukaktį.

Rugsėjo 8-ji diena yra dar ir tuo svarbi, kad ji yra ir katalikų bažnytinė šventė, vadinama Šv. Marijos gimimo diena. Tą dvigubą šventę ir nepriklausomoje Lietuvoje nuo 1930 m. kasmet švęsdavom labai iškilmingai ir pagarbiai, nes ji buvo įjungta į tautinių švenčių eilę.



Vytautas Didysis prie Naugardo

J. Mackevičiaus paveikslas

INTRODUCING



**Linda Vaicekauskis,
Editor-in-Chief**

A rewarding experience for any council president is to find one of his new members assisting on even the smallest council committee within a short time after joining the Knights of Lithuania. But when a new member assumes one of the most demanding jobs in the organization "before the ink dries" on her membership application - that is truly news! Since she began her association with the K of L and the VYTIS, Editor in Chief LINDA VAICEKAUSKIS has proven that she not only makes news, but also is most qualified to report it!

A few years ago, Linda earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois. Her major field was English, her minor, Journalism. To complement her Journalism course work, she got a good taste of "on the job" training, by working on the town's local paper and on the school paper. As a result, she managed to also find a way to study and dabble in photography and advertising.

Before going to Northern Illinois University, Linda studied at the Navy Pier Branch of the University of Illinois, and there too was a regular staff member and contributor on the school paper, the 'Pier Illini.'

Although Linda is a very recent member of Chicago's K of L Council 36, she's not a newcomer to the K of L scene. She's participated as a guest or a worker at many K of L social, cultural, and sports events over the past few years, but finally decided to channel her many talents and energies into Lithuanian activity, via the K of L in general - the VYTIS in particular. Linda's parents were born in the U.S., but grew up in Lithuania, and they have succeeded in instilling in their daughter an appreciation of her heritage and a desire to investigate her own ethnic background and relate it to her present day activities.

Currently, Linda is attending Roosevelt University, working towards a Master's Degree, specializing in Linguistics. She plans to write her master's thesis on the phonetics and phonemics of the Lithuanian language. She is also teaching English to the foreign-born at Roosevelt.

Occasionally, Linda likes to express herself with pictures instead of words, and pursues her hobby of sketching. This talent too has found its applications in VYTIS, as most readers have noticed. But she has yet to decide how to also apply still another talent - in music - to bettering VYTIS. Linda has a teacher's certificate in piano, and while attending Kelly High School, played the cello in the school orchestra. For her more vigorous moods, Linda enjoys horseback riding, tennis and swimming.

Without a doubt, the VYTIS has been graced with an editor of many talents, a keen mind, and a vigorous spirit. We wish her God's blessing for a successful and enjoyable stay with the publication.



**Betty Bozec,
Layout Editor**

Take a person who has the desire for doing anything worthwhile, add a heap of application, plenty of industry, plus a vivid imagination, lively ideas, good taste, an eye for balance and proportion, and you come up with our talented Layout Editor, Betty Bozec.

As with any of the great and commanding talents gifted by Providence, they rise when they are least expected. And little did Betty ever expect to include in her normal, routine daily life as that of a wife, homemaker and mother, the chaotic task of arranging and organizing 24 pages of copy, illustrations and photos into an attractive and appealing publication, nor did she expect that someday the cozy little Bozec cottage would resemble the City Office of say, "The New York Herald"! But easy-going, good-natured Betty takes it all in her stride and manages to do a beautiful job in each of her many roles.

Betty is the wife of James E. Bozec, co-owner of the Bozec Coal and Ice Company, and very active member as well as recently elected vice-pre-

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sident of the Lions Club. Although ineligible for K of L membership, Jim's presence at dances, picnics, outings and other events is quite a common and most welcomed sight. In fact, it was precisely at one of these doings - the annual 4th of July K of L picnic - where Betty and Jim first met! They've been indebted to the K of L Cupid ever since!

The arrival of a son, Jimmy, made their First Wedding Anniversary a doubly joyous event.

Although the Bozecs now live in Willow Springs, a suburb of Chicago, Betty grew up in the Lithuanian neighborhoods of Chicago. St. George Lithuanian Grammar School provided her with a primary education and an opportunity to earn a 4-year scholarship to St. Casimir Academy (now Maria High School).

After graduation, she soon joined the ranks of the employed and remained in the ranks for 11 years at the Chicago Title and Trust Company in the Accounting Department. While Betty's daytime hours were spent working at accounting, her evening hours were spent . . . studying accounting at De Paul University. With all the experience Betty has had with figures, any calculating, balancing or equating that has to be done on the VYTIS layout will surely come as a snap to her!

K of L'wise, Betty is an "old timer" with 14 years membership behind her, and knows the K of L inside out. She has served in major offices and chairmanships: on the council level - Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Vice President and President of Council 112 for two years. In the District - Treasurer and Trustee. In the Supreme Council - Trustee for two years. No matter what task you assign Betty to do, you can rest assured it will be done quickly, efficiently and willingly - in the true K of L spirit. The Fourth Degree will be awarded

Betty at the National Convention in August.

Little Jimmy Bozec, who was five years old May 8th, simply cannot understand why his Mom still plays with cut-outs and paste-ups at her age! Little does he know that she is performing a valuable service and is bringing much enjoyment and entertainment to a great many readers. Our sincerest congratulations, good wishes and appreciation to Betty Bozec, our new Layout Editor.



**Theresa Strolia,
Council News Editor**

About the time that K of L'ers across the country are busily scanning the council news pages of a newly-delivered VYTIS, catching up on "who did what", one member is already reading the next month's council correspondence. But THERESA STROLIA, VYTIS Council News Editor for the past 2 1/2 years, isn't only catching up on the news a month early. . . she's editing and coordinating it, and fitting it attractively and neatly onto the pages allotted her by the rest of the staff.

Keeping up to date with K of L

activities is nothing new to Terry Strolia, for she has been an active K of L member since 1954, and has earned her Third Degree in the organization. She started out (as Theresa Pupinik then) in Council 5 on Chicago's North Side, and spent considerable time on various committees and in the office of Council Secretary. After moving to the South Side, Terry transferred to Council 36 and continued her activities there, but also extended them to the district level. She served as Illinois-Indiana District Secretary and has been on numerous activity committees. Her easy going and fun-loving nature makes it easy for Terry to make and keep friends in Chicago and in many other cities where K of L'ers reside. She's participated in many national and district conventions, concerts, sporting events, etc. sponsored by K of L's in various parts of the country, served as Presidium Secretary at the National Convention in Newark, and is on the committee for the 51st National Convention to be held in Chicago this August.

Of course, the project dearest to Terry's heart is the K of L Choir of Chicago. She's been a member since the choir was reorganized in 1960, and there met Faustas Strolia, the choir's young and very talented director. Terry and Faustas were married in December of 1962, and are now the proud parents of a son Paul.

Until the arrival of her son, Terry worked as a statistician for the U.S. Department of Labor. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics (with a minor in Spanish) from Mundelein College in Chicago, and is a graduate of St. Michael's Grammar School and Josephinum High School. It was in high school that Terry was introduced to the "world of journalism", for she was a regular member of the school newspaper staff there. In college, she continued as a contributor to the school public-

ation, though not an actual member of the staff.

Baby Paul's arrival in January of this year caused Terry to give up her full time position at the Dept. of Labor, but he hasn't forced his parents to appreciatly decrease their activity

in the K of L or Lithuanian circles. Even at the age of 5 months, Paul is a frequent and very welcome "visitor" (and usually the star) at Choir rehearsals, K of L picnics and other activities, and quietly looks on approvingly as his parents contribute

in various ways to the fostering of Lithuanian activity and culture.

The VYTIS is indeed proud to have on its staff an industrious and talented young lady like Theresa Strolia, and is happy for the added support afforded by the rest of her family.

LIETUVIŠKO SKYRIAUS REDAKTORIUS

Prieš keletą metų malonus, draugiškas, inteligentiškas ir į jumorą linkęs jaunas vyras išdrįso peržengti Chicagos Vyčių salės slenkstį. Jis įsijungė į Vyčių chorą ir greitai pasižymėjo kaip vienas iš geriausių tenorų. Neilgai trukus po to įstojo jis į 36-tąją Vyčių kuopą Brighton Parke.

Dideliam Vyčių džiaugsmui pasirodė, kad Apolinaras Petras Bagdonas talentą turi ne tik dainavime. Prieš dvejis metus jis jau perėmė lietuviškojo skyriaus redagavimą "Vytyje". Tas pareigas jis tebeina iki šiol. Kaip redaktorius jis yra nepamainomas, ne tik redaguodamas atsiųstą jam medžiagą, bet taip pat ieškodamas naujų rašytojų bei korespondentų ir gana žymia dalį skyriaus pats prirašydamas.

Gimęs jis yra Lietuvoje, gražiam Talainių kame, Užvenčio valsčiuje, Šiaulių apskrityje.

Baigęs Kražių gimnaziją studijavo Kauno ir Vilniaus universitetuose. Jo pamėgtas dalykas buvo filologija.

1943 metais baigė universitetą. Mokytojavo Rokiškio ir Radviliškio gimnazijose. Buvo ateitininkas ir skautas. Jau ir tada jis mėgo rašyti, ir dažnai jo straipsniai pasirodydavo parijodinėje spaudoje.

1944 metais, kai Lietuvą antrą



A. P. Bagdonas,
Lietuviško Skyriaus Redaktorius

kartą bolševikinis tvanas užplūdo, A.P. Bagdonas pasitraukė į Vokietiją. Ten buvo mokytojas Braunšveigo lietuvių gimnazijoje, vėliau direktorius ir mokytojas Blombergo gimnazijoje.

1950 metais atvyko į J.A.V. Kraštes, kurio gyvenimui niekuomet nebuvo ruošęsis, teko pasidaryti fabriko darbininku. Tačiau šalia pagrindinio darbo fabrike jos mokytojavo lituanisti-

nėse mokyklose. Dvejis metus buvo mokytoju Šv. Jurgio parapijinėje mokykloje, o nuo 1955 metų iki šios dienos yra Chicagos Aukštesniosios Lituanistikos mokyklos mokytoju ir jos bibliotekininku. Kaip pedagogas moka prieiti prie mokinių, juos paragindamas skaityti lietuviškas knygas. Jo dėka lietuviai vaikai susipažįsta su lietuvišiais rašytojais ir jų raštais. Geras jis yra mokinių auklėtojas. Net ir pertraukų metu mokiniai lyg žvirblių pulkas sukinėjasi apie mok. A. P. Bagdoną.

A. P. Bagdonas yra ir poetas. Jis yra išleidęs savo eilėraščių rinkinį "Sutemų ugnys".

Š.m. birželio mėn. 12-ą dieną Chicagos Universitete A.P. Bagdonas gavo klasikinių kalbų magistro laipsnį. Dabar jis žada pradėti lotynų kalbos mokymo darbą Amerikos universitetuose.

A.A. ONA MIHELICIENE, daug nusipelnusi vytlė-seniorė, mirė Clevelande š.m. gegužės 8 d. ir buvo palaidota gegužės 12 d. All Saints kapinėse. Vyčiai senjorai gausiai dalyvavo šermenyse ir laidotyvėse. Tai didelis nuostolis Clevelando vyčiams-seniorams, kur ji buvo viena iš uoliausių narių ir didelė lietuvių patriotė. Ilsėkis ramybėje.



Say Emma! Here's a great idea. Let's go to the Chicago Convention this summer.

Moksleivių pavasario šventė



Šventės organizatorius ir vadovas LB Cikagos Apygardos valdybos pirmininkas Bronius Nainys.

Lietuvių Bendruomenės Cikagos Apygardos valdybos suruošta Moksleivių Pavasario Šventė įvyko šių metų gegužės mėn. 24 d. (sekmadieni), Bučo sodyboje, Willow Springs, Ill. Šventėje dalyvavo Aušros Vartų, Bridgeport'o, Brighton Park'o, Cicero, Gage Park'o Dariaus Girėno, Lemonto Maironio ir Roseland'o li-tuanistinės mokyklos ir Ateities At-žalyno, Tėviškėlės ir Vyčių mokslei-vių tautiniai ansambliai.

Programa susidėjo iš tautinių šo-

kių ir dainų. Programą sustatė re-pertuaro komisija: Faustas Strolia, Pranciška Gramontienė, Eleonora Zapolienė, Genovaitė Giedraitytė ir Juozas Kreivėnas. Moksleivių chorui dirigavo E. Zapolienė. Tautiniams šokiams vadovavo P. Gramontienė. Jaunesiems šokėjams vadovavo G. Giedraitytė. Šventę sveikino JAV LB Centro valdybos pirm. Jonas Jasaitis. Svetainę tvarkė LB Marquette Park'o Apylinkė (Fabijonas Valinskas), virtuvę - LB Brighton Park'o

apylinkė (Algirdas Pužauskas), ma-šinas - Cicero LB Apylinkė (Leonas Pračkaila) ir sceną paruošė Mel-rose park'o LB Apylinkė (Stasys Vid-mantas). Po programos vaikų žaidi-mus organizavo ir jiems vadovavo mokytoja Pėteraitienė.

Šventėje dalyvavo apie 350 moks-leivių ir apie 400 svečių. Techniš-kai Šventės organizacinius darbus at-liko ir Šventę pravedė LB Čikagos Apygardos valdybos pirmininkas Bronius Nainys.

B. N.



Šventės programos vadovas Faustas Strolia



Jaunesniųjų šokėjų programos va-dovė, "Vyčių Jaunuolyno" tautinio moksleivių ansamblio vedėja Geno-vaitė Giedraitytė



Šventės pranešėja trečios kartos lie-tuvaitė Judita Jociutė

Photo by J. Grabauskas

HOW TO SAY WHAT YOU MEAN

Do you understand what the following sentence means? "Upon the advent of the investigator, his hegemony became minimally coextensive with the areal unit rendered visible by his successive displacements in space."

Translated into plain, every day English, it simply means, "He came, he saw, he conquered."

Now, look at that first sentence again.

There's nothing grammatically wrong with it.

All of the words can be found in the dictionary. The sentence can be diagrammed. The only trouble, apparently, is that nobody can understand it.

Too many people make the same mistake. They use gobbledygook when they should be using plain, ordinary English. And the consequences of faulty communication can be disastrous - for the student who submits a paper, for the housewife who addresses a P.T.A. meeting, for the businessman who dictates a letter, or for the writer who submits an article to the VYTIS.

To get your ideas across, properly and persuasively, semanticists and psychologists recommend that you follow these five rules:

1. **Avoid words that are too familiar - or not familiar enough.** Words that are heard too often end up by not being heard at all. They make no mental impression. They are stale, lifeless.

On the other hand, don't go too far out of your way to use unfamiliar words either - like "teleological", or "entity". If you have something worthwhile to say, you don't have to deck it out in dazzling clothing.

2. **Don't confuse or misuse words.** Even one of America's greatest writers has confused words. William Faulkner, in his novel *Requiem for a Nun*, consistently used the word "euphemistic" when he meant to use the word "euphonious". ("Euphemistic" means substituting a mild expression for one that might be unpleasant; "euphonious" means having a pleasant sound.)

It's easy to make a mistake. A "Breton" lives in Brittany, France; a "Briton" lives in Great Britain. A "correspondent" is someone you communicate with; a "corespondent" is a person involved in a divorce suit. "Enormous" means large; "enormity" implies something horrible. "Sensuous" means pertaining to the senses; "sensual" means voluptuous. "Ingenious" means imaginative; "ingenuous" means naive.

All of these words are deceptive because they are similar to other words with different meanings. But there are also words that people simply misuse. A "fulsome" speech is an offensive speech. A person who "tinkers" with a radio is doing a bad job of trying to repair it. Most Scotsmen don't appreciate being called Scotch - that's the name of a whiskey. A person who is "masterful" is domineering.

As the saying goes, "When in doubt, look it up or leave it out."

3. **B e t e r s e.** Theodore M. Bernstein, assistant managing editor of the New York "Times," is forever telling his reporters: Use one idea to a sentence. And the reason is that it is easier to understand something that is brief.

For a long time, for instance, it was thought that all legal contracts simply had to be long-winded and difficult to understand. But now even this is changing. A large insurance company in the United States now is issuing a new, letter-sized contract that has reduced the number of words by no less than 20 per cent.

Here's an example of how the word-count was reduced and comprehension increased.

B e f o r e: Any indebtedness to the Society existing against this policy at its maturity may not be repaid in cash, but shall be deducted in a single sum in any settlement hereunder.

A f t e r: Indebtedness will be deducted in a single sum in any settlement.

4. **R e c o g n i z e t h e c o n n o t a t i o n** of a word as well as its denotation. A word's denotation is what it means precisely. Its connotation is what it suggests. And if you want to make friends instead of enemies, and persuade people to your persuasion, it would help if you recognize the emotional implications of the words you use.

As John B. Opdyke, the language expert, has said, "house for sale" is cold - but "home must be sacrificed" is expressive. The same holds true for "infants' wear" and "togs for tots"; "janitor" and "sanitary engineer"; "open to parents" and "fathers and mothers welcome"; and "automobile" and "jalopy".

If you don't understand the difference between denotation and connotation yet, try calling a woman "fat" instead of "plump".

5. **S e e k s i m p l i c i t y.** Of all the 450,000 words in Webster's New International Dictionary, only one out of ten comes from the Anglo-Saxon (Old English). Yet these are the most essential ones - they are the short, hard, gritty words, the words that bite. (Examples: "the", "short", "hard", "gritty", "words" "that", "bite".)

According to Malcolm Cowley, the literary critic, most good writers use six Anglo-Saxon words for every one that comes from Greek or Latin. Anglo-Saxon words add clarity and strength to your speech or your writing. You don't have to recognize words of Anglo-Saxon origin. Just make sure that whenever you can use a word of one syllable in place of a word of three syllables, do it.

Now if you follow these five rules carefully, you won't necessarily become a Daniel Webster or a William Shakespeare. But these rules will help you avoid embarrassment, put the most pleasing aspect on your words, add interest to what you say, - and - most important of all - help get your ideas across.

Convention Concert

A light enjoyable cultural evening is planned for the convention by the Knights of Lithuania Choir. The concert will be held at the new Cathedral Auditorium, 11 E. Chicago Avenue. The building is only one year old and has excellent facilities for seating, settings and acoustics.

The program will be divided into two parts, the first consisting of a free style Lithuanian folk song and dance, using the choir, soloists, and the newly organized Juniors of the Illinois-Indiana District.

The second part of the program will be the more formal concert. A theme depicting the Knights of Lithuania in the past will be used in the formal concert. Faustas Strolia will direct the choir.

The soloists for the evening are Prudencija Bičkienė and Jonas Vaznelis. Both are soloists with the Lithuanian Opera of Chicago and are members of the Chicago Lyric Opera.



Prudencija Bičkienė has been very popular with the Illinois-Indiana District Choir. At their first concert, Mrs. Bičkienė was their soloist. She was graduated from the Handel School of Music in Munich, Germany. In 1957 while living in Vienna, Mrs. Bičkienė

won an award as the Best Woman Singer of the Year. During 1958, in the United States, she won the nationwide contest of "Opera Auditions" and as a winner was sent to Italy, where she made her operatic debut as Tosca in Milan, Italy. The following year she was with the Cincinnati Opera during their season.

Prudencija Bičkienė has performed for many concerts in the United States and Canada. She has also performed at the Grant Park summer evening concerts. Recently Mrs. Bičkienė has sung in Montreal, Canada and also with the Rockford Symphony Orchestra. On June 24th, she will be having a concert in Colombia, South America.



Jonas Vaznelis, an acclaimed base, has performed regularly in the Lyric Opera and Lithuanian Opera of Chicago, and has sung concerts in many of the major cities of the United States and Canada. He was born in Lithuania, and studied voice in Germany prior to coming to America.

A recent appearance was his fine performance in the roll of the Sacristan in the opera Tosca, presented by the Lithuanian Opera of Chicago.



Faustas Strolia, director of the Knights of Lithuania Choir since its rebirth in 1960, is well known throughout the Lithuanian-American Community. Mr. Strolia has studied music under his father, a famed Lithuanian composer Juozas Strolia, and further received training in Italy. He has directed choirs in Chicago as well as in Europe, has written a number of Lithuanian popular songs, and arranged others for choral singing.



John Byanskas, the Choir's accompanist, is a professional musician of long standing. He is active in many phases of music, including orchestra direction, choral work, and composition. For many years, he served as director of the Birute Lithuanian Chorus of Chicago and led the group in the production of concerts, operettas, and other performances. His orchestra is a frequent part of the entertainment at various Lithuanian events.

LITHUANIAN AMERICAN COUNCIL

CHICAGO - Soviet Russia must prove its avowed concern for self-determination of independent nations by withdrawing its military forces and puppet leaders from Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia; it must restore liberty to the Baltic States.

This was the sentiment expressed by representatives of more than 1,000,000 Americans of Lithuanian ancestry at the Quinquennial Congress of the Lithuanian American Council at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C., June 26 - 28, 1964.

Leonard Simutis, Chicago, Council president and editor of DRAUGAS, Lithuanian daily, in announcing plans for the Congress said:

"Twenty years ago Red Army troops moved into Lithuania for the second time in four years purportedly to liberate its people from Nazi oppression. The so-called 'liberators' are still there. They have killed or deported for slave labor more than 300,000 Lithuanians. All real estate and private enterprises have long since been confiscated, and the people converted to serfdom.

"Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev has expressed himself often and loudly on the need for restoring full

independence and selfgovernment to nations under foreign rule. The only way that he can prove his sincerity is by ordering withdrawal of all Soviet military personnel, secret police and other agents from Lithuania and its Baltic neighbors, and by allowing these peoples to choose their own form of government through free elections under the supervisions of the United Nations."

Simutis said that delegates to the Lithuanian American Congress, which meets once every five years, will strongly urge the United States government to demand that the United Nations take appropriate steps to re-establish the sovereignty of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

More than 800 delegates attended sessions of the Congress. They represented Lithuanian American organizations from every part of the United States. Also participating in the deliberations were representatives of several Lithuanian American youth groups.

Two full days of meetings were climaxed by a banquet in the Main Ballroom of the Shoreham Hotel. On the following day delegates to the Congress attended 12 o'clock mass

in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to offer prayers for the intention of suffering Lithuania and its people. The Most Rev. Patrick L. O'Boyle, Archbishop of Washington presided and the mass was offered by Bishop Vincent Brizgys, refugee bishop of the Archdiocese of Kaunas.

Following the mass, the delegation visited the grave of the late President John F. Kennedy at Arlington National Cemetery.

A press reception in the Tamerlane room of the hotel was held on the eve of the Congress.

The Lithuanian American Council, Inc., sponsor of the Congress, was organized in 1940 after the Soviet Army first invaded and occupied Lithuania following a secret agreement with Nazi Germany to divide the beleaguered nation and its neighbors among themselves. The primary purpose of the Council was, and still is, to help Lithuania regain its freedom and independence. It supports the world-wide effort of the Supreme Committee for the Liberation of Lithuania, which coordinates the activities of similarly dedicated Lithuanian organizations in other countries.

Nauji profesijonaliai

Birželio mėnuo yra moksio baigimo mėnuo, kur tikstančiai jaunuolių kas metai baigia aukštuosius mokslus, jų eilėse matosi daug ir lietuviškų pavardžių. Šiais metais Bostone baigusiujų eilėse yra S. Bostoniečių Onos ir Albino Nevierų dvynekai, Rūta ir Povilas. Birželio 7-tą Rūta baigė State College at Boston su Bachelor of Science in Education laipsniu, o sekančią dieną sūnus Povilas baigė Boston College, School of Business Administration, su Bachelor of Science laipsniu. Be to, jis buvo prisaikdintas kaip jaunesnis leitenantas J.A.V. Armijos rezerve.

Ta proga graduantų tėveliai surengė puikias vaišes Stepono Dariaus A.L. patalpose, kur dalyvavo daug sukvieštų svečių, kur visi graduantus pasveikino ir palinkėjo šviesios ateities.

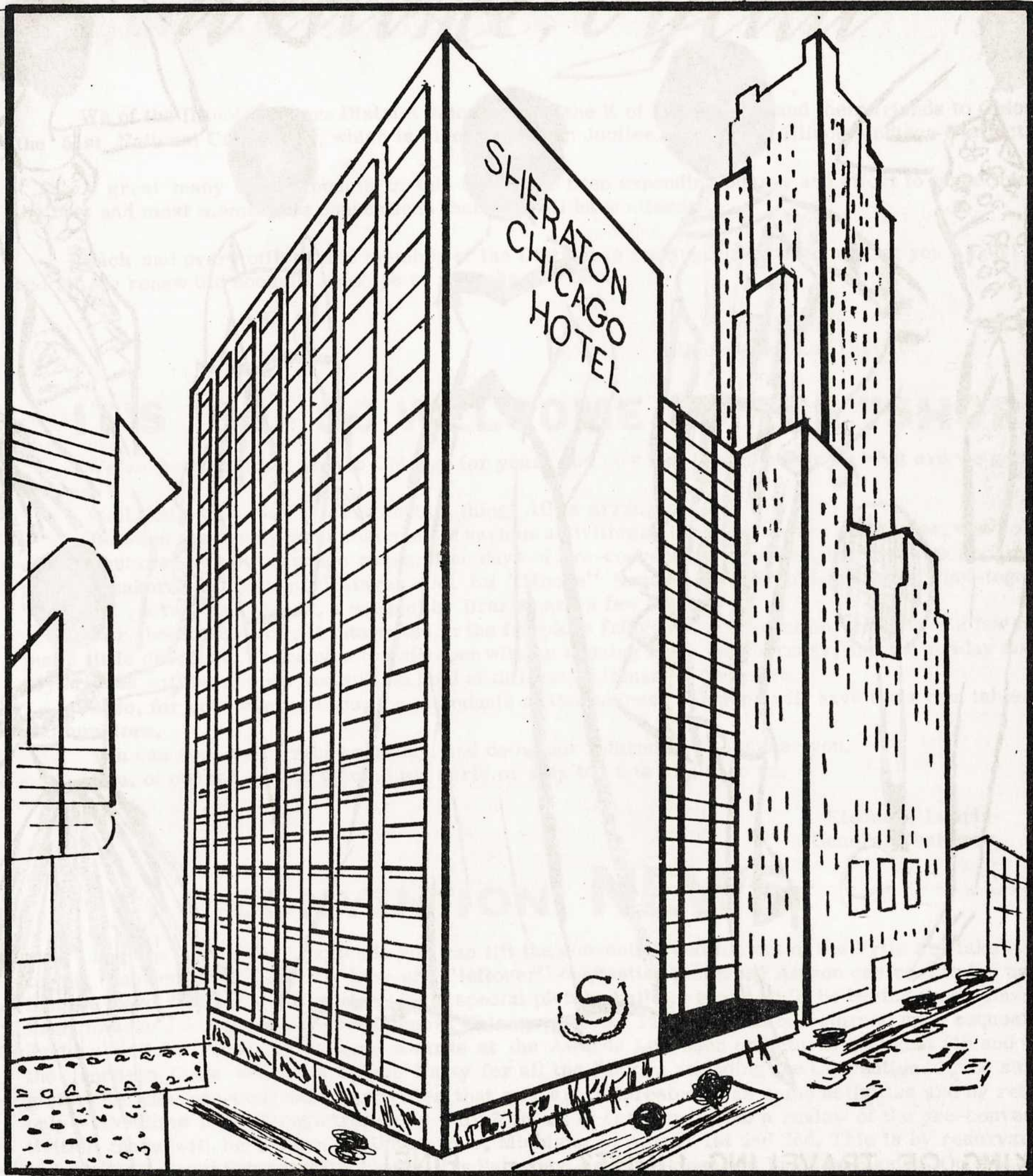
Be Rūtos ir Povilo Nevierų, dvi vyresnės dukros, Albina ir Joanna, taipgi yra mokytojos; Albina yra ištekėjusi už mokytojo Vinco Alekno, kur abu kartu mokytojauja Hicksville aukštesniojo mokykloje Long Island, N.Y. Joanna yra ištekėjusi už Anthony J. Shalna iš Harrison N.J. ir dabar gyvena West Quincy, Mass. kur jie augina sūnelį, Gregory. Antanas yra baigęs Rutgers Univer-

sity ir dabar dirba atsakingą darbą elektronikos srityje.

Nevierų šeimoje visos trys dukros ir žentas yra mokytojai, o sūnus Povilas yra sąskaitininkas.

Visa šeima priklauso L. Vyčių organizacijai, tėvas yra L.V. 4-to laipsnio narys, ir ilgametis S. Bostono Lietuvių Piliečių Draugijos sekretorius. Prie progos norisi pasveikinti graduantus ir palinkėti daug šviesios ateities, manau nebus pro šalį sveikinimo žodį tarti ir jų tėveliams, nes be materialinės pagalbos vaikams būtų buvę sunkiau atsiekti savo tikslo. Sveikiname!

Draugas



Convention Hotel

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Fashion Page



THINKING OF TRAVELING LIGHT? - FINE!

There are many fine stores in Chicago where you can pick up the necessities, and a few of the luxuries -

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Welcome, Vyčiai

We of the Illinois-Indiana District welcome all of the K of L members and their friends to Chicago for the 51st National Convention, which is also the Golden Jubilee Year of the Illinois-Indiana District.

A great many of our people in this area have been expending energy and effort to make this one of the best and most memorable conventions that you will have attended.

Each and every officer and member of the District is looking forward to meeting you August 6, 7, 8, and 9th to renew old acquaintanceships or to make new ones.

Frank Svelnis
Illinois - Indiana District

IT'S '64 - SO WELCOME TO THE "SHORE"

We've been inviting you to Chicago for years and now that you're coming - what are we going to do with you?

Well, kaip sako, don't worry about a thing! All is arranged.

Between the twenty-plus chairmen of various activities and another host of assistants, who volunteered last autumn, we did manage to plan five days of pre-convention activities, lunches with such renowned guest speakers as Bishop Hillinger and Ed "Moose" Krause, a good "old-fashioned" get-together, an "concert", a two-band dance, a banquet by Brazis, and a few others.

For those who are not interested in the frivolous fringes of a convention, we'll have a few functions just a little different. The convention will open with an evening Mass on Thursday, and the Friday and Saturday Masses will be at noon and will be held at different Lithuanian churches.

Also, for your convenience, the attendants at the business sessions will have their own tables, trays, and tumblers.

You can see, we're ready already, and doing our "durndest" to please you.

You, of course, couldn't come too early or stay too late to please us.

Eleanore Laurin
General Chairman

CONVENTION NEWS

In case you haven't noticed, you can lift the convention section out of the Vytis and take it with you to the convention. . . Anybody have any "leftover" convention pictures? As you can see, we've used some that we have, but bring yours along for a special picture bulletin board we'll be having on display; or send them to Joan Jakunas, 4357 S. Washtenaw, Chicago, 60632. Pictures will be returned upon request. . . The Juniors will be receiving national awards at the Awards Luncheon on Saturday, August 8th and following the luncheon there will be a Splash Party for all the Juniors attending the Convention. . . Be sure to register for all pre-convention activities that you are interested in as some activities are by reservation only - Deadline for all registration is July 25th. . . In case you'd like a review of the pre-convention activities there will be a Luau at Union Pier, Michigan on August 1st and 2nd. This is by reservation only. It includes lodging Saturday Night, steak fry Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. On Monday, we'll have information for any type of activity you might be interested in; such as shopping, fashion shows, tracks, etc. There will also be a smorgasbord luncheon at Kungsholm Restaurant, where they have marionette shows that are very well known in Chicago. As for tours, there will be a lakefront boat tour at night, a tour of Chicago, a tour of Chicago's nightclubs and "Old Town" and of course a tour of the Lithuanian colony in Chicago. A special feature of the Lithuanian tour will be a cocktail party hosted by John Kazanauskas, president of the newly remodeled Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Assoc. of Chicago at the company.

If perchance your suite reservation requires personal attention - contact Loretta Macekonis, 1520 N. Laramie Ave. Chicago, 60661. . .

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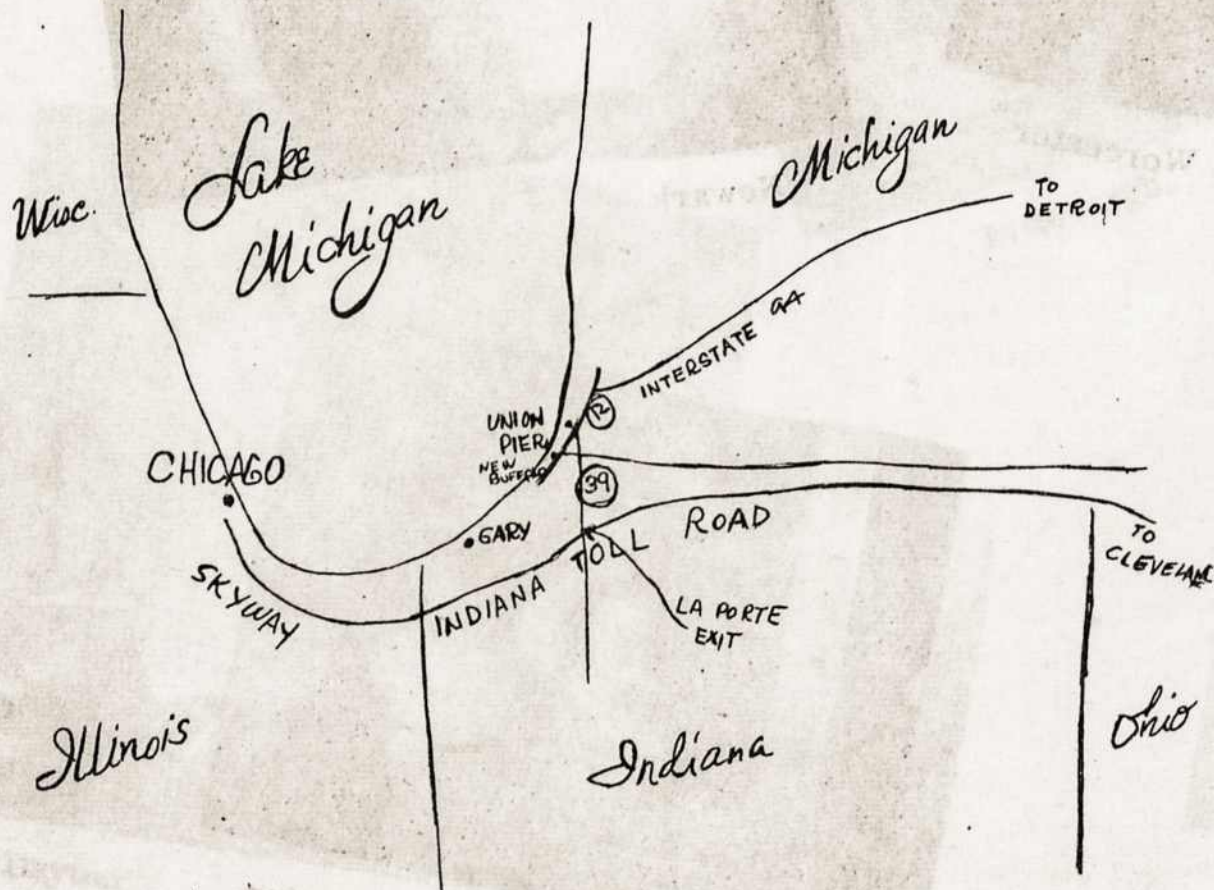
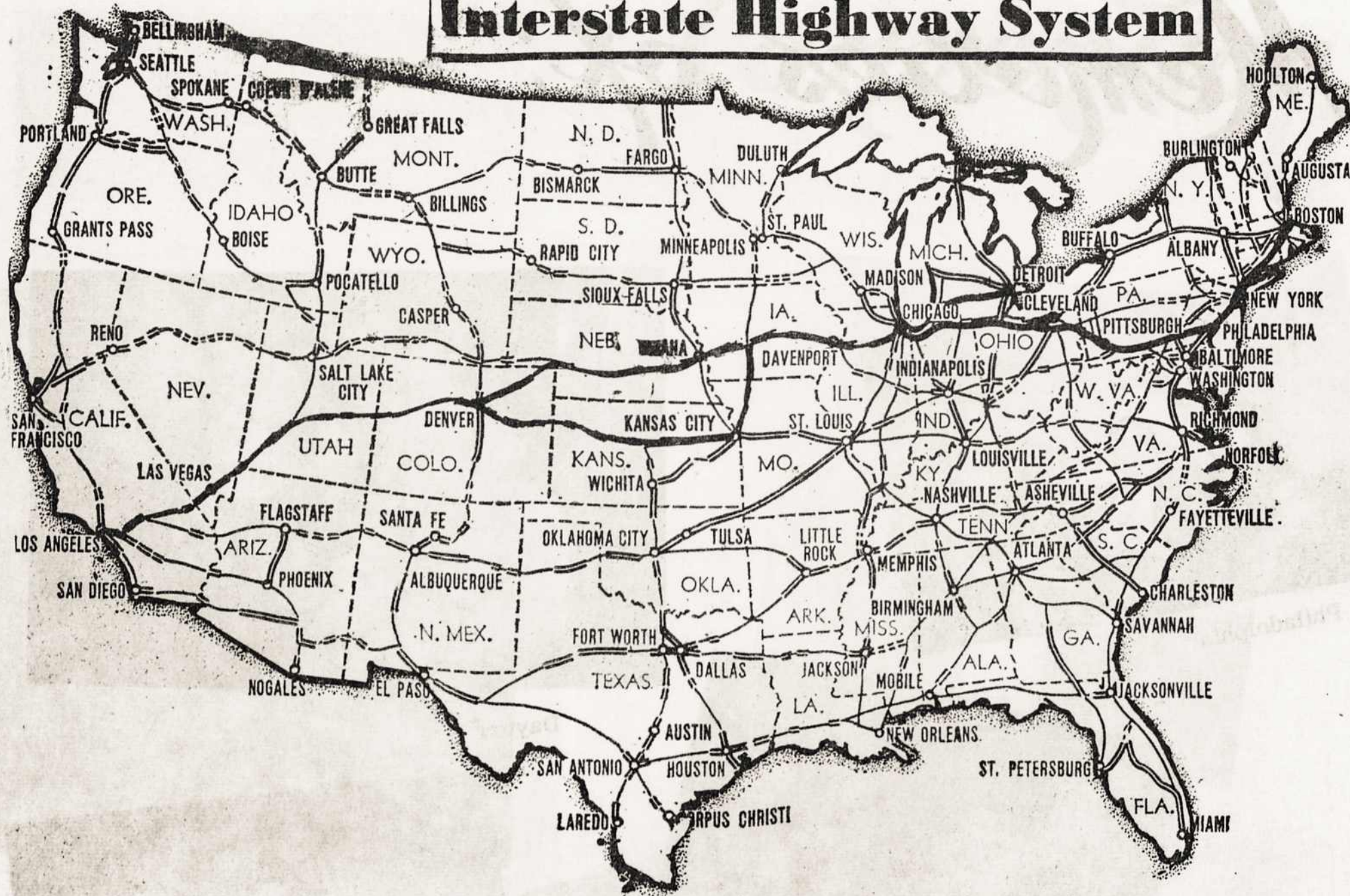


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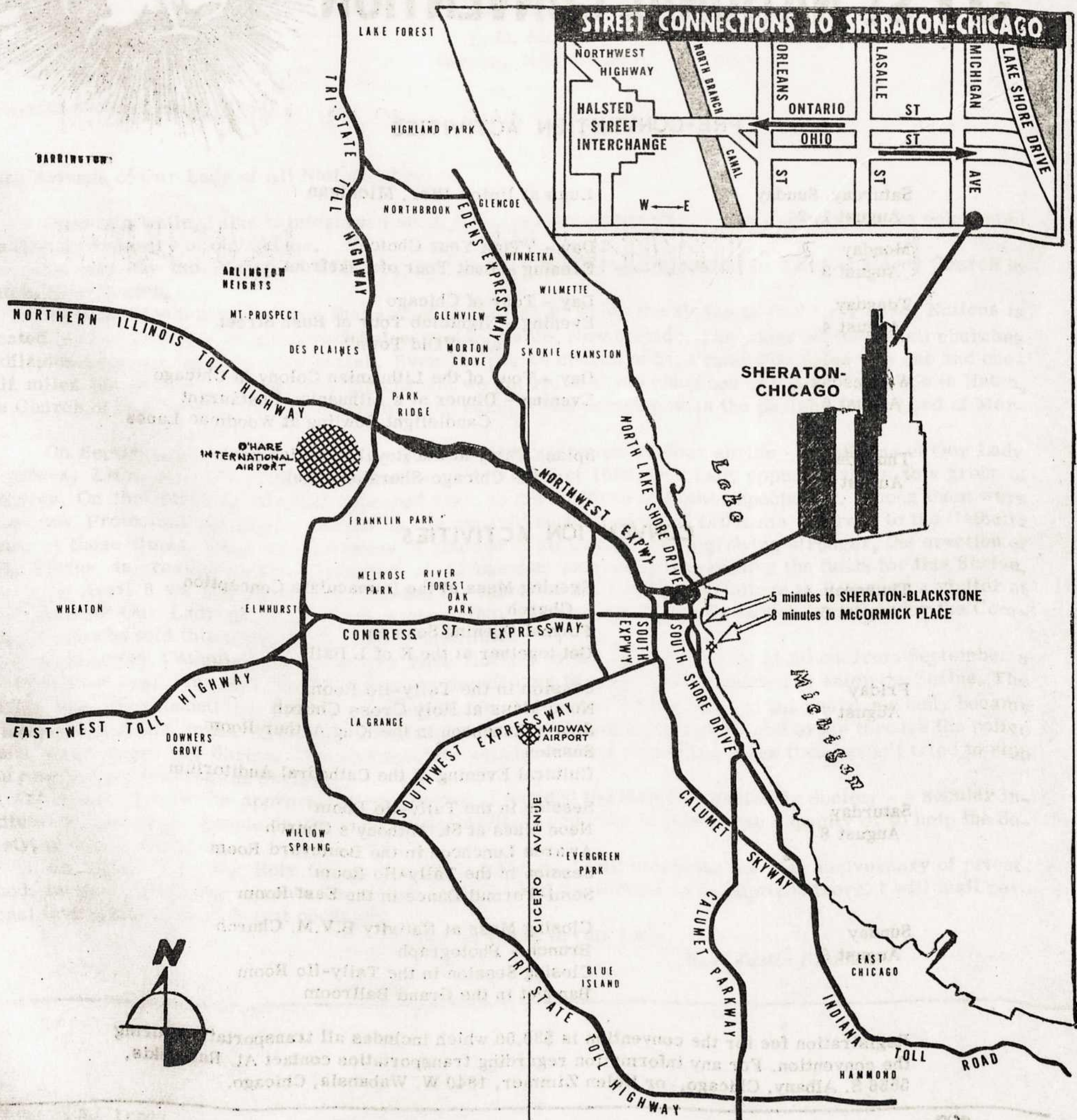
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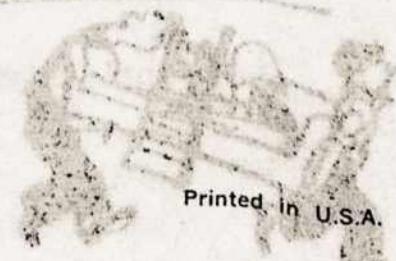
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PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Saturday, Sunday August 1, 2	Luau at Union Pier, Michigan
Monday August 3	Day - "Pick Your Choice" Evening - Boat Tour of Lakefront
Tuesday August 4	Day - Tour of Chicago Evening - Nightclub Tour of Rush Street and "Old Town"
Wednesday August 5	Day - Tour of the Lithuanian Colony in Chicago Evening - Dinner at a Lithuanian Restaurant Candlelight Bowling at Woodmac Lanes
Thursday August 6	Splash Party at the Royal Hawaiian pool at the Chicago-Sheraton Hotel

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Thursday August 6	Evening Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church Formal Opening Session Get together at the K of L Hall
Friday August 7	Session in the Tally-Ho Room Noon Mass at Holy Cross Church Sports Luncheon in the King Arthur Room Session Cultural Evening at the Cathedral Auditorium
Saturday August 8	Session in the Tally-Ho Room Noon Mass at St. Anthony's Church Awards Luncheon in the Boulevard Room Session in the Tally-Ho Room Semi-Formal Dance in the East Room
Sunday August 9	Closing Mass at Nativity B.V.M. Church Brunch - Photograph Closing Session in the Tally-Ho Room Banquet in the Grand Ballroom

Registration fee for the convention is \$30.00 which includes all transportation during the convention. For any information regarding transportation contact Al. Raubiskis, 5556 S. Albany, Chicago, or Helen Zimmer, 1840 W. Wabansia, Chicago.



Make your move to Chicago this summer for loads of convention fun.

Our Lady of All Nations Shrine

P. O. Box 240
Rincon, New Mexico

Newsletter No. 3 (May, 1964)

Dear Friends of Our Lady of All Nations Shrine:

Once in a while, I like to inform you about the progress of this Shrine. On February 11 we celebrated the fifth anniversary of our Shrine.

On this day the Bishop of El Paso, Most Rev. S. M. Metzger blessed Our Lord of Mercy Church in Hatch, New Mexico.

As most of you already know, the name of the parish in which the Shrine of Our Lady of All Nations is located used to be called St. Francis de Sales Parish, Hatch, New Mexico. For years we had small churches - dilapidated churches - in this parish. Even the parish church of St. Francis de Sales was one and one-half miles out of Hatch. We made a big change: we got rid of three churches and built a new one in Hatch, the Church of Our Lord of Mercy. Therefore, the name of the parish now is the parish of Our Lord of Mercy.

On September 8 of this year we are going to dedicate a new outdoor shrine - the Shrine of Our Lady of Siluva, Lithuania. Many years ago, on a summer day of 1608, Our Lady appeared there to a group of children. On the following day She appeared again to the children and other spectators. Among them were even two Protestant ministers. Moved by the apparition, the people of Lithuania returned to the Catholic faith. In these times, when the movement of reunion of all Christians is growing stronger, the erection of this Shrine is really timely. Catholics of Lithuanian extraction are raising the funds for this Shrine.

On April 8 we had Right Rev. Tulaba, the rector of the Lithuanian College in Rome, as a visitor at the Shrine of Our Lady of All Nations. Among other things about Lithuania (which is now under the Communist rule) he told this interesting story about Siluva:

Lithuanian Catholics for centuries have flocked to the apparition site at Siluva from September 8 to 16 every year. In 1961 the Communists decided not to permit the Catholics to enter the Shrine. The Shrine was surrounded by Communist guards. On September 15 the chief of the guard suddenly became blind and lost his mind. The people started shouting: "Miracle, miracle" and broke through the police lines and entered the Shrine. The Communists withdrew their police and since then haven't tried to stop the people from visiting the Shrine.

On April 5, with the approval of our Bishop, I founded the Merciful Saviour's Society - a secular institute to help poor people in their different needs. If you wish to join in any capacity or to help the Society, please write to me.

On June 7, in the Holy Cross Church in Chicago, I will celebrate my 25th anniversary of priesthood. In this church my parents were married and I had the fortune to be baptized there. I will mail personal invitations to you for that occasion.

Sincerely yours in Our Lady,

Rev. Justin Klumbis



Stop worrying about summer heat! Most Convention activities will take place in air-conditioned rooms or alongside cool Lake Michigan.

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