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VYTIS - "THE PULSE OF THE OF KL"

50th Anniversary

ELEANORE H. LAURIN

1915 or 1965, The Knights of Lithuania is active, on the right path and together, primarily because we are able to reach and communicate with one another, no matter how far apart we live, through our own artery of life - THE VYTIS.



Dr. Al Račkus



Dr. K. Pakštas

In 1915, the first editors - Dr. Al Rackus and K. Pakstas began this new phase of life for the K of L. They hurdled the obstacles of finances, anti-Catholic agitators and the passive interest and support of the members. They printed articles of encouragement to the pioneer members, of council activities in the various Lithuanian parishes all over the country, and offered words to comfort and assist the "green" citizens in this new land of liberty.

The leaders of the K of L who struggled to awaken, in the young Lithuanians, the desire for social activity on a higher, more purposeful plane and the desire to propogate the Lithuanian language and customs, found these somewhat difficult tasks accomplished easier and faster, because of the VYTIS. One council started a theatrical group and having read about it, other councils picked up and used this media to cultivate cultural interest. Published standings of athletic activities in some areas made other realize their value in getting and keeping the youth under the wing of the K of L. Libraries were established and so were school classes. Future leaders who would "work" for "God and Country" were developed in education and experience.

It is thus the work of the K of L began. Strong because united. United through this organ - THE VYTIS.

The 3rd National Convention, which was held in Chicago, July 1915, made the decision to publish a K of L organ. The first issue of this publication, THE VYTIS, published in Chicago, appeared October 21, 1915, edited by Al. M. Rackus and K. Pakstas with L. Simutis as business administrator. For the original bi-weekly issues, I. Ileikis designed a symbolic cover vignette: be-

hind the ruins of an ancient fort - rays of sunlight, spreading enlightenment in every direction and above the fortress of our glorious past - a knight on his horse, the "Vytis", sword drawn to slay the enemy. The 16 pages were filled with pictures, plays, prose, poetry, official news, council news and articles to inspire the members to action - catholic and patriotic.



M. Zujus



J. Karosas



Ign. Sakalas

The following editors were M. Zujus (1916-1920) and I. Sakalas (1920-1926). In 1917, the VYTIS took on a new look, almost the size of our present issues and it was still published by-weekly, even though plans and collections were made for weekly publication. Apparently the plans for the latter gave way to more pressing needs - active duty in the war, supporting the Lithuanian Red Cross and obtaining a million signatures requesting recognition of Lithuania's freedom. In 1919 at the 7th Convention, it was decided to support the Lithuanian Freedom Guard organization and to establish a fund to present the chief of the Lithuanian army, Gen. S. Zukauskas, with a golden sword. We have been given to understand that this symbol of freedom has not been confiscated by the Germans or the Russians as believed for many years, but is safely hidden until the day our fatherland is free again.

For a short period, K. Jonaitis took over editorship and then P. Zdankus, (1927-1930). A. Lapinskas carried on (1930-1933) then 1933-35 we had co-editors - Fr. A. Valancius, our present Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor, for Lithuanian language and Konstant Savickus, our present S. C. Legal Advisor, for English language. The controversial introduction of English language articles first appeared in 1927 and to this day, the printed advice and inspiration to the K of L members appears in both languages. Of course, today the English language is not controversial but it is essential for the sake of survival, progress, and as ammunition for our efforts to keep the Lithuanian cause before the eyes of those who can do something about Lithuania's plight.



K. Jonaitis



K. Savickus



Pr. Zdankus



A. Lapinskas



Kun. A. Valančius

During the years 1936 to 1942 there were frequent changes in editors. A. Lapinskas again assumed the task during 1936-37, with the assistance of V. Babilas, F. Gudelis, A. Manstavicius, A. Mazeika and A. Savickas. The next editors were J. Petraitis (1938-39), A. Skirius, the present publisher of "Lithuanian Days" and our current S. C. 3rd V.P. (1939-41), and E. Kubaitis until the autumn of 1941. The latter was assisted by Stella Brozas, P. Klikunas, prof. K. Pakstas, Fr. J. Grinis and M. Brazauskaitė. Some of the more active members

on the Vytis staff from 1930 to 1942 were F. Gudelis, P. Razvadauskas, M. Norkunas, J. Boley, A. P. Mazeika, K. Nakrosis, Fr. J. Cužauskas, J. Vysniauskas, C. Basson, Fr. J. Balkunas, Fr. M. Urbonavicius, Fr. J. Kripas, S. Vaicaitis, J. Simkus, J. Juozaitis, M. Rusas and others.

In 1942, we reached a crisis. Service in World War 2 left the VYTIS staff devoid of many talented writers and the councils without most of their male leaders and members. Ed Kubaitis took over for a few months in 1942, so did J. Pilipauskas. Then, at the request of S.C. president P. Razvadauskas, who saw that if the VYTIS - the pulse of the organization stops - so can the K of L itself, Ignas Sakalas again accepted editorship. And so Mr. Sakalas, who so devotedly, so diligently kept record of the history of the K of L and the Vytis for those 30 years, served the K of L and it's posterity again. In fact, it is from his treasured records and writings that we draw this VYTIS Golden Jubilee historical resume.

Others who gave valuable assistance in this precarious period, and for some it was a repeat performance, were K of L'ers like Fr. J. Grinis, Fr. A. Sandys, Fr. S. Raila, J. Boley and Phyllis Grendal. Then others came to the aid - prof. K. Pakstas, A. Vaiciulaitis, Fr. dr. J. Prunskis, Fr. K. Barauskas, P. Razvadauskas, Fr. K.



J. Petraitis



A. Skirius



Ed. Kubaitis



The 3rd Knights of Lithuania Convention which approved the publication of the "Vytis"

Sirvaitis, S. Pieza, Fr. A. Miciunas, Fr. P. Cinikas, K. Jonaitis, A. Rackus, Stella Brozas, Aldona Sleinis, Fr. M. Urbonavicius, Fr. D. Mozeris, Irene Pakeltyte and Bertha Bachanas.

Another major problem was encountered - the renovation of the VYTIS press. Because of the trying times and lack of funds to replace the equipment, the press was liquidated, and the publication of the VYTIS was transferred to S. Boston, Mass. for printing by the "Darbininkas" presses. J. Kumpa and S. Griganavicius of the Darbininkas were asked to assist on the technical staff. In 1946 a few issues were edited by P. Grendal and J. Kumpa, with the assistance of P. Razvadauskas and S. Griganavicius. Once more, an old stand-by of the K of L and the first co-editor of the Vytis, prof K Pakstas took over the helm. In 1948 A. Vaiciulaitis served his K of L through 1950. Then dr. J. Leimonas assumed editorship with Phyllis Grendal as English language editor.



Dr. J. Leimonas Phyllis Grendal A. Vaičiulaitis

From 1951 to 1961, Dr. Juozas Leimonas, a man who worked for stronger ties between the K of L and the Pavasarininkai (our counterpart of purpose and progress in Lithuania), worked with dedication for the K of L after arriving to this country, kept the Vytis alive during this ten year period. He gave credit to the pioneer editors who kept the VYTIS alive during various periods of crisis.

During the greatest part of the decade the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM in Putnam, Connecticut printed our monthly periodical. They printed the VYTIS on their equipment, but more than that, they added their personal interest and touch for this was also the work they were dedicated to from their founding days - "to provide for the urgent, temporal and spiritual needs of the Lithuanian people."

Phyllis Grendal, for over 15 years, although titled "Assistant Editor", was the tireless promoter, the writer of authorless articles when additional material was needed, the energy of hundreds of VYTIS issues, the K of L member who still never says No when asked to contribute.

Then came a period when the Vytis needed help again. In spite of the fact that membership dues were raised from \$2.20 to \$4.00, in relatively few years, cost of the publication used up every cent, plus additional contributions. The Supreme Council, through its representatives, tried to solve the problem and after many months of talk and inquiry, came up with a concrete solution - "offset" printing. This medium was then investigated in all parts of the country, without success, until a source was discovered in Chicago... the ViVi Press, operated by Vla-

das Vijeikis, which prints the "Margutis" and many other Lithuanian publications.

At a special meeting, attended by S.C. President Robert Boris, Fr. Peter Cinikas, Loretta Kassel, Eleanore Laurin and Irene Sankus, the facts were made available. With offset - a savings of over \$500 each year could be realized and made available to the Supreme Council and it's officers for various undertakings. So, in March, 1961, the majority of the S. C. board decided to move the VYTIS back to Chicago for publication. Fr. P. Cinikas was appointed editor with Marilyn Kareiva as assistant editor. However, with an unanticipated change in duties, Fr. Cinikas had to resign and until a new editor could be appointed, Loretta Kassel, Eleanore Laurin and Marilyn Kareiva assisted by Irene Sankus and Ignas Sakalas, launched the "New" VYTIS.

For the years 1961-1963, Loretta Kassel with her staff, edited our publication, encouraged by the expressions of appreciation for dependable scheduling, interesting use of photography and continued monetary savings. When L. Kassel was forced to devote less time to the organ, Ann Pieza (for several issues) and Linda Vaicekauskas (1964) took over the helm. Various assistants, some previously mentioned, during this period were Marilyn Kareiva, Ignas Sakalas, Irene Sankus, Theresa (Pupinik) Strolia, Fr. J. Jutt, Camilla Bereckis, Joe Chaps, Petras Bagdonas, Anthony Dainius, Betty (Tucker) Bozec, Walter Tenclinger, Helen Zimmer and Eleanore Laurin.

At the present time Betty Bozec, Theresa Strolia, Rev. A. Valancius, Mrs. Dauzvardis, Chicago's Lithuanian Consul's wife, Eleanore Laurin, Anthony Yuknis, Povilas Dirkis, Loretta (Kassel) Stukas and Joseph Yanulaitis are assistants and/or frequent contributors to the VYTIS.

1965 is the Golden Anniversary of the "Pulse of the K of L - THE VYTIS. And it continues to fulfill its promise of 50 years ago - to help keep the K of L active, on the right path and together - under the editorship of Irene Sankus who, from the first days of the new era, March 1961, helped the VYTIS reach this 50th, truly golden, year. No one else could better carry out the guiding principles set forth by our very first co-editor, L. Pakstas, in the first issue, October 21, 1915... "Vyčio svarbiausioji užduotis yra padėti augti ir plėtotis L. Vyčių Organizacijai ir jos idėjomis, sužadinti visą lietuvių jaunimą stoti į prakilnų darbą, išbudinti iš miego visus lyg šiol snaudusius, sustiprinti jaunimo ryšius su tauta ir tikyba ir platinti apšvietą bei susipratimą..."



Linda Vaicekauskis



Irene Sankus



Loretta Stukas



(J. Kajecko, Lietuvos Atstovo, kalba pasakyta prie Lietuvos vėliavos ir lietuviško kryžiaus Pabaltijo Valstybių Dieną, New Yorko Pasaulinėj Parodoj, 1965 m. rugsėjo mėn. 5 d.)

Minėjome Lietuvių Dieną prieškarinėj New Yorko Pasaulinėj Parodoj. Joje didžiavomės savu paviljonu. Jį puošė Lietuvos trispalvė. Ji traukė akį ir džiugino širdį. Didingai ir išpūdingai Lietuvių Dieną minėjome ir pernai.

Geradarių dėka, galimybės ribose, ir šiemet keletoj vietų, šioje parodoje, dalyvaujame. Rodome parodos lankytojams, kas pavergto lietuvio ir išėivio širdžiai brangiausia. Aš dėkingas visiems, kurie vienu ar kitu būdu prisidėjo pamanifestuoti milijonams šios parodos lankytojų, kad Lietuva tebegyva ir mirti nesiruošia.

"Tu, gude, nesulauksi. Nebus, kaip tu nori..." (Vysk. A. Baranauskas) buvo lietuvių tautos atkirtis carų Lietuvoje siautimo metu. Tas šūkis ju labiau tinka laisvės palaimų Tėvų Žemėje dabartinių sutemų metu.

Okupanto šventvagiška ranka nuplėšė Lietuvos trispalvę nuo Gedimino kalno ir visų Lietuvos pastatų. Lietuvių išėivių meilė Tėvynei ją šioje parodoje garbingai iškėlė. Po ketvirties šimtmečio sutemų Nemuno krašte ir po tiekos aukų bei skriaudų - mes galime su pasididžiavimu, su JAV himno autorium, kartoti, kad "our flag is still here". Mūsų trispalvė tebe-

Sunday, September 5th, was Baltic States Day at the Fair, and began on Meditation Lane with a wreath laying ceremony at the Lithuanian Wayside Shrine. Religious services were observed in the Vatican Pavilion and Protestant and Orthodox Center. An International Fashion Showing at the New York State Pavilion and a presentation from collections of top American designers in the Tetley Crystal Palace of Fashion at the Better Living Center were scheduled in conjunction with the Baltic States Day events. Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian choral groups and folk dancers as well as women gymnasts, ballet and vocal soloists participated in the program at the New York State Pavilion.

BALTIC STATES DAY

plevėsuoja Laisvės Stovylos kaimynystėje ir draugingų Estijos ir Latvijos valstybių vėliavų draugystėje. Ji spindi laisvės dienų grožiu, kūjo ir piatuvo vergovės ženklais nesudaryta. Ji iškelta ne tik pasididžiavimo tikslu. Ji iškelta ir tikslu padidinti mūsų ryžtą tęsti krutėti dėl Lietuvos.

Mes dėkingi Amerikos Vyriausybei ir žmonėms už galimybę Lietuvos simbolių iškilmingai pagerbti tautos nelaimės metu. Mes dėkingi ir šios parodos vadovybei už suteiktą galimybę parodyti, kas mums brangiausia ir viešai pasisakyti, kas mums skaudžiausia. Paroda užsidarys, bet šioji trispalvė paliks istorinę relikviją.

Mūsų trispalvė plevėsuoja kryžiaus draugystėje. Tai derinasi su šūkiu: Dievui ir Tėvynei. Veikla Lietuvą prikelti, reikalinga širdies ir jėgų. Jų semiamės iš kryžiaus. Be kančios ir kryžiaus nebūt šimtmečiais džiaugiasi Velykų prisikėlimu. Kryžius ir Lietuvos būsimo prisikėlimo viltis. Todėl pikta ranka, kuri Nežinomo Kareivio paminklą sulygino su žeme, sunaikino ir kryžius Lietuvos pakelėse bei sodybose. Šiandien visa Lietuva, kaip smūtkelis prie didžiojo kelio. Todėl šioje meditacijos alėjoje praeivio malda, meditacija ir atdūsiu prisiminta kryžiuojama Lietuva.

Prieš sudedant šiandien Dievui maldą Vatikano paviljone už mūsų žuvusius ir už Lietuvos būsimo prisikėlimą, prisimintina pastraipa iš

Sibiro lietuvių istoriškos maldaknygės. Joje prašoma Dievą palaiminti "Visą Tautą, o ypač Tėvynės gynėjus". Joje skaitome: "...Mūsų Tautos kankiniai... išmelskite tikrai šviesų amžinąjį poilsį galvą paguldžiusiems už savo žemę..."

Ši Diena taip pat Pabaltijo solidarumo Diena. Tai Estijos, Latvijos ir Lietuvos laisvės dienų vienybės ir bendrų džiaugsmų prisiminimo diena. Ji taip pat Pabaltijo tautų bendros nelaimės, bendro ryžto, bendrų vilčių ir laisvės ilgesio Diena. Bendrų siekimų tikslu, tegyvuoja pabaltiečių vienybė, krašte ir svetur, ilgiausius metus!

Džiugu konstatuoti, kad Pabaltijo tautų aspiracijos pilnai supuola su laisvojo pasaulio aspiracijomis. Tai reikšmingai pabrėžta kongresmano Harold D. Donahue iš Massachusetts prieš 10 dienų padarytame pareiškimė. Jo žodžiais baigiu:

"Pabaltijo Valstybės daugiau 700 metų senumo. Tos tautos turi tokią pat teisę į laisvę ir nepriklausomybę, kaip bet kuri Azijos ar Afrikos tauta. Mes privalėtume turėti vieną bendrą mastą laisvei. Paneigimas laisvės bet kuriai tautai, bet kur pasaulyje, ir bet kurios galybės - netoleruotinas dalykas... Jis grėsia užgniaužti laisvę visur pasaulyje, dargi čia J. A. Valstijoje."

(Congressional Record, 1965 m. rugp. 26 d.)

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LORETTA STUKAS

Visitors to the second floor of the Better Living Center of the busy and beautiful New York World's Fair can't help but pause - and admire - a miniature farm setting, complete with 21 dolls, dressed in handwoven, authentic Lithuanian costumes and wearing almost lifelike expressions on their faces. With a second glance or a more intensive "stare" at these, one may even almost feel the merriment or happiness in the air! Why not, for the dolls cleverly depict a typical Lithuanian wedding celebration, complete with many of its long-treasured customs and traditional participants.

This exhibit is actually in a "repeat performance" at the Fair. The dolls and the farmyard setting were designed and created by Mrs. K. Tuliene, of Lithuania, especially for the 1939 New York World's Fair, and were shown then in the Fair's Lithuanian Pavilion (just one year before Lithuania lost her freedom). Mrs. Tuliene, who was actually commissioned by the then free Lithuanian government to make the display, used her friends and neighbors as models for the dolls. The bridesmaids wear authentic costumes made from hand-woven materials representing the districts of Aukštaitija, Klaipėda (Memel), Zemaitija, and Suvalkija. Human hair, hand-tooled shoes, knit stockings, exquisitely sewn underwear, and amber beads add to the priceless values of these irreplaceable dolls.

After the 1939 Fair, the dolls were housed at the Lithuanian Legation in Washington. Last June, they were again brought to the Fair in an effort to again bring Lithuania's beautiful folk art to the forefront, as well as to mark the 25th anniversary of Lithuania's tragic occupation by the Communists. It is appropriate that this exhibit make its return visit to the Fair in the Better Living Center, in the absence of a Lithuanian Pavilion, for "better living" is not merely accommodations and home furnishings, but a "way of life." The exhibit is also a tribute to the artist, Mrs. Tulis, who perished in a Siberian labor camp.

Two New York Lithuanian women (and members of the Lithuanian Committee for the World's Fair) Mrs. Kazimiera Genevich and Mrs. Helen Kulber, deserve the credit for the appearance and success of the display. Since the Lithuanian Committee for the World's Fair was unable to finance and



LITHUANIAN DOLLS EXHIBIT

NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR

handle this special project, Mrs. Genevich and Mrs. Kulber took the project on themselves. They obtained display space at the Better Living Center, and arranged for the dolls' safe shipment from Washington to the Fair Grounds, by the famous McNally Brothers, who also transported the Pieta from Rome to the World's Fair. Subsequently, with the help of an added group of Lithuanian women, they set out to publicize and guard the display, and to raise funds to cover the many expenses incurred. Many Lithuanian organizations and individuals have already supported this project financially.

Almost every day since the dolls went on display, some member of the committee has been present at the exhibit, dressed in a Lithuanian costume, and ready to answer questions about the display and/or Lithuania, its culture, and its present plights. By now, every concessionaire in the Better Living Center knows about the dolls, as they have received so many inquiries on every floor in the building. Many people have come to see the display just out of curiosity. In fact, several non-Lithuanians who visited, offered voluntary donations to the guides, to help keep the exhibit there!

Members of the Committee for the

Lithuanian Doll Exhibit include: Co-Chairmen: Mrs. C. Genevich, Mrs. H. Kulber; Secretary: Mrs. L. Stukas; Mrs. A. Binkins, Mrs. O. Brady, Mrs. I. Misunas, Mrs. A. Merker, Mrs. L. Paulik, Mrs. A. Petrash, Mrs. A. Savicunas, Mrs. M. Shalins, Miss I. Sandavich, Mrs. B. Spudis, Mrs. H. Venis, Mrs. M. Virbickas, Dr. M. Zukauskas. Honorary Chairman is Mrs. O. Kajeckas and honorary members are Miss M. Avietenaitė, Mrs. R. Budrys, Mrs. J. Dausvardis, Mrs. J. Simutis, Mrs. M. Zadeikis.

To enhance the appearance of the exhibit, and to inform the passer-by of its meaning, the following hand-lettered description of the wedding appears on the dolls' showcase:

LITHUANIAN VILLAGE WEDDING

"The little frog squatting on a piece of amber from the Baltic Seas and the little flower girl, standing by the Wayside Cross (like the one which is on Meditation Lane between the Kodak Pavilion and the Belgian Village) are entranced by the gay music provided by the fiddler and flutiest."

"The bride's mother and father meet the bride and groom ceremoniously upon their return from the church, standing on the threshold of their thatched roof cottage. After parting of the bread and salt from the hand-carved wooden plate, the newlyweds will drink a glass of ale or mead (a honey liqueur) poured by the father from a ceramic pitcher. This ceremony is still widely observed even today by Lithuanians throughout the world."

"The groom's parents are next in the procession, followed by the maid of



Some members of the committee organizing the Wedding Exhibit. Seated L to R: Marytė Shalins; Helen Kulber, Co-chairman; Kazimiera Genevich, Co-chairman; Loretta Stukas, Secretary; Bronė Spudis. Standing, L to R: Anna Petrask, Antoinette Binkens, Aldona Savicunas, Helen Venis, Lillian Paulik.

honor, best man, bridesmaids, and ushers."

"The matchmaker (svotas) has already accomplished much, for it is he who attended to the preliminary business of finding out if the young man and maiden were interested in marrying each other, then arranging the exchange of token presents, the dowry, etc."

"The dowry watcher (pieminis) takes his chore seriously as he sits on the step of the "klėtis", a building situated in the orchard used for storage and as sleeping quarters for guests.

"The matron of honor (svočia) usually an older member of the groom's

family, proudly carries the yeast cake she has baked. It is she who will remove the wreath of rue (ruta—a bitter herb of delicate leaves symbolizing chastity) from the bride's head-dress and replace it with a nuometas, a white shawl bound intricately about the head, which denotes a married woman. stays at the rear to show her humility."

"The herald (kvieslys), a witty young man, is the one who rode through the countryside on horseback, inviting all to come to the wedding. This was not a casual announcement but a dramatic, lengthy, flowery speech extolling the virtues of the future bride and groom and their families, as well as himself, and the future guests, for which he was rewarded with small gifts. He is now standing by the fence, announcing the arriving guests, also in a flowery manner."

"The shephard enjoys his part as the gatekeeper and will have a better time when the festivities begin."

Anyone wishing to contribute to help offset the display expenses, may send donations to Mrs. C. Genevich, 105 Etna St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

To help raise the much-needed funds for this committee's work, three Lithuanian artists, namely William Witkus, Alexandra Merker, Mary Zukauskas, donated original oil paintings, which were used as prizes for a raffle held Oct. 10, at the Better Living Center.



The Lithuanian Village Wedding, featured at the World's Fair Better Living Center with Helen Kulber, co-chairman of the Dolls Committee and a member of C-41, Seniors, N. Y.

AN APPEAL TO LITHUANIANS, THEIR DESCENDENTS AND FRIENDS OF LITHUANIA

As Lithuanians, their descendents or Friends of Lithuania, we need no reminder of the present situation of that nation. Her oppression is recorded by recent history - her people have suffered under the rule of Soviet colonialism for the past 25 years. Time, unfortunately, is working against her! Unless we organize now, in a dynamic mass-demonstration in her behalf, scientific methods employed by the Soviets will liquidate the Lithuanian character and Lithuania will disappear from the face of this earth. All too fresh in our memory, is the fate of other ethnic groups within the Soviet empire that have been "liberated".

Events of the past year indicate that the time is ripe now for a mass-demonstration. Is there a better way to protest Lithuania's 25th year of subjugation by the Soviets, then to hold this mass meeting of some 20,000 persons? Is there a more positive and effective way to tell the world that we are united for her freedom? Is there a better way to show that we will work and sacrifice with this firm purpose in mind!

Believing this to be an affirmative approach in securing freedom for Lithuania, a committee to organize this mass demonstration was formed. This committee consists of the leaders and members of all the Lithuanian organizations throughout the free world. The committee was incorporated under the State of New York under the name LITHUANIANS FOR INDEPENDENCE.

The mass-meeting will be held in Madison Square Garden, New York, N. Y. on Saturday, November 13th, 1965, beginning at noon. The specific purpose of the demonstration will be to protest the 25th anniversary of Lithuania's loss of independence. The theme of the rally will be an appeal to the conscience of the member states of the United Nations, to the general assembly and the Committee of 24 to take up the matter of Lithuania's subjugation. Representatives of the various missions to the U.N. will be invited as well as Church leaders, union representatives, various veterans' groups, and state and federal government leaders. A full page advertisement in the Sunday New York Times, signed by members of the above groups, will appear in conjunction with the demonstration. The advertisement will present Lithuania's plight in a factual and concise manner. A memorandum would be presented to the members of the "Committee of 24" investigating colonialism.

These are but a few of the reasons for this mass-rally. By this means, and others contemplated, it is conceivable that we can compel the United Nations to take positive action in Lithuania's behalf. Only through this show of purpose, CAN THE GENERAL PUBLIC STIR THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS INTO THE DESIRED ACTION.

As Lithuanians, or Friends of Lithuania, each of us has an interest in this movement. The issue is freedom, we cannot take any other course. It is our obligation to support, actively participate, aid in the financing, and bring the project to fruition.

OTHERS WILL NOT CARRY THE BANNER FOR LITHUANIA'S INDEPENDENCE UNLESS WE DEMONSTRATE CLEARLY THAT WE WANT IT, THAT WE WILL FIGHT FOR IT, THAT WE WILL SACRIFICE FOR IT.

Success depends on Y O U R support and participation. Please contact Mr. Anthony B. Mazeika, Jr., Chairman of Committee to Restore Lithuania's Independence, for further details. Financial contributions as well as other support may be directed to the Chairman whose address is - 149-42 118th Street, South Ozone Park, N. Y. 11420; Tel. (212) Vi VI 5-6332.



Lapkričio 13 d. manifestacijos organizatoriai su Rezoliucijoms Remti K-to pirmininku L. Valiuku, New Yorke (iš k. į d.) Antanas Snieckus, Romas Kezys, Antanas Mazeika, Leonardas Valiukas, Juozas Miklovas, Algirdas Budreckis.

LIETUVOS REIKALŲ KOMISIJOS

RAPORTAS - 1965

Lietuvos byla atgauti savo nepriklausomybę yra taip svarbi kad Lietuvos Vyčiai su šiuo seimu baigia net 19 metų Lietuvos Reikalų darbe. Tai aišku iš statistikos kuri nurodo Vyčių veiklą per praėjusius metus:

	1964	1965
Biuletenių paruošta	11	11
Laiškų biuleteniuose pažymėta	239	351
Biuletenių išsiųsta	3420	3640
Pavardžių ant mailing list	159	154
Kuopų su veikiančiomis komisijoms	14	15
Laiškų ir atviručių parašyta	apie 18, 097	apie 18, 112
Atsakymų gauta	apie 3957	apie 3832

Tad iš šios statistikos galime pastebėti:

1. Kad kaslink rašymo laiškų tiek padarėme šiais metais kiek pernai.
2. Kad viena daugiau kuopa turi veikiančią komisiją.
3. Kad mažiau narių rašo laiškus. Kur buvo 159, dabar yra 154.

Seimo dalyviai gali žinoti kaip apskritys pasirodė šiame darbe:

	1964	1965
Naujos Anglijos apskritis	7760	8176
New York-New Jersey apskritis	5048	3548
Mid-Central apskritis	963	1640
Kalifornijos apskritis	988	1147
Illinois-Indiana apskritis	2990	912
Visi kiti atskirai	348	2689
	18,097	18,112

Čia galime pastebėti kad:

1. Naujos Anglijos apskritis dar viršija visas kitas apskritis laiškų rašyme.
2. New York-New Jersey ir Illinois-Indiana apskritis žymiai nukrito.
3. Daugiau asmenų, kurie nepriklauso Vyčių organizacijai interesuojasi komisijos darbu. Jie parašė netoli 3000 laiškų. Argi čia ne gėda tiems Vyčiams kurie nenori prisidėti prie tautinio darbo ir kurie savo pažado neišpildo, pažado, kuri padarė kuomet įstojo į komisijos rašytojų eiles?

Kuopos kurios turi veikiančias komisijas ir kurios raportus atsiuntė yra:

Kuopa 3 - Philadelphia	Kuopa 79 - Detroit
Kuopa 19 - Pittsburgh	Kuopa 103 - Providence
Kuopa 67 - Bayonne	Kuopa 116 - South Worcester
Kuopa 100 - Amsterdam	Kuopa 17 - South Boston
Kuopa 109 - Great Neck	Kuopa 29 - Newark
Kuopa 133 - Los Angeles	Kuopa 96 - Dayton
Kuopa 10 - Athol	Kuopa 112 - Chicago
Kuopa 26 - Worcester	

Šios kuopos per savo komisijas gražų darbą dirba ir tuomi gerą pavyzdį kitoms kuopoms duoda. Kiekviena kuopa privalo turėti aktyvias komisijas bet iš sąrašo galima žinoti, kurios kuopos tautiniame darbeniekone-daro. Seimo dalyviai, sugrįžę atgal į savo kuopas, turėtų paraginti savo kuopas įsteigti veikiančią komisiją. Negalima apsileisti šiame svarbiame darbe.

Jau antri metai kaip Jonas Andriuška iš Worcesterio eina Komisijos pirmininko pareigas. Per praėjusius metus jis visos organizacijos vardu parašė oficialius laiškus, 431 ir gavo apie 80 atsakymų. Be to jis daug darbo įdėjo raginant kitus prisidėti prie komisijos darbo. Už jo pasišventimą ir darbštumą iš giliausios širdies jam dėkojame. Man kaipo komisijos garbės pirmininkui teko parašyti per paskutiniuosius metus 762 laiškus.

Paruošti biuletenius, nemažas darbas. Reikia žinoti, ką biuleteniuose įdėti, o tą galime padaryti tik tada, kada gauname straipsnių, iškarpių iš laikraščių, žurnalų ir žinias apie Lietuvą, kurios skelbiamos ar tai per radiją, ar tai per televiziją. Irgi svarbu žinoti ką pasaulio kalbėtojai sako apie Lietuvą. Sekantieji nariai tokių iškarpių ir žinių daugiausia atsiuntė:

Leonardas Valiukas iš Los Angeles, Calif.

Pranas Vaškas iš Newark, N. J.

Juozapina Žukienė iš # Port Washington, L.I.

Antanas Yuknis iš Cikagos

Juozas Janulaitis iš Philadelphijos

Jiems ir kitiems, kurie iškarpių atsiuntė nuoširdžiai dėkojame. Galima pabrėžti, kad gauti žinias ir iškarpas labai reikalingas darbas. Svarbu, kad kiekvienas kurs mato ką nors apie Lietuvą laikraščiuose ar žurnaluose arba kurs išgirsta ką nors, nežiūrind to kur praneštų mums apie tai. Tik tada žinosime kam parašyti padėkos, pagyrimo laišką ir kam peikimo bei aiškinimo laišką. Prašome visų sekti tą gražų pavyzdį, kuri rodo tie asmenys kuriuos dabar minėjome.

Viena iš svarbiausių komisijos darbų yra ruošti, kad Lietuvos Respublikos Nepriklausomybės Diena būtų tinkamai apvaikščiojama. Šiais metais Vyčiai vėl gražiai pasirodė. Štai rezultatai:

1. Kiek žinome, 14 Gubernatorių ir 17 majorų paskelbė Vasario 16-tą dieną kaipo Lietuvos Respublikos Dieną savo valstijoms ir miestams.
2. 6 laikraščiai įdėjo editorialus, o 5 kiti svarbesnius pasakymus apie Lietuvą tos dienos leidiniuose. 101 laikraštis patalpino straipsnius apie parengimus ir apvaikščiojimus, kurie įvyko tose vietose, kur Lietuviai gyvena.
3. 8 radijos stotys minėjo Lietuvą per savo programas toje dienoje ir Lietuvos vėliava plevesavo 4 miestuose.

4. 92 Kongresmanai ir 21 Senatorius pasakė kalbas apie Lietuvą ir tos kalbos tilpo CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Vėl šiais metais komisijos nariai stengėsi geriau supažindinti pasaulio žmones su Lietuvos dabartine padėtimi per apvaikščiojimą Vyčių Garbingo Patrono šv. Kazimiero šventės, per Tragiškųjų Dienų parengimus ir per Pavergtųjų Tautų savaitę. Per Birželio dienas, Philadelphijos 3-čioji kuopa gražiai pasirodė išskilmėse kurios buvo paruoštos ten prie Nepriklausomybės Rotušės ir prie Laisvės Varpo. Nors Lietuvos Vyčiai, kaip organizacija formaliai neparėmė Lietuvių žygio į Vašingtoną, tačiau komisijos nariai rėmė ir skaitlingai dalyvavo. Tas žygis, sugalvotas jaunųjų Vyčių, ypatingai puikius rezultatus turėjo, nes labai aukštai iškėlė Lietuvos bylą svetimtaučių ir mūsų valdžios akyse. Remėme per ištikus metus pastangas Amerikiečių Komiteto Išlaisvinti Pabaltiją praveisti nors vieną rezoliuciją Lietuvos klausimu. Viena rezoliucija buvo užtvirtinta Atstovų Rūmuose, o dabar darome ką tik galime, kad Senatas irgi pravestų tokią pat rezoliuciją.

Vyčiai, kaip katalikiškoji organizacija, supranta gerai maldos reikšmę kasdieniniame gyvenime, nes negali užmiršti Kristaus žodžių: "Be manęs jūs nieko negalite." (Jon. XV 5) Už tai per praėjusius metus, nariai ne tik stengėsi tautiniai veikti, bet ir melstis už kenčiančiąją Lietuvą. Šiais metais nemažai narių aktyviai dalyvavo Maldos ir Atgailos Dienos pamaldose, kurios įvyko gegužės 13 dieną parapijose. Be to dažnai metų bėgyje įvairiose progose nariai viešai meldėsi už Lietuvą ir jos vargstančius žmones.

Visas šis darbas liūdi visiems, kad Vyčiai tautiniai nemiega, bet stropiai rūpinasi Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atgavimu ir visu tuo kas yra lietuviška. Reikia atsižvelgti į tą, kad didžiuma narių čia gimę ir augę ir nors gal niekada neteks jiems Lietuvoje būti ar gyventi, tačiau jie pasišventusiai ir sąžiningai dirba ir veikia keldami Lietuvių vardą svetimtaučių tarpe ir visokiais galimais būdais Lietuvai padėdami.

Šis tautinis Vyčių darbas padeda Amerikiečių ir kitų laisvame pasaulyje gyvenančių dėmesį atkreipti į žiaurumus Lietuvai šiandien daromus ir juos skatinti savo įtakmę panaudoti jos naudai. Štai ką kai kurie rašo:

Philadelphijos arkivyskupas Jonas J. Krol savo ganytojiškame laiške savo arkivyskupijos tikinčius ragino: "We who enjoy the blessings and freedom of religion and of worship have a sacred duty to join our brethren behind the Iron Curtain in fervent prayer for a genuine 'liberation' from their religious, spiritual and physical oppression. Accordingly, I respectfully suggest that the faithful of the Archdiocese join other faithful in observing Sunday, June 13, 1965, as a Day of Prayer for the suffering and oppressed people of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia."

Kongresmanas E. Ross Adair iš Indiana Atstovų Rūmuose Vašingtone šitaip kalbėjo: "The three small states of Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia stand as living reminders of the worst in Soviet Communist imperialism... They are a symbol of the futility of small states or, indeed, even large states trying to 'peacefully co-exist' with an international conspiracy with headquarters in Moscow. The Soviets have never conquered the spirit and will of these Baltic Peoples... Therefore, we owe these people a debt... It should behoove those of us

who enjoy the luxury of living in the free world to search at all times for means of loosening the bonds of Soviet servitude."

Kongresmanas Howard W. Robinson iš New York taip gi kalbėjo: "I strongly believe that the Baltic States question should be brought before the United Nations and that we should insist ... that the United Nations should conduct free elections in the Baltic States under U. N. supervision."

Redaktorius Philadelphijos THE CATHOLIC STANDARD AND TIMES atsiliepė: "The Soviets speak of 'liberation' of these Baltic States. Liberation from whom? From themselves? Since their complete annexation by Soviet Russia, these poor peoples have become the prime examples of Red aggression, enslavement and terror. The first genocidal mass deportations took place in June, 1941 and yet the conscience of the world seems undisturbed. Let this 25th anniversary year be the occasion for an awakening of responsibility! Let the Free World demand that the Soviets get out of the Baltic States! Let freedom come once more to these Baltic peoples who have suffered so much!"

Mano brangūs Vyčiai-Vytės, kaip žinote, Lietuva ir jos žmonės dar kenčia, nes tas kraštas dar vis po Sovietų letena. Krikščioniška meilė verčia mus visus mylėti, ypač tuos kurie randasi bėdoje ar nelaimėje. Lietuva šiandien randasi tokioje bėdoje ir nelaimėje. Kadangi esame katalikai ir dar labiau kadangi esame lietuviai, kiekvienas iš mūsų turim aukštą pareigą visas mūsų galimas pastangas dėti Lietuvai padėti. Didžiuma Vyčių geriausiai gali Lietuvai padėti įstodami į Komisijos narių eiles ir dirbdami komisijos darbą su darbštumu ir su pasišventimu. Todėl raginu Jus visus toliau rašyti laiškus, būti ta ugnimi, kuria kuopos nariai užsideds noru ir pasišventimu padėti Lietuvai, ją gindami tikrais faktais per laiškus ir per įvairius kitus būdus.

Mums reikia konkrečiai veikti. Keletas iš jaunesnių Vyčių ruošia viešą pasirodymą, demonstraciją už Lietuvą prieš Sovietus Madison Square Garden, New Yorke lapkričio 13 dieną. Jei šis žygis pasiseks, kaip pasisekė žygis į Vašingtoną, tai Jungtinių Tautų atstovai negalės nepastebėti ir, galimas daiktas, kad ne vienas iš jų bus paragintas balsuoti, kad Lietuva Jungtinėse Tautose būtų priimta kaip narė. Tada bus galimybė Lietuvos klausimą viešai iškelti visam laisvam pasauliui. Kur kitos priemonės nieko konkrečiau Lietuvai neatnešė, gal, Dieve duok, šioji priemonė atneš. Todėl, mano manymu, kiekvienas Vytis-Vytė turėtų pilnai šį žygį remti per savo asmenišką dalyvavimą demonstracijoje, per finansinę paramą ir per paraginimą kitiems dalyvauti. Jei visi prisidėsime aktyviai ir pasišventusiai, tai nėra kalbos, kad žygis pasiseks ir Lietuvai didelės naudos atneš.

Supraskime Lietuvos dabartinę sunkią padėtį. Komisijos darbe nenuleiskime rankų, bet dirbkime su atsidaivimu. Mūsų visos pastangos, kartu su visų kitų lietuvių bei svetimtaučių pastangomis, daug pagelbės Lietuvai galutinai atgauti savo nepriklausomybę ir veikti kaip laisva tauta tarpe visų pasaulyje laisvų ir nepriklausomų tautų. Dieve, taip padėk!

Kun. Jonas C. Jutt
Garbės pirmininkas

Rugpiučio 3 d., 1965 m.

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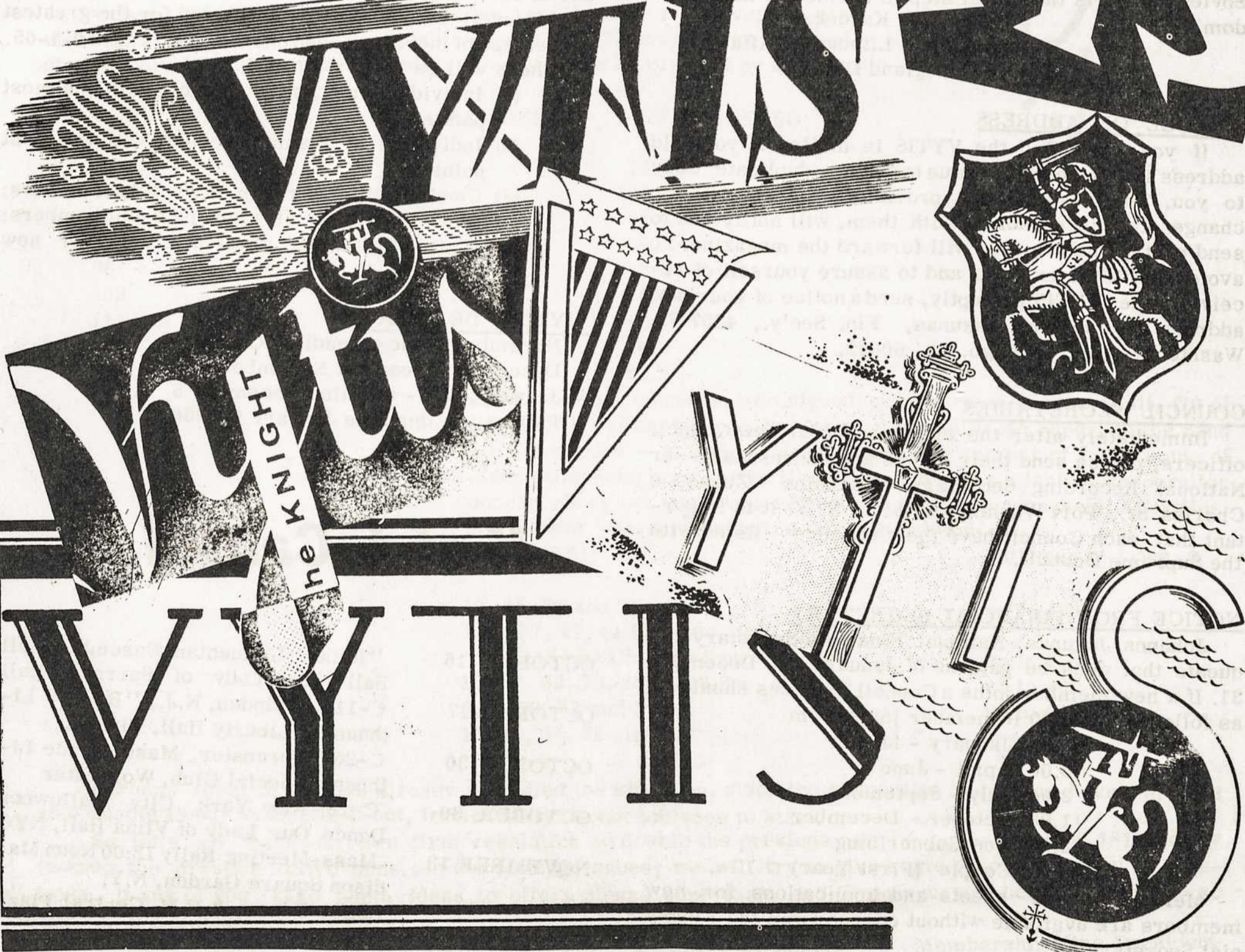
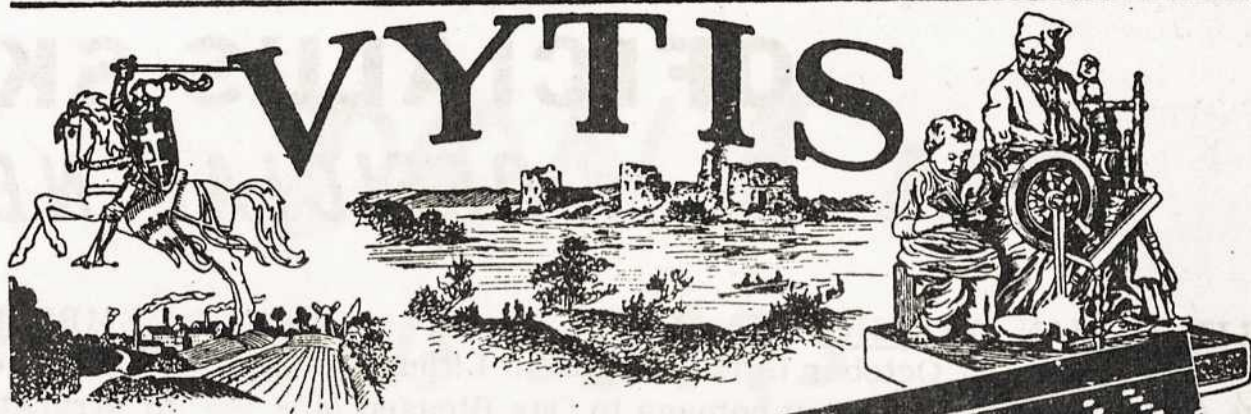
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OFFICIAL NEWS

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS

The month of October is meaningful to Lithuanians. It is the month we all pay homage to Our Blessed Mother and so in our prayers, let us not forget our fellow man who lives behind the Iron Curtain. Let us as true Knights of Lithuania members do our fair share and try to help our fellow Lithuanians, who live in tyranny behind the Iron Curtain. Let us all pray to Our Blessed Mother for the day when our beloved Lithuania shall be free once again.

We in turn must provide them with the moral encouragement to continue their gallant struggle in the face of most difficult odds, and we hope that our words of encouragement will reach them. We also hope that the free nations of the world will do all in their power to aid our fellowman behind the Iron Curtain.

May the fate of Lithuania stand as a constant warning to all freedom-loving peoples that appeasement of Soviet Russia is the initial step to the loss of that freedom.

Alex Kardokas

Chairman Lithuanian Affairs,
New England District

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you move and the VYTIS is mailed to your old address it is impossible for us to send a duplicate copy to you. The Post Office, providing you have filed a change of address notice with them, will notify you to send postage before they will forward the magazine. To avoid additional expense and to assure yourself of receiving the VYTIS promptly, send a notice of your new address to: Johanna Jakunas, Fin. Sec'y., 4357 So. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, Ill., 60632.

COUNCIL SECRETARIES

Immediately after the election of your new Council officers, please send their names and addresses to our National Recording Secretary, Josephine Zukas, 9 Charles St., Port Washington, L. I., N. Y. It is important that each Council have their officers listed with the Supreme Council.

NOTICE FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Johanna Jakunas, National Financial Secretary requests that dues be paid as of January 1 to December 31. If a new member joins a Council, the dues should be as follows:

\$4.00	if member joins from
	January - March
3.00	April - June
2.00	July - September
1.00	October - December
2.00	Non-Subscribing
6.00	Couple (First Year)

Member record sheets and applications for new members are available without charge from the Financial Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP

A sincere effort must be made by all of the members to strengthen our Councils by increasing membership. It is important that we do our best to bring our membership to the highest point possible. Don't wait! Enroll one, two or more members in the Knights of Lithuania NOW.

RULES FOR THE 1965-1966 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Earn TEN points for each new or re-activated member you enroll by JANUARY 31, 1966. However the cards must be post-marked and received by the National Financial Secretary BEFORE February 28, 1966.

Earn SEVEN points for each new or re-activated member you enroll during FEBRUARY, MARCH & APRIL, 1966.

Earn FIVE points for each new or re-activated member you enroll during MAY & JUNE 1966.

Membership totals will be supplied by the S. C. Financial Secretary according to her records as of 9-1-65. The Council awards will be presented for the greatest percentage of increase based on these totals as of 9-1-65.

There will be FIVE AWARDS:

- (1) Individual in a large Council with the most points;
- (2) Individual in a small Council with the most points;
- (3) Council with less than 40 paid-up members;
- (4) Council with 40 or more paid-up members;
- (5) District with the greatest number of new members.

"VYTIS" DEADLINE

November issue - deadline October 5
December - deadline November 5
January, 1966 - deadline December 5
February - deadline January 5, 1966

K of L Calendar

OCTOBER 16	"Ruta" Lithuanian Ensemble Fall Ball Our Lady of Sorrows Hall
OCTOBER 17	C-113, Linden, N.J., "Buffet" Lithuanian Liberty Hall, Linden.
OCTOBER 30	C-26, Worcester, Mass. Dance Lithuanian Social Club, Worcester
OCTOBER 30	C-12, New York City Halloween Dance Our Lady of Vilna Hall, NYC
NOVEMBER 13	Mass-Meeting Rally 12:00 Noon Madison Square Garden, N.Y. Buffet-Dance, 8 P.M. Central Plaza Hall, New York City



DON'T LET THIS YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP DRIVE END UP A

CROSSCUTTY

Don't let the organization suffer an overall loss in membership and fail the many who expend so much effort in enrolling new members.

Let us examine the figures for last year's drive, to get an idea of how important it is to keep the active members, usually by just collecting their dues, in addition to enlisting new K of L'ers.

During 1964-65 we almost doubled the New Member rolls over the previous year with the most commendable sum of 181. This total was accumulated by only 24 of the active councils. Nine of these 24 profited by an overall membership increase.

COUNCIL	NEW MEMBERS	% of INCREASE
12	3	14.8
13	14	107.0
14	3	37.5
61	1	66.7
96	7	2.8
102	1	9.5
111 Srs	8	72.7
112	26	14.4
135	10	32.3

The fifteen other councils, who signed up any new members at all, (70 of the total of 181), suffered an overall loss. As stated in the report to the 52nd National Convention - a review of the names and number of years some of these drop outs have been active K of L'ers indicates a lack of cooperation and concern about not only dues collections, but also purposeful activities.

If you wonder where you stand in the loss column:

COUNCILS	OVERALL LOSS %
10, 25, 26 and 29	up to 10%
1, 3, 27, 41, 41 Srs., 90, 100, 109, 113 and Chicago Srs.	up to 25%
19, 30, 52, 79, 133, 133 Srs. and 139	up to 40%
5, 7, 36, 82 and 115	up to 55%
17, 18, 24, 78 and 103	over 55%

Perhaps some of us have already remedied the situation, since the convention delegates have brought these facts to our attention. If not, immediately is not too soon to start.

So let's all make our own firm resolution to double the previous new member total of 181 and try to keep the present active ones. In the coming issues, we will try to give some concrete helpful suggestions. If any of you have some ideas to offer, please send them on in. Only we can help ourselves - so let's do it together.

Eleanore H. Laurin

Membership Vice President

JUNIOR NEWS

"INSURE YOUR ORGANIZATION'S FUTURE - ORGANIZE AND MAINTAIN JUNIOR K OF L COUNCILS"

WHY JUNIOR KNIGHTS ARE NECESSARY?

Have you, your council officers or members, ever given thought or discussed the future of your council and the Knights of Lithuania organization? Have you ever considered who will keep the Knights of Lithuania spirit alive by continuing to carry on the work we are doing today for Our God and Country? How we can get new, young, active, energetic, spirited members in our councils? The kind who would already be acquainted with the ideals and goals of our organization. The time will come soon enough, when for one reason or another, we shall not be able to do as much as we are doing today. Unless we look ahead, and plan to have others replace those we lose, our efforts of today, will not be of much value to anyone. Obtaining new members is a problem which is quite prevalent in many councils. Acquainting them with the purpose and various programs of the organization takes time. Inability to obtain new members with new ideas, new energy, vitality - and the desire to work for the principles of the organization will lead to eventual demise of councils. This we cannot let happen, while there is yet time to prepare future K of L 'ers. This can be done by organizing Junior K of L Councils! By gathering the Catholic, American Lithuanian youth of your vicinity and organizing them into Junior K of L Councils, you will be preparing new members for your council, new leaders, new talent, new assets which will insure the future for the Knights of Lithuania. Granted, it will mean some work, require someone's sacrifice and patience. But ask yourself this question: What good is all your work for the Knights of Lithuania, if there will be no one to carry one when or if you must relinquish your duties? Just as parents work and sacrifice to leave something to their heirs, we of the K of L family - must organize Juniors, so there will be heirs - who will inherit our hopes, inspirations and desires to work for God and Country in the Knights of Lithuania organization. Organizing and maintaining Junior Councils should have a very important place in each Council's Program of Activities. One of the prime reasons why the Knights of Lithuania were founded, was that it would be an organization which would unite the Catholic, American Lithuanian youth. Junior Councils will also keep our youth in our Lithuanian parishes. Therefore, Junior Knights are necessary:

1. To instill within our youth the desire to remain in close affiliation with their Lithuanian parishes.
2. To acquaint them with the ideals and purposes of the Knights of Lithuania organization.
3. To replenish our ranks, and furnish our organization with the type of members who will be prepared to carry on the various K of L Programs.

prepared by Helen Shields

REGISTRATION OF A JUNIOR COUNCIL WITH THE SUPREME COUNCIL

1. As soon as a Junior Council is organized, notification should be sent to the Supreme Council 1st Vice President.
2. Dues of \$5.00 per year for the Junior Council should be sent to the Supreme Council Financial Secretary. Dues are payable in January.
3. All Junior members are required to register with the Supreme Council. Registration cards will be sent when the Vice President is notified that a Junior Council has been organized. According to the registration cards returned, membership cards will be issued to those members.
4. Supreme Council 1st Vice President should be sent the following information:
 - (a) Name and address of person to receive copies of VYTIS (there are 5 copies sent to each Junior Council.)
 - (b) Names and addresses of Spiritual Advisor and Junior Counselor(s).
 - (c) Names and addresses of Junior Council Officers. (This list should be forwarded every year, as soon as possible after elections are held.)
5. Counsellors should maintain contact with the Supreme Council through the 1st Vice President, by supplying or requesting information, asking for advice or suggestions, etc.

PREL. IGNAS ALBAVIČIUS



Prieš metus laiko vos spėjome atšvęsti auksinį kunigystės jubiliejų Vyčių garbės nario ir ilgamečio Sendraugių Dvasios Vado prel. Igno Albavičiaus. Štai šimet vėl stovime prieš jo trigubą jubiliejų, būtent: 75 metų amžiaus, 50 metų Vyčių tarnyboje ir 25 metai Ciceroj.

Prel. Ignas Albavičius Amerikos lietuviams yra pažįstamas iš šv. Jurgio, Dievo Apvaizdos ir šv. Antano parapijų darbų, kaipo didis patrijotas, uolus kunigas, aukotojas, organizatorius, nepaprasto pasiaukojimo žmogus, ir lietuviybės žadintojas. Jubilias yra gimęs Lazdijuose, pačioje

Dzūkijos širdyje, paveldėdamas visas tikro dzūko geriausias savybes. Jis ten praleido kūdikystės dienas, baigė pradžios mokyklą ir Seinų kunigų seminariją, o aukštuosius kunigystės mokslus yra išėjęs Romoje Gregoriano universitete.

Prel. Ig. Albavičius savo visuomenine lietuviška veikla išėina ir pakyla virš savo parapijos ribų, nes jis lietuvių gyvenime vaidina stambų vaidmenį. Visos centrinės lietuviškos organizacijos, kurios siekia kovoti už lietuvių, yra sulaukusios gausios moralinės ir medžiaginės paramos.

Jubilias prel. Albavičius taip pat yra labai daug prisidėjęs 50 metų bėgyje ir prie Vyčių organizacijos išplėtimo. Tur būt nebuvo buvę nė vieno svarbesnio Vyčių suvažiavimo, seimo, kuriuose ir jis nebūtų dalyvavęs, aukojęs arba prisidėjęs savo darbu. Bene daugiausiai širdies jubilias yra parodęs Lietuvos Vyčiams būdamas jų Dvasios Vadu.

Iš didelės Dievo, savo tautos ir savo artimo meilės, taurusis jubilias dirba visur, dirba nuolat, dirba daug ir nuoširdžiai bažnyčiai ir tautai. Ir ačiū Dievui, kad dirba.

I tą viską atsižvelgdami, mes Vyčiai, pagerbiame ne tik kaip organizacijos garbės narį, bet kaipo taurų kunigą, visuomeninką ir didelį patrijotą. Ilgiausių metų jam!

IŠ S EN D R A U G I Ų G Y V E N I M O

BALTIC STATES DAY

(Cont. from page 6)

(Translated extracts of remarks made in Lithuanian language by Joseph Kajeckas, Charge d'Affaires a.i. of Lithuania, on the occasion of Baltic Day)

On this Baltic Day at the World's Fair, the thoughts of my Lithuanian countrymen go back to the 1939 World's Fair, when the Lithuanian flag proudly waved over the Lithuanian Pavilion here in Flushing Meadow. Those were days of pride and achievement for Lithuania and the other Baltic nations, Estonia and Latvia. Since those happier days, freedom has been cruelly suppressed in our lands, but the hunger for freedom and free institutions has never left our brothers and sisters behind the Iron Curtain. Neither has the hope of freedom for

the Baltic States ever left us who are privileged to live in freedom. And that is why we are gathered here today, beside a wayside shrine such as those which formerly existed by the thousands in my homeland. We are here to reaffirm our faith in a Supreme Justice and Mercy. We are here to remind ourselves that tyranny cannot long endure in the world. We are here to encourage all free men to continue to fight for the liberation of the Baltic States and all captive nations.

Although the flags of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania no longer fly over the public buildings in our countries; although they have been ripped from their places of honor by totalitarian oppression, we can proudly say today that our flags are still here. And so too is our firm and unquenchable faith

that the day of an honorable and just peace will yet dawn for all the peoples of the world. For the struggle to regain Baltic independence is, really, the struggle of all free men. This was very cogently emphasized just ten days ago by Congressman Harold Donohue of Massachusetts, with whose words I conclude:

"The Baltic States are more than 700 year-old nations, and they have the same right to be free and independent as any new state in Asia or Africa. We should have a single standard for freedom. The denial of freedom to any people in any place of the world by any power on earth is an intolerable action, and if permitted to stand, constitutes a persistent threat of the extinction of liberty everywhere, even here in the United States."

2 Bayview Avenue
Port Washington, L.I., N.Y.
11050

September 10, 1965

Mr. Jack J. Stukas, Chairman
Knights of Lithuania
Scholarship Committee
1016 Schleifer Road
Hillside, N. J. - 07205

Dear Mr. Stukas:

I would like to express my most sincere thanks to the Scholarship Committee for making me one of the recipients of the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Award.

I am appreciative of this honor and am certain that the faith and interest you have shown in me will provide an added incentive to excellence not only in my college years but also in the Knights of Lithuania organization itself.

Yours sincerely,
Nancy Kober

Scholarship Committee
Knights of Lithuania
1016 Schleifer Road
Hillside, New Jersey

3948 South Artesian
Chicago, Illinois

Gerb. stipendijos komisijai,
Nors ir nesenai mano tėveliai yra atvykę į Ameriką, nor ir keturi vaikai mūsų šeimoje, vyčių stipendijos gauti nesitikėjau. Nemaniau, kad esu verta tokios pagarbos. Tik draugų padėjimas padavė prašymą. O dabar manau, kad aš esu tikrai labai laiminga. Padėkoti norėčiau. Bet įprastojo "ačiū" būtų čia per maža. Noriu, kad manoji padėka būtų didesnė. Mokslus baigusi, jei Dievas leis, stengsiuos pati padėti jauniems žmonėms siekti mokslo. Ir tai bus mano padėka vyčiams.
Jus tikrai gerbianti
Milda Pakalniškytė

155 Davis Avenue
Kearny, New Jersey
August 26, 1965

Professor J. J. Stukas, Chairman
Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee
1264 White Street
Hillside, New Jersey

Dear Professor Stukas:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the rest of the scholarship committee for selecting me to be one of the five recipients of the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship.

Let me assure you that the award is really appreciated and will help me with my school expenses.
Respectfully yours,
Anthony Ambrutis

127 Dukes St.,
Kearny, N. J.
September 2, 1965

Dear Mr. Stukas,

Thank you very much for awarding me a share of the Knights of Lithuania scholarship. I was very happy and surprised when I heard I had won.

Please thank the scholarship committee for choosing me, for this scholarship will truly help me to pay for my many college expenses.

Yours respectfully,
Bruce Kauffmann

August 26, 1965

Dear Prof. Stukas,

Many thanks to the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee for granting me part of the 1965-1966 scholarship fund award. The money will most certainly help to defray college expenses. Thank you again. May God bless you.

Sincerely,
Judy Savonis

25550 Glenbrook Blvd.
Euclid 17, Ohio
July 2, 1965

Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee
Mrs. Loretta I. Stukas, Secretary
1016 Schleifer Road
Hillside, New Jersey

Dear Loretta:

I was one of the three recipients of the Knights of Lithuania scholarship in 1962. The scholarship was an important factor in helping me begin financing my college education. Another scholarship, a number of National Defense Student Loans, and employment both at school and during the summers have enabled me to continue my education.

This fall I will be returning for my senior year to Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, where I am an English major in the School of education. Last semester I did my student teaching at a fine high school in Dayton, Ohio. I taught sophomore English and found the experience both enlightening and rewarding. I am very happy I chose the teaching profession and am looking forward to the time I will be teaching my own students.

The K of L Scholarship Fund has helped to make all this possible. College is both a great challenge and a great expense doing an admirable job in helping students face this challenge and expense. I feel that the scholarship fund is a project which should be continued in the future. I know how greatly a college student appreciates aid in facing the cost of higher education.

I would like to again express my thanks and appreciation for the aid which the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Fund has given me. The scholarship was certainly a great help.

Sincerely yours,
Mary Jane Andrulis

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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

Great Neck, L.I., N.Y. C-109 Snoopy

The International Festival held in the local Great Neck High School on Apr. 2 proved to be very interesting and most successful. Irish, Italian, and Lithuanian talent was featured. The Lithuanian portion was organized by our K of L Council, a committee consisting of Al Wesey, Mary Kober, and Josephine Zukas. The Rutos Ansamblis sang, a film on pre-war Lithuania was shown, and a table was displayed with linens, amber jewelry, hand carved wooden crosses and other native handcrafts. Our thanks to all who worked, who contributed to make it a success, those participating, and those attending to make up the large audience.

Our Financial Secretary, Mary Picardi, has been busy with the Girl Scouts; Bertha Saltanis working in her garden; Beruta Gonzalez with her nursing chores; and Al and Starsy Wesey with their "green thumbs"... Lou Ann Sosaris has seriously taken up sewing, having enrolled in the evening classes of Adult Education. It's going to be a treat to view some of her snappy outfits... Having sold her home, Sue Zebart can now be



"International Festival" held in Great Neck High School. Lithuanian committee consisted of: L to R: Josephine Zukas, Mary Kober, Al and Starsy Wesey.

reached at the Millbrook Court Apartments. Much happiness, Sue, in your new residence... Both Anne Martens and Mary Kober have completed their "Weight Watchers" courses, and received their graduation pins. This took a lot of will power!... The glow on Bill Bernatovich's face is the result of his Mexico vacation. He says you just can't beat "south of the border" hospitality... Alma and Jerry Shanahan have sold their Steamboat Inn which will now house a church. So many of our people have fond memories of Kosmocius Saleje where for years it was a constant buzz of Lithuanian activity. There's a tinge of sadness in the passing of another Lithuanian landmark.

Plans are underway for our Fall Dance on Nov. 27 at the Transfiguration Parish Hall in Maspeth. Kielbasi will be served at 7:30 P.M., and dancing to Joe Thomas' Orchestra will commence at 9 P.M. Reserve the date for us!

Amsterdam, N.Y., C-100 Smile & Sparkle

The annual Knights of Lithuania, C-100, outing was held at the summer residence of Dr. and Mrs. Adam Kindar, Galway, New York, on Sunday afternoon.

Swimming, boating, etc. were enjoyed by all. Prizes were won by Victor Orante, John Wassel, and Mrs. Matthew Kazlauskas.

In attendance were: The Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Rev. Alphonse Petraitis and Rev. Victor Poimskis of Schenectady, Rev. Joseph Grabys and Rev. Matthew Cyvas of Albany, Mrs. Irene Wood, Troy, N. Y., Mrs. Lucy Lolos, Latham, N. Y., Dr. and Mrs. Adam Kindar, Attorney and Mrs. A. C. Stokna, the Sisters of Jesus Crucified who taught at St. Casimir's School, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Kazlauskas, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Orante, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Orante and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Karbus, Mr. and Mrs.

Charles Maldutis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slaveikis and son, David, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Radzevich, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ziausys, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kerbelis, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Beleckas, Mr. George Gravrokas, and wife - Dr. Aldona Baltch, Mr. and Mrs. John Wassel, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kroup, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kroup, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Zoal and children, Mrs. Richard Drenzek and son, Mrs. L. C. Miciulis and daughter, Miss Corcuera, Margaret Boccio, Eleanore Stakauskas, Pauline Urban, Sophie Strikolis, Mrs. Anna Kutchis, Mrs. M. Rimkus, Mrs. Anna Yunker, Connie Yunker, Mrs. J. Nikstenas, Genevieve Gobis, Joseph Olsauskas, John Hartvigas, Leonard Olechowski, Bill McCune, George Ragaisis, and John Gerutis, president of the local council.

Chairman of the Planning Committee was Mrs. Charles Karbus. She was assisted by Mrs. Sophie Olbie, Margaret Boccio, Eleanore Stakauskas, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Kazlauskas, Bill McCune, Genevieve Gobis and John Gerutis. Many of the members and friends brought in favorite dishes for the Smorgasbord lunch and supper.

The "Clean-Up" Committee consisted of Matthew Kazlauskas and Bill McCune. Bill McCune also made a most capable bartender. Our Virtini Queens were Mrs. Anna Yunker, Mrs.



N.Y. - N.J. District Bowling Winners. L to R: Low Average: Vincent Bochis and Nancy Kober. Rev. Peter Zemekis, S.A. High Average: Dottie Dutkus, Joseph Zukas.

Nancy Kazlauskas and Mrs. Josephine Nikstenas. The cabbage turnovers (Karveliai) were made by Virginia Miculis, Eleanore Stakauskas and Anna Radzevich. Delicious meatballs were supplied by Genevieve Zoal and Margaret Boccio. Kugelis was made by Mrs. S. Zostautas and Mrs. Adam Radzevich. Sophie Olbie presented us with her most delicious Baked Beans... (special recipe) and also with Goulash. Salads were made by Aldona Abelung, Ann Beleckas, Genevieve Gobis, Barbara Kroup, Irene Wood. Cold cuts and hot dogs were supplied by Pauline Urban, Tony and Edna Stokna, Bill McCune. Miscellaneous snacks were furnished by our president, John Gerutis.

As night time was setting in, melodious voices of our group could be heard all over the lake singing Lithuanian songs.

Matt Orante brought us his Lithuanian coin collection to look at. It really is something!

Chuck and Jean Maldutis decided to join our Council while attending the outing. Welcome to two fine Lithuanians! They are the owners of Maldutis Bakery which makes fine Lithuanian bread. They also donated all that delicious rye bread. Chuck's hobby is taking movies, and, boy, did he give that camera a workout at the outing. We'll all be surprised when we see ourselves in the movies later this fall.

"NEWS BITS" A speedy recovery is wished Eleanore Baranauskas who is recovering from a recent operation. We missed her and her husband, Ed (Chairman of Lithuanian Affairs), at our outing on June 20th.

Milton and Isabelle (Dopkus) McKinley spent Memorial Day Week-End in Amsterdam visiting all their old pals.

Sophie Olbie, Helen Dombroski, and Gene Gobis spent Memorial-Day Week-End at Jim Usher's at Lake George, New York. It was a bit chilly, but, oh, did they have fun!

Newark, N.J., C-29

Our Council's Jubilee Banquet was held at St. George's Hall in Newark on October 2nd. The following artists appeared:

CAROL BOWEN, Contralto, is a member of C-52, Elizabeth, N. J. At the present time she resides in New York City and is an executive for the Conover Mast Productions. She has appeared in opera, oratorio, supper clubs and the concert stage and presently is studying voice with Leila Livian in New York City. Aside from music, Carol is an accomplished artist and devotes what little spare time she has to oil painting and the designing of magazine covers.

LOUIS STUKAS, Baritone, is a member of our Council and is a teacher of music at Columbia Junior High School in Berkely Heights, N. J. He presently studies voice with Claire Gelda in New York City. Lou has appeared on radio, television and concertized in most of the larger Lithuanian communities throughout the United States, Canada and Europe.

ALGIRDAS KACANAUSKAS, son of the Lithuanian Composer Aleksandras Kacanauskas was the accompanist. At the present time he is the conductor of

the famous "Ruta" Ensemble which has just released its second long playing record entitled "Sing Along in Lithuanian".

Two of our Junior members, Peter Guoba and Walter Brazaitis, both accordionists also performed.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

Norwood, Mass. C-27 Charlie

As previously announced, this year marks the 50th Anniversary of the founding of Council 27. In observance of such a special occasion, a Golden Jubilee Dance will be held on Saturday, October 9, at the V.F.W. Post Hall off Rt. 27 in Walpole, Mass. The popular Dick Pillar and his recording orchestra from Connecticut will set the lively polka pace for a pleasurable evening. Co-chairmen for this dance are Joan Dabrowney and George Barton who are assisted by Paul Stonis, Arlene Jessick, Paul and Louise Zukas, John Stadalnick, Maryann Jessick, Jean Gudis, Sandra Melish, Vincent Kasauskas and Alice Grubenskaskas. We extend a warm and cordial invitation to all K of L friends, both near and far, to share in our Golden Anniversary celebration.

A Cake Whist Party was held on Tues., Sept. 28, in St. George's Church Hall. Prizes were home baked cakes donated by the members.

Lawrence, Mass., C-78 Angel

For C-78 surprises are seemingly synonymous with summer. This summer's surprises have brought a bit of sadness mingled with joy - sadness, because we are losing the dearest member we've had - yet joy, because she is entering the sisters of

C-29 Soloists:
Right:
Louis Stukas



Left
Carol Bowen



Golden Jubilee Dinner Dance (C-29, Newark) Committee Officers. Seated L to R: Loretta Stukas, Journal Chairman; Mary Stonis, Gen'l Vice Chairman; Rev. Peter Totoraitis, S.A; Christine Yakuvonis, Gen'l. Chairman. Standing: Louis Stukas, Program Chairman; Kazys Sipaila, Council President.

Jesus Crucified in Brockton. Mary Neveresky, presently a 3rd degree member, has been active in C-78 before this writer, and many of the rest of us joined. She has been a true friend to each one of us, and is regarded with the highest esteem and respect. We love her dearly, and wish her every bit of happiness in her new life. Mary is the second member of our council to join the good sisters this year. Joan Blazevich, who entered in February, received her white veil on Aug. 16. Quite a few members of C-78 attended the ceremony.

Another member of ours, Janet Baublis, has left for school in Boston. She is attending Bryant and Stratton for the Medical Secretarial Course, and will reside in Boston for the duration of her schooling. God luck in your new endeavor, Jan!

Congratulations are in order to George and Joan Lisauskas who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on Aug. 22. Joan is presently secretary of our council, and a terrific one, I might add. C-78 wishes them many more years of continued happiness.

C-78 held its annual Beach Party on Sunday, June 27 at Crane's Beach in Ipswich (also called The Sahara Desert, by some of our less adventurous members). The first ones arriving at the beach walked the most direct route, over the dunes, to the shore. The cars arriving later, however, had to send scouting parties onto the peopled beach to locate the main blanket. Needless to say, it was rather crowded. This was the largest turnout we've ever had for a beach party. A good time was had by all. I hope the rest of this year's activities are as successful.

Athol-Gardner, Mass., C-10 Vincukas

Our annual steak barbeque was held at Frank Anoris' camp on White's Pond on Sun., June 6. It was a beautiful, sunny, ideal day. The Rev. M. Tamulevičius, newly appointed pastor of St. Francis parish attended and offered mass.

After everyone had eaten their fill and the after dinner chores were done, the gang enjoyed swimming, boating, and general pleasant talking. Supper in the form of a weenie roast was enjoyed. We were all sorry to see the day come to a close. As usual, our own

The Supreme Council Officers and the VYTIS staff extend their deepest sympathies to Juniors Vice-President Mary Stonis on the death of her mother.

Miss Nellie Melaika was in charge of the food detail.

Bill Wisnauskas of our council enjoyed a three week trip to the Soviet Union and occupied Lithuania. He visited Moscow, Leningrad, Copenhagen, and Helsinki. In Lithuania he was "stationed" in Vilnius, but did get to spend a day in Kaunas and four days in the resort town of Druskininkai. Bill was not allowed to visit Kėdainiai, the birthplace of his parents; however, his four aunts and numerous cousins visited him in Vilnius. The general picture is not a good one. People are afraid of one another, wages low, prices high, and many necessities are either non-existent or hard to get. Nowhere did Bill find flour for sale in the stores. Construction is going on everywhere. The people on the whole were kind, courteous and sent their greetings to all their fellow Lithuanians in the free world.

Member of the Month: I would like to introduce to the readers of the VYTIS our newest member, Mrs. Blanche Genaitis. Blanche was born in Ariogala, Lithuania, but was raised in the great town of Gardner, where she attended and graduated from the local schools. She furthered her education at Becker Jr. College of Worcester. Her husband, Dick, is a member of our council, and they have two lovely children. In addition to her duties as a housewife, Blanche finds time to participate in church affairs and several civic organizations. She is now studying at Titchbury State Teachers College with the hopes of becoming a teacher. Good luck, Blanche!

Congratulations to Lill and Alec Kuzmickus, who were married in Norwood on June 26, and are now making their home in Athol.

We of C-10 extend a warm welcome to Father Mike Tamulevičius, formerly of St. Casimir's in Worcester, and now pastor of St. Francis and Spiritual Director of our Council.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

Detroit, Mich., C-102 Dvynukės
102 Exclusive! It's another boy for

Maryann and Bill Juodwalkis. Our heartiest congratulations to the new parents.

The Midwest Bowling tournament has come and gone and you'll have to pardon us if we are a bit nostalgic for it means we have to wait a whole year for the next one and a renewal of old friendships. It was our pleasure to be co-hosts along with C-139, and we wish to extend our thanks to all who helped make the week-end a success. We were gratified by the wonderful turnout of bowlers and guests and especially pleased to meet our National Spiritual Advisor Rev. Valancius, whom we might add was a member of the winning team of Chicagoans who walked off with the first place trophy and prize money. In spite of the stiff competition Detroit did manage to stay in the running with all three councils represented in accepting awards. Our own MaryAnn Guerriero took the prize for the high series total for women. The rest of us just remain hopeful. Since Chicago received the bowling honors we hereby bestow the unofficial title of "Masters of High Spirits and High Jinks" to the Dayton representation:

We extend congratulations to Tony (Smiley) Smolek, and John and Evelyn Andrulis of Cleveland who received their Third Degree Medals during the Tournament Banquet.

Our regular K of L Bowling league has retired for the season and the American Lithuanian Veteran's Team with 102ers Evelyn and Clem Galinas and Ann Aleks did it again by winning their 2nd straight victory - good bowling!

We had a beautiful day for our picnic-meeting in the park in June. The children enjoyed the swimming, the fellows basketball and baseball, while girls feasted. How about those potato sausages Katherine Kurpowic brought out? We ended the afternoon with Grace Vaskellis regaling us with stories of contemporary College Life!

Our Thanks to the Vic Yokins for inviting us to their lovely home and pool for our annual July Splash party. The day was a little cool but spirits were high. Bill Norkunas brought along his accordion and serenaded us with Lithuanian Melodies while Mary Ann Guerriero tripped the light fantastic. Ray Medonis's idea to grill steaks was the best of the year. The water was perfect, but Bill Norkunas didn't want to get his feet wet so he

jumped in with his shoes on after a bit of encouragement from his friend Jack.

Detroit, Mich., C-79 John Rolinske
Sophie Zager was our group leader for the annual pilgrimage to Carey, Ohio.

A successful bowling season ended in May, and the elected officers for next season are as follows: President, John Eizonas, Vice Pres. Ed. Sackle, Secretary, Lillian Stepan; Treasurer, Joseph Peroski. The American Lithuania Vets team managed to win the championship again. The members of the team are as follows: Vito Paul, Ann Aleks, Ben Holmis, Clem Galinas, and Evelyn Galinas. Congratulation for a hard fought victory.

It was a change of pace at the May meeting, as Leon Galinskas and Joe Kazlauskas were the social hosts, and they really can cook. Financial Secretary, Stella Hotra, reported that the following new members have been enrolled into our council this year: Toni Vale, Casey & Irene Ambrose, Valentina Hotra, Anthony Mameniskis, Isabelle Pavlichek, Julia Pichalski, Peter & Mary Banion, Joseph & Anna Overka, Helen Kasetta, William & Olive Akelis, and Kathleen Weise. We welcome them most warmly into our council.

We wish to thank our sister councils, C-102 and C-139 for conducting a most interesting Mid-Central Bowling Tournament. It was a pleasure to meet the out-of-town K of L'ers. As for bowling, our council Chateau Bar team managed to finish in second place. The members of the team are as follows: Ann Zilvitis, Joan Zilvitis, Mike Vale, John Kolinske, and Ray Lucas.

We wish a speedy and complete recovery to Mrs. Monica Salas and William Chepelonis, who were recently hospitalized.

Dayton, Ohio C-96 Mame

On Mother's Day, May 9, the Knights of Lithuania, C-96 attended eight o'clock Mass which Father Titus offered for the living and deceased parents of the Council. Prior to Mass the Junior K of L members participated in the crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Elinor Sluzas, the Parish Choir director and fellow

Knight, sang some beautiful Hymns during the May Crowning and also directed the Choir in singing appropriate music during Mass. It was especially fitting that this should be inasmuch as the Choir is comprised mainly of K of L members.

Mother's Day was climaxed with a planned covered dish supper in the Parish Hall attended by the Knights and their parents. Fran Petkus and Eloise Berczelly were in charge and I don't think they were lacking any help as the kitchen was crowded all the time. Eva Leasure was busy carrying things back and forth; Sally Miller was as talkative and witty as ever, and Eleanor Mantz was still trying to give away ham sandwiches when everyone was going home. I believe everyone had a good time from the many comments I heard.

On Wednesday, May 12, the Dayton Knights gathered again in Holy Cross Church, this time to participate in the celebration of the Anniversary of the dedication of Lithuania to the Blessed Virgin Mary and

also the apparition of the Blessed Lady at Fatima. I am pleased to report that we had very good participation and our congratulations to John and Ann Scott who distributed the leaflets and prayer cards prior to the Services.

The one sad bit of news is that the Dayton bowling teams did not bring back a trophy from Detroit, but Fran Petkus, our "good" bowler did earn one for herself. In spite of the lack of trophies the Dayton representation had a very good time and it is reported that Judy Petrokas, Elaine Lucas, Loretta Omlor, Rita and Frank Ambrose and Ted Sluzas kept the Motel really rocking the whole weekend.

Frank Ambrose came back from a fishing trip to Canada, and believe it or not, in addition to a large catch of fish is a bear which was shot by John Goldick and is destined to become a rug. Canada seems to be the favorite destination of more Daytonians namely: Joe and Ada Sinkwitz, Mike and Alice Petkus and Fran and Mike Petkus.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT



I-I District July 4th Picnic. Upper Photo: Dance Contest Winners. L to R: Tango, Twist, Polka. Lower photo: Kugelis Contest Winners: Louis Rogers, Mrs. F. Svelnis, Sr., E. Gestautis for Mrs. J. Kass with Judges.

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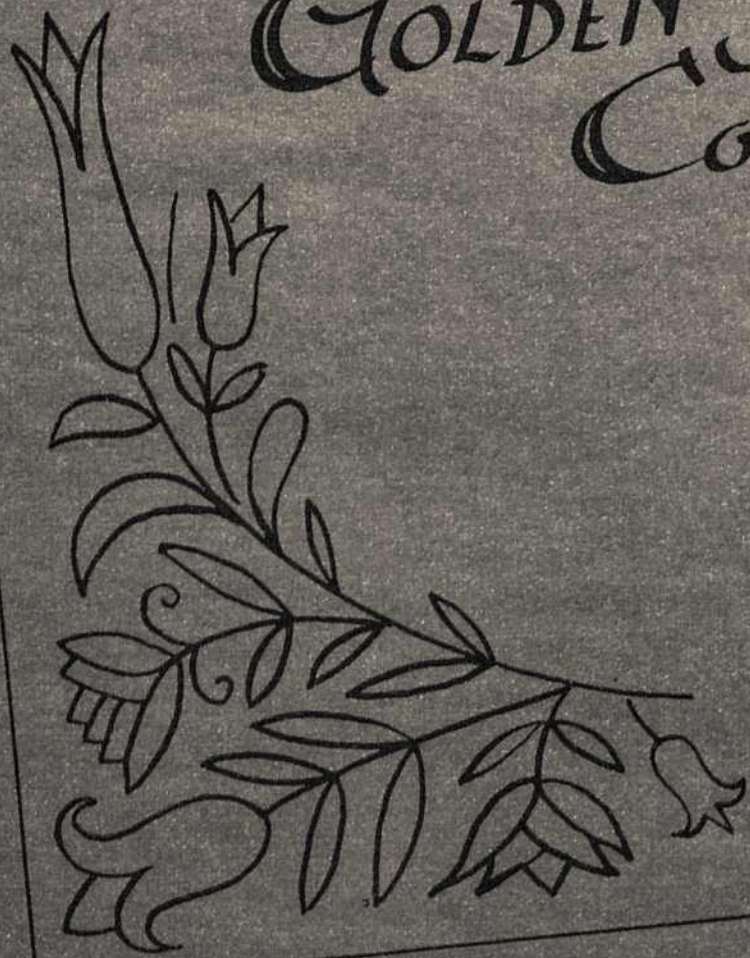
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