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October 11 is the date set aside annually, by the Catholic Women of the World Organization, as a day of prayer for peace and the "Silent Church". This day was Commemorated in Chicago, for the second year, under the sponsorship of the Lithuanian Catholic Women. The main committee, consisting of Emily Vilimaitė of the Ateitis, Eleanore Laurin of the Knights of Lithuania, Victoria Leone of the Lithuanian R. C. Women's Fed. and Vita Cerskus of the Ateitis, set the day of prayer as Sunday, October 10th. Through the Diocesan publication "The New World", various neighborhood newspapers and the cooperation of the pastors of various parishes, thousands of non-Lithuanian Catholic women, as well as men and children, offered their prayers on that day, in union with the Lithuanians in their parishes.

With the consent of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Mozeris, the official commemoration included a rosary, benediction and a sermon at the Immaculate Conception B.V.M. parish in Brighton Park. The sermon, printed below, was delivered by Rev. P. Cinikas, M.I.C., past Illinois-Indiana District Spiritual Advisor beautifully expressed the significance and the need for prayers on this special day and every day. Perhaps next year more Lithuanian Catholic women, in every city, can organize a similar movement where there is none, or cooperate where it exists. The women in the K of L should not overlook this opportunity to place the sauce of the captive nations before the eyes of the free world.



THE CHURCH OF SILENCE

(SUB-TITLE: THE DIFFICULT YEARS OF RELIGION BEHIND THE IRON-CURTAIN)

REV. PETER CINIKAS, MIC

"With a bruised heart, I implore You (Holy Babe), cut short the days of our trials. If you wish a sacrifice, take it from me, but give me the courage and fortitude of martyrs. Amen"

Such was the Christmas prayer of the four Lithuanian prisoner girls wasteing away in the flower of their youth, as a result of inhuman treatment in Northern Siberia, to where they were deported, far from their homeland, Lithuania.

Those girls express the spirit of all Christian peoples of the present day Church of Silence, suffering the persecutions of the Soviets. Bishops, priests, enslaved peoples behind the Iron-Curtain and you my dear listeners are resolved that those girls and thousands of other prisoners suffering in wastelands of Siberia will not give up their Faith. Today, we are gathered together to pray that the time of their suffering will be shortened and that their persecutors will be banished from this earth.

This spirit of determination was expressed by the example of the sainly Archbishop Theophilis Matulionis

of Kaunas, Lithuania's prewar capital. Of the 62 years of his priesthood, Arch. Matulionis spent 4 years under nazism and 28 under communism (24 of them in Soviet jails). And in those 24 years of suffering in Soviet prisons, Arch. Matulionis equaled and at times outdid those of Yugoslavia's Aloysius Cardinal Stepenac, Czechoslovakia's Arch. Josef Beran and Hungary's Joseph Cardinal Mendszenty, a refugee in the American Legation of Budapest. Arch. Matulionis died in occupied Lithuania on Aug. 20th, 1963.

Many things that we will speak this afternoon will be related to the Church of Silence in Lithuania, but the Christians suffering for their religion behind the Iron-Curtain are undergoing the same trials because the same cruel masters in Moscow give the orders and set the tempo of persecution through out the Soviet world. No on occupied nation is treated more leniently than an other. The Soviet hate for Christ is the same in all nations that they have conquered. The atheistical commands are the same for all nations in their Union of Socialistic Republics.

According to a National Catholic Welfare Conference news bulletin of June 9th, 1963 from Berlin: "The priests in Lithuania are very active among the young people. They organize choirs, orchestras and athletic events. These priests also speak out as advocates of patriotism and national interests. They try to retain the frequency of pilgrimages to traditional shrines. The atheistic organ claims that the pilgrimages to these shrines, for instance to the chapel of Our Lady of Vilna, bring large incomes to the priests. Therefore the clergy try to organize new centers of miracles."

This same news source makes the report that in all of the Soviet Union there are but four Roman Catholic archdioceses: Vilnius and Kaunas in Lithuania; Riga, Latvia; and Mohilev, Belorussia. And the same source from the N.C.W.C. makes this further statement: There is no Roman Catholic Episcopate in the Soviet Union, neither on a countrywide scale nor in the individual union republics. Apostolic administrators head the metropolitan chanceries. They participated in the first session of the Vatican Council.

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of 1959, His Holiness, Pope John XXIII, issued a letter to the bishops of Lithuania upon the occasion of the 350th anniversary of the death of the saintly Merkelis Giedraitis, one of the first and foremost bishops in Lithuania. In this letter His Holiness correctly appraises the situation of the Catholic Church in Lithuania and the other nations behind the Iron-Curtain.

(Quote) "We know well the difficult times you are living in and we sincerely appreciate your sufferings. For many years now, the Catholic Church in your beloved country is experiencing many severe difficulties; the bishops and priests cannot perform their duties and the faithful are not able to practice their Christian religion.

"The shepherds of your Church are exiled from their country or are not allowed to live in their dioceses; far from their faithful they are not able to work freely or to perform their parochial duties. Many priests and more of the faithful have been exiled or thrown into prisons where they have died because of broken health and sufferings for their fidelity to the Faith and the Truths of their Holy Mother the Church. Your religious are dispersed, their properties and monasteries have been confiscated; Catholic Action societies have been banned, their schools have been closed and they have opened others that not only forbid the teaching of Christian Truths but extol and propagate atheism; civil authorities have burdened the freedom of the Church with many obstacles and difficulties; newspapers, magazines and Christian periodicals which the faithful edited so wisely and successfully have been silenced long ago and they are missed sadly." (Unquote.)

What His Holiness, the late Pope John XXIII, stated in a general way can be detailed with the following figures: more than 700 priests were carted off to Siberia or suffered in Soviet prisons; about 800 priests remain in the country, but most of them are hindered in their work and can not be active; at one time there were 425 seminarians in the four seminaries, but now only 35 are studying theology in the one seminary allowed to stay

open; 924 sisters have been turned out of their convents and their properties confiscated; 726 rectories and 149 churches have been destroyed; 572 churches have been nationalized and are being used for other purposes. That is but a short list of the damage done to the flourishing Church of Lithuania.

During the past few years, newspapers in Lithuania have been mentioning the inroads of a few Protestant sects upon the population of Lithuania. To combat this influence, the official newspapers have been urging the Soviet citizens to use "methods of persuasion and by ideological influence". When parents are found teaching their children religion, the Department of Education in Vilnius sets out to sue the parents to deprive them of their rights as parents.

Then too, the Soviets are warning the people about the newest type of pastoral activity that is found in Lithuania.

They say: (Quote) "Priests are using a new approach to the people. New-a-days the priests can fashion a cap, plane, a table, play music at picnics, paint pictures.

And there are others than can solder a pot, fashion a scapulary, repair petroleum cooking stoves, cure animals and boils, glaze windows, repair motorcycles and they are regular jacks of nine trades. But the worst thing about these priests is this: they make photostats of holy pictures and distribute them to the people." (Unquote)

During the 15th century all of Lithuania was taken over by the Calvinists. Where the people did not embrace Calvinism, the landed gentry of that date resorted to force: they attacked the Catholics, robbed them and even burned their churches or confiscated their properties.

In 1608 some young sheperds were watching their flocks in a field near the little town of Siluva, when they suddenly saw an apparition: it was Our Lady; she was standing there on a rock and silently weeping. The children told their parents about the apparition and after much doubt, the neighbors and a Calvinist preacher gathered at the rock. Our Lady again appeared and when she was questioned why she was weeping, she answered: "Formerly my dearly beloved Son was worshiped on this spot, now this soil is given over to the plowman and the sower."

That event sparked the return of Lithuania to Catholicism. The people never again wavered in their faith. They are being sorely tried in the ways of their Faith at this time by the persecution of the Soviets.

Lithuania has Our Lady as its protectress and she will not fail her people. The sparks of Faith will somehow remain alive and Mary will provide the incidents and the circumstances of freedom for the Faith of the People.

Despite the extreme means used by the Soviets to suppress the Church within its Union of "so-called-Republics", the bishops, priests and faithful are constantly struggling for survival of their traditional Faith. They are fighting with all their strength to hold on to their Faith. The big question is: how will the Faith of the second, third and fourth generations hold up in this mighty struggle.

The prayer quoted at the start of this talk was written on little scraps of waste paper that were salvaged in

the Siberian slave-labor camps; the four young girls composed the prayers, bound up the scraps of paper by hand into a little prayer-book and had it smuggled into Lithuania.

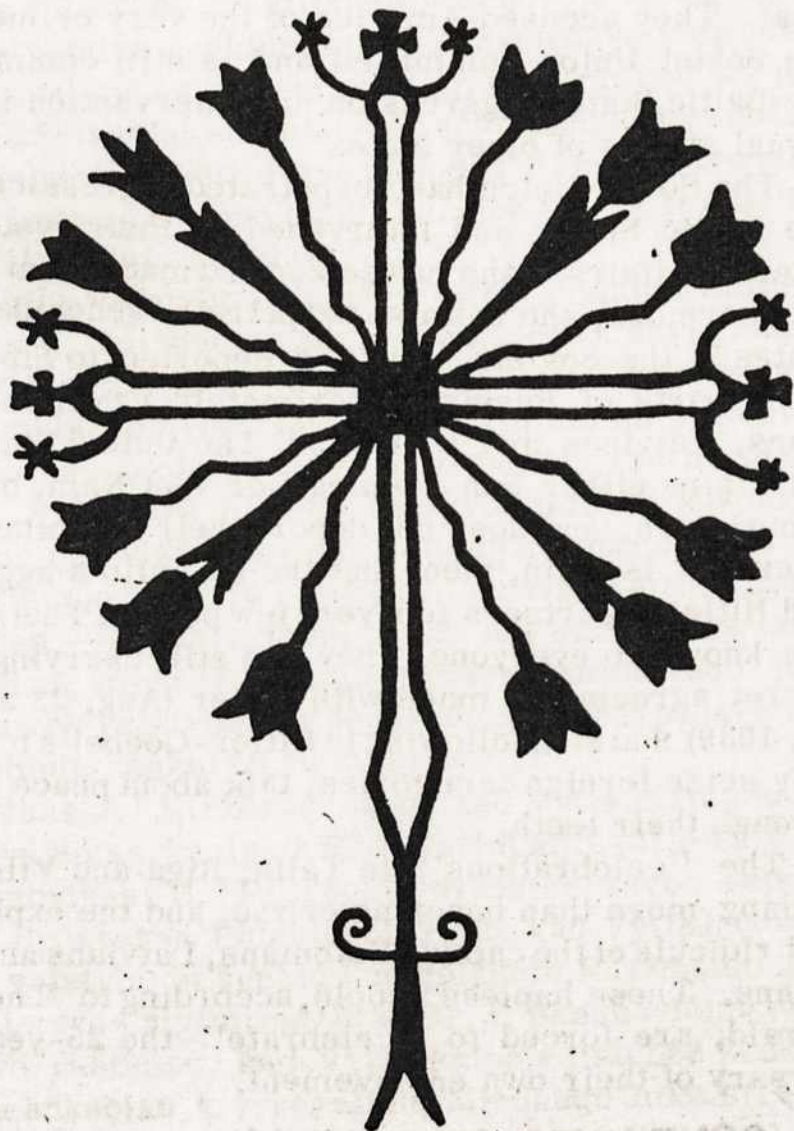
This little prayerbook is proof, if proof is necessary, that a cruel master can try to kill the body of the conquered people but they can never overcome the spirit that desires to believe and love.

Amongst the prayers for the sacrifice of the Mass, the Lithuanian girls composed the following prayer to be said during the introit: "O Lord, have mercy on those that torment us; grant to them also to know the sweetness of Your love." Even there, no hate is expressed for the cruel master.

Today we are gathered together to pray for the Church of Silence, not that members themselves are silent, but because they have been silenced by a persecutor and they are not allowed to call for help from the world outside of their Bamboo or Iron-Curtains. The members themselves are not silent, because we know they are constantly praying and suffering in silence. It is because we are not allowed to hear from them and not allowed to help them materially that their Church is known as the Church of Silence.

From the Siberian Prayerbook, written by the four Lithuanian girls, we know they are constantly praying and suffering for Christ. Their hearts are not full of vengeance and hate for their cruel persecutors.

My dear friends, we are gathered together, to heed the silent call of our fellow Christians who do not take



their Faith for granted; they are suffering for their Faith; they need our help. We are not allowed to free them from their sufferings or bring them consolation.

We must appeal or go to those that can pass over the thousands of miles of oceans and go even beyond the man-made curtains to bring them balm for their sufferings and encouraging words to console them. Let us send our prayers to Our Divine Redeemer and His Heavenly Mother.

The local chapter of the World Union of Catholic Women has arranged this solemn reminder that all Christians throughout the world should constantly remember their brethren within the confines of the Church of Silence and come to their aid by only means possible: prayer. Pray that our fellow Christians within the Church of Silence may attain the consolation they need and that their communistic persecutors may be banished from this earth, never more to cause such suffering amongst our people.

Let us pray that the prayer of the prisoner girls' of Siberia may be answered, when they prayed to Our Lady of Girkalnis: "O (Blessed) Mother look into our hearts that are sorrowing and burdened with loneliness; gaze upon our lips blue with cold and hunger. Return us to our country given to us by the heavens, to land of crosses and churches, to the land you have loved for ages. Let us again look on the pictures and the shrines, endowed with many blessings. Let us again sing the hymns of gratitude and love to the Merciful Jesus and to you, Our Mother of Mercy, who hast promised to intercede for a remission of all of our faults. Amen."

Mūsų broliai Lietuvoje

Už giružės vėjas kaukia,
Klausyk broli lyg kas šaukia,
Lyg tėvynė mūs dejuoja,
Lyg mūs broliai ten vaitoja.

Girdžiu, girdžiu, mielas broli,
Bet ką veiksi būdams toli,
Kad už jūrių ir taip toli,
Brolis žudo savo brolių.

Ne už duoną, ne už žemę,
Bet už svetimus valdovus,
Tenai broliai susirėmę,
Vienas kito laužo šonus.

Tad skausmo apimtas,
Aš geidžiu mylėti,
Tuos žmones ir ošiantį mišką,
Bet skausmas širdies, niekad neišnyksta.

Saulės Brolis
Youngstown, Ohio

SOVIET CRIMES IN LITHUANIA

D. JURIS

The illegal Russian occupants and bosses of captive Lithuania and their agents are strenuously trying to justify and vindicate the Kremlin's heinous crimes against Lithuania: they are making impassioned speeches and writing long articles, but are convincing nobody. The facts and the law speak out against them - find them to be transgressors: aggressors, bandits and perpetrators of genocide. That this is so is proven by their own adopted tenets and by the decisions in which they participated in sentencing the Nazi war criminals at Nuremberg.

The International Military Tribunal Charter, adopted by Great Britain, the United States, France and the Soviet Union, describes war crimes as follows:

1. CRIMES AGAINST PEACE: namely planning, preparation, initiation or waging of a war of aggression, or a war in violation of international treaties, agreements or assurances, or participation in a common plan of conspiracy for the accomplishment of any of the foregoing;

2. CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY: namely, murder, extermination, enslavement, deportation, and other inhumane acts committed against any civilian population, before or during the war; or persecutions on political, racial or religious grounds.

The rulers of the Kremlin committed all of these crimes against Lithuania and in Lithuania:

- 1) September 28, 1939. Plotted with Hitler to seize and partition Lithuania.
- 2) June 15, 1940. Invaded and occupied Lithuania, deposed its legal government and replaced it with an agency of its own making.
- 3) July 14-15, 1940. Forced through mock "elections" and began the devious processes for the incorporation of Lithuania into the Soviet Union.

Prof. Lapradelle, French authority on international law, said the following about the Soviet acts:

"Never before had an occupying power arranged general elections in an occupied country in order to create an elective parliament charged with the prescribed task of voting for the incorporation of their own country in the occupying one."

- 4) July 21, 1940. The occupant-formed "Diet", without any debate, adopted the Kremlin's resolutions by which Lithuania was proclaimed a "Soviet republic desiring admission" into the Soviet Union.

This was not only a flagrantly illegal act, but even in violation of a tenet proclaimed by Lenin, which says:

"The incorporation of a small or weak state into a large or powerful state without the complete withdrawal of the army of the incorporating state is annexation - an arbitrary seizure of a foreign state - a criminal act."

Moscow's action was just such an act.

The United States Department of State expressed a similar opinion on July 23, 1940, calling the Soviet aggression a devious process and predatory activity, in other words, a criminal act.

The Kremlin is "celebrating" this crime and striving to wash itself clean of the stigma of lawlessness. In mid-July all the heads of the Soviet state swarmed into the Baltic: Pres. Mikoyan to Estonia's capital, Talin; Premier Kosygin to Latvia's capital, Riga; and the ideologist of the Communist Party - the terror of the Lithuanian people - stalinist Suslov to Vilnius, Lithuania's capital city. All of them paid homage to the Soviet Union and castigated Lithuania's independent past and the United States in every way imaginable.

These trips to and tirades in the Baltic States by the aggressors and enslavers of foreign nations are significant. For one thing, the Soviet leaders are trying to whitewash their crimes committed in 1940. For another, they are striving to justify their actions in the Baltic by accusing the United States of aggression in Viet Nam and the Dominican Republic. Then too, they attempt to inject into the Baltic populations a hatred of the United States - Kosygin, and Suslov in particular, delivered abusive tirades. It is very doubtful, however, that they met with any success, since the speeches were hypocritical. They accused America of the very crimes which the Soviet Union committed and is still committing in the Baltic States: aggression and intervention in the internal affairs of other states.

The Soviet Union has perpetrated aggression against the Baltic States and intervened in their systems and internal affairs - she has seized and made them captive. Furthermore, she has also perpetrated genocide in those states - the Soviets slew and deported to Siberia and other parts of Russia approximately a million Lithuanians, Latvians and Estonians. The United States does not claim either San Domingo or Viet Nam, by way of comparison, and does not deport their inhabitants anywhere. It is plain, then, that the Kremlin's aggressors and Hitler's partners fool very few people. Their crimes are known to everyone. They are still carrying out the secret agreements made with Hitler (Aug. 23 and Sept. 28, 1939) and still following in Hitler-Goebel's footsteps: they seize foreign territories, talk about peace - and lie through their teeth.

The "celebrations" in Talin, Riga and Vilnius are nothing more than honoring crime, and the exploitation and ridicule of the captive Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians. These hapless people, according to The Miami Herald, are forced to "celebrate" the 25-year anniversary of their own enslavement.

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LIETUVOS VALSTYBĖS SIMBOLIS VYTIS

POV. DIRKIS

Minint Lietuvos 25 metų pavergimo sukaktį, pagerbiame drauge ir jos valstybinės laisvės simbolių Vytį. Gerbti Vytį vien tik kaip valstybinio gyvenimo simbolių dar maža, nes jis būdamas lietuvių sielos ženklas yra drauge ir mūsų tautinis simbolis ir todėl dar daugiau yra nusipelnęs mūsų pagarbos.

Kad iš tikro Vytis yra ne tik valstybinis, bet drauge ir tautinis lietuvių garbės troškimų ir darbo simbolis, rodo mūsų Vyties kilmę ir jo istorija. Tat apie tai, nors trumpai, pakalbėsime.

Visos valstybės dar giliausioje senovėje visuomet turėjo valstybinius ženklus, kurie pažymėdavo kaip savarankišką valstybės gyvenimą, taip ir vyraujančias joje idėjas. Dažniausiai su valstybės sąvoka buvo sprendžiamos galingumo bei stiprumo idėjos. Tai ir vaizdavo simboliškai levų ar arų pavidalu, kuriuos vėliau ir pasilikdavo valstybiniais ženklais.

Nuo kitų valstybinių ženklų savo kuklumu skiriasi mūsų Vytis, vaizduojas tik paprastą raitą kari. Tačiau jame glūdi graži idėja: jis pasiryžęs ginti savo valstybės nepriklausomybę, laisvą lietuvių tautos gyvenimą. Tai Vytis vaizduoja nuo pirmųjų savo atsiradimo dienų.

Beto, Vytis yra idealus Lietuvos laisvės kovotojas ir liko juo per visą istorišką lietuvių gyvenimą, nes visuomet tikrojo lietuvių siela buvo gaivinama tik kilnios idėjos - su pasiryžimu kovoti dėl savo tautos laisvės. Tačiau, kuris iš pirmųjų lietuvių tautos vadų, jaunos Lietuvos valstybės valdovų-kunigaikščių padarė Vytį valstybiniu ženklu tikrų žinių nėra.

Istorikas A. Kirkoras sako, kad Vytis pirmą kartą buvo pavartotas kunigaikščio Gerimunto 1270-1275 m. Kitas istorikas B. Paprockis viename savo veikale "Herby Rycerstwa Polskiego" rašo, kad Vytis buvo padarytas valstybiniu ženklu kunigaikščio Narimunto 1288 m. Gi Lietuvos atgimimo tėvas Dr. J. Basanavičius tvirtina savo raštuose, kad Vytis kaip valstybės ženklas buvo dar anksčiau, t. y. karaliaus Mindaugo laikais (1240-1263) kas matyti iš likusio jo laikų anspaudo.



Kaip ten bebūtų, viena tik aišku, kad Vytis buvo padarytas Lietuvos valstybiniu ženklu tada, kada buvo sudaryta pirmoji Lietuvos valstybė, t. y. XIII a. pradžioje. Ir dar kas svarbu, kad Vytis nėra tik valstybinis ženklas, bet ir lietuvių tautiškų idėjų simbolis. Tas rodo jo tikrą lietuvišką kilmę, žymima jame detališkai: žirgu, kariu ir kario skydo ženklu šešių galų, vadinamu, Vyties kryžiumi.

Tuo būdu pats Vytis kaip Lietuvos valstybinis ženklas, taip ir jo visos detalės yra grynai tautiškos ir dėl to Vytis gali visuomet būti laikomas lietuvių sielos simboliu.

Atseit, Vytis pradėtas vartoti valstybiniu ženklu dar XIII a. Jis valstybiniu ženklu laikomas ir Did. Kunigaikščio Algirdo laikais - 1366 m. Did. Lietuvos kunigaikštis Vytautas Vytį vartoja, kaip valstybės ženklą ant monetų ir valstybinių anspaudų. Lenkų karalius Jogaila XV a. dėl glaudesnių santykių su Lietuva prie valstybinio anspaudu pridėjo Vytį greta lenkų aro.

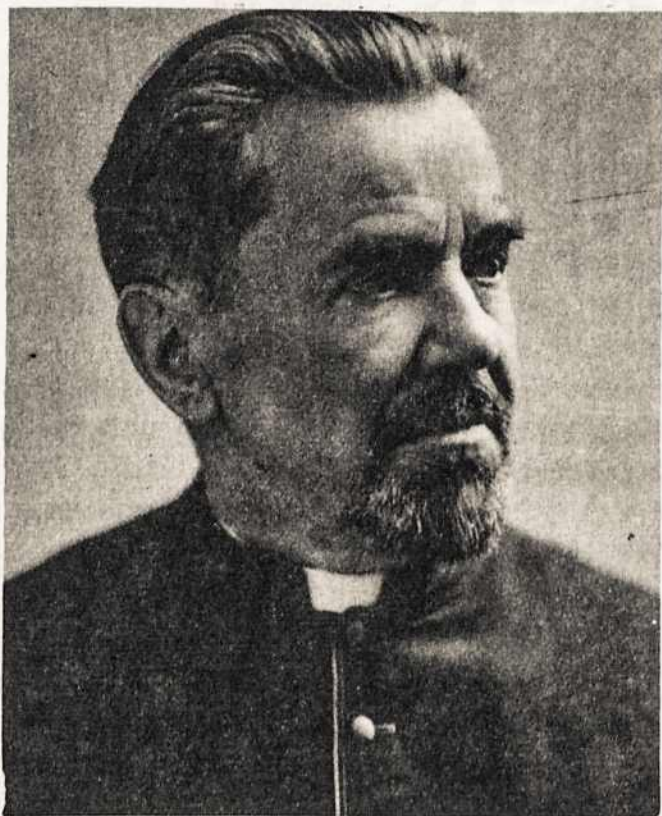
Daugiausia senovės Vyties atvaizdų yra likę senoviose monetose (piniguose), kur Vytis kas kartą vaizduojamas gražiau nors jo pavidalas nekeičiamas. Taip nuo Aleksandro-Jogailaičio laikų (1499-1506) monetose Vytis turi jau dabartniais laikais vartojamą Vytis pavidalą.

Nežiūrint Vyties atvaizdų, kai kurių skirtumų, jis visuomet vaizdavo nesusilaikantį, bet šokantį priekin kari, jis ne kerta, o veja, kas ir pateisina jo tikrąjį Vyties vardą.

Tai tokia maždaug yra Lietuvos valstybinio ženklo Vyties istorija ir kilmė iki 1918 metų vasario 16 dienos, kada Lietuva buvo paskelbta nepriklausoma valstybe, o senas valstybinis ženklas Vytis vėl buvo padarytas Lietuvos valstybiniu ženklu, kuris prieš 25 metus raudonųjų rusų buvo panaikintas, išniekintas.

Kaip matome, Lietuvos Vytis yra gyvas ryšis senovės galingos Lietuvos valstybės su naujai atgimusia, po kelių šimtų tautos vergavimo metų. Po Lietuvą išstikusios tragedijos mūsų Vytis vėl tapo išniekintas. Nežiūrint to viso, kaip seniau, taip ir dabar, kad ir išniekintas, jis yra tikroju lietuvių sielos atvaizdu, kuris žadina kiekvieno lietuvių širdyje kilnias mintis - atstatyti Lietuvos nepriklausomybę, bei įkūnyti tą mintį gyvu darbu ir pasiaukojimu valstybės ir tautos gerovei.

Lithuanians in The News



Left: Rt. Rev. Monsignor Mykolas Krupavičius, Cicero, Illinois, celebrated his 80th birthday recently. The Monsignor played a leading role during the early stage of the Republic of Lithuania, serving as Minister of Agriculture and a member of the Lithuanian Parliament. In exile, he served for several years as the President of the Supreme Committee for Liberation of Lithuania. Right: Dr. Stephen Biezis of Chicago, well-known Lithuanian-American, was one of six Chicagoans receiving the Distinguished Achievement Award, for outstanding work in the field of immigrant welfare. The awards were presented in the Grand Ballroom of the Drake Hotel by the Immigrants Service League.



Lithuanian Dancers perform at Baltic Nations Day, New York World's Fair.

Right: The Right Reverend Paul C. Marcinkus, a member of the Vatican Secretariat of State, is the special events director when Pope Paul VI takes trip. Along with the Pope's secretary, Monsignor Pascal Macchi, he was in charge of the Pope's recent trip to the United Nations and the United States. Throughout the day's events, Msgr. Marcinkus was noticed by millions of Americans as he moved constantly in the background keeping the whole stream of events flowing along on schedule. Msgr. Marcinkus is from Cicero, Ill., where his mother, Helen, currently resides.



Left: Cleveland's Mens Octete, pictured with director R. Babickus, frequently perform in the Cleveland area.



Right: Balfo vajas Chicagoje darbuotojai. Iš kairės: globos komiteto pirm. dr. L. Kriauceliunas, Balfo direktore M. Rudienė, Balfo Chicagos apskr. pirm. J. Petrauskas, Balfo vajas vyk. komiteto pirm. P. Silas ir Balfo direktorius A. Brazis.



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OFFICIAL NEWS

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETINGS

Supreme Council Meeting held on August 5, 1965, at the Statler Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles, California:

Meeting began with a prayer lead by Father John Jutt at 6:55 P.M.

Attending the meeting were: Rev. John Jutt, Helen Shieldds, Mary Stonis, Eleanore Laurin, Johanna Jakunas, Walter Svekla, Joseph Drumstas, Vince Samaska, Alexander Wesey, Benedict Coach, Jack Jatis.

Minutes of March 9th read and approved.

Instead of reports, which are printed, it was decided to discuss the Convention Agenda. Vince Samaska was appointed as Nominating Committee Chairman.

A parliamentarian was not available for the Convention and Father Jutt suggested that the Supreme Council have a committee to set up parliamentary rules for the Convention. Walter Svekla suggested that 1) have a discussion after the presentation of each resolution, and 2) any delegate or guest or letter be accepted for nomination. Al Wesey motioned that 3 persons are to be on the Parliamentary Committee for the Convention. E. Laurin seconded. Passed. Committee to consist of Jack Jatis, Father Jutt, and Al Wesey. The Supreme Council to decide on committee for a year, and all procedures to be sent to Legal Advisor. Helen Shields is to present to the Convention a resolution that we have a 3 member committee for the purpose of setting up parliamentary rules, - retracting last year's resolution.

It was suggested that at the next Supreme Council Meeting, an explanation be given of the purposes of the Special Funds, so that new Supreme Council officers have a complete understanding.

A suggestion was made by Jack Jatis that the Supreme Council appoint someone to be in charge of Archives. Joseph Drumstas motioned that the Supreme Council send a letter to the Illinois-Indiana District to appoint a committee to oversee Archives.

Father Jutt motioned that there be a travel expense for the President up to \$300. yearly, if used.

Father Jutt stated that there would be a Protest March held on November 13th at Madison Square Garden, New York City.

Mrs. Yuknis, National representative for the Knights of Lithuania for Our Lady of Siluva Committee, sent in her resignation. Vince Samaska was appointed as new representative.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 P.M. with a prayer lead by Father Jutt.

Respectfully submitted,
(s) Johanna Jakunas,
Acting Recording Secretary

Supreme Council Meeting was called at the Statler Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on August 8, 1965, in the afternoon by President Al Wesey.

Those attending the meeting were as follows: Al Wesey, Mary Stonis, Eleanore Laurin, Anthony Skirius, Johanna Jakunas, Joseph Drumstas, Walter Svekla, Helen Shields, Ben Coach, Jack Jatis, Rev. John Jutt, Edward Daniels, Frank Vaskas.

Meeting was opened with a prayer by Father Jutt.

A letter was voted to be sent to Rev. Abromaitis for our Spiritual Advisor for the year 1965-1966.

A letter to be sent to Legal Advisor, Mr. K. Savickus; also to Registered Agent Jack Jatis.

A committee consisting of Jack Jatis, Joseph Boley, and Anthony Mazeika was elected to set up rules for Convention parliamentary procedure.

Rita Pinkus was elected as the newly appointed Public Relations Committee from the New England District.

It was suggested that the annual dues be raised from \$4.00 to \$5.00. This was left for the next S. C. meeting.

Estelle Rogers will be asked to attend meeting regarding the Youth Congress to be held in Chicago, Illinois in July 1966.

A letter to be written to Loretta Macekonis regarding keeping up of the archives of the K of L in Chicago.

A payment of \$100.00 was authorized toward the Freedom Demonstration in November, 1965, at Madison Square Garden, N.Y.C.

New stationery to be ordered for Supreme Council.

A greeting to be sent to Moterų Sąjungos Convention in Detroit, Michigan - Mrs. E. Paurazas.

Meeting closed with prayer by Father Jutt.

Respectfully submitted,
(s) Mary Stonis
Acting Recording Secretary

LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS

Our K of L can be proud of the fact that we are beginning the 20th year of activity in Lithuanian Affairs. During the past 19 years, we have written over 400,000 letters in defense of Lithuania's right to freedom and letters in defense of Lithuania's right to freedom and of the Lithuanian name throughout the entire world.

It is quite possible that some of you may say, "What is the use of writing letters?" or "Really I am just tired of writing." or "Let the others write for I have done enough." This may be so! For those of you who may make these statements, we ask you this: Do the Communists ever get tired of serving their cause? Does it no longer annoy you when the Lithuanian name is maligned by ignorant people for no reason whatever? Does the United States stop fighting because a country is not

within its confines? These and so many other questions will answer your statements and your attitudes. The truth of the matter is that we cannot rest until Lithuania is free and until our so-called enemies stop abusing us for being Lithuanians. As long as our so-called enemies are awake and active, that is how long we must be active.

Lithuania has been deprived of all basic human rights and freedoms. Nevertheless, no dictatorship in the world, however brutal and ruthless, can change the course of history or stop the progress of mankind toward individual freedom and national self-determination. In this attitude lies the best hope and guarantee for the restoration of Lithuania's independence.

As we Americans are preparing to celebrate Thanksgiving, let us not forget our fellow man who is behind the Iron Curtain. Let us who have so much to be thankful for never forget all of those who have so little. Let us do all we can to help them in their hour of need, and may the day come when the Iron Curtain will no longer exist and all of mankind can really be thankful for the bountiful blessing bestowed upon us by our beloved Savior.

Alex Kardokas
Chairman Lithuanian Affairs
New England District

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.

REQUEST FROM RECORDING SECRETARY

A listing of council officers cannot be prepared until every active council submits an officers' roster to the Recording Secretary. If you have not already done so, please send your list to: Josephine Zukas, 9 Charles St., Port Washington, L. I., N. Y.

Persons requiring council officers' names and addresses should send their inquires to Josephine.

SUPPLIES

Any Supreme Council Officer or National Committee member needing official K of L stationary is asked to write to Johanna Jakunas, 4357 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60632.

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.

K of L CALENDAR

Nov. 13	Mass-Meeting and Rally at Madison Square Garden, New York City.
Nov. 21	C-36, Chicago, 50th Anniversary Banquet, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
Nov. 27	C-17, South Boston November Fall Dance Lith. Citizens Club, So. Boston, Mass.
Nov. 27	C-109, Great Neck Fall Dance, Transfiguration Church Hall, Maspeth, N. Y.
Nov. 27	C-112, Chicago Annual Fall Dance, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
Nov. 28	C-14, Cicero, I-I District Bowling Social, Fer-O-Lanes, Cicero, Ill.
Dec. 5	Illinois-Indiana District, Quarterly Business Meeting K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
Dec. 5	New York - New Jersey District, Business Meeting, Host C-109, Benevolent Hall, Great Neck, N. Y.
Dec. 11	New York-New Jersey District, "Open Bowling" Social Kearny Lanes, Kearny, N. J.
Dec. 19	C-5, Chicago, I-I District Bowling Social

*Thanksgiving
Greetings*

SUPREME COUNCIL
OFFICERS

and

"VYTIS" STAFF



JUNIOR NEWS

Camp Dainava-1965

Though smaller in number but great in spirit, this year's contingent of K of L youngsters recently finished a week's stay at Camp Dainava.

For most there will be a sea of pleasant memories. The children had so much planned for them that there wasn't an idle minute from the time they arrived until their parents rounded them up Saturday evening to go home. During the day the youngsters enjoyed sports, crafts, swimming, fishing, being with nature, and anything you want at Camp Dainava. In the evening the campers enjoyed movies, masquerade party, lauzas, and conducted a delightful variety show for their parents on Saturday night.

Among some interesting acts were three dance introductions between "those from the younger side" and "those from the older side" who blossomed in the Karvelis, Vedaras, and Kugelis. Joanne Miller did an outstanding acrobatic number with Mary Pat Gadwell providing piano accompaniment. Approximately 40 parents and guests came out to see the show.

East met West when Alex Fentingas of Dayton approached Tomy Schimez of Cicero, in a rousing boxing match at one of the talent shows. It was hard deciding which was the strong favorite. Mary Pat Gadwell and Joanne Miller walked off as happy winners for "Eliza and Henry" at the masquerade party. The Casey Ambrose three-some were also among lucky prize winners. It was their very first time at camp but progressed very satisfactorily as proven from the awards they received. Prizes were given for various achievements.

What a grand bunch of committee people! Joseph Kazlauskas capably serving as chairman for the second term was joined by his "little Mary" this year. Assisting him were Mr. and Mrs. Al Gadwell, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Medonis, V. Biliunas, Ann Mae Uznis, and the Frank Zagers. Then there was Clem Patocki who had a "friendly" run-in with his new "garden" tractor. The Zagers breezed in from their California trip and the K of L National Convention in time for them to come to the camp; and Frank whip up a pizza, to the campers delight. Serving on the Camp Staff was Mrs. Janina Udrys as a capable camp director. Miss Ramona Misiunas was a terrific girls' leader, assisted by Peggy Bitner and Joan Byville. John Stanievich served capably as boys' leader as well as life guard. In addition, Mrs. A. Damusis who served as camp director previously surprised the campers pleasantly by

coming out and assisting, too.

Father Patlaba contributed spiritually for the campers in the camp's lovely new chapel. Father J. Walter Stanievich of St. Anthony, and Father Michael Kundrat of Divine Providence took a ride out to visit the campers. The Sisters of Immaculate Conception were on hand to see that things were running smoothly.

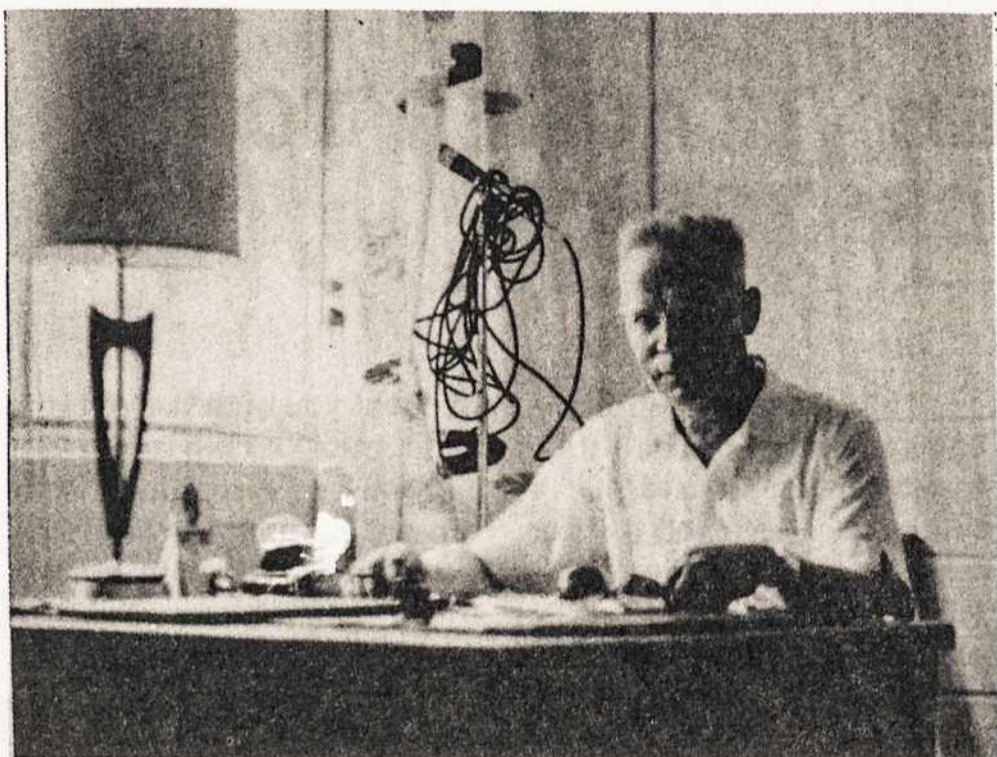
And, who but Bernardas Prapuolenis of Chicago, could have done such a tremendous job as musical director. The boys and girls had so much fun learning Lithuanian songs and dances under his fine leadership, with some nostalgia among the grownups too.

Where but the Youth Camp at Lithuanian Camp Dainava could have so much fun in just one week!

Sophie M. Zager, Camp sec'y.



Camp Dainava. Upper: Campers enjoying the East Beach. Lower: Part of the Tented Village at the Camp.



Rev. Petras Patlaba, Camp Dainava Administrator

CAMP DAINAVA - 1965

What is Camp Dainava? Located in Michigan's Water Wonderland, near Manchester, it is a little bit of Lithuania here in U.S.A. Occupying a tract of land, 268 acres, with a private spring-fed lake, its rolling hills and wooded land is a recreational area for our fellow Lithuanians. Some two thousand persons, including 850 children campers, have vacationed at Camp Dainava this year. This is where our K of L camping week was held.

The mammoth task of Camp Administrator was in the hands of Rev. Petras Patlaba of St. Anthony Church, Cicero, Illinois. Tired and tense the vacationist enters the camp, and after a week or so under Father's guidance, leaves physically refreshed and spiritually inspired.

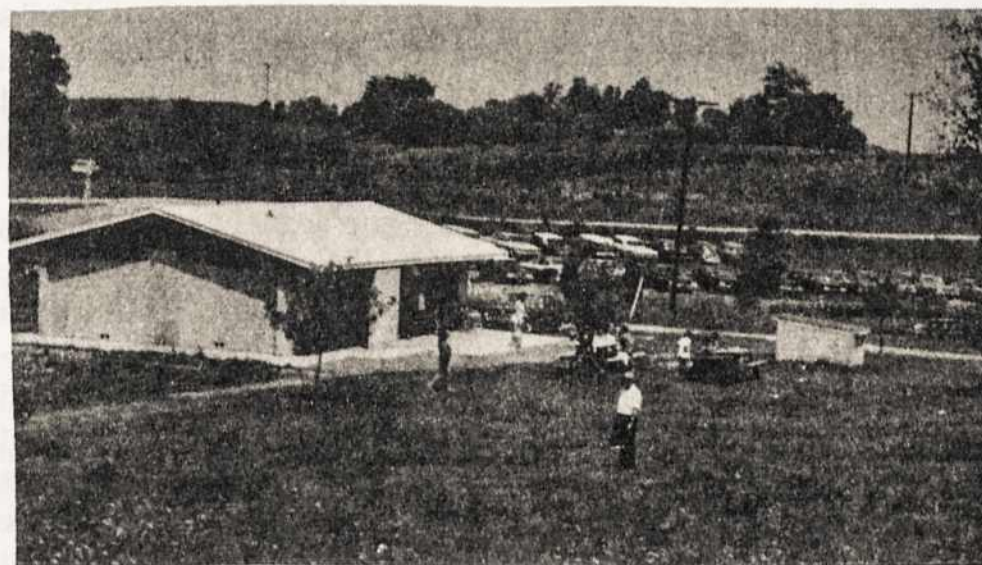
The facilities were modern and constructed of solid masonry. The huge Administration building contains the camp offices, family dormitories with hotel-like services, and a Chapel that accommodates 300 worshipers. The children campers have their separate dormitories. Those campers that were more robust and nature loving, have a tented village for their accommodation. Week-end visitors partook of hot cooked Lithuanian dishes at the refreshment building.

For swimming pleasure, there were two beaches, supervised by a staff of six certified Red Cross life guards. Other sports facilities included tennis courts, basketball court, volleyball court, and a baseball diamond. The children sports activities were under the supervision of a group sport director.

A staff of Nuns supervised the diet and prepared the food for the children. Those ever busy Nuns also taught the children religion, Lithuania culture, folk dances and songs.

For relaxation from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, the quiet of Camp Dainava is the place. Often the night silence is deafening. In the evening when the children held their songfest, their voices reverberated across the lake waters.

John Kolinske, C-79



Camp Dainava. Upper: Administration Building and Facilities. Lower: Refreshment Building at Camp.

Chicago Juniors

C. M.

The Illinois-Indiana District K of L Juniors have begun their third busy season and their newly elected officers: President, Laura Micka; Girl's Vice President, Christine Giedraitis; Boy's Vice President, Michael Micka; Corresponding Secretary, Denise Jocius; Recording Secretary, Paul Kazlauskas; Treasurer, Joyce Janus; Sgts. at Arms, Richard Richkus & Michael Goggins are looking forward to a full schedule of activities including socials, athletics, folk dancing & singing and crafts.

At the time of this writing, a Halloween Card and Bunco Party is feverishly being planned by our industrious Juniors and from all indications, it appears it will be a huge success.

An appeal is being made again for volunteers to help counsel our Juniors. We now have 35 youngsters enrolled who meet on Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to noon and we need the varied talents of many to guide and counsel these future K of L ers. One or two Saturdays a month can be a rewarding experience - why not give it a try.

NATURE FORGOTTEN TEACHER TO MOST CATHOLICS TODAY

In a little volume called "The Forgotten Revelation", Frank Morris of Chicago deplors the fact that nature is the forgotten teacher to most Catholics today. In his book he says that industrialization and the rise of our modern day cities, nature is a forgotten revelation to most Catholics though it was an essential part of God's revelation in the mind of St. Francis. He shows us in his study how nature and the religious meanings of it can be a means of renewing the sense of reverence, the absence of which Pope Paul VI deplored.

Take the month of November for instance. Nature is going to sleep. The leaves are falling off the trees, the grass is turning brown, everything is dying. There is a lesson to be learned here, and the church takes advantage of it by scheduling All Souls Day at this time and reminds us of death. The last Sunday after Pentecost falls in this month and the Gospel for the day reminds us of the end of the World. But, how do we react to the coming of Autumn? It's a beginning. A new semester at school for the students, a new season begins on the idiot box in our parlors. How can modern man relate nature with his religious life with such competition.

One way to combat this ecularistic trend is to revive and foster our Lithuanian customs. The Lithuanians had an agricultural economy and their lives were oriented to the seasons and its various changes. In spring they understood the meaning of the Resurrection better than we because they saw nature awakening so profusely about them. All that modern man thinks about when the warm weather hits him in about May, is to get away to a beach and relax and take it easy.

By now you have probably perceived that the cultural programs that have been presented to you by your council chairman are geared to the Lithuanian year. They have received the September outline from your council delegates at the National Convention and the October program was mailed to them. If any one was left out, please mail me your council Cultural Chairman's address and you too can profit from this program.

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The Soviet crime against Lithuania and the big lie about her voluntary joining into the Soviet Union is very clearly defined by the International Military Tribunal cited earlier, which charged the Nazis with the seizure of Austria, against which the accused explained and argued on the basis of the same motives that the Communists now use to explain and argue about the seizure of Lithuania, namely:

"It was contended before the Tribunal that the annexation of Austria was justified by the strong desire expressed in many quarters for the union of Austria and Germany; that there were many matters in common between the two peoples that made this union desirable; and

I have been attempting to present you with the origins and meanings of the Lithuanian months and the important feasts and festivals that are celebrated in each. In September we learned of the Rye planting and harvesting - a major crop to the Liths because it was a table staple, and provided bread for the table. In October we learned about flax which provided linen, clothing for their backs and homes. Rye and flax were the two mainstays of life for the Lithuanian peasant.

The Lithuanian calendar had its months named after the tasks which an agricultural society living on the farms found it necessary to perform and the celebrations and festivals usually took place after the harvests whether they were flax, hay or foodstuffs.

The present dilemma of our cultural lag has been noticed not only by the clergy and our educators, but by the Congress and our President who on Sept. 29th passed a \$20 million dollar appropriation for the advancement of culture in this country. There is a plan to organize a national theater, subsidize the arts and perhaps a ballet group. You know that of all the capitals of the world, the U.S. is the only one that did not have any cultural activities going on in the capital! What did we have to offer the foreign diplomats? Movies, Night Clubs, Saloons! No wonder they called us uncultured. America is a land of factories, restaurants, and saloons. We've heard it said before that man does not live by bread alone, and Shakespeare has Hamlet say: "What is a man if his chief good and market of his time be but sleep and feed? A beast, no more". And I say, what good are our councils if they exist only for the picnics, the New Year's Eve dances, the Halloween Parties, etc, etc. Let's think this over. Is that all there is in life? Isn't there anything to lift up our spirits out of the ordinary common everyday rat race?

JOSEPH YANULAITIS
Cultural Chairman

that in the result the object was achieved without bloodshed.

These matters, even if true, are really immaterial, for the facts plainly prove that the methods employed to achieve the object were those of an aggressor. The ultimate factor was the armed might of Germany ready to be used if any resistance was encountered..."

This formula very aptly fits the Soviet Union for the seizure and appropriation of Lithuania. The Soviets were not only "ready" to use armed might, but did use it - placed some 300,000 strongly-armed Soviet troops in Lithuania. Thus the Communist contention that Lithuania voluntarily joined the Soviet Union is pure red fiction, without any factual or legal basis.

MEMBERSHIP PROBLEMS



GOT YOU OVER A BARREL?

Perhaps we should handle this one, as we do so many problems in business or personal life... begin at the beginning. Our beginning is determining the DUTIES OF the Second or MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT.

FIRST, attend your regular and board meetings. Your presence may be necessary if the President or 1st V.P. are not there. But what is more important - you should always be on hand to keep the "membership viewpoint" before the officers and members when activities, whether religious, or social, are discussed and decided upon. Every activity has the power to draw or even to discourage both prospects and present members. A few activities with some, shall we say more altruistic purpose, may draw some thinking people. A few too many activities requiring selling and collecting may discourage others. So be around when the big ideas are being promoted.

SECOND, Conduct at least one concentrated membership campaign. Draw up a plan, whether it be for a social function or a door-to-door promotion. Present the plan to the board, request assistance and get every active member to participate. You don't want someone else to do your job for you but you certainly will do better for the organization if you don't try to do it by yourself.

Go to your parish pastor and spiritual advisor, they can help with names of some eligible parishioners and with announcements in the parish paper. Don't let the publicity stop there. Advertise your campaign in the local newspapers. Enlist the members who are active in other organizations. Let the members who do not attend meetings too frequently in on the plan and ask their participation. And don't forget that little added inducement, - some kind of award. This does not have to be exclusive with the national office.

THIRD, keep contact with other membership V.P's in the area, in your District and the Supreme Council. Discussions will produce ideas and if you take the initiative to ask, you may discover how willing people are to give advice and assistance.

The national drive is on - so don't wait. We want members joining us as early in our year of activities as possible. This is why the points for the national awards are the greatest in the first period, which ends January 31, 1966. New member applications are already coming in.

ELEANORE H. LAURIN
Membership Vice President

REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREES

RITUAL

FIRST DEGREE

1. A member may be enrolled in the First Degree upon his initiation into the organization.

SECOND DEGREE

1. One year membership in the First Degree.
2. Each applicant must have accumulated at least THREE Points as per outlined point system.

THIRD DEGREE

1. Two year membership in the Second Degree.
2. Each applicant must have accumulated at least THIRTY points as per outlined point system.

FOURTH DEGREE

1. Three year membership in the Third Degree.
2. Each applicant must have accumulated at least NINETY Points as per outlined point system.

ACTIVITY	BASIS	POINTS
K of L Membership	Per / Year	1
Council Officer - Pres., Sec., or Treas.	"	5
" Vice - Pres.	"	3
" Trustees & Other Electives	"	2
District Officer - Pres., Sec., or Treas.	"	7
" Vice-Pres.	"	5
" Trustees & other Electives	"	3
Supreme Officer - Pres., Sec., or Treas.	"	10
" Vice-Pres.	"	7
" Trustees & other Electives	"	5
Committee Chairmen, Organizers, or Directors ON COUNCIL, DISTRICT, OR SUPREME LEVEL Of Sports Activity, Dances, Dinners, Plays, or Theatricals; Lithuanian Language, History, or Literature Classes; Cultural, Spiritual, K of L or Church Choir, Leadership, Ritual, Lithuanian Affairs, Public Relations, or Organization or Reorganization of Junior, Regular or Senior Councils, Or Other Committees or Activities As Approved by the Supreme Ritual Committee.	Per / Year or Per / Activity or Per / Season As Applicable	4
Active members on Committees or Activities as outlined above on District or Council level	"	1
Active members as per above Supreme level	"	3
Officers of Host Council's Convention Committee for National Convention.	Per / Convention Points as per Council Officers	
Electives on the Presidium at the Nat. Convention	Per / Convention	2
Participation on Committees At " "	"	1
Delegate to National Convention	"	1
" " District "	"	1/2
Enrollment of each new member into K of L	Per / Member	1/2
Each Council or District News Item published by VYTIS	Per / Article	1/4
Each article or Editorial published by VYTIS	"	2

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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

Chicago, c-112 L. C. Rogers

C-112 held its regular meeting on Tuesday, Spt. 21st at the Nativity BVM parish hall. The new officers elected at this meeting were: Rt. Rev. Cannon B. Zakarauskas, Spiritual Advisor; Alexander Mockus, President; Frank Savickas, Vice President; Milda Pakalniškis, Recording Secretary; Bernadine Lazisky, Corresponding Secretary; Albert Dagis, Financial Secretary; Monica Kasper, Treasurer; Raymond Bartkus, Louis Rogers and Alexander Shulicke, Sergeants - at - Arms; Lorraine Wainauskis and Irene Rakaitis, Trustees.

The standing committee members: Julie Zakarka, Social Chairman; Albert Raubiskis and Estella Rogers, Membership Chairmen; James and Mildred Jagiella, Lithuanian Affairs Chairmen; Monica Kasper, Gift Chairman; Ruth Dagis, Ritual Chairman; Louis Rogers, Publicity Chairman; Ruth Dagis and Emilija Pakalniškis, Publicity co-Chairmen.

Our council sponsored a "Fairwell to Summer" building benefit turned out to be very successful. Members of the committee headed by Vladas Paliulionis, were Milda Pakal-

niskis, Monica Kasper, Albert Zakarka, Alexander Mockus, Albert Raubiskis and Louis Rogers.

Congratulations to Al and Julie Zakarka who just celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary on Oct. 9th.

Our quarterly Communion Sunday will take place at Nativity B.V.M. Church on Sun. Dec. 12th at 5:00 P.M.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

So. Boston, Mass., C-17 Kumas
Kampas

With regret we are sorry to announce that one of our most active members has left our area and has gone to Florida where her husband was transferred - their names are Don & Loretta (Kontrim) Martell. Perhaps there is a council in Florida, who could use two good members. While losing Don and Loretta we gained two neophytes, Jacqueline Burke and Eleanor Sanda, both students at Girls Latin High School and they are graduates from the Juniors. Welcome, girls!

We had a couple of graduates from higher education, congrats and laurels to Paula Antanellis (Boston State College), she is now a pedagogue; Joe Kascus (Northeastern University), a

new Business Administrative major. Though they are not members of C-17, may we congratulate the Baublis sisters of the Lawrence council for winning a money contest in one of the local Boston papers. Joan Pasakarnis was also a cash prize winner in a local store contest, - some people have all the luck. But it couldn't happen to nicer people.

During the summer months C-17, wasn't totally inactive. We had a beach party at Horseneck Beach and a real family affair amongst the few the Grigas's (Frank, Joanna, Donna), the Sabitski's (Frank, Helen, Sharon, Alan), the Ruka's (Ed, Marie and the tribe), Florence and Frances Zaleskas, the Venis's (Jerry, Rita, Larry, Regina), Butch Venis and Maddie Druzdis, the Gendreau's (Bob, Phyllis, Mike), the Yelmokas's (Stan, Angie, Ann Marie, Johnnie Joe, Mark Anthony), the Suprin's (Helen and brother Frank and friend Shirley), Al Jaritis and Bill Zarembo.

Then came that rainy nite when Larry Svelnis held his gala splash party at his brother's swimming pool. Larry went through all the trouble to take life saving lessons and no one used the pool, the excuse was that it was too wet outside. We have some great frogmen and women who just didn't want to get their swimsuits wet. The food and refreshments were great.

Among those attending were the Fathers Januinas and Contons, Dr. & Mrs. Anthony Kapochy, Kasty Yonika, the Grigas (Frank, Donna, Joanna), Mrs. Helen Zarembo and son Bill, the Antanellis girls, Joanne and Paula, Florence Zaleskas, Al Jaritis (who chickened out as the cook), Bill Gorski, Lil Kasauskas, Frank Svelnis and wife. One thing can be said about Larry is that he is a good host.

Many of the council members



Left: Incoming C-112 Pres. Al Mockus presents gift to Emilija Pakalniškis, Draugas correspondent. Right: Dolores Wainauskas presents Outgoing Pres. Al Raubiskis with Convention membership award.



C-109, Great Neck, N.Y. Left: Charles Strolis being presented with his 4th Degree Medal during Mass prior to NY-NJ District Meeting. Right: Having earned her Third Degree in 1940 (when medals were not issued), Mary Kober received her Medal from Al Wesey 25 years later.



helped in their small way to try to insure the success of their annual picnic. One night a group gathered and helped stuff envelopes and helped seal them. As a reward for their loyal work Father Al Contons treated the workers to pizzas at the European.

Vakacija Clubos: Jean Pasakarnis went to homecoming day at her old alma mater, Bowling Green University, motoring through Vermont, New York and Ohio. Father Al Conton's and his father touring Canada. Another couple who toured Canada were Dr. & Mrs. Anthony Kapochy. Butch Venis was a regular commuter to Cape Cod. Another tourist to the Cape Cod was Brenda Statsky. Bronus (Babe) and Mary Martus, with daughter Adele Nancy took a long ride to the nation's capitol, and visited most of the tourist stops. John and Anita Daniels, with their daughters Karen and Susan journeyed to Virginia and New Hampshire for a holiday. John Daniels also made two trips to San Francisco, California.

One of the smallest groups from Boston made their way to the national convention. Adam and Madeline Druzdis represented our council and visited their son Tom, who is stationed at Camp Pendelton. Tom, a marine, had his enlistment extended.

Mrs. Anna Antanellis took a trip to Europe and she said that she enjoyed herself. Welcome home from the hospital to Rev. Francis Virmauskas, who is now up and around. We also welcome home Rita Venis from the hospital. Frank Stankus who had his hand operated on and we hope your hand will be all right.

Engagement rings are all around the town, Joe Nauyokas gave Ruth Ann

Neveira one, Donna Grigas received one from Bob Reine, and then Diane Plevock and the lucky fellow is a mystery. Congrats to one and all.

C-17 sent a full complement to the New England District and there was a good attendance to the pre-convention dance at Cambridge. Fran (Daniels) Mattson joined her husband in Georgia. Helen Zemaitis was laid up at this writing and we hope that she'll recover by the next writing. Ann Kleponis has been busy vacationing at the New York World's Fair. Mary Kleponis and Millie Vallis spent their vacation time on the island of Nantucket.

First degrees were issued to Jean Sumski and Frank Sabitski.

Speedy recovery to John Roman Sr. who was quite ill and had to miss his radio show for a period of time. Mr. Roman has now returned to his radio program. Glad to have you back, John!

From the Garnys Clubo, we have this report - it's a girl Pamela Marie Zarembo, parents are Buddy and Mary Zarembo, it's a boy for Tony and Joanne Shallne, Christofer Gregory; it's a boy Paul William Gendreau, the lucky parents are Bob and Phylis Gendreau.

At the Franciscan Fathers' picnic at Kennebunkport, Maine, found many C-17'ers attending the affair, but the cool east wind kept most of them off the beach except that hardy soul Elvira Averka.

Bowling has started and once more the call goes out to the membership to participate in the sport. We want you no matter how good or bad you bowl, just your presence is wanted Thursday night at the South Boston Bowlarama, East Broadway at 8:45.

Our November dance committee is busy to try to make this dance a real social success and also our "Vytis Party" group is almost ready to announce the date of the first "Vytis" party of the coming season. Father Albin vacationed around the town and took it easy and didn't wear himself out while traveling.

Missing persons bureau: Albina Zemaitis, Pat Plansky, Joe Svagzys, Pete Dumas, Alice Ruseckas, Barbara Smudin (changed jobs and apts). Claire Swiacki spent a fortnite at Martha's Vineyard. Ed Rudis is enjoying the Octoberfest in Munich, Germany and also enjoying touring continent with his Charman-Ghia sportster. Al Jaritis is doing his civic duty by sitting on the jury.

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"Convention Highlights"

Many old friendships were renewed in Los Angeles when Gene Gobis arrived to attend the National K of L convention as a delegate. Ann Laurinaitis, Ed and Helen Bartkus, Tom Yakutis, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Skirius, Leonard Valiukas, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Janulis, are but a few of the "Angels" who were most hospitable to Gene and all other visiting delegates and friends.

A tour of the publishing house of Lithuanian Days Magazine was made by several delegates. The guide was none other than Tony Skirius, the publisher.

Tom Yakutis took several delegates on a tour of Venice, California, the artist colony. Tom is a resident of

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the community. Naturally, he is an artist. He is now associated with Warner Bros. Studios. While there, he took the girls for some refreshments and who should sit down next to them but Leif Erickson!

Eugenia Karpus of Brooklyn attended the convention with her niece, Carolyn Murphy. Father Jutt nickname Carolyn, Karolina Murphaityte. Carolyn and Jeannie were two lucky people. They had an interview with Dick Chamberlain.

All the conventioners had the pleasure of meeting Ruta Lee again. She is a lovely person who is most proud of her Lithuanian heritage. It is indeed a pleasure and honor to have her as a member of our Knights of Lithuania.

A tour of the Universal Studios was most interesting. Two of our boys --- Louis Stukas and Walter Svekla spotted Barbara Nichols on the lot and they were off. The boys asked Barbara to pose for a picture and she accepted. We also spotted two of the Munsters on location.

A night club tour was taken by Lilian Paulauskas and Mary Undraitis (Waterbury, Conn.) and Gene Gobis. They visited the Gay Nineties, The Roaring Twenties, The Oriental Gardens, and the Coconut Grove, featuring Leslie Uggams.

Former Amsterdamians whom Gene contacted were Mr. and Mrs. John Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Janulis, Emma Safran Thompson, Bernice Raila, Rose Husband, and Dr. John

Isabel.

The campaign slogan for the 1966 convention was "Back to the Sticks in Sixty-Six" and Worcester, Massachusetts was the winner!

Congratulations to the new officers.

"News Bits"

Our friend Dr. Adam Kindar is now serving two months in So. Viet Nam. He was the first doctor from Amsterdam to volunteer his services. His brother-in-law, Matthew Kazlauskas, brought in a letter from him. It was read at our September meeting.

Movies were shown on Father Baltch's trip to Puerto Rico and Haiti. Also, our delegate gave a resume of the happenings at the K of L convention in Los Angeles.

Attending in addition to our spiritual advisor, the Rev. Robert K. Baltch, were: Sadie Karbus, Eleanor Stakauskas, Mary Fabozzi, Gene Gobis, Prof. Jos. Olsauskas, Matt Mazlauskas, and Bill McCune.

Our president, John Gerutis was unable to attend due to his being in classes with the National Guard.

Ginny Miciulis furnished the dessert.

Members spending some time at the Lake George resorts this year were Sadie and Charles Karbus, Eleanor Stakauskas, Sophie Olbie, Gene Gobis. Ginny Miciulis played chaperon for a group of teenagers for one week's stay at the Sacandaga reservoir.

While spending two weeks on the

Jersey shore (Manasquan), Helen Dombroski and Gene Gobis had Theresa Mazeika (Philadelphia) with them for a week-end. Also, other K of L'ers whom they met while there, were Millie and Mary Grenowicz, Harrison, N. J. and Tony Malakas and his brother-in-law Eugene Maslauskas.

Missed our newest members at the September meeting - Charles and Jean Maldutis. They are still living at camp at Lake Galway and were unable to make it. Also, what happened to Anna Yunker? She had never missed a meeting.

Sophie Olbie organized a trip to the World's Fair in September and many members of our council took part.

On Sunday, Apr 25th, the Amsterdam Little Symphony Orchestra presented "The Creation" and was conducted by Otto Miller, Jr. The bass parts of Raphael and Adam were sung by our spiritual advisor, the Rev. Robert K. Baltch. He received a tremendous ovation from the audience and the newspaper review was the most favorable to Father Baltch.

Irene Wood vacationed at Cape Cod.

Attorney A. C. Stokna and wife, Edna, spent two weeks in Miami, Florida where they attended the Elk convention. Tony was made District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of New York State. Congratulations, Tony...

Ben and Barbara Kroup and Gene Gobis attended the Golden Jubilee Dinner-Dance in Newark, N. J. on Oct 2.



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Enthusiastic delegates returned to Worcester from their journey to the 52nd National Convention in Los Angeles with the announcement that Council 26 (St. Casimir's) had been designated officially to host the 53rd National Convention next year, thus making a reality of :

"BACK TO THE STICKS IN SIXTY-SIX"

Gratefully, we accept this most pleasant duty. Thank you for your confidence in allowing us this privilege.

Having renewed our dedication to our patron, St. Casimir, we begin to consider the many facets involved in planning a convention worthy of the Knights of Lithuania motto: "FOR GOD AND COUNTRY". With this in mind, we promise you cordiality, new and renewed friendships and will attempt to plan this national meeting in such a way as to have it contain all the elements conducive to a successful convention. If we appear over-enthusiastic, we humbly beg your pardon. However, that is just how this announcement was received by our council. Already committees are being formed, planning for the spiritual and social and business moments for all to experience next August.

You will hear from us regularly in the coming months but for now we wish to say thank you for selecting us for 196.

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