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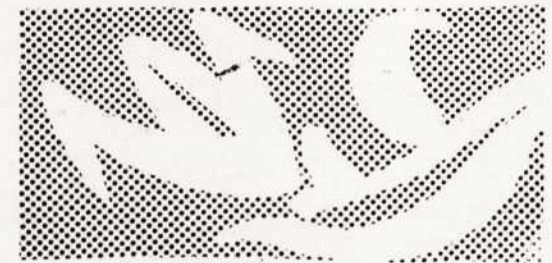
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VARDŽIO ŽODIS AMERIKOS LIETUVIŲ KONGRE-
SUI DETROITE, 1969.

Lietuvos atstovo Kajecko ir savo, Lietuvos konsulo, vardu širdingai sveikinu Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybą ir jos sušauktą Amerikos Lietuvių Kongresą.

Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba bei jos rėmėjai ir talkininkai yra daug padarę lietuviškumui ir Lietuvai. Nuo Lietuvos okupacijos iki šiai dienai jie sąmonina tautiškumą ir gina lietuvių tautos ir Lietuvos teises - reikalauja tautai laisvės ir valstybei nepriklausomybės. Už tai Tarybai ir jos talkininkams priklauso nuoširdi padėka ir didelė pagarba.

Šis Kongresas yra labai reikšminga ir svarbus. Jis įvyksta įvairių netikrumų sukury ir žiauriųjų įvykių 30 m. sukakties fone. Atmosfera dabar yra panaši tai, kuri buvo prieš 30 metų: kalbama apie taiką, bet galvojama apie karą. Kai kur net ir mėginimai daromi.

Prieš 30 m. didieji Lietuvos kaimynai viešai kalbėjo apie taiką, o slaptai ruošėsi karui. 1939 m. rugp. 23 d. ir rugs. 28 d. jie pasirašė Neupuolimo ir Puolimo paktus. Jų pasėkoje prasidėjo II Pasaulinis Karas ir buvo užgrobtos Pabaltijo valstybės: Lietuva, Latvija ir Estija.

Pabaltijo valstybių likimo reikalu yra labai svarbios ir begėdiškos trys slaptos sutartys: rugp. 23 d. sutartimi jos pasidalinamos tarpe Sovietų Sąjungos ir Nacinės Vokietijos sferiškai: Estija ir Latvija atitenka Sovietų Sąjungai, o Lietuva Vokietijai. Rugs. 28 d. sutartimi Lietuva ir Lenkija jau pasidalinamos tarpe Sovietų Sąjungos ir Vokietijos. Šita sutartis sutriuškina Maskvos ir jos propagandistų tvirtinimą, kad Lietuva pati Sovietų Sąjungos įstojo. Tos sutarties tekstas liečiantis Lietuvos padalinimą yra štai koks:

"Kai tik STRS VYRIAUSYBĖ IMSIS YPATINGŲ PRIEMONIŲ LIETUVOS TERITORIJOJE SAVO INTERESAMS APSAUGOTI (atseit - Lietuvą parobs), DABARTINĖ VOKIETIJOS - LIETUVOS SIENA BUS IŠTAISYTA, sienos naturalumo ir paprastumo sumetimais, tokiu būdu, kad LIETUVOS TERITORIJA, esanti į pietvakarius nuo linijos sužymėtos prijungiamame žemėlapy, atiteks Vokietijai."

Sutartis pasirašyta Maskvoje 1939 m. rugsėjo 28 d. Parašai: Už Vokietijos Reicho Vyriausybę: J. Ribbentrop. Už Sovietų Sąjungos Vyriausybę: V. Molotov."

Sovietų Sąjungos vyriausybė, eidama šia sutartimi, užgrobė Lietuvą 1940 m. birželio 15 dieną, o liepos 13 d., dar prieš tariamus rinkimus į vadinamą "Liaudies Seimą" bei jo "balsavimą", pradėjo su Hitleriu derybas dėl Vokietijai pažadėto Lietuvos trikampio. Štai du paragrafai trečiosios slaptos Sovietų Sąjungos ir Vokietijos sutarties, kuri buvo pasirašyta Maskvoje komisaro Molotovo ir ambasadoriaus Schulenburgo 1941 m. sausio 10 d.:

"1. Vokietijos reicho vyriausybė atsisako savo pretenzijos į Lietuvos teritorijos juostą, minimą 1939 m. rugsėjo 28 d. papildomame slaptame protokole ir atžymėtą žemėlapyje, pridėtame prie šio protokolo.

"2. Sovietų Sąjungos vyriausybė yra pasirengusi



kompensuoti Vokietijos reicho vyriausybei už teritoriją, minimą, šio protokolo pirmame punkte, sumokėdame Vokietijai 7,500,000 aukso dolerių, arba 31,500,000 reichsmarkių."

Tai aiškūs ir nesugriaunami įrodymai.

Dokumentai teismuose kalba patys už save. Tad ir šiuos dokumentus reikia kelti aukštyn ir teikti juos viešajam pasaulio tribunolui. Pirmoje eilėje šiam Kongresui ir jo įvertinimui, po to spaudai ir valdinėm bei tarptautinėm institucijom - tegul visas pasaulis žino, kaip skaudžiai ir biauriai imperialistų diktatorių pasiūlyta su Lietuva ir jos žmonėmis.

Skelbiant ir smerkiant praeities nuoskaudas Lietuvai, reikia budėti ir žiūrėti, kad jų daugiau neįvyktų. Visur reikia šaukti ir rėkti, KAD LIETUVA YRA PAVERGTA - ji turi būt išlaisvinta; kad Lietuvos suvereninės teisės yra pažeistos - jos turi būti atitaisytos; kad tam tikslui implementuoti daug gali padėti Jungtinės Tautos bei laisvę ir teisę gerbiančios valstybės ir laisvoji spauda, bei kiti atitinkami midijumai.

Tačiau, kad šitą akcija pajudinti, tai, visų pirma, reikia patiems judėti: Lietuvos padėtį eksponuoti, žinias kur reikia teikti, kontaktus megsti, draugus verbuoti.

Lietuva ir lietuvių tauta turi draugų daug. Jie nori Lietuvai ir lietuviams padėti, bet nevisada jie turi amunicijos - ją jiems turi suteikti lietuviai. Tą daryti turi nuolat. Gerą pradžia ir įtikinantį pavyzdį turėtų padaryti šis Kongresas.

Linkiu Kongresui visuotinos tautinės-valstybinės nuotaikos, šalto ir gilaus visų reikalų gvildenimo ir išsprendimo; ateities darbams ir kovai dėl Lietuvos laisvinimo gairių nusmaigstymo, kelio nurodymo į Lietuvos laisvę. Sėkmės!

REMARKS BY PETRAS P. DAUZVARDIS, CONSUL GENERAL OF LITHUANIA, AT THE CLOSING SESSION OF THE AMERICAN LITHUANIAN CONGRESS, DETROIT

The American Lithuanian Congress held in Detroit on August 30 and 31, 1969, was a national-political rededication to work and to fight for Lithuania's

liberation. It placed the problem of occupied Lithuania in its true perspective and pointed out the means by which future efforts for Lithuania's liberation will be made. My thanks to the Lithuanian American Council for convening and conducting this Congress.

For all the constructive ideas during the Congress, for the various aid to Lithuania, I express a sincere thank you in the name of Lithuania's diplomatic service to all those in attendance and to the organizations they represent; a sincere expression of gratitude goes to the Lithuanian American Council and its supporters for their long and intensive work for Lithuania and the Lithuanian nation. And a big Thank You to all for any contributions to the Lithuanian struggle for Lithuania's freedom.

THANKS FOR THE PAST - A PLEA FOR THE FUTURE

Lithuania is still enslaved - she must be liberated. All our forces - all Lithuanians, are needed for this task: the old, the young, of all political leanings, since Lithuania is the same to all Lithuanians. There may be differences as to the form or system of government, but there can be none where freedom for Lithuania and independent statehood is concerned. Freedom is the same for all; everyone yearns for it - and fights for it. Freedom for peoples and independence for states are fully set forth in various charters and declarations. Freedom and serfdom are vividly described by Anatoly Kuznetsov, the Russian communist author who only recently fled from the soviet tyranny. He says that "The Soviet Union is an imperialist state, ruled by terror and propaganda."

Kuznetsov's comments and writings strongly support the contention that THE SOVIET UNION IS A

PRISON OF NATIONS. The Lithuanian nation is also within that prison. She is there unjustly; this is confirmed by the Lithuanians and recognized by the governments and parliaments of other countries. The Special Committee of the United States Congress which investigated the seizure of the Baltic States said in part:

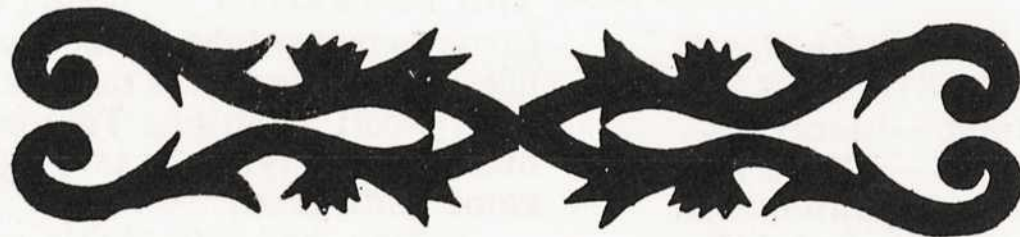
"The evidence is overwhelming and conclusive that Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia were forcibly occupied and illegally annexed by the USSR. Any claims by the USSR that the 'elections' conducted by them in July 1940 were free and voluntary or that the resolutions adopted by the resulting parliaments petitioning for recognition as Soviet republics were legal ARE FALSE AND WITHOUT FOUNDATION IN FACT."

In other words, subterfuge and a lie.

For all of us, particularly professionals and students, it is a national and moral duty to keep alive the wrongs done and being done to Lithuania by the occupants and to appeal to the able for aid in righting these wrongs - liberating Lithuania from the Soviet enslavement. We can do much, all we have to do is do it. I would like to support this contention by the words of a poet, the motto of Dr. John A. Boswick, which can fit each Lithuanian:

I am only one, but ONE I am
I cannot do everything, but I CAN do something
What I can do, I OUGHT to do,
And what I ought to do, by
God's Grace, I WILL DO.

So, what must be done, what each of us can do - let us do and it will be done, and let us have faith that freedom will be restored to Lithuania, for without a free Lithuania there can be no just peace.



"VOTING" IN LITHUANIA

STATISTICS AND PROCEDURES

Lithuanians went to the polls last March 16th to "vote" for candidates to the local councils - soviets. The candidates had been elected in advance in the Communist Party's offices.

The present territory of Lithuania is divided into 44 regions which, in turn, are divided into 656 districts. Each district has 2-3 kolkhozes. Furthermore, there are 83 regional cities and 9 republican cities. The latter do not belong to regions and have their individual soviets (councils). The total number of such councils is 821 and they have 29,558 deputies. These "districts" are very small as they consist of only some 70 voters each (which makes it much easier to control the voters or to make the voting compulsory).

Each inhabitant of Lithuania, 18-years old or

over, has the right to vote - a right that in practice amounts to an obligation from which there is little escape. Each voter has to cast ballots for two persons: one for his district or town, and another for the region. Choice does not exist: one may vote only for the candidate entered on the ballot card. All the voter can do is to cross out the name of the candidate and thus to indicate that he is voting against him.

The only significant information to be gleaned from the press reports about the "voting" in Soviet-occupied Lithuania is the number of listed voters: 1,996,794. Only five percent, or one out of twenty, are communists. In villages live 1,023,000, in cities and towns 972,000. Of the latter, 418,000 reside in Vilnius and Kaunas, 202,000 in Klaipėda, Šiauliai, Panevėžys and the resort towns, and 342,000 in regional cities and towns.

According to press reports, only 6,000 out of almost two million had failed to vote. This is the standard figure in all reports on Soviet elections.

(ELTA)

THANKSGIVING



Thanksgiving is one of the distinctively American holidays celebrated in the United States, although the custom of an autumn thanksgiving celebration is probably as old as man's first harvest.

In America the custom was started more than three centuries ago by the Pilgrims. Among the earliest settlers in America, the Pilgrims had fled from England, where they were persecuted for separating from the established church and forming a congregation of their own. In 1620 a small band of them sailed to America on the Mayflower to find a place where they would be free to worship God as they chose. They dropped anchor off the sandy shore of Cape Cod, landed at Plymouth Rock and established their colony. During the first hard winter, fortyfour of the 102 settlers died.

However, the spring of 1621 brought sun and warm rains together with some Indian friends who taught the settlers how to plant Indian corn and to fertilize it with fish. Able at last to plant a good crop of grains and vegetables, the Pilgrims reaped an autumn harvest so abundant that the governor of the colony, William Bradford, ordered a three-day period of thanksgiving.

The Indians were invited to share this celebration with the settlers and more than ninety of them arrived led by their chief Massasoit. They showed the Pilgrims where to find wild turkeys and tart red cranberries; and together with corn and pumpkin these became the traditional foods of the Thanksgiving feast. The three-day celebration included church services, feasting, and sporting events such as races and wrestling matches between the settlers and the Indians.

Today, as Americans throughout the country give thanks on the last Thursday of November, they follow the example of the early Pilgrims. Thanksgiving is a family day, an occasion for families to gather together. It is also a time to share with those less fortunate than ourselves. It is a holiday when those who would otherwise be alone - for example, foreign visitors and students, refugees, or other newcomers to the United States - are often welcomed into the home to join in the celebration. Thanksgiving is for many people the one day in the year they remember to give thanks for their blessings and what America has done for the:

Thanksgiving, like Christmas, is a season of friendliness, generosity and good will. It is a time when it is customary for many people to make gifts to those less fortunate, or to their favorite church or charity.

(A.C.N.S.)



a rich Heritage
from the past....
THANKSGIVING
1969

As you attend Thanksgiving services, may this Thanksgiving have real meaning for you. For we have a great deal to be thankful for . . . to fill our hearts with gratitude for the Lord's blessings we have received.

SUPREME COUNCIL OFFICERS
and
"VYTIS" STAFF



LIETUVOS GENERALINIO KONSULO ANICETO ŠIMUČIO VYČIŲ 56-JAME SEIME NEWARKE PASAKYTOS KALBOS SANTRAUKA.

Sveikindamas Lietuvos Vyčių 56-ji Seimą, organizacijos vadovus ir ypatingai šio seimo rengėjus, noriu pasidalinti su Jumis keliomis mintimis ir pasidžiaugti Lietuvos Vyčių nuveiktais darbais ir laimėjimais.

Per kelis pastaruosius šimtmečius lietuvių tauta yra nuolatinėje kovoje už laisvę, už teisę gyventi, išlikti gyva. Su ta nuolat besitęsiančia kova surištas ir Lietuvos Vyčių atsiradimas Amerikoje.

Praėjus trejetai metų po 1863 metų sukilimo Rusijos valdžia pareikalavo iš vyskupo Motiejaus Valančiaus, kad 1866 metų gegužės 8 d. Kauno katedroje pasakytų pamokslą, kuriame būtų ir toks sakiny:

"Meilingi mano vaikai: Pasitikėdami Aukščiausiuoju Dievu ir Maloningiausiuoju Monarchu, turime vilties, jog anksčiau ar vėliau išnyks sukilimo pasekmės. Bet kaip gi mes turime ateityje apsisaugoti nuo visų panašių pasikėsinimų? Kartą ant visados atsisakyti minties, jog būsime kuomet nors savistovi tauta, nepriklausoma nuo Rusijos... Mes, būdami dalelė nedalijamos Rusijos, privalome mokintis rusiškos kalbos, neužmiršdami savos lietuviškos arba žemaitiškos, turime rusus mylėti kaip savo brolius."

Nėra išlikęs lietuviškasis pamokslas, tad tikrai nežinoma, kokiais žodžiais Vyskupas Valančius tą rusų reikalavimą perdavė. Vis tik yra žinoma, kad Kauno gubernatorius padarė priekaištą vyskupui, kad jis esą nesilaikęs "sutarto" pamokslas teksto. Kokį pamokslą rusų verčiamas vyskupas Valančius bepasakė, bet esame tikri, kad jis neatsisakė nuo savo idealų nei kaip lietuvis, nei kaip Romos Katalikų Bažnyčios tarnas.

Pati Lietuvos Sakalų, vėliau pasivadavusi Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija, buvo įkurta lietuvių, kurie vietoje atsisakymo nuo idealų pasirinko gyvenimą svetimam krašte.

Kaip jau žinote, vyriausi Lietuvos Vyčių organizatoriai buvo MYKOLAS NORKUNAS, nuo kurio gimimo šiais metais sueina šimtas metų, ir kun. ANTANAS KAUPAS, gimęs dviem mėnesiais vėliau. Pažvelkime

į tų didelių Lietuvos vyrų biografijas. Norkūnas už lietuviškų knygų platinimą rusų buvo uždarytas kalėjimas, iš kur išėjęs 1892 metais persikėlė į J.A.V.-bes. Apsigyvenęs Lawrence, Mass., rūpinosi lietuvius atitraukti nuo lenkiškos parapijos, visur kėlė lietuviškumą, buvo Lietuvos Vyčių organizacijos sumanytojas ir ilgus metus jiems vadovavo. Arba imkime kitą Lietuvos Vyčių organizatorių kun. Antaną Kaupą, kuris už draudžiamų lietuviškų raštų skaitymą, buvo išvartytas iš šeštos gimnazijos klasės Šiauliuose. 1888 metais stojo į Kauno Kunigų Seminariją, pasidarė slaptos Šv. Kazimiero Draugijos narys, bet Aušros ir kitų draudžiamų raštų skaitymą iš seminarijos išmestas. Už lietuvių išmestas iš gimnazijos, išvartytas iš kunigų seminarijos, nuo idealų neatsisakė. Apsigyvenęs Kaune ruošėsi baigiamiesiems gimnazijos egzaminams, bet 1892 metais rusų žandarai padarę krata rado pas jį draudžiamos lietuviškos literatūros, tai tais pat metais turėjo bėgti į Ameriką. Čia atvykęs rankų nenuleido.

Tų didelių lietuvių patrijų 1913 metais Lawrence, Mass., įkurtoji Lietuvos Vyčių organizacija augo ir bujojo. Į Lietuvos Vyčių eiles stojo ir iš ten įkvėpimo sėmėsi Amerikos lietuviams pažįstami vadai kaip kun. Pr. Virmauskas, prof. K. Pakštas, dr. J. Bielskis, dabartinis Lietuvos Gen. Konsulas Los Angeles, dr. Račkus, muzikas Aleksis, kanauninkas Kemėšis, kun. Albavičius, Leonardas Šimutis ir visa eilė kitų. Kada 1917-19 metais iš ilgos vergijos ir karo griuvėsių kėlėsi Nepriklausoma Lietuva, tai Lietuvos Vyčiai svarstė lietuvių legijono ir milicijos organizavimą Lietuvos nepriklausomybei ginti. O kai nepriklausomybė buvo apginta, Lietuvos Vyčiai vyriausiam kariuomenės vadui generolui Žukauskui 1927 metais padovanojo aukso kardą.

Prieš vykdamas į šį seimą perskaičiau L. Vyčių steigėjo Mykolo Norkūno straipsnį AMERIKOS LIETUVIŲ KATALIKŲ DARBUOSE, kuriame jis apgailestavo, kad iš 4,655 narių 1920 metais sekančiais metais narių skaičius sumažėjo iki 3,034 narių. Ir taip narių ir kuopų skaičius mažėjo ir toliau. Kodėl? - klausia susirūpinęs organizacijos steigėjas Norkūnas. Man atrodo, kad pagrindinė priežastis - tai pavargimas. Bet kaip žinome, pavargsta ir atsilieka silpnesnė, todėl kiekybe sumažėjusi L. Vyčių organizacija yra sutvirtėjusi narių kokybe.

Laisvose pasaulio šalyse gyvenančių lietuvių pareiga vieningai kalbėti už pavergtuosius brolius Lietuvoje. Ta prasme Lietuvos Vyčiai yra daug nuveikę praeityje, daug dirba ir dabar.

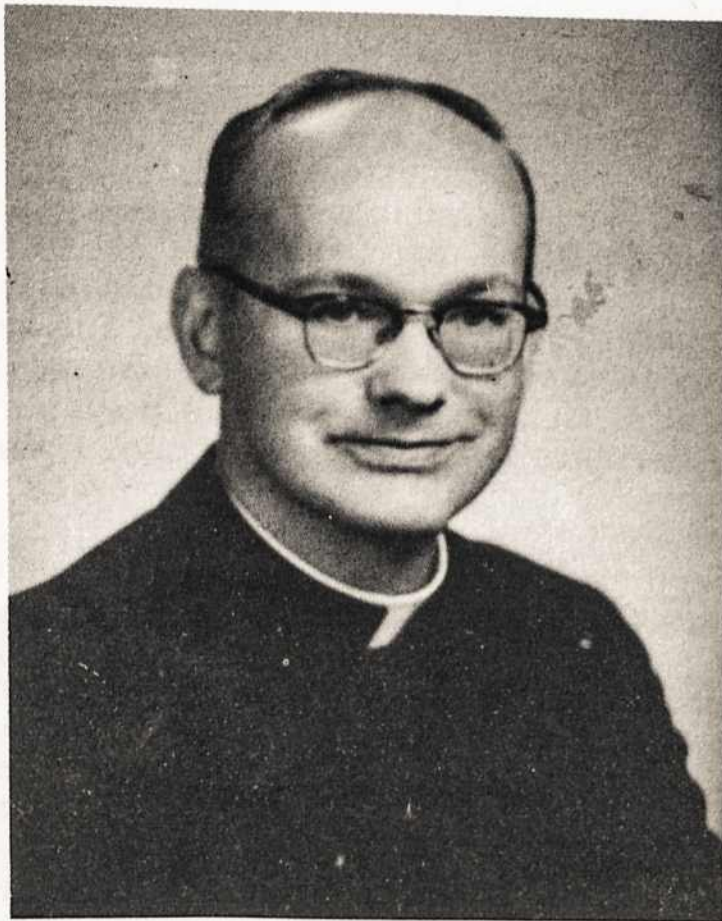
Ir šiandien po 28 metų okupacijos Lietuvoje nėra išnykęs tikėjimas į Dievą, nėra išnykęs laisvės troškimas ir tikėjimas į laisvą ir nepriklausomą Lietuvos valstybę. Tuo tarpu okupantas griežtai daboja ir seka, kad laisvės troškimo garsas nebūtų išgirstas svetimos šalyse. Okupuotoji Lietuva geležine uždanga atskirta nuo laisvojo pasaulio. Jeigu kam pavyksta keliom dienom nuvykti į Lietuvą, tai jam neleidžiama išvažiuoti iš Vilniaus ir pamatyti savo gimtojo kaimo ar miesčiuko. Daugeliui nesuprantama, kodėl okupantai su tokiu inirtimu saugo, kad užsienio lietuvis nepamatytų savo kaimo. Svarbiausioji to priežastis yra, kad svečias nepamatytų to baisaus skurdo ir nepajustų tos priespaudos, kokią okupantas yra uždėjęs ant Lietuvos.

Iš okupuotos Lietuvos taipgi nedaugeliui pavyksta gaut leidimus aplankyti savo artimuosius laisvojo pasaulio šalyse. Noris užsienyje lankytis lietuvis pirmoje eilėje turi įtikinti okupantą, kad jis tikrai sugriš į okupuotą Lietuvą ir nėra prieš okupantą nusistatęs. Suprantama, kad į užsienį noris išvykti lietuvis savo tikruosius jausmus turi slėpti. Tad ir Amerikon svečiuosna iš okupuotos Lietuvos atvykęs tautietis nebūtinai yra okupantams parsidavęs šnipas ir provokatorius. Geležinę uždangą tarpe Lietuvos ir laisvoje šalyse gyvenančių lietuvių pastatėme ne mes, bet svetimieji Lietuvos okupantai.

Nėra paslaptis, kad okupantai siunčia pas mus ir jiems parsidavusių agentų, kurių uždavinys yra sėti nesantaiką tarpe už Lietuvos laisvę kovojančių tautiečių. Žinodami okupantų tikslus turime mokėt atskirti pelus nuo grūdų.

Kova už laisvę, už savo pavergtų brolių laisvę turi būt mus visus vienijantis idealas, tuo labiau tai yra Lietuvos Vyčių idealas. Patys gyvendami laisvoje šalyje Lietuvos Vyčiai siekia laisvės ir savo pavergtiems broliams. Pagaliau ir didžioji laisvių šalis Amerika yra pakartotinai pasisakiusi už laisvą ir nepriklausomą Lietuvą.

FREEDOM and RELIGION



REV. ALBERT J. CONTONS

(Delivered to the 56th National Convention Luncheon guests, Aug. 23, 1969.)

Freedom is a popular word today. All men yearn for it, relatively few enjoy it.

As members of the Knights of Lithuania we are especially sensitive to the meaning of freedom, because Lithuania has been deprived of its freedom for almost thirty years.

Traditionally religious faith has been considered as the foundation and guaranty of human freedom. And perhaps it's been because religious faith has been in eclipse in modern times that the frontiers of freedom have been contracting.

If religion is the spiritual foundation of freedom, as K of L'ers, we should rightly be concerned about the crisis of faith that has overtaken the Churches.

CONFUSION IN THE CHURCH

An anecdote was told recently concerning a dis-

cussion among a doctor, engineer, and priest as to which was the first profession in history. The doctor explained that the creation of Eve from Adam's rib required considerable surgical skill. His was the first profession. The engineer pointed out that even before Adam and Eve, the land and seas, the heavenly bodies, the systems of the physical universe were brought into being out of the original chaos. This indicated his was the first profession. But the priest simply looked at them and won his point by asking, "And who was responsible for the chaos?"

Some may blame priests today for the conflicts, confusion, chaos which seem to have caught up with the Church. We can point to the chorus of dissent against Pope Paul's encyclical of last year; the conflict of Cardinal O'Boyle with some of his priests in Washington; departures from the priesthood and sisterhood which are becoming so commonplace that bishop Shannon's recent marriage only made the back pages of the Sunday edition; the Milwaukee fourteen who staged their anti-war protest by burning draft records; priests who propose their own innovations, private speculations, future expectations, and present them as the teaching of the Church; self-styled prophets involved in pacifist movements that seem willing to barter away truth, justice, and the freedom of others for the illusion of peace.

Some of this reminds us of the great prophet Jeremiah, 600 B.C., who was in conflict with many false prophets. These were assuring the Israelites that God would save them and grant them enduring peace without the need for reforming their sinful lives. Jeremiah spoke to the Lord Yahweh, "here are the prophets telling the people, 'You will not see the sword, famine will not touch you; I promise you unbroken peace in this place.' " Then the Lord Yahweh said to Jeremiah, "The prophets are prophesying lies in my name; I have not sent them, I gave them no orders, I never spoke to them. Delusive visions, hollow predictions, daydreams of their own, that is what they prophesy to you." (Jer. 14, 13-14)

Rather than blaming the priest for the seeming chaos within the Church, we need to realize that the priest reflects the spiritual storm clouds gathering on the horizon. The priest by his very calling is

sensitive to spiritual issues and conflicts. He is in the eye of the gathering storm. He is the first one to be affected.

And yet, this restlessness in the Church, these divisions in society, these questionings of the role of religion will ultimately reach everyone of us and require of us an answer: What does faith mean to me?

FAITH - FOUNDATION OF FREEDOM

Why do we say that religious faith is the foundation of human freedom? A practical answer was given me by a Lithuanian who had been allowed to leave Communist Lithuania a few years ago. I asked, "Why is it that Communists persecute religion? If a person works hard in the factory or the fields, and does not bother anyone, what difference does it make to the Communists if he believes in God and goes to Church?"

This was the answer. "The Communists know that a person who believes in God and has deep religious and moral convictions, will not lie, or rob, or murder, or betray another. A religious person will suffer and die for his faith. Such a person cannot be bent to the Communist way of life and is useless to their system."

In other words, a religious person is committed to principles deep within his spirit: he believes in the dignity of every person as reflecting the image of God; he is faithful to Christ as a model for his life; he believes that the Risen Christ lives on in His Church. The life of a religious person is led from within, in a spirit of freedom. The Communist demands a total submission of the human person in a spirit of slavish obedience under the threat of force.

This is the basic reason for religious persecution by Communists in Lithuania. Its intent is to extinguish the spirit of freedom in the hearts of men. There is no room for religion in the Communist scheme, because there is no room for human freedom.

Three weeks ago, a brilliant Russian writer, Anatoly Kuznetsov, defected to the West in London. He published his secret thoughts, written a few years ago. He describes the darkness, the hopelessness of life in the Soviet Union. He calls it a spiritual prison from which there is no escape, nowhere to flee. Freedom is dead under Communism, only fear survives.

Kuznetsov writes, "(Being born in Russia) means that I have been condemned to fear for the whole of my life. From the age of five I have been living in a state of fear ... This is not just my personal lot, it is the fate of everybody born in this Russian land, cursed by God for goodness knows what sins. Everybody, those who command and those who are regimented, those who punish and those who are punished, is afraid. Because they are all afraid of each other. And those who fear most of all are the dictators themselves. Even as I write this, I feel fear tugging at my elbow. I am afraid to say such things aloud even to myself."

An aged Russian painter sums up life in the Soviet Union, "We live in a perfect vacuum. Fear is the only freedom left to us, the freedom to fear."

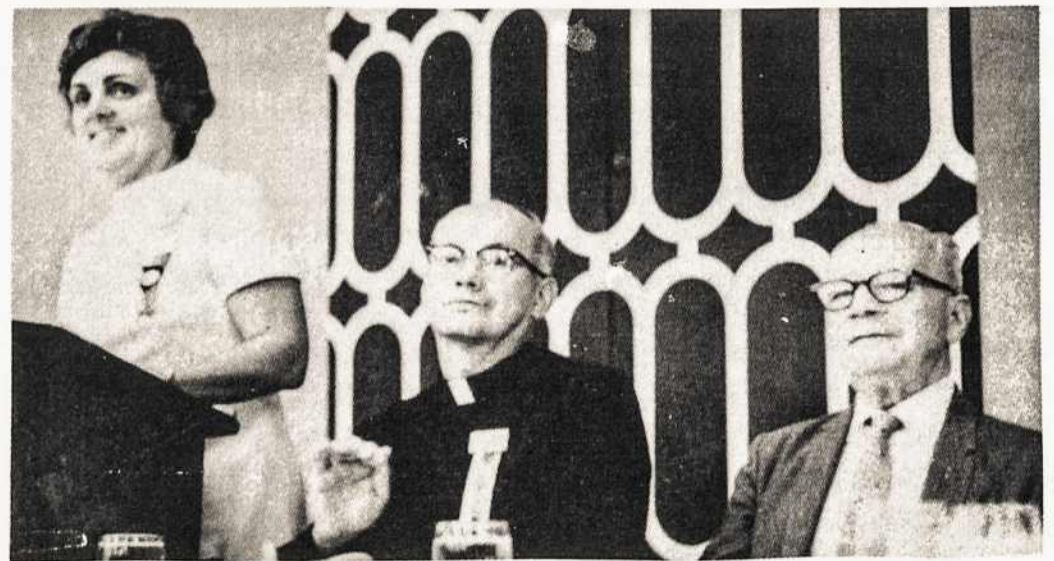
FREEDOM - A SPIRITUAL STRUGGLE

The death of freedom in Lithuania and other Communist ruled lands may seem remote to us because of geographical distance. But the issue of human freedom is intimately bound up with religion, and this is basically a spiritual problem. This spiritual problem is being struggled over in the Churches of America, in our universities, in the halls of government, in the family hearth, in the heart of every man. The issue of our own freedom hangs ultimately in the balance.

We have reason to hope that the Church will come out of its crisis of faith stronger and more vital than ever before. Many of the Church's problems are not the sign of death, but of new birth, new spirit, new life. They reveal a keen awareness of the spirit of Vatican II: its emphasis on personalism, collegiality, social involvement, the life of the Spirit.

Many difficulties that we are experiencing result from impatience with the slowness in implementing the decisions of the Council. Nonetheless, we are witnessing an historical renewal in the liturgy. Extraordinary progress in Scripture studies has been crowned by the newly translated Jerusalem Bible and the Jerome Bible Commentary. Christians are working together for Christian unity. This is especially evident in joint Bible ventures, such as the 40 volume Anchor Bible and the common translation of the Bible being prepared by the Bible Societies. The spirit of collegiality is expressing itself in the Roman Synod, the priests' senates, parish councils. Social involvement of a living faith is seen in civil rights activities, poverty programs, housing, peace movements.

As members of the K of L we need to be deeply involved in this religious renewal. We need to be award of the problems and to study religious questions in a serious way. We need to deepen our personal commitment to Christ, to His Church, to religious values. We need to present the truth about Lithuania, about religious persecution, and the death of freedom. We need to realize the danger to human freedom at home in the decline of religious values. We need to see the struggle for human freedom as a spiritual struggle within our own hearts, and the hearts of all men.



Rev. Albert Contons, National Spiritual Advisor, pictured at the Convention Saturday Public Relations Luncheon with Mistress-of-ceremonies Loretta Stukas and Honorary Member Prof. Alexandras Aleksis. (photo - V. Mäzelis)

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LIETUVOS VYČIŲ LIETUVIŲ REIKALŲ KOMISIJOS
PIRMININKO RAPORTAS - 1969

Su šiuo raportu baigiame 23 metų darbo Lietuvos reikalų srityje. Tai gana ilgas laikotarpis pašvęstas Lietuvos išlaisvinimo darbui. Per praėjusius metus, štai ką Vyčiai padarė šiame svarbiame darbe:

	1968	1969
Biuletenių paruošta	10	8
Laiškų biuleteniuose pažymėta	453	248
Biuletenių siūsta	2340	2120
Pavardžių ant "mailing list"	130	132
Kuopų su veikiančiomis komisijomis	12	10
Laiškų ir atviručių parašyta	11179	10450
Atsakymų gauta	2470	2317

Tad pastebėkime, kad:

- 1 - Mažiau biuletenių išleidome ir už tai mažiau laiškų buvo parašyta ir mažiau atsakymų gauta. Tačiau veikla didesnė nes laiškų parašyta palyginant daugiau.
- 2 - Sumažėjo kuopų su veikiančiomis komisijomis ligi 10. Čia negeras ženklas, nes turėtų daugiau kuopų tokių būti.
- 3 - Turime 132 rašytojus, tai yra 2 daugiau negu pernai

Apygardos laiškų rašyme pasirodė šitaip:

	1968	1969
Naujos Anglijos apygarda	1844	2192
New York - New Jersey apygarda	7440	2031
Mid-Central apygarda	113	1976
Illinois - Indiana apygarda	452	1332
Kalifornijos apygarda	440	901
Visi kiti atskirai	890	2018
	11179	10450

Čia irgi pastebėkime, kad:

- 1 - Naujos Anglijos apygarda daugiau laiškų parašė, o New York-New Jersey žymiai mažiau.
- 2 - Mid-Central ir Illinois-Indiana apygardos daugiau pasirodė negu pernai.
- 3 - Džiugu man pranešti, kad kasmet atsiranda tokių kurie ne Vyčiai, bet vis interesuojasi šiuo darbu rašydami laiškus už Lietuvą. Gaila, kad iš mūsų pačių narių nėra daugiau, kurie galėtų tą patį daryti.

Šios kuopos turi veikiančias komisijas ir savo raportus atsiuntė:

Kuopa 3 - Philadelphia	Kuopa 90 - Kearny
Kuopa 26 - Worcester	Kuopa 96 - Dayton
Kuopa 29 - Newark	Kuopa 100 - Amsterdam
Kuopa 41 - Brooklyn	Kuopa 112 - Chicago
Kuopa 79 - Detroit	Kuopa 133 - Los Angeles

Šias kuopas sveikiname, kad supranta savotautinę užduotį, nes dirba tam, kad nuolat keltų lietuvių vardą svetintaučių tarpe ir, kad Lietuva atgautų savo nepriklausomybę. Jos pavyzdinai veikia ir tas pavyzdys sektinas visų kitų kuopų. Už tai mes šiame suvažiavime nuoširdžiai prašome, kad tie, kurie



jame dalyvauja, sugrįždami į savo kuopas, nesnaustų, bet išjudintų visus kuopos narius šiam svarbiam tautiniam darbui. Pagalvokite visi kokia jėga būtų mūsų visų, jei kiekviena kuopa turėtų veikiančią Leituvių Reikalų komisiją.

Karolis Grigaitis, Komisijos Pirmininkas, praneša, kad per savo trečiuosius metus jis parašė 175 laiškus ir gavo 68 atsakymus. Už jo atliktą darbą priklauso jam širdingiausia mūsų padėka. Kaip Garbės Pirmininkas per praėjusius metus parašiau 610 laiškų bei atviručių.

Sekantieji per paskutinius metus daugiau negu 100 laiškų parašė:

Mrs. Sophie Zager - Detroit, kuopa 79	209
Pranas Vaškas - Newark, kuopa 29	160
Albertas Zakarka - Chicago, kuopa 112	152
Mrs. Pat Milius - Detroit, kuopa 79	105
Mildred Lapinskas - Worcester, kuopa 116	103
Kun. Albinas Janiūnas - So. Boston, kp. 27	101
Bernadine Rogers - Chicago, kuopa 112	101

Šiuos narius statome visiems kaip sektiną pavyzdį. Jiems širdingai dėkojame, kad netingi dirbti ir stropiai dirba gražų tautinį darbą. Lai atsiranda daug daugiau tokių, kurie pašvęstų savo laiką Lietuvos ir visam pasaulyje gyvenančių lietuvių naudai.

Iškarpos iš laikraščių ir žurnalų labai svarbios mums nes be jų nebūtų galima biuletenius išleisti. Mums reikia gauti straipsnių, kurie mini Lietuvą vienu ar kitu būdu, nes tik tada galime sužinoti kokius laiškus ir kam tuos laiškus parašyti. Perskaitome tuos straipsnius ir tada nusprendžiame kaip atsakyti. Per praėjusius metus daugiausia iškarpų atsiuntė sekantieji:

Pranas Vaškas iš Newark, N.J.
Al Jaritis iš South Bostono
Genovaitė Gobytė iš Amsterdam, N.Y.
Cecilija Kincie iš Čikagos
Juozas Janulaitis iš Philadelphijos
Kun. Albinas Janiūnas iš South Bostono

Kiti nariai mažiau iškarpų atsiuntė, bet jiems ir kitiems, kurie daugiau atsiuntė, nuoširdžiai dėkojame. Ypač dėkingi esame Elenai V. Kulber, kuri daug darbo įdėjo lietuviškuose parengimuose jos apylinkėje ir daug laiškų parašė Lietuvos klausimu įvairiems valdžios pareigūnams ir kitiems. Jos pavyzdiną tautinį darbą mes gerai įvertiname. Skatiname visus sekantiesiems spaudai ir žinioms pamatysite ką nors pakeičkite ir atsiųskite. Būsime nuoširdžiai dėkingi.

Svarbiausias komisijos darbas tai yra apie Vasario 16-tą dieną, kada visi Lietuvos mylėtojai apvaikščioja Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės šventę. Nariai parašė daug laiškų valdžios pareigūnams primindami jiems, ką tai reiškia Vasario 16-ta diena ir skatindami juos kalbas pasakyti apie Lietuvą ypač Kongrese. Padėkos laiškus išsiuntėme visiems, kurie padėjo. Pagal surinktas žinias, galime pranešti, kad:

- 1 - 12 gubernatorių ir 26 burmistrai paskelbė Vasario 16-tą dieną kaip Lietuvos Respublikos Dieną savo valstijoms ir miestams.
- 2 - 97 Kongresmanai ir 22 Senatoriai kalbas pasakė Kongrese ir tas kalbas patalpino CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.
- 3 - 111 Laikraščių davė publikacijos parengimams, kurie įvyko tuose miestuose, o 3 iš jų puikius editorialus apie Lietuvą parašė.
- 4 - 4 televizijos kanalai ir 10 radio stočių paminėjo Vasario 16-tą savo programose.
- 5 - Toje dienoje Lietuvos vėliava plėvesavo virš miesto rotušės keliuose miestuose, bet gaila, kad tikrų informacijų neturime.

Šiais metais džiugu pranešti, kad pasisekimas buvo didelis kaslink Pavergtųjų Tautų Savaitės apvaikščiojimo. Reikia pranešti, kad Prezidentas Nixonas, kaip ir kiti prieš jį prezidentai, nelabai linkę skelbti prklamaciją, bet liepos 11 dieną paskelbė nors ir menka buvo. Tačiau vienur ir kitur buvo apvaikščiojimai, kurie buvo aprašyti laikraščiuose. Tokių laikraščių, mūsų žiniomis, buvo net 54.

- 1 - Atstovų Rūmuose 53 Kongresmanai kalbėjo apie Pavergtas Tautas.
- 2 - 17 gubernatorių ir 22 burmistrai paskelbė tą savaitę savo valstijoms ir miestams.
- 3 - Tikrai nežinome, bet keli TV kanalai turėjo programas apie Pavergtas Tautas.

Tokių gerų rezultatų kaslink Pavergtųjų Tautų Savaitės apvaikščiojimo niekada neturėjome. Gal buvo todėl, kad šiais metais buvo dešimt metai kaip toji proklamacija skelbiama mūsų krašte.

Lietuvos Tragiškos dienos, kur tik buvo galimybė, buvo apvaikščiotos. Šiais metais atrodė, kad mažiau dėmesio buvo atkreipta į šią sukaktį. Dabartinis mūsų visų rūpestis yra priversti mūsų krašto Prezidentą įvykdyti Kongreso priimtą rezoliuciją (H. Con. Res. 416), kuri reikalauja, kad jis keltų Lietuvos ir kitų Pabaltijo Kraštų klausimą Jungtinėse tautose. Dabar bandome gauti aukštos įtekmės garbenybių įeiti į garbės narius tos komisijos, kuriai mūsų Vytis Leonardas Valiukas vadovauja, kad jie visi galėtų sukelti viešą opinią priversti Kongresą išpildyti tą, ką priėmė prieš tris metus. Mūsų komisija remis visais galimais būdais tos komisijos labai svarbų darbą ir raginame kiekvieną kuopą, kiekvieną Vytį tą patį daryti.

Brangūs Vyčiai - Vytės, šiuo laiku Sovietai daro ką tik gali nuslopinti prieškomunistinio galvojimo plitimą už Sovietų Sąjungos ribų. Už tai jie veikia laisvame pasaulyje visais galimais būdais palaužti tą pasipriešinimą, kurį parodo išeivija Europoje ir kitur išsikūrusi. Už tai jie nuolat skelbia, kad jie tiek pasikeitę į gerą pusę, kad su jais galima sugyventi. Gaila, kad daugelis, net ir tarpe mūsų Lietuvių,

patikėjo tai propogandai. Anot jų, užtektų Lietuvai satelito statuso, nes nėra patogių sąlygų nepriklausomybės pareikalauti. Taip jie tampa komunistų propagandos įrankiais. Mes žinome, kad taip tarpe Sovietų nėra. Jų tikslas yra skleisti kur tik galima savo prieš žmogiškus tikslus, užkariauti visą pasaulį ir visą žmoniją vergijoje laikyti. Lietuvos Vyčių Lietuvių Reikalų komisija tą gerai supranta. Todėl nesnaudžiame, bet dirbame Lietuvos ir visų Lietuvių naudai. Todėl mes rašome laiškus ir kitaip veikiame tam, kad pasaulis žinotų, kad mes nenurimsim tol, kol Lietuva bus užgropta. Už tai Atstovas J. M. Hanley iš New Yorko rašo:

"By our words alone we won't remove the Iron Curtain and we won't destroy slavery. We must constantly remind the world about those higher ups - traitors who rule unjustly those countries against all rules of morality. We have to give hope to those nations."

Komisija per savo darbą neleidžia laisvam pasauliui užmiršti Lietuvos dabartinės sunkios padėties ir nuolat skelbia, kad Sovietai, užgrobę Lietuvą, elgiasi prieš visus žmogiškus dėsnius. Idomu išgirsti ką kiti rašo:

MR. ROGERS C. B. MORTON, Republikonų Partijos Pirmsėdis, šitaip atsiliepė: "We are aware of the problems of those who have had their homelands overrun by communism and they can be assured of the Republican Party's continued battle to resist Communism and to restore freedom where it has been lost."

IL GIORNALE D'ITALIA (April 27, 1969) rašo: "As sharp polemics about colonialism and imperialism continue among various great powers, why are the main victims of Soviet imperialism, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia forgotten? These once flourishing nations were 'swallowed' by the Soviets during the second world war and one does not want to talk about them any longer... Why do we forget the cruel and tragic nightmare arrests of Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian citizens and their reportation for an unknown destination in trucks and freights trains. CONGRESSMAN HENRY C. SCHADERBERG (R. Wisc. CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, March 25, 1969): "I speak of the oppressed of Lithuania, the small Baltic nation whose independence was restored 51 years ago and then tragically snuffed out almost 30 years ago when it was invaded by the Soviet Union. Now a satellite state behind the Iron Curtain, Lithuania's memory of freedom is distant but not dim."

Mano brangūs Vyčiai-Vytės, mūsų organizacija buvo tam įsteigta, kad mes visi per savo narystę galėtumėme būti geresniais šio krašto piliečiais ir patriotiškesniais lietuviais. Tad mūsų pareiga yra pagelbėti kiek tik galime savo artimą, o kas artimesnis mums jei ne mūsų broliai lietuviai. Per šią komisiją mes vyčiai stengiamės tą pareigą išpildyti. Tik gaila, kad visi vyčiai be išimties neturi to noro nei to įsitikinimo. Todėl leiskite man čia atkartoti poezijos eiles parašytas Nado Rastenio ir tilpusias Spalio leidinyje LIETUVIŲ DIENŲ žurnale. Jie lyg

šaukte šaukia mus visus į labai svarbų darbą:

LITHUANIA CRUCIFIED

O Lithuania, fair Baltic's pride
Once a great nation, a free and happy state.
Alas, today heart-rending is her fate:
She is enslaved, denuded, crucified.

For no transgression of a pact or law,
Or expiation of a wrongful deed
Ravished by cruel neighbor's beatly greed,
She moans and groans under the Red Bear's paw.

The World is mum about her sore ordeal,
And Heaven, too, is still and overcast.
Which feeble breath of hers will be her last,
Because of pressure of the ursine heel.

O kindly West, O benevolent East:
Why, in the name of everflaming Sun,
Feed inculpable nations one by one,
To the wily and insatiable Moscow's beast?

O ye free nations, O ye righteous lands:
Lift up your voices ere it is too late!

A nation is a nation, small or great,
Must not be left to die in butcher's hands.

United Nations: Why ye stand aside
With fearful gaze and tacitly permit,
Without a charge and proof, decree and writ,
A guiltless nation to be crucified.

Šie gražūs žodžiai taikomi mums vyčiams. Kam mes per mūsų apsileidimą, per mūsų tinginiavimą, per visokius pasiteisinimus leidžiame Sovietams persekioti ir kankinti Lietuvą ir jos žmones? Kam mes per mūsų nepaisymą Lietuvių Reikalų Komijos ir per mūsų nerašymą laiškų duodame sveti-
miem numalšinti kas tik yra lietuviška? Neleiskime, bet dirbkime tautinį darbą. Rašykime laiškus, gin-
kime Lietuvos teisę į nepriklausomybę ir, kad tas kraštas kuo greičiausiai galėtų gyvuoti kaipo nepriklausoma ir laisva tauta. Dieve, taip padėk.

KUN. JONAS JUTKEVIČIUS
Garbės Pirmininkas

KAROLIS GRIGAITIS
Pirmininkas

Rugpiūčio 15, 1969

SEPTEMBER 9, 1969

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PETER RODINO NAMED "FRIEND OF LITHUANIA"

HON. JOHN S. MONAGAN
of Connecticut
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 9, 1969

MR. MONAGAN. Mr. Speaker, on August 24 my good friend and dean of the New Jersey delegation, PETER RODINO was awarded the "Friend of Lithuania medal and citation at the 56th annual convention of the Knights of Lithuania. Over 400 persons attended the presentaion banquet at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark, N.J., which was presided over by the newly installed officers: Dr. Jack J. Stukas, Hillside, N.J., president; Mrs. Diane Daniels, Philadelphia, Pa., Leon Pauksta, Chicago, Ill., and Longinas Svelnis, South Boston, Mass., vice presidents; Miss Stella Sankel, Cleveland, Ohio, treasurer; and Miss Dorothy Dutkus, Maywood, N.J., secretary.

As a former recipient of this cherished award, I want to extend my most sincere congratulations to PETER, who was cited as a "recognized authority on immigration and refugee settlement, who has aided many Lithuanians, among other victims of Communist tyranny, to gain a haven in America."

Mr. Speaker, we are all aware of the continuing struggle of the brave Lithuanian people to once again taste the joys of freedom, and I want to include in the RECORD the following resolution, which was passed at the convention:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, despite its tremendous propaganda efforts, Soviet Russia continues to enslave Lithuania

against the free will of her people; and

Whereas, House Concurrent Resolution 416, passed by Congress some three years ago, calls for our President to bring the question of the freedom of Lithuania and the Baltic States before the United Nations organization and further calls for free elections under the guidance of the United Nations to take place in those countries.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Convention respectfully urge the Government of the United States to fulfill the conditions of House Concurrent Resolution 416 in behalf of the restoration of the independence of Lithuania and the other Baltic States;

Be it further resolved, that the Convention manifest its sincerest gratitude to the Government of the United States for its consistent and continued non-recognition of the Soviet annexation of Lithuania and the other Baltic States;

Be it further resolved, that copies of these resolutions be sent to the President of the United States, to the Secretary of State, the Honorable William Rogers, to the Ambassador of the United States Delegation at the United Nations, to the Honorable Chairmen of the Senate and House Foreign Relations Committee and to the press.

LARRY JANONIS,

Chairman.

(Mrs.) SUSAN K. BORASKAS,

Secretary.

I know Peter Rodino joins me in hoping that it will some day be possible for Lithuania to once more enjoy the independent status that is hers.

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OFFICIAL NEWS

ELECTIONS

District and Council officer elections must take place either in the month of September or October as per the constitutional change which was approved at the 1964 National Convention.

Immediately after the election of new officers, PLEASE send the names and addresses to the National Recording Secretary Dorothy Dutkus.

This year - let us ALL cooperate with our national Board.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our National Financial Secretary Helen Zimmer reminds us that membership dues are \$5.00 per year and will be due on January 1, 1969. She requests that the newly-elected Council Financial Secretaries begin collecting membership dues immediately. Dues should, if at all possible, be collected for a full year.

NEED YOUR HELP

So that we may complete the binding of the "Vy-tis" for the past few years, we need your help: The following issues are missing from the back files: February 1961; June-July 1961; March 1963 (2 copies); April 1963; January-February 1964 (2 copies); April 1964; May 1964 (2 copies); June 1964; July 1964; November 1964 (2 copies); January 1965; June-July 1965 (2 copies); and March 1966.

Please send the copies to the Editor. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated and will enable us to complete the binding.

RULES FOR THE 1969-70 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

In order to give ALL Councils the opportunity to participate in the Membership Drive, the rules and classifications have changed as follows:

SPECIAL AWARDS will be presented to councils in each of the following categories for being first to have their council dues 100% paid-up: 1st category - 10 and under members; 2nd - 11-29 members; 3rd - 30-59 members; 4th - 60-99 members; and 5th - 100 and over members. These awards will be based on the national financial secretary's membership records as of August 1, 1969, which were presented at the convention.

Council awards for new members will be presented for the greatest percentage of per capita increase based on net increases as follows: Council with Over 50 members; Councils with 26-50 members; and Councils with 25 and under members.

Individual award credits for enrolling new members as follows: TEN points can be earned for each new or rejoin member enrolled from August until April 1, 1970; and FIVE points, thereafter until July 10, 1970.

EXCURSION TO ROME

The Knights of Lithuania Supreme Council has decided to sponsor a thrilling Excursion to Rome -

on the occasion of the Blessing of the Lithuanian Martyrs Chapel in St. Peter's Basilica, on June 28, 1970. The tour will be made either independently, or in conjunction with other Lithuanian-American organization.

Jet air transportation, hotel accommodations, meals, sightseeing, and land arrangements will be included in one remarkably low price, with all details taken care of!

If you are interested, please send the following information to the National President, Dr. Jack Stukas, 1016 Schliefer Road, Hillside, N.J. : Name, Address, Council No., Would you be interested in a side trip BEFORE or AFTER the Blessing? How many days do you think the tour should take? Additional comments or questions are welcome.

1970 SPIRITUAL PROGRAM for K of L members and councils

A. INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION. Members are urged to take part in a new K OF L READING CLUB. The books selected are religious books which will help members gain a deeper and balanced insight into religious questions of our day. The books suggested are available as inexpensive paperbacks and may be obtained in most religious bookstores. Those who prefer may order the package of four books by sending a check for \$7.00 before Nov. 15, 1969 to: Rev. Albert Contons, 200 Lake st., Brighton, Mass. 02135.

(If any selection becomes unavailable, another may be substituted.)

1. Feb. Who Is Christ
by Anthony Padovano Ave Maria Press \$.95
2. May Apologetics And The Biblical Christ
by Avery Dulles, S.J. Newman Press \$1.50
3. Sept. Creation And Covenant
by James Plastaras Bruce Publishing Co. \$2.50
4. Nov. Popular History Of The Catholic Church
by Philip Hughes Macmillan Co. \$1.95

B. COUNCIL PARTICIPATION. Councils are encouraged to cooperate with their spiritual advisor in planning religious discussions using the above books as themes. Council spiritual advisor, guest speaker, or qualified members may be invited to present a talk on the topic, followed by discussion.

C. SPECIAL K OF L RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES.

1. February 16. Religious and civic observance of Lithuanian Independence.
2. March 4. St. Casimir, patron of K of L and Lithuanian youth.
3. May 13. Consecration of Lithuanians to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima.
4. Annual religious event - district religious workshop or religious day.

REV. ALBERT J. CONTONS
Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor

ALL MEMBERS, COUNCILS, DISTRICTS ARE
INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!

Suggested Donations for Christmas Greetings in
the December issue of the "Vytis":

Full page	- \$50.00
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Be a "Vytis" booster - and wish everyone a
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Year. Mail your Greeting copy and donation to:

Irene K. Sankus, Editor
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LITHUANIAN CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have only a few sets left of the Lithuanian
language records SPEED COURSE IN LITHUANIAN.
Price is \$3.00 per set postpaid. However, we have
a good supply of CHILDRENS PLAYWAY TO LITHU-
ANIAN. The Price on these records has now been
reduced to \$2.00 per set postpaid. Please send
orders to Frank Gudelis, 129 Rita St., Dayton, Ohio
45404.

KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA 56th NATIONAL CONVEN-
TION PANELS

Moderator Longinas Svelnis opened Senior Panel
with a review of thoughts as presented by Seniors at
its 1968 session.

The highlights stressed were SONGFESTS, ART-
ICLES FOR "VYTIS", JOINT VENTURES with other
councils, and the organizing of more Senior groups.
That while organizing Senior groups, we should take
advantage of the opportunity in organizing Regular
and Junior councils.

Professor Alexander Aleksis, honorary member
and oldest living National President (55 years) ad-
dressed the Senior Panel. Although his K of L mem-
bership indicates no break in K of L activity, he was
recruited to organize the TARYBA, FEDERACIJA
and BALF. This took him away from the Knights of
Lithuania. However, Prof. Aleksis recalled that
MYKOLAS NORKUNAS - at the age of 43, was the
greatest organizer of K of L Regular and Junior
councils and so today, this should be an example to
follow for us Seniors. That we should organize
NORKUNAS COMMEMORATION EVENTS (100th an-
niversary) in each and every district and parish this
year. It was suggested that effort be made to search
in outlying cities and towns for former K of L'ers
and that the Supreme Council would assist in furnishing
further names of those potential members; and
finally urge former members to join the nearest
active councils in their area.

Mrs. Smitiene of Council 29, mentioned their
activities and how to influence former K of L'ers
to become active again.

Juozas Sadauskas, honorary member and An-
thony Mazeika, honorary member, among other
things, mentioned that more personal contact by
members and clergy be had in order to retain and
recruit new members. That we should avail our-
selves of the press in publicizing K of L activities,
and that Mrs. Pakalniskis, who edits the K of L
section of DRAUGAS (Chicago), would assist in the
translation of English articles into Lithuanian.

Supreme Spiritual Advisor, Reverend Professor
Albert Contons stressed that individuals show more
initiative in planning Cultural gatherings, and Sup-
pers, similar to those events arranged by Council 17
Seniors of Boston - in order to attract former K of
L'ers and potential members to join the Senior
group.

It was the consensus of the opinion of those pre-
sent - that every effort be made in inviting eligible
persons to all our gatherings, and particularly social
functions, and get them interested and involved in
planning and arranging attractive programs.

LONGINAS SVELNIS

Supreme Council Seniors Vice President

CULTURAL PANEL REPORT

The attendance at the Cultural Panel was gratify-
ing as 30 members viewed the geographic slides of
Independent Lithuania which were shown by Bruno
Masiokas and explained by his charming wife, Evelyn
Masiokas.

The members were all impressed with only one
regret! That more time was not allowed for this
type of presentation and that all delegates did not
have the opportunity to view these slides which
brought a part of Lithuania to us. All members were
in complete agreement that not sufficient time is
allowed for our Cultural Program which is a vital
part of our organization.

Although we did not have much time for dis-
cussion the following suggestions were submitted:
1) that the "Vytis" include a small vocabulary of
Lithuanian words in each issue; 2) that Councils
look into the possibility of having cultural displays
in either a department store window, Public Library,
or a book window. This can be done during a centen-
nial observance, Lithuanian Independence Day or an
International Folk Festival; 3) that the K of L try to
put out a book of Lithuanian Songs with music as
councils are interested in forming singing groups,
but do not have the music for the accompanist.

It was extremely discouraging to find that amongst
the panel members only four councils had active
cultural programs. In view of this, it is obvious
that the Cultural Chairman will have a tremendous
task to wake up the stagnant councils therefore the
present chairman would appreciate the cooperation of
and assistance of all District Cultural Chairman. It
is also obvious that the Chairman could use some
additional assistance and that the forth-coming con-
vention consider adding additional members to this
committee.

My sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Masiokas
and to all members who attended the panel.

MARY JANKOWSKI

Lithuanian Cultural Chairman

Lithuanians in The NEWS



CHICAGO. - A commemorative medal bearing Dwight D. Eisenhower's portrait has been issued to honor the 28 countries no longer in existence or no longer free. Ten years ago President Eisenhower signed a law recognizing the plight of the Captive Nations and proclaimed the third week in July as Captive Nations Week. On July 17 this year - tenth anniversary of Public Law 86-90 - a Captive Nations Medal Committee was created and instructed to prepare a suitable memento of the occasion.

The committee, headed by Viktors Viksnins of Chicago, chose a commemorative medal, commissioned Illinois sculptor Trygve A. Roverlstad to prepare the models, and selected Medallic Art Company of New York City of strike the medals. Sculptor Roverlstad, of Elgin, Illinois, a noted medallist whose recent works include the Illinois Sesquicentennial medal of 1968. Medallic Art Company is well known for its fine art medals; it has produced nine of the nation's inaugural medals.

For the obverse of the Captive Nations Medal, sculptor Roverlstad chose a portrait of Eisenhower surrounded by 28 stars - one for each of the 28 Captive Nations. On the reverse is a torch, a symbol of freedom taken from the Statue of Liberty, and an inscription from President Eisenhower's proclamation: "The President ... to issue a ... Proclamation each year until Freedom & Independence ... have been achieved for all the Captive Nations of the World."

The medals were struck in bronze and fine silver, 1 1/2 inches in diameter. Silver medal - .999 fine - are serially numbered and limited to 10,000 issued. Two thousand matched sets of one silver and one bronze medal (in a special case) are available at \$15.00. Separate silver medals are \$10 each, bronze at \$2.50. Orders for medals should be sent to Captive Nations Medal Committee, 4146 North Elston Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60618.

The 28 captive nations are Albania, Armenia, Azeraijam, Bielarus, Bulgaria, mainland China, Cosackia, Croatia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Idel-Ural, Latvia, Lithuania, North Korea, North Viet Nam, Outer Mongolia, Poland, Rumania, Serbia, Slovakia, Tibet, Turkestan, and Ukraine.



CAPTIVE NATIONS COMMITTEE pictured at a recent cocktail party honoring Mr. and Mrs. James Howard who financed the commemorative medal and will sponsor a trip to Washington, D.C. to present the medal to the President and other dignitaries. Seated: Mr. and Mrs. Howard. Standing: Vincent Šamaska (C-36) comm. member, Lith. Consul General Dr. Petras Dauzvardis, Sig Sakowicz, WGN radio personality, Mrs. Dauzvardis, Victor Viksnins, comm. chr., and Congressman Roman Pucinski. (Photo - Vets Press)



Stanley Balzekas, Jr. (right), member of C-36, presents Certificates of Merit to Ed Mankus and Dr. Joseph Jerome, member of C-112, for their outstanding contributions to the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture.



Start HOUNDING for DUES NOW!

A new K of L year is in full swing! Last year's accomplishments all helped sustain and, hopefully, invigorate, the K of L. Those attainments must be carried on. The momentum of each year must be maintained to assist in nourishing new accomplishments. Previous achievements must provide the spark for the future successes. Membershipwise, what does this mean to present K of L'ers?

In the jargon of today's unsettled, and frequently unsettling, circumstances especially within the larger cities, there are a great deal of "isms" and expressions such as "hardcore." In keeping with contemporary phraseology, the K of L is far from being outdated. Simply, "hardcore" refers to "the permanent, dedicated, and completely faithful nucleus of a group or movement." Proudly, the K of L has its "hardcore members" dedicated to the cause of "Lithuanianism." Longtime members can name the "faithful nucleus" of their councils. Convention goers can realize the dedication of "numerous K of L'ers nationwide.

The goals of a growing organization required the "hardcore" member. And certainly any organization would desire to increase its roles of dedicated members. But, instilling dedication into newer members seems an enormous if not impossible task. Yet, it may be possible to settle for something less than dedication, and still have that growing hardcore. How about settling for growth in a faithful nucleus.

Undoubtedly the K of L has a share of those members and a goodly number of those with dedication as well. But, what about last year's newly enrolled K of L'ers? Membership figures show that although 115 new members joined in the past year,

there was still a slight decrease because of delinquency in dues payments of then current members. That hardcore did not grow last year. It can be increased only by having present K of L'ers maintain their memberships during the coming year. That means getting those dues paid on time - preferably before the beginning of next year. Otherwise, there is no growth - no development - hardly a future. But, the K of L has the "hardcore" to develop that future. It has the "faithful nucleus" with dedication besides. That nucleus needs to be expanded. There is one place to begin. That nucleus must encompass each and every one of last year's members.

By the way fellow Vyčiai, have you paid your dues yet? We want you as a member this coming year.

The complete rules for the 1969-70 Dues Payment and Membership Drives are printed elsewhere in this issue. But, something new has been added. There is an additional category for councils with memberships of 10 and under. This gives all councils the opportunity to participate and every member to compete.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SUGGESTION: Why not ease your Christmas shopping rush by arranging for gift memberships now. Just write the names and addresses of your special friends on the regular membership application forms and send their dues along with your own to your council's financial secretary.

LEON PAUKSTA
Membership Vice President

JUNIOR NEWS

To Those Councils That Do Not Have Active Junior Councils, Please Take Some Time To Consider The Following:

There are only five active Junior K of L Councils out of forty some K of L Councils. The future of the K of L is in peril if something isn't done to increase the interest among the youth.

The Lithuanian-American youth are being cheated of the opportunity of learning about their culture, of being made aware of the Lithuanian trait of deep religious feeling and treasuring their American citizenship, because of lack of counselors. The Junior program includes the teaching of this, as well as, a healthy atmosphere where boys and girls can socialize.

FORMER JUNIORS! Remember the rich experiences that you enjoyed. Help others build memories. Volunteer to be a counselor. Let your children or the youth in your area become members of the Knights of Lithuania. Do what some other un-

selfish person did for you and be your Council's Junior advisor.

There are a hundred and one ideas for Junior groups and we are now in the process of gathering these ideas and incorporating them in a handbook. If anyone has any ideas, suggestions or criticisms, concerning the Junior K of L program, please forward them to me.

We are all well aware how hard some people are working to instruct your people in the use of drugs, riot tactics and anti-American views. We have something GOOD to offer, can't someone find the time to give our Lithuanian American youth the chance to learn what we mean when we say, "FOR GOD AND COUNTRY".

Vytiškai,
DIANNE DANIELS
National Juniors Vice-Pres.

DAYTON JUNIORS

One of the many activities this year for the Dayton Juniors was a Mexican Fiesta supervised by Mary Lucas at her house. Many games were played including the breaking of the Pinata followed by singing to the accompaniment of Mark Vaitkus playing the accordion and Steve Vaitkus playing the guitar. A delicious meal was served and everyone went home feeling content.

The next big event was the visiting of the Shrine of Holy Relics in Maria Stein, Ohio. The relics were explained by a Precious Blood Sister and we then had our pilgrimage. Afterwards, coming back to Dayton, we stopped at Fort Laramie where picnicking, swimming, and games took place. It was a very educational and fun-filled day for everyone.

We then sent nineteen members to the annual K of L Camp Dainava week in Manchester, Michigan with the help of the Mid-Central District. Exercising, games, swimming, dancing, and Lithuanian culture took place during the fun week. Awards were given out at the end of the week for most outstanding campers. For the girls Chris Goldick was most helpful; Kim Blosser was most polite; and

for the boys, Jon Prasmantis was most polite; Steve Vaitkus was most friendly, and Raymond Gecas was most Lithuanian. It concluded a perfect week. The Dayton Juniors would like to thank the Dayton Seniors Council, the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception from Putnam, Connecticut, and the camp advisors Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kazlauskas.

An outing took place at Taylorsville Dam where a meeting, hikes, games, and singing by the campfire accompanied by Mark and Steve Vaitkus on their instruments. Hot dogs and marshmallows were roasted on an open fire and everyone went home having had a good time.

The Dayton Juniors are now looking forward to the Halloween Party, Christmas party, and elections.

STEVE VAITKUS

(Upper Right) DAYTON JUNIORS pictured at pilgrimage at the Shrine of Holy Relics in Maria Stein, Ohio. (Middle Right) Relics explained by a Precious Blood sister. (Bottom Right) Dayton Juniors enjoy Mexican Fiesta at the home of "Den" Mother Mary Lucas.



IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO

CHICAGOS SENDRAUGIAI

Chicagos Sendraugių Vyčių kuopos vadovybė labai susirūpinusi kuopos sergančiais nariais, būtent:

Ignas Sakalas, vyčių garbės narys, sendraugių kuopos garbės pirmininkas ir vyčių istorijos autorius ilgokai sirgęs, kad ir grįžęs iš šv. Kryžiaus ligoninės vis dar nesijaučia pasveikęs, bet jau organizaciniame kuopos darbe dalyvauja.

Kazys Jonaitis - Žilvytis, rašytojas-poetas, buvęs žurnalo VYTIS redaktorius ir centro v-bos p-kas pradžioje šio mėnesio susirgo paralyžiu ir gydymui buvo paguldytas į šv. Kryžiaus ligoninę, dr. Šimkaus priežiūroje. Jis yra savo gyvenime sukūręs šimtus eilėraščių ir išspausdinęs juos žurnale VYTIS, o 1967 m. dalį jų yra išleidęs atskiru leidiniu - Tėvynės Balsai, kuri yra paskleidęs visuomenėje. Tai labai darbštus ir nuoširdus žmogus, iš profesijos vaistininkas, gydosį šv. Kryžiaus ligoninėje 349 kambarys.

A. Aleliunas, ilgametis vyčių narys, sendraugių kuopos sekretorius, Onos Aleliunas vyras buvo susirgęs ir pasitaisęs, bet šiomis dienomis vėl atkrito. Gydosį namuose, 3930 S. Albany.

Žemaitienė ilgus metus vyčiams tarnavusi dirbama įvairius pagalbinius darbus taip sunegalavo, kad tapo apgyvendinta senelių prieglaudoje Lemonte. Ji yra susilpnėjusi protiniai.

E. Zakaraitė, buv. ilgametė sendraugių kuopos finansų sekretorė pradžioje šių metų susilaužė koją ir dėl to galėjo vaikščioti tik su ramsčių pagalba. Dabar ji baigia sveikti ir pradeda lankyti kuopos susirinkimus.

Teklė Norbutienė taip pat ilgametė ir nenuilstama vyčių darbuose talkininkė šiomis dienomis sunegalavo ir gydosį namuose, 4329 S. Washtenaw Ave., telef. 376-8246.

E. Širvinskienė - sendraugių ir 36 kuopų uolė darbininkė buvo susirgusi - ranką susižeidusi, bet dabar pasveiko. Sveikiname ją ir laukiame atsilankant į susirinkimą.

P. ERDVYS



CLEVELAND SENIORS celebrate birthdays. (Top Left) Helping Mary Barry celebrate are Juozas Sadauskas, Julia Salasavičienė, Rose Sankal and Pauline Uselis. (Top Right) Stella Sankal receives roses. (Bottom Left) Birthdayites Adele Gribauskas, Antanas Maciukas, Charlotte Petkunas. (Bottom Right) Celebrants Juozas Sadauskas, Mary Trainy, George Kuzas.



WELCOME home to So. Boston Seniors Dr. & Mrs. Anthony L. Kapochy, who were greeted and feted by friends on their return home from an extensive tour of Europe. (Top L) Dorothy Bradbury, daughter of Mrs. Kapochy, Regina Philbrook, Phyllis Grendal & Mother, Blanche Kapochy, Janet Panorás. (Top R) Rev. Anthony Baltrushunas, pastor of St. Peter's Lith. Church, Alexander Chaplik, Dr. Kapochy, Felix Zaleskas, Venton Philbrook, Nicholas Panorás, Wm. Bradbury. (L) Father Baltrushunas with Dr. and Mrs. Kapochy.

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS., C-10
Vincukas

Many area K of L'ers were seen at the various picnics sponsored by our religious groups in New England.

Condolences are extended to Joe Sakaitis on the recent loss of his mother in Worcester.

Clara Zetkauskas was recently hospitalized and underwent surgery. She is well on the road to recovery and has returned to her duties at Nichols and Stoney Gardner.

Howie Beaudette was head chef at the summer camp of the Lithuanian Scouts held during August in Spencer. No one left, so he must have been okay.



Dick Genaitis and Donna Broderick were tended a pre-nuptial dinner on July 5 in the Lithuanian Country Club Hall in Gardner. The couple were recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts. Dancing and a social evening followed the dinner. The affair was attended by our local K of L plus many area well wishers.

On Sun., July 20 our council sponsored a "Swim or Sink" outing at the Camp of Frank Anoris on Whites Pond, Athol. It was attended by a group of Bostonians

who were first to make their appearance. The old stand-by's from Worcester followed, and last but not least, a group of three men arrived from Hartford. Dancing, swimming, and boating were enjoyed, and all of the local members had a chance to show their talents behind the grill and bar. It was good to see the Rodski's and Kugmeskus' with the kids. During the afternoon Mary Jankowski, Anne Bender and Helen Gillus led all of us in a bit of Lithuanian folk singing.

Our president and chairman, Howie, somehow landed in the pond twice. It almost looked as though someone wanted him to sink, as he can't swim. His second spill almost caused as much attention and concern as the astronauts who had just landed on the moon that nite. He lost his glasses and after just about everyone present tried to recover them, it took a brave scuba diver, Helen Gillus, to bring them back intact. Thanks, Helen! It threatened rain all day, but it did hold off until almost everyone had left except the cleanup committee. May I take this opportunity to thank all of our friends who traveled the distances they did to support our events.

Lennie Davidonis recently was hospitalized at St. Vincent's Worcester, but made a nice recovery and is back in the swing of things.

Our council was well represented at the NED convention held at St. Casimer's, Worcester. Thanks for the hospitality, Worcester.

We of C-10 extend our deepest sympathy to the family of the late Rev. Mike Tamulevičius, who passed on to his eternal reward. We of C-10 always felt his warmth and deep regard for the K of L. May he rest in peace.

Father Al Yankauskas, pastor of St. Francis parish, Athol, held his First parish picnic at the Lithuanian Country Club in Gardner. It was a huge success both financially and socially. K of L'ers were among the workers.

The NED picnic held at Maironis park in Sept. was a huge success. We came home proud of our culture and heritage.

WORCESTER, MASS., C-26

Dzūkelė

Beautiful adjectives can still be heard to describe Newark's National Convention. Anne Bender, C-26's delegate, brought back two placques. One was presented to our council for having the most new members, and the other for a 100% paid membership. We're so proud! Thank you all!

The highlight of the August meeting, held at Ted and Rita Pinkus' summer camp in Rutland, was the shish-ka-bob supper prepared by master chef, Bill Grigas.

Our annual clambake, held on Sept. 19 at the Lithuanian War Veterans quarters on Lake Quinsigamond, was its usual hit. Delicious seafood was prepared by Bill and Carol Grigas, with the experienced assistance of Janice Tagman, Steve and Ron Walinsky, Rita Pinkus, Jack Mattrick and Joe Drumstas.

Point Rok, owned and operated by parishioners, John and Rita Raines, was the locale for St. Casimir's two-day parish picnic held Sept. 6 and 7. Council members worked in various areas, but C-26's project was the dunking pond, set up for profit and amusement and it was certainly a laugh-getter. The object was to dunk the person sitting atop a diving-board-of-sorts by throwing a ball at a target which would release the proper lever. Jack Mattrick and Bill Grigas certainly did their share here, along with Carol Grigas, Danna Paulukonis, Ginny Leleikis and Janice Tagman, to mention but a few, but when our own representative, Charles Tagman, accepted the challenge to sit on the perch while we played "Let's dunk the politician", well, lots of fun was had by all! Val Baziliauskas and Francis Glodas did a bit of kibitzing which added a little more to

the occasion.

Congratulations to: Father John C. Jutt, our pastor, on being elected president of the Kunigu Vienybė . . . Alena Pinkus on her engagement to Anthony Birch of C-3 in Philadelphia . . . Ronald Walinsky on his engagement to Lorna Davis of Worcester . . . Mike Karpicus and Ron Vallon, June graduates of Holy Cross College. Mike is now in Texas with the Navy R. O. T. C. Ronnie was presented a gift of an ocean voyage down South best wishes to all.

The following members were hospitalized over the past couple of months, but we are happy to report that they are now off the sick list: Frances Grigas, Donna Jankowski, James Sanders, Ed Vaitkunas.

Joseph Sakaitis' mother, Mrs. Mary Sakaitis, passed away on July 17th; Emily Gudzevich's mother, Mrs. Emily Gudzevich, on Aug. 13; Rose Chestnut's father, Joseph Chestnut, on Aug. 15. Council members gathered for the recitation of the rosary for each parent, participated in the funeral services and we want Joe, Emily and Rose to know that their sorrow is ours, and we feel deeply for each of them.

Father Michael F. Tamulevicius, our spiritual director for 18 years, and most recently, pastor of Our Lady of Vilna, home of C-116, died on Sept. 15. To Father Michael's brothers and their families we extend heartfelt condolences, and at the same time we comfort each other for we miss him terribly.

Ted Pinkus, Jr. and his family have moved to Cincinnati where Ted is working as a pharmacist for the Veteran's Administration while furthering his studies.

This season's bowling committee is comprised of Joseph Sakaitis, Judy Ginkus and Ed Grigaitis. Team members will be listed later.

Our spiritual director, Father Steponaitis, made the arrangements for the week-long vacation in Plymouth, Mass., enjoyed so much by the altar boys of the parish.

The Lithuanian Scouts weekend in Spencer, Mass. was very successful, and why not, with so many of our K of L'ers participating. Al Gregonis, Charles Grigaitis, Frannie Glodas, Val Baziliauskas, all worked in one way or another.

They tell us that the food prepared by Howie Beaudette of C-10, was quite delicious, as it should be . . . Howie is a chef by profession.

The N.E. District picnic held on Sept. 14 at Maironis Park, was certainly the event of the year. Co-chairmen Eddie Grigaitis and Joe Drumstas with the picnic treasurer, Joe Sakaitis, thank everyone in the District for the beautiful cooperation of the councils, making this a super-successful event. It's impossible to name everyone involved but a general "everybody" made this a perfect day, from the out-door Mass celebrated by Father Jutt, right down to the late hours of the day! It was a treat to have the priest from Rome, Father J. Herman Sulcas, join us at the picnic. Father Sulcas celebrated his first solemn high Mass at our church St. Casimir's that morning, was feted at a banquet following Mass, and then joined Lithuanian youth at a picnic!

C-26 was host to the NED Convention on Sept. 28. Two of our members were elected to the board of officers: Joe Sakaitis and Mary Jankowski, first and second vice-presidents, respectively. Special praise must go out to the kitchen staff whose buffet could hardly be called Weight Watcher's fare. It was prepared by Rita Pinkus, Anna Bender, Helen Gillus, Lillian Sepavich, Mrs. Nell Thompson, Claire Grigaitis, her brother Eddie Grigaitis (assisted by his son and daughter, Billy and Linda). The pre-convention dance held the night before at the Lithuanian Naturalization Club, was chaired by Bill Grigas. As in so many instances past, the dance crowd ended up at Wanda Pajeda's home where old friends and new are always welcome.

Sister Joyce, S.S.C., a teaching nun, was home recently to visit her family. Sister, as Joan Ridick, was once a secretary for C-26. It was good to see her.

Lack of space has forced omission of the names of many committee members for the affairs listed above, but one thing is certain: Every name is being carefully recorded in the minutes of our organization.

SO. WORCESTER, MASS., C-116
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Summer has passed away, and

with it our Pastor and Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Michael Tamulevicius. We of C-116 extend our deepest sympathy to his family. Although Father Mike was in our parish for a short time, we will remember him as being a devoted priest and a wonderful, understanding person.

The N.E. District Picnic held at Maironis Park, Shresbury, was a huge success. Most of our members had the kitchen detail. Where there is food, you will find our girls! Ann Miller, Dot Sinkavitch, Marion Lukason and Joan Treinas were the short order waitresses and Helen Daltwas handled the money. She seems to take over that job every year. Anthony Miner, Mrs. Irene Adamaitis and her daughters Irene and Joan sold Lithuanian articles. Our man Stan Grigas was behind the liquid refreshment stand. We also realize the hard work and support given by our other N. E. Councils to make this a fine affair.

We are glad to hear that Millie Lapinkas is back on the road to good health, after a stay in the hospital. Charlies is glad he won't have to do his own cooking anymore . . . Our council has started bowling again on Friday nights at the T-Bird Lanes. Welcome to two new members, Bill Borek and Marion Lukason. Bob Paluses as a captain must give a good pep talk because his team is once again in first place . . . It is hard to keep track of the Ralph Buciskas family. They are always off vacationing. Last report they headed up to Canada . . .

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Andruski on the celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary. May they look forward to many more years of happiness . . .

Ann Markvenas and Marion Lukason are two gals sporting new cars. They couldn't wait for Santa Claus! . . . If anyone needs help in sewing, see Grace Balukonis, she has become quite a seamstress! . . .

Joseph Krasinskas has been busy these past few months fixing up a summer camp he bought in Spencer. His two nephews give him a hand but they would rather swim than work. Can't blame them . . . There is one person who has a variety of working hours and that is Ann Miller. One of these days, you will get those guns shooting

straight . . . Barbara Mazeika has been doing a lot of travelling to Philly to visit her family. She can make the trip back and forth now with her eyes closed, almost that is . . . We wish a speedy recovery to Joan Treinas who is in the hospital . . . Dot Sinkavitch is off again for a two weeks vacation to Mexico City and Acapulco. Hope she doesn't catch the famous Mexican bug!

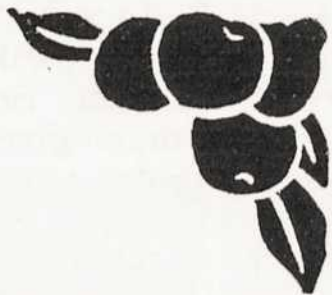
Welcome to Father Alphonse Volungis to Our Lady of Vilna Church. Our best wishes go to him on his new position as Pastor.

The NED Convention was held at our neighboring C-26 Sept. 27 and 28th. Our girls were known as the "Cape Codders" the night of the dance. As usual C-26 had a delicious buffet and the Convention was a fine affair.

C-116 had election of officers in October and the following were elected: President - Anthony Miner; 1st Vice President - Mrs. Irene Adamaitis; 2nd Vice President - Ann Miller; Financial Secretary - Trudy Zibinskas; Recording Secretary - Dorothy Sinkavitch; and Treasurer - Bart March.

Congratulations to all and we are looking forward to a good and busy year.

MID - CENTRAL DISTRICT



DAYTON, OHIO, C-96 FBP

'Den Mother' for our Juniors in July was Mary Lucas and her Mexican Fiesta on July 12 from 4-7 P.M. turned into a 'drivers' included that ended at 10 P.M. Ole! Ole!

With Mary volunteering to make all the Kugelis for our Parish's Garden Party, Mike and Frank Petkus, Eloise Berczelly, Stan and Helen Vaitkus came to Mary's rescue to run the Juniors three projects at the Picnic. Proceeds from these projects - Variety Booth, Radio Raffle, and Parish Raffle - were used to help send them to Camp Dainava. (Want to learn how to twirl paper around a pencil, fit it just so into a 'cake hat' and carry on a full conversation? Check with Pat Zelinskas, Irene Veigel, Helen, Eloise and Fran!)

Our Parish Picnic of July 27 had the same misfortune as our Lithuanian Day Picnic - storms in the morning. Father Titas was pleased when Mother Nature did step in in time for the picnic to be carried through.

'Den Father' for our Juniors in August was Stan Vaitkus. With the aid of Joe Gecas and Mike Petkus we had three ears heading for Maria Stein for a few hours of recollection. The shrine is famous for all its true relics. From the shrine we headed to Fort Laramie for a sack lunch and swim.

Our hostess with the mostest, Mary Lucas, put on another most enjoyable party when the council's Luau was held at her home on Aug. 16. Not only was the party well attended but George Mikalauskas and Charlie Vanger really gave us the special atmosphere of Hawaiian He-Men! Aply assisted by some of the other women in the council, Mary put out a real feat. Aldona Ryan was in charge of games; winners were Elaine Pokovsky and Ildephonsas Bucmys.

Praises to our Juniors - Parents - Leaders! We topped last year by having 16 out of 23 Juniors spend the week of Aug. 23-31 at Camp Dainava - an annual Vyčiu Project. Voices were strong on 'A good time was had by all! Two surprises during the week - a pizza party was put on by the Zagers, of Detroit, and a wiener roast with a rock hunt sponsored by our own Joe and Ada Sinkwitz and Mary Lucas.



C-96 COSTUME WINNERS. Kneeling: E. Mantz, A. Boeke, G. Mikalauskas. Standing: J. Sinkwitz, F. Mikalauskas, J. Boeke, E. Pokovsky, S. Vaitkus, S. Petkus, E. Omlor.

Our council's 2nd Family Picnic of the season held on Sept. 7 was almost rained out like our first. But Mother Nature came through again for us. John and Irene Veigel must be thanked for all the preparations. Those surprise cover dishes by our members were different and delicious. Joe and Eleanor Mantz were successful this time with their children games. George Mikalauskas showed us new and old council movie pictures. Turnout by the members was great!

Eva Leasure and Ann Scott not only closed out our 'sewing circle' for the Spring season - they got us rolling again on Sept. 14. Poor Curly!

Charlie and Sarah Petkus were Junior 'Den Parents' for Sept. They planned a picnic supper at Taylorsville Dam Park. Weather was again against us! With the log fire burning, the Vaitkus boys, Mark on the accordion and Steve on the guitar - supplying us with live music, Juniors chopping wood, plenty of food, gab and refreshments - what more did we need?!

ODDS and END . . . Our conventionites came home with nothing but praise for the program and warm hospitality bestowed to them by the National Convention Committee. Members attending the convention were Joe and Ada Sinkwitz, Stan Vaitkus, Frank Gudelis, Steponas Bucmys and Father Titas Narbutas. Stan must be congratulated on becoming a Trustee on the National Board.

Some of our members are still going along with ex-president Johnson's 'See America First!' Heading for Florida were Charles and Sarah Petkus to visit with Pete and Paulette Petkus, two out-of-town members. Stan and Ida Kavy headed that way, also. Eloise and John Berczelly and their son John spent their vacation fishing and loafing in Kentucky. Stan and Helen Vaitkus drove up to the Straits of Mackinac, Michigan. Rita Ambrose and Elinor Sluzas are enjoying the sunny shores of Myrtle Beach, Va. Mike and Alice Petkus are heading for Minn. in their new yellow Cadillac - then later to Canada in August. Alex and Polly Pietrzak toured Tennessee. Keeping up with 'Campers of America' Joe and Ada Sinkwitz packed their camper along with the help of John Razauskas and Ernie Omlor and took the Su-

perior Lake Deer River Circle Route to Minnesota. The Mantz's, Joe and Eleanor will do their camping between Ohio and Michigan. Sam and Maxine Bakanauskas are camping in the New England States via Canada. The Veigels, John and Irene are heading East with their camper and planning to meet up with the Bakanauskas' in Conn. Judy Petrokas is our only 'renegade' who headed for Ireland, England and Wales in July.

John and Ann Scott spent a fun time with their son Jerry and Joe Prasmantas on a Canadian vacation. Wondering where Joe Sinkwitz, Ernie Omlor and John Razauskas have been hibernating? They have been batching it up in Minnesota for the past month.

A speedy recovery is wished Joe Somentus, our long standing member from Springfield, O. It's good to see our President, Joe Noreikas, back on his feet - even with the help of crutches.

Long - time - no - see-members, Charlie and Fran Vangas, looked great at the Luau. We got to see Fran again at Eva's sewing circle. Janina Bucmys was so taken in with Eva's farm that she spent more time with the animals

and walking than with the 'human hens'. Have you seen Rita Ambrose and Elinor Sluzas lately? Keep up the good work!

Good luck and happiness are wished to our new home owners Joe and Aldona Ryan. Also to our newest members James and Carolyn Urban. Carolyn (nee Zelesky) had been a member of C116 Worcester, Mass.

Our deepest sympathies are sent to our District President, Ed Pavis on the loss of his mother. A speedy recovery to Ed as he underwent surgery a month after his loss.

September birthday greetings are sent to Joe August, Marianne Podoyak, Lou Prasmantas, Alex Pietrzak, Frances Mikalauskas, John Scott and Carolyn Urban. October birthdayites are Joe Noreikas, Joe Cernevicius, Eleanor Mantz, Annadele Miller, Mike Veigel, Joe Boeke, Hilda Cernevicius, Marion Petkus, Mary Lucas and Ernie Omlor. Anniversaries celebrated in September Joe and Bea Noreikas, Jerry and Marianne Podoyak, Mike and Donna Dailey, Fred and Ann Kondrotas, Bill and Eva Leasure, Gus and MaryAnn Blum, Joe and Anna Mae Petrusky.

October anniversary greetings go to Stan and Ida Kavy, Alex and Polly Pietrzak, Tom and Elizabeth Scott.

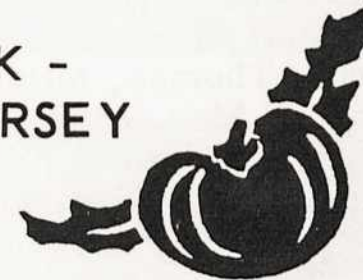


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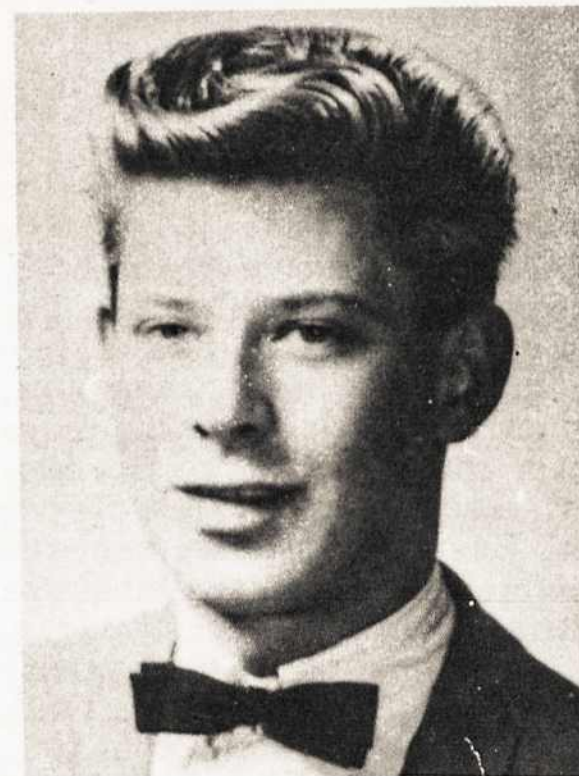
LOS ANGELES, CALIF., C-133

The members extend their deepest sympathy to Ann Laurinaitis and family on the death of her beloved brother, former bowling champ Peter Laurinaitis of Hawaii, who died on October 10.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT



NEWARK, N.J., C-29



Kostas Skruodys, active member of C-29 and recipient of the 3rd Award in this year's Canon Fabijonas Kemezis Scholarship's awards.

AMSTERDAM, N.Y., C-100 Smile and Sparkle

The first gathering of the fall season was held in the St. Casimir's Church meeting rooms. Spiritual Advisor Rev. Robert K. Baltch led the group in prayer. This was followed by the reading of the minutes by Irene Wood. President Anthony Radzevich called on two delegates to the national convention. Irene Wood and Genevieve Gobis informed the members present of

Christmas
Greetings



(See page 13 for details)



CONVENTION FUN. (Left) Loretta and Jack Stukas with Dotty Dutkus and friends. (Right) Irene Wood, Gene Gobis, Father Jutt and Caroline Murphy following the Convention Banquet.

the decisions made at the sessions, the variety of programs and entertainment which all the delegates enjoyed. A financial report was given by the treasurer Sophie Olbie.

"A Bit of Hawaii" was enjoyed by all present. The refreshment committee, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Radzevich and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Karbus, brought back some delicious recipes from their trip to Hawaii. Slides of their trip were shown by the President A. Radzevich. Present were: Rev. Robert K. Baltch, Sister Geraldine and Sister Bernadine of the teaching staff of St. Casimir's School, Cindy Thomas, Mildred Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Kazlauskas, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kerbelis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Karbus, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Radzevich, Sophie Olbie, Ann Baltuska, Virginia Miciuslis, Polly Ziausys, Irene Wood, Genevieve Gobis, Anna Yunker, Peter Hayes, and Bill McCune.

NEWS BITS . . . Sister Geraldine is the cousin of our very active member from South Boston, Phyllis Grendal . . . Irene Wood, Helen Radzevich and Frances Bobines traveled to Worcester on Sept. 14, to attend the K of L picnic. The girls were given a tour of Maironis Park by Father John Jutt. Charles Grigaitis and the boys brought the girls back to Worcester to see the renovated church of St. Casimir's. They renewed acquaintances with Mary Jankowski, Rita Pinkus, Frances Grigas, Joe Drumstas and Ed Grigaitis (Chairmen of the picnic), Paul, Howie, and many, many others . . . Polly and Ed Ziausys spent their vacation in Kennebunkport, Maine. Gene Gobis also spent a few days there. She missed seeing Jeannie Karpus (Brooklyn) by one day. Polly and Ed visited with her . . . Mildred and Cindy Thomas spent some time in Dayton this summer. Cindy also took a tour of the western states. Our newest member has accepted a position on the teaching staff of our new Catholic High School, Bishop Scully High School here in Amsterdam . . . The last of Sophie Olbie's family, Barbara, took that step up the aisle at St. Casimir's Church on Sept. 13. Barbara made a lovely bride and Sophie looked stunning. A large reception was held at the

American Lithuanian Club for Barbara and Floyd Nelli . . . Our secretary, Irene Wood, lost her beloved father on the day of our annual outing, June 29. Our sympathy and prayers go out to Irene and her mother . . . Our Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, Ed Baranauskas, had a letter of his published in the Schenectady Gazette recently on Lithuania. Congratulations, Ed. A job well done! The Gazette titled his letter: Communism Has Not 'Mellowed' . . . Prof. Joseph Olsauskas will never forget the Worcester Juniors. Gene Gobis, Irene Wood, and Prof. arrived at their suite to be greeted with bongo-drums and a guitar. Gintaras was a pro on the guitar and we heard some lovely Lithuanian songs sung by him. When they found out who Prof. was, they had him sing numerous folk songs with all present joining him. Many, many thanks to all the group who made us Amsterdamians so very welcome . . . The entire convention was a tremendous success, we three thought. The Thursday night affair was fabulous. The concert by the Rūta Choir, the Zibuoklės Sextet, and all the other doings were marvelous . . . We set the date for our Christmas party - Sun., Dec. 14. Any out-of-towners interested, please contact any of our members . . . Gene Gobis spent a few days in Washington, D.C. in September. She visited the Immaculate Conception Cathedral and the Shrine of Our Lady of Siluva. She also contacted her Congressman Samuel S. Stratton and thanked him for introducing a bill to get the Post Office to print a stamp of Lithuania. He asked to be remembered and sends his greetings to all the K of L'ers.



ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

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The District Golf Day turned out to be our Farewell to Summer activity for the year. Chairman Algird Brazis, Leon Pauksta and Estelle Rogers got the day moving at the Acacia Country Club and were joined later by the rest of the com-

mittee Irene Sankus, Helen Zimmer, Stanley Molis and Eleanore Laurin.

The weather was ideal and the golfers worked up quite an appetite since they could all play all the 18 holes without any cloud intermissions. Some of the Dinner guests arrived early so they too could work up an appetite with a little socializing in the club lounge.

Among the happier golfers were the Blind Bogey winners: Al Raubiskis, Al Banky, Dr. Peter Brazis, Ed Mitchell, John Brazis, Ed Gedwill and Andy Yuknis who may have bought a few rounds for their friends, but also had their wallets refilled.

Before the dinner was over, the talented or the lucky were rewarded for their efforts with trophies. Low Gross winners were Ed Hareese and Bob Elliot, friends of Ed Mitchell; Low Net winners were Joe Poska and C-112's most avid golfer Walter (Red) Cibulskis. Two star winner in the Women's Class was (who else but) Estelle Rogers who took the prize for Low Net and Gross.

This year everybody was a winner, golfers, diners and even the waitresses, since, thanks to the hustling committee, there were Door Prizes enough for all.

The 13 Delegates from Chicago, to the National Convention in New Jersey, proved to add up to a lucky number because they brought back the good news that the K of L is coming to the shores of "Chi" in 1970.

Among the first to arrive at the Robert Treat was C-13 member Jerry Jesulaitis. Others were C-112'ers Irene Rakaitis, Dolores Wainauskis, Julie Zakarka and Al Zakarka, who before long was asked to contribute to the business of the Convention as a member of the Resolutions Committee.

Thursday afternoon O'Hare Airport was bustling with more Chicagoans on the way to the Jersey shores. TWA was the way for C-112'er Estelle Rogers and Loretta Macekonis of C-5, who also took on some duties on the Resolutions Committee. The "American" way girls were "Vytis" Editor Irene Sankus (C-112), who was quite anxious to get there on time to start gathering the info to get the "Convention Issue" rolling; S. C. Financial Secretary Helen Zimmer (C-36), with her precious

MORE CONVENTION FUN



cargo of Mandates and S.C. Trustee and Honorary member Eleanore Laurin (C-13), with her charts to get the Nominating Committee going until the Friday arrival of District President Leon Pauksta (C-112). Jean and Richard Shraustas (C-36), made many of the Convention scenes with their usual Chicago P. R. personalities.

After the thoroughly delightful weekend of business plus (lunches, tours, concerts, dances, banquets and visits to the "hospitality" gatherings,) everybody headed for home on Monday - except two who don't just talk about hating to leave, but do something about it . . . Irene Sankus and Helen Zimmer. These lucky gals extended the fun part of the weekend with side trips to New York and Pennsylvania, visiting with Loretta Stukas in Hillside and enjoying the hospitality of Phyllis Grendal in South Boston. The grand finale was these White Sox hopefuls "paying off" those '67, '68 & '69 Red Sox faithfuls, Al Jaritis, Larry Svelnis and Leo Shakalis. The boys were not to be outdone and in true New England gentleman fashion, they took the girls on a

bring 'em back alive lobster safari. All came back to Chicago alive - Irene, Helen and four lobsters.

The District meeting immediately after the Convention produced another lucky 13 - the new Officers for the 1969-1970 term. Our Metro, Lyric and Lithuanian Opera star and beloved K of L'er, because of years of efforts for successful events for the District, Algird Brazis, will be Mr. President. "Cis" Matul, who has been our dedicated generation gapper for some time with our younger set, will again assume duties as 1st V.P. and Juniors activities coordinator. Frank Zapolis, who in the past year has laid some foundations for a new type of membership promotion, will again devote his endeavors in this field as 2nd V.P. Alex Budris, Building Trustee President and one of our most dedicated building managers, will continue as 3rd V.P. and liaison officer between the Seniors and regular District Councils.

"Trumpet" Editor Loretta Macekonis will add her legal secretary talents as District Corresponding Secretary and Board Secretary. Albina Gaides, the gal who

always says yes when asked assistance for any of our many events will assume the duties as Recording Secretary. Michael Lawrence will continue to manage our money affairs as Treasurer and Eleanore Laurin and Albert Raubiskis will verify the balancing of the budget as Trustees. Jerome Jankus, Vladas Paliulionis and Napoleonas Sapkus will also continue to represent us at the many functions in the area as Sergeants-At-Arms and K of L Color bearers.

Besides these elected officers, Rev. John Savukynas, Pastor of Our Lady of Vilna Parish, graciously accepted our unanimous request to remain as our Spiritual Advisor for the coming year. And, fortunately for the old and the new on the officer list, now Past President, Leon Pauksta, will continue as one of our leaders as Chairman of the Board.

All of this is just the start. With the appointments of the various Committee Chairmen in the next few weeks, we shall again have a terrific group, totaling in the twenties, to help make the Illinois-Indiana District K of L the best it's ever been - in the '70's.

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K of L Calendar

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30 - 1969 LITHUANIAN CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT CONTEST and DISPLAY sponsored by Frank Zapolis, C-36, Lithuanian Jesuit Center Art Gallery, 3 P.M., Chicago, Ill.

DECEMBER

- 6 - "CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD", Lithuanian Day, Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, Ill.
14 - C-100 Amsterdam ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET, Tower Inn, Amsterdam, N.Y.
20 - C-112 Chicago, ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

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