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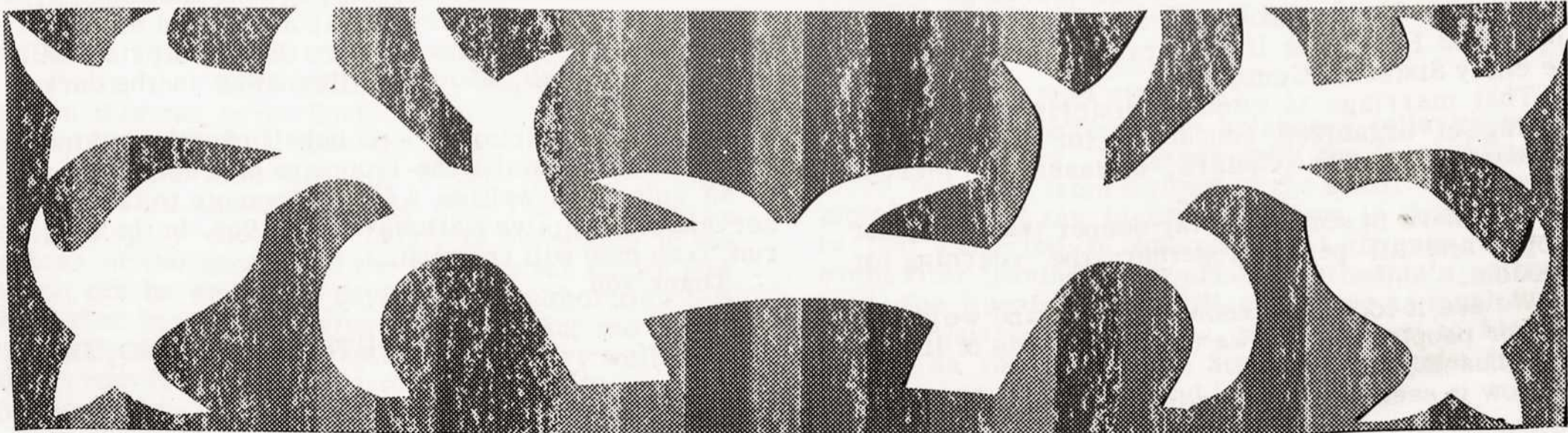
Lietuvai paskelbus nepriklausomybę, Klaipėdos krašto reikšmė pagrindiniai pasikeitė. Lietuvai rūpėjo atgauti Klaipėdos kraštą ne vien kaip lietuviškų žemių dalį, bet taip pat kaip išėjimą prie jūros su nuo seno įrengtu uostu. Čia ir susikirto net trijų valstybių interesai: Lietuvos, Vokietijos ir Lenkijos. Versalio taikos konferencijos šulai tą ginčią išsprendė taip, kad Klaipėdos kraštą pavedė valdyti Prancūzijai kurios komisaras ją valdė kelis metus. Klaipėdos kraštas turėjo sukūręs savo Gelbėjimo komitetą, kuris 1923 m. sausio mėn. 15 d. suruošė sukilimą, kuris ginklo pagelba kraštą prijungė prie Didžiosios Lietuvos. Tačiau tas tuo nesibaigė ir byla

atsidūrė Ambasadorių konferencijoje, kurioje ambasadoriai mulkino užinteresuotas šalis palaikydami Lenkiją net kelis metus. Taikos konferencijos pirmininkui p. Poincare pritrūko kantrybės belaukiant teisingo sprendimo, jis pakeitė komisijos sudėtį, kuriai pirmininkavo amerikietis N. Davis. Numatytame konvencijos projekte buvo padaryti pakeitimai, su kuriais Lietuvos atstovai sutiko, ir galop buvo prieita prie sutarties pasirašymo ir net ratifikavimo. Konvencijos sudarymas reiškė ne daugiau ir ne mažiau, kaip tai, kad didžiosios pasaulio galybės - alijantai atsisakė nuo Klaipėdos krašto administravimo ir jį pripažino Lietuvai. Ir kad tuo pačiu Vokietija 1928 m. sausio 29 d. pati ir laisva valia atsisakė visiems laikams Klaipėdos krašto Lietuvos naudai. Prof. A. Volde-maras, būdamas ministeris pirmininkas ir užsienio reikalų ministeris, kuris su Vokietijos užsienių ministru dr. G. Stresemanu pa-

sirašė tą konvenciją, šitaip rašė knygoje "La Lithuanie et ses problemes": "Taipdama nepriklausoma ir laisva valstybe, Lietuva atgauna Klaipėdos krašto teritoriją. Siena tarp dviejų valstybių pravedama taip, kaip to siekė Vytautas prieš 1422 m. sutartį. Vokietija laisva valia pripažino šią sienų pravedimą sutartimi, kurią ji sudarė su Lietuva 1928 m. Tuo būdu nebėra pagrindo dviejų kaimynų santykių sudrumstimui."

Hitlerio laikais didžiausias vokiečių žurnalas "Signal" rašė, kad Voldemaras, pasinaudodamas Vokietijos silpnumu, 1928 m. nuo jos atplėšė Klaipėdos kraštą. Tačiau į šį reikalą vienaip žiūrėjo Hitleris, kitaip demokratiška Vokietija. O visai kitaip žiūrėjome mes, lietuviai, kuriems Klaipėdos kraštas visados turi likti Lietuvos dalimi.

Jeigu Vokietija liks demokratiška, jina negalės paneigti 1928 m. nustatytos sienos, nes tai būtų ratifikuotos sutarties sulaužymas.



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Congressman Edward J. Derwinski (R-4th, Illinois), a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee reports that the Voice of America will adjust its broadcasting programs to the Baltic States so that the hours of broadcasts to Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia will not be sharply curtailed. The Congressman released a memorandum that he personally delivered to Kenneth R. Giddens, newly appointed head of the Voice of America. Mr. Giddens advised him that despite budgetary problems in the agency, every effort would be made to avoid reducing the amount of broadcasting to Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. He is communicating with nationwide organizations representing peoples of the Baltic States and he will continue to pursue this matter. The memorandum which the Congressman submitted to the Voice of America dramatizes the validity and importance of broadcasts to the Baltic States of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia.

MEMORANDUM RE: CURTAILMENT OF BROADCASTS TO THE BALTIC STATES AS SUBMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

It would be a tragic mistake for the Voice of America to reduce the time of broadcasting to the Baltic States, or for that matter, reduce broadcasting time in non-Russian languages with the

Soviet Empire.

One effect of the reduction of non-Russian language broadcasts would be to indirectly help the government of the Soviet Union in its constant efforts to "Russify" the non-Russian peoples within the Soviet Union.

The immediate question of curtailment of broadcasts in Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian is of special significance since the U.S. does not recognize the incorporation by the Soviet Union of the three Baltic States.

The cutting back of broadcasts to the Baltic States could be interpreted by Soviet authorities as a lessening of interest in the legal status of the Baltic nations and this could not help but have a demoralizing effect on the population there.

It must also be noted that this action would adversely affect the Administration's status among Americans of Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian extraction, and in anticipation of a further retreat Americans of Ukrainian, Polish, Hungarian and other Eastern European backgrounds would wonder where the axe would fall next.

Any objective study of the conflict in Southeast Asia, the Mideast dispute, and subversive and guerilla episodes in Africa and Latin America points to the Soviet Union as the major culprit. The one segment of the population in the Soviet Union which glories in the alleged achievements of the Soviet state is the Russian people. The non-Russian peoples of the USSR are captives of Communism and of Russian imperialism. We should accentuate rather than decrease our communications to the non-Russian areas of the Soviet Union. USIA, and the Voice of America in particular, should take the offensive and strike at the Achilles Heel of the Soviet Union.

## REMARKS OF THE HONORABLE PETER W. RODINO, JR. AT THE 56th NATIONAL CONVENTION

I am deeply honored to receive your cherished Friend of Lithuania Medal and Citation. It is a most important award and I shall treasure it always, just as I shall treasure the memory of this occasion and this outstanding affair.

It is one of those curious coincidences of history that establish blood ties between your ancestors and mine.

Official records tell us of the marriage of the Lithuanian Grand Duke Zigmantas, known also as Sigismund I, and the Italian prince Bona Sforza in the early Sixteenth Century.

That marriage is cited by historians as the beginning of organized education, for it brought to Lithuania humanist scholars, artisans and merchants.

But there is something far deeper that binds our people and all people together: the yearning for freedom.

We see it today in Czechoslovakia, and we grieve for her people, even as we mourn the loss of liberty in Lithuania.

Now it seems to me that it is yet another of those

curious coincidences of history that the flight of Apollo 11 and the observance of Captive Nations Week overlapped in time last month.

I am convinced that a major factor in America's success in this epic journey to the moon is American freedom. It inspires the quest for achievement and the search for personal accomplishment.

The first footprints on the powdery surface of the moon are American footprints because this nation's reservoir of technology has been enriched by the minds and talents of the millions of people who came to these shores from other nations around the world in the irrepressible search for freedom.

Those of Lithuanian descent, no less than others, contributed to the success of Apollo 11 and made it possible for Americans to leave their footprints on that celestial orb, 250,000 miles away in the dark void of space.

Once again, America - on behalf of all mankind - has thrust forward the frontiers of freedom, and in so doing has written a fitting footnote to the observance of Captive Nations Week, 1969. In the long run, free men will triumph.

Thank you.

PETER W. RODINO, JR.

# LITHUANIA'S Budget:

## GLOSS and REALITY

Lithuania's share in the Soviet Union budget for 1969 has been set at 1,126,757,000 rubles. Ninety-two percent of all income will be derived from the "socialist economy."

563 million rubles will be obtained from turnover tax. In 1969 the turnover tax is expected to yield 690 million rubles, or more than one half of the local budget. The remaining 127 million rubles will go into the all-Union treasury.

Personal taxation will constitute only not quite 8 percent of the budget. Only part of it will be direct income tax, while the rest will be "voluntary receipts from the inhabitants."

The second sizeable source of income in the budget is the "income of plants and trade organizations," in Lithuania: estimated at 584 million rubles for 1969. Almost 334 million rubles of that sum will be transferred to the local budget. Part of the remaining 250 million will be relayed to the central treasury in Moscow, while another part will be left in the plants for expansion and improvements.

In addition to direct wages, the citizens receive many benefits: free medical care, free education, and others. According to the budget plan for 1969, each inhabitant of Lithuania will receive the benefits worth 219 rubles on the average.

Direct taxation of the inhabitants of Lithuania is expected to yield almost 91 million rubles in 1969. This is the "lowest tax in the world."

Income tax will be also taken from plants and other economic units, in the sum of 27.5 million rubles for 1969. About 15 million rubles of that sum will be collected from kolkhozes.

(Summary from TIESA, Vilnius,  
December 20-30, 1968)

(COMMENT: There is more in this 1969 budget than meets the eye of a reader unfamiliar with Soviet economic terminology.)

### HIDDEN TAX FLEECES THE CONSUMER

First, the **TURNOVER TAX**. The difference between this tax in the Soviet area and, say the American sales tax is that the latter is added to the price of an item and the buyer is always fully aware of its amount (usually 3%). The Soviet turnover tax, on the other hand, is concealed in the prices of the goods and the buyer never knows how much tax he is really paying. The authorities tell him that he is not paying anything. But the Soviet tax collectors and pricesetters know very well what the turnover tax amounts to - up to 40 or even 60 percent.

### GOVERNMENT MONOPOLY - SOURCE OF EXPLOITATION

The income from plants and trade organizations could be considered "income from socialist economy" if it would have been derived from natural economic activity. Yet all these plants and organizations are enjoying state monopoly privileges in regard to prices and wages. When the economic activity is absolutely monopolistic - collective bargaining and strikes forbidden, competition nonexistent - the government reaps profits mostly from what is "saved" by paying for labor only about one fourth of what it would have to pay if the labor force were not totally dependent on the governmental monopoly.

Although workers in Lithuania are not as tightly chained to their working places as earlier (in 1967 approximately each fifth worker changed jobs), one is underpaid wherever one goes. The only opportunity for higher wages lies in Siberia or in the Arctic regions; and even there the hard work is not adequately remunerated.

### "FREE BENEFITS' DON'T BALANCE EXPLOITATIVE WAGES

As for the "free benefits", if the annual 219 rubles figure per caput is correct, it would amount to a monthly pay boost of 18 rubles to each inhabitant, or an addition of 40 rubles to each working person. Yet even this bonus is much too small to bridge the gap between the existing and appropriate wages. The income of "socialist enterprises" is derived mainly from the exploitation of the workers, against which they have no legalized means of protest or struggle.

"The lowest income tax in the world is also a misnomer. A direct income tax, if fairly distributed, is much more just than the overwhelming indirect taxation of the low income groups as in the Soviet system.

### KOLKHOZNIKI HEAVILY TAXED

The tax collected from kolkhozes tells its own interesting story. Together with the much higher taxes received from owners of the small "private" plots, the land tax in Lithuania now is about equal to that collected in independent Lithuania. Thus, even after having appropriated Lithuania's entire land, the Russians are still collecting as much tax from Lithuanian landtillers, now demoted to hired hands, as the Lithuanian State used to take from genuine owners of that land.)

(ELTA)

# Šatrija

Šatrija yra viena iš didžiausių Žemaitijos žemės kalvų, turinti 227 mtr. aukščio ir randasi į pietryčius nuo Luokės. Tai yra viena iš gražiausių Žemaitijos vietovių.

Šatrijos istorija yra labai sena, o dar senesni apie ją sukurti istoriniai padavimai. Kalbama, kad jos senovė siekia pirmuosius amžius po Kristaus. Manoma, kad XI-XII a. Šatrija buvo jau pilialkalis ir kad jos papėdėje gyveno lietuviai prieš 17 šimtų metų, nes buvo rasta IX amžiaus degintinių kapų, laidojimo urnų, ašaruvių, dubeniuotų akmenų ir daug kokito. Užtat mūsų iškilusias dainius Mairomis žilajai Šatrijai ištisą eilę sukūrė skambių eilių.

Istoriniai padavimai kalba, kad Šatrija buvo senosios lietuvių tikybos kulto vieta. Čia degusi šventoji, amžina ugnis, ažuolų šakomis kurstoma ir vaidilučių prižiūrima. Žemaičių vyskupas Motiejus Valančius savo raštuose rašo, kad Vytautas su Jogaila pradėję

žemaičius krikštyti, įsakė šventąją ugnį užgesinti bei sunaikinti visus kulto įrengimus. Tačiau Šatrijos apylinkių žmonės nors ir klausė krikščioniškų pamokslų, bet krikštytis nenorėjo ir dar ilgai užgesintą ugnį vėl užkurdavo. Padavimai kalba, kad ugnies gesinti net du kartus buvo atvykęs pats Vytautas Didysis. Žemaičių reakcija taip buvo stipri, kad vyskupas negalėjęs gyventi Varniuose. Gyveno Luokėje, kad geriau galėtų prižiūrėti kalną.

Beto, padavimai dar kalba, kad Šatrijos kalne buvo buveinė piktydvasių, raganyų, velnių ir kitų baisenybių. Šv. Jono naktį iš visos Žemaitijos visos baisenybės ant šluotų sujodavo į Šatrijos kalną, kur puotaudavo ir aptardavo savo reikalus, ieškodamos naujų būdų bei priemonių kaip apsaugoti savo kulto reikalus. Vysk. Valančius savo raštuose vienos tokios bylos eigą plačiai aprašo.

Žemaičiai nuo amžių Šatri-

ją nepaprastai gerbė ir jos vardu pavadindavo organizacijas ir t.t. Tačiau viskas kitaip virto dabar, kada rusų okupacinė valdžia pradėjo rausti ne tik apačią, bet ir Šatrijos viršų. Ją žaloja įvairios ariamos mašinos, traktoriai, plūgai. Kad tai yra tikra tiesa, matome iš dar ne taip seno aprašymo "Valstiečių laikraštyje", būtent: "Šimtmečius mes pragyvenome senolio kalno viršūnėje. Pamename barzdočius žemaičius, mename karžygius. Girdėjome Tado Blindos girios razbainikėlius, sukilėlių dainas, žemaičių bobučių pasakotas gražiausias legendas, pasakas. O šiandieną mes drebame iš išgąščio. Šunkelis į senovinę kalną atsirangė. Kriokdami į Šatrijos šlaitus kopia geležiniai žirgai. Niokoja jos grožį traktorininkai, šoferiai, išmušdami duobes, palikdami vežes. Skriaudžiamus žmonės iš Telšių rajono Luokės tarybinio ūkio. Pasirašė tą skundą Raganos ant beržo tošies."

## RUSSIFICATION STEPPED UP IN LITHUANIA

The steamroller of Russification in Lithuania keeps moving on. Hand in hand with it goes a sharpened struggle against "bourgeois nationalism," a Soviet Russian term for the effort of captive non-Russian peoples to preserve their national cultural heritage and to defend themselves against Muscovite exploitation and levelling.

Moscow's fears of "nationalism" and the renewed determination to combat it have been thus expressed by Leonid Breshnev on March 29, 1968:

"Imperialism is trying to weaken the ideological unity of the working people of socialist countries. In

doing so it relies chiefly on nationalistic and revisionist elements. It is the duty of party organizations, ideological workers and all Communists to intensify their efforts to strengthen the toilers ideologically and to indoctrinate the Soviet people in internationalism."

By "internationalism" Moscow means the acknowledgement of the primacy of Russian language and culture. It is important to note that Russian nationalism and chauvinism are never referred to as "bourgeois nationalism." Evidently, in the Soviet Union "all peoples are equal, but some are more

equal than others."

As for Russification, it is a multi-faceted and methodical process, permeating the entire life of occupied Lithuania. The occupying power, which has achieved physical enslavement of the subject people, is hard at work to enslave it spiritually as well. Here are a couple of examples from a vast store of documented evidence.

#### LITHUANIAN STUDENTS TAUGHT THAT RUSSIA IS THEIR FATHERLAND

The very first sentence of the history of the USSR by S. Alekseyev and V. Kartsov, one of the basic textbooks used in Lithuanian schools, sounds as follows:

"The country in which we were born and where we live is called Union of Soviet Socialist Republics - USSR. This is our Fatherland" (p. 3).

Thus, a Lithuanian student, studying in Lithuania, is being constantly trumpeted to that his fatherland is not Lithuania, but the Soviet Union. This false premise underlies not only the teaching of history, but the entire educational process. Simultaneously, the Soviet Union is equated with Russia and the goals of Russian imperialism.

#### NO COURSE OF LITHUANIAN HISTORY

The high school program for 9-11 grades published in 1963 (unchanged since) specifies that the "basic information on the Lithuanian SSR" is transmitted during the discussion of the history of the USSR. Consequently, the history of Lithuania does not exist as a separate subject for Lithuanian students studying in Lithuania: "The history of Lithuanian SSR is a composite part of the history of Lithuanian SSR must be closely linked with the history of the USSR" (p. 25).

#### RUSSIA DEPICTED AS A MARVEL OF GENEROSITY

More than that, the official program guide explicitly demands that Russia be presented as the most generous benefactress, without whose assistance the Lithuanian nation would have perished. Examples:

"The students must have it explained that the close cooperation between Russians and Lithuanians has had a huge positive influence on the Lithuanian nation and has helped it to preserve freedom and independence."

"The highly advanced culture of the slavs, and especially of the Russian nation, has influenced the development of the Lithuanian culture."

Tsarism has stifled the national cultures of the non-Russian peoples, but the "progressive Russian intelligentsia" defended the cause of national minorities.

"In conveying the basic information about the history of the Lithuanian SSR, it is shown how the Lithuanian nation lived through its greatest historical events: how it became a Soviet Socialist Republic, was accepted into the composition of the Soviet Union" (p. 27).

These sample statements have a grotesque ring to anyone with at least an elementary knowledge of Lithuanian and Russian history. As regards the last one, Soviet own records explicitly state that Lithuania was occupied by the Red Army.

#### LITHUANIAN LANGUAGE DISPLACED FROM SCHOLARLY WORKS

Another typical example comes from the field of scholarly publications. In 1959 the Institute of History of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences published the first part of a collection of 16-17 century documents entitled LIETUVOS VALSTIECIU IR MIESTELENU GINCAI SU DVARU VALDYTOJAIS (The Conflicts of Lithuanians Peasants and City-dwellers with Estate Administrators). The second part, covering the 18th century, came out in 1961. In both volumes both title pages, the preface, explanations concerning indices, and the list of documents are first given in the Lithuanian language and subsequently in Russian. The titles of documents and their rather extensive summaries, as well as the inscriptions on the jacket are in Lithuanian only.

In 1969, the third part of the collection was published covering the years 1795-1844. In this volume all the supplementary text, i.e., the preface, names of documents, their summaries, etc. are only in Russian. Even the text on the jacket is only in Russian. Only the second title page, the only one in the entire volume, is in the Lithuanian language. 1500 copies each were published of volumes one and two, but only 800 of the third volume.

Sources from Lithuania disclose that the third volume was Russified in accordance with Moscow's instructions. The argumentation went that "all" historians understood Russian, and by cutting the Lithuanian text one would save much paper. In reality, the fate of the third volume is one small episode in the methodical campaign to push out non-Russian languages from scholarly works in the USSR.

#### RUSSIAN LANGUAGE IMPOSED ON NON-RUSSIAN REPUBLICS

It is no accident that in 1958 the Soviet Communist Party rejected the proposal to elevate the languages of the republics to state languages, since in the USSR there can be only one state "supranational" language - the Russian language. It was also not accidentally that the leading newspapers of the Communist Party raised the demand in 1960 that writers in the non-Russian republics should stop writing in their native languages and would write only in Russian.

#### RUSSIFICATION IN NUMBERS

The story of Russification is also visible in statistics. In 1926, 6.6 million of non-Russian inhabitants of the Soviet Empire indicated Russian as their "native language," while in 1959 their number rose 10.2 million.

Especially alarming is the constantly growing percentage of students in Russian-language schools in the non-Russian republics. These students always exceed the percentage of Russian in those areas. In Lithuania, such students constitute 11 per cent of the entire student body, while the Russians make up only 8.5 per cent of Lithuania's population. In the Ukraine, the respective numbers are 26 per cent and 19.6 per cent, in Latvia - 33 and 26.6, in Estonia - 22 and 20.1.

## BALTS HOLD RALLY AT U.N. BUILDING

The "Day of Concern for Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania" was marked on September 20 in New York with a rally opposite the UN building. A number of UN diplomats, press officers from the permanent missions to the UN, and journalists accredited to the World Organization were present.

The list of speakers was headed by Congressman Mario Biaggi from the 24th Congressional District of New York. "There has been a silence for 30 years," he said, "a clamor for justice denied for that long. I must tell you that you have justice on your side, and not only in America but all over the world."

The Lithuanian speaker was Dr. Joseph K. Valiunas, President of the Supreme Committee for Liberation of Lithuania. In his address Dr. Valiunas recounted some of Russia's unkept treaties and promises - the Atlantic Charter, the UN Charter, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. He demanded that the USSR be called to account for its violations of fundamental human rights and genocide.

Mr. Wang Meng-Hsien, Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations, also addressed the participants. He said that, since the United Nations had played an important role in the process of decolonization, it should be used as the means for the settlement of the Baltic

question. It was especially the newly independent states, he stressed, that should support the Baltic cause instead of falling in line with the unjust and outrageous double standard that reigns in the World Organization.

## NIXON - UNDERSTANDING AND SYMPATHY

The numerous telegrams and messages received on the occasion included one from the Assistant Secretary for the Secretary for European Affairs, U.S. Department of State, who assured those assembled that "the President continues to look with understanding and sympathy upon the just aspirations of the Baltic peoples.

J. L. Hearn, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, reiterated the fact that "the Government of Canada has never recognized the legality of the Soviet occupation of the Baltic Republics which occurred to tragically nearly 30 years ago."

Mayor John V. Lindsay of New York City stated in his message: "At this moment, it is appropriate to remember that until all of us are free, none of us is free. Share your hope that together we may secure freedom to all nations."

After the rally, the 500 participants marched to the United Nations and paraded there before closed gates chanting slogans, such as: "Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact must go!" "Justice for the Baltic States!"



**NIXON, AGNEW HONORED.** President Nixon and Vice President Agnew were presented today with plaques and medals commemorating Captive Nations Week. The Vice President accepted the awards on behalf of the President from a group that included Viktors Viksnins, executive chairman of the Captive Nations committee, and James W. Howard of Chicago, president of the Captive Nations friends committee. Mr. Malvin K. Hoffmann is the chairman of the Medal Committee, and Frances Kay is the secretary. "Our nation alone cannot win freedom for all nations," Agnew said in a ceremony in his office, "but thru alliances we can prevent aggression from without; and thru our concern, our prayers and our example encourages freedom within." The medals were struck to mark the 10th anniversary of President Eisenhower's proclamation of Captive Nations Week.



**ALEKSANDRAS STULGINSKIS**  
(1885 - 1969)

The second president of Independent Lithuania (1922-1926) died on September 22, 1969 in Kaunas, Lithuania, and was buried in Panemune, near Kaunas. He is survived by his daughter, Aldona Juozevicius of Chicago.



# Lithuanians in The NEWS



The Balzekas Museum SOCIETY OF VILICULTURE and ENOLOGY members recently attended a meeting at the Balzekas Farm. Pictured are Stanley Balzekas, Jr., Mrs. Brooks, Society Editor, Edward Robert Brooks, editor-writer, Daniel MacMaster, director of the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, Mrs. Ritz Fischer and Edward Gogel, Head Winemaker of Mogen David Wine Corp., and the Museum Society Chairman. The photograph shows the beautiful coat of arms for the Society and the Society's purpose is to study the science of wine-making and the cultivation of grapes.



The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture recently honored the late Alexander Ruzancovas at a dinner and the occasion marked the presentation of his personal archives to the Museum. Pictured are Stanley Balzekas, Jr., Mrs. Natila Ruzancovas, her daughter, Mrs. Veronica Petrulis, and Casimir Balmaitis, dinner chairman.



Chicagoje, įvykusioje lapkričio 2-3-dienomis FOLK FAIR, Navy Pier, Chicagos meras Richardas J. Daley, parodos karalaitėi Laimai Plačaitėi įteikia trofėją. Įteikime dalyvauja Lietuvos Gen. Konsulas Dr. Petras Daužvardis su poniu ir kiti.



ARCHITEKTAS ALBERTAS KERELIS, Chicagos 112-tos kuopos narys, paskirtas Cook apskrities statybos zonio ir oro teršimo apsaugos departamento vyriausiu architektu. Ji sveikina (dešinėj) atst. G. W. Dunne, Cook apsk. tarybos prezidentas.

# OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

## OFFICIAL NEWS

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

1. FEBRUARY - "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. SEPTEMBER - "Creation and Covenant"  
by James Plastaras, Bruce Publ. Co. \$2.50
4. NOVEMBER - "Popular History of the Catholic Church by Philips 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. The council spiritual advisor, a 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:

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

REV. ALBERT J. CONTONS  
Supreme Council Spiritual Advisor

### ELECTIONS

All Districts and Councils should have held their election of new officers during the months of September - or October. To date, our national recording secretary reports that she HAS NOT received the names and addresses from many of the councils and districts.

Your national officers and committee chairman cannot operate on an efficient basis if the current officer's names are not available. Let's close the K of L "Communication Gap" NOW!

### LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS NOTICE

February 16, 1970 will be the 52nd Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Lithuania. All council officers and members are urged to participate in the commemorations of this event.

We ask all members to make a sincere attempt to receive Holy Communion for the enslaved people of Lithuania and to remember them in our prayers in addition to organizing or participating in commemorative programs.

Each Lithuanian Affairs chairman or council president should write to the Governor of their State and the Mayor of their City requesting that February 16th be proclaimed Lithuanian Independence Day in their area.

### 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.

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.

### 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.

## "VYTIS" THANK YOU

The Editor expresses her appreciation to Al Raubiskis, C-112 Chicago, and to Frank Gudelis and Fran Petkus, C-96 Dayton, for their efforts in locating the missing back issues of the "Vytis". With their assistance our back files are now complete and ready for binding.

## LITHUANIAN CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Lithuanian language instructional records SPEED COURSE IN LITHUANIAN are now sold out and no longer available. However, we have a good supply of CHILDRENS PLAYWAY TO LITHUANIAN. 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.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our National Financial Secretary reminds us that membership dues will be due in January 1970. If a new member joins a Council, the dues are as follows:

\$100.00	Lifetime Member
5.00	if member joins from January - March
3.75	- April - June
2.50	- July - September
1.25	- October - December
2.50	- Additional family member (No "Vytis")
7.00	- Couple (First Year Only)

Dues should be collected for a FULL YEAR. Member record sheets and applications for new or reinstated members are available without charge from the National Financial Secretary. Membership cards are available for social members at a cost of \$0.10 each.

## SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

Attending the Supreme Council, held at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel on November 30th, were His Excellency Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, Rev. John Savukynas, and Board members, Dr. Jack Stukas, Leon Pauksta, Longinas Svelnis, Dorothy Dutkus, Helen Zimmer, Stella Sankal, Albert Jaritis, Stanley Vaitkus, Algerd Brazis, Irene Sankus, Albert Zakarka, Valentina Hotra, Frank Svelnis, Eleanore Laurin, Vincent Samaska, Antanas Skirius. Guests attending were: Alexander Mockus, Estelle Rogers, Irene Racaitis, Albert Raubiskis, Dolores Wainauskas and Cecilia Matul.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you move and the "Vytis" is mailed to your old address, it is often impossible to send a duplicate copy to you. To avoid additional expense and to assure yourself of receiving the "Vytis" promptly, send a notice of your new address to the National Financial Secretary, Helen Zimmer, 1840 Wabansia Ave., Chicago, Ill., 60622.

# K of L Calendar

## JANUARY 1970

- 4 - Illinois-Indiana DISTRICT MEETING and RITUAL PRESENTATION, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- 10 - Lithuanian Television's POBUVIS, Pakstas Hall, Chicago, Ill.
- 18 - C-102 Detroit, CORPORATE COMMUNION and meeting, St. Anthony's Church, Detroit, Mich.
- 24 - IID Choir, ANNUAL DANCE/BUFFETT, Pakstas Hall, Chicago, Ill.

## FEBRUARY

- 7 - C-102 Detroit, ANNUAL NIGHT OUT on the TOWN, Detroit, Mich.
- 8 - IID "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" Annual Lithuanian Independence Commemoration, K of L Hall, Chicago, Ill.
- 15 - C-102 Detroit, Meeting with 50/50 Raffle, St. Anthony's Rectory, Detroit, Mich.
- 15 - Chicago "Taryba", LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE COMMEMORATION, Maria High School Auditorium, Chicago, Ill.

## MARCH

- 1 - C-10 Athol-Gardner, ST. CASIMIR'S DAY COMMEMORATION, Athol, Mass.
- 1 - IID Annual ST. CASIMIR'S DAY COMMEMORATION, Nativity B.V.M. Parish, Chicago, Ill., C-112 hosts.
- 8 - JUOZAS STROLIA MEMORIAL CONCERT, Jesuit Center, Chicago, Ill.



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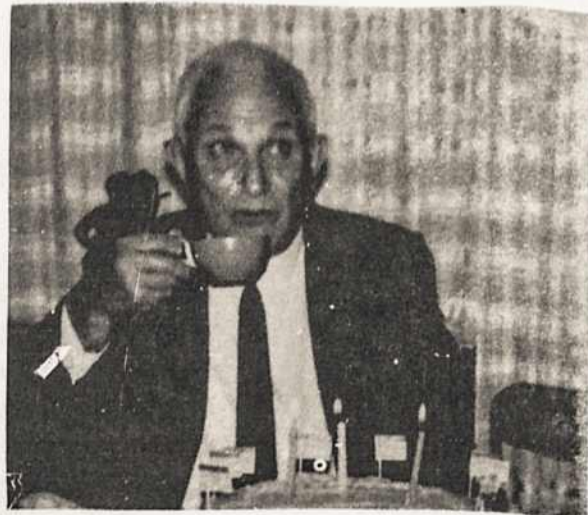
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At the Mid-Central District's 22nd Annual Convention, held in November in Youngstown, Ohio with the C-111 Seniors as hosts were: (seated) Vincent Ed. Pavis, re-elected MCD president, Loretta Blums of the Youngstown Seniors, Juozas Sadauskas of the Cleveland Seniors. (standing) Mrs. Stella F. Pavis, re-elected MCD secretary.



CLEVELAND SENIORS CELEBRATE. (top) Maria Yesmantas, Pauline Usalis, Antoinette Visockis, Ursula Shukis, Ignas Visockas, Rose Sankal, Mary Barry, Juozas Sadauskas, Petras Zigmantas, Rose Sankal. (bottom) Antanas Maciokas, Rose Sankal, Stella Pavis, Ignas Visockis, Mary Barry, Antoinette Visockas, Loretta Blums. (Photos - Stella Sankal).

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Yes, it's that time again! It's time for all of us to renew our K of L memberships. We have all just been through costly Christmas shopping and, more than likely, extensive New Year entertainment. But K of L dues payments surely will not bring any of us to public aid enrollments as well.

As far as the K of L is concerned, this is the time of year to get those dues pouring in. In fact, they are already overdue. Council financial secretaries should be sending final notices.

To many of us dues are mainly a matter of just making the payment. How about the guy or gal who collects them? On the average he has probably contacted you a number of time. He's probably sent out more than one dues notice to the slower payers by now. He's undoubtedly made countless telephone calls. He's surely made personal reminders wherever K of L'ers may meet. That's your council financial secretary. Then, when he gets your dues, his other jobs begin. He must keep council records up-to-date, notify the supreme council financial secretary of payments, arrange for proper distribution of dues, confirm "Vytis" renewals and mailing list additions.

Your prompt dues payment is always appreciated. But, for financial secretaries, it is more difficult receiving than giving. Now that Holiday socializing has passed, many of us should find time to assist those always-working financial secretaries. One easy but important way is to remind fellow members about dues payments whenever you meet.

If you think back just a couple of short weeks, you probably met most of your council members at various Christmas or New Year parties. But, during the casual conversations did you mention dues? How many K of L'ers are concerned enough about others remaining in the organization? Most may be concerned. But a lot of them only want to belong to a good group. What percentage takes the time to assure that a good group continues to exist? How many take time for commenting: "Say, have you paid your dues yet? Hasn't anyone told you we want

to keep you as a member? Well, we sure do."

Have any of us heard those words? Better yet, have any of us tried to say that to others. They're not eloquent words. But surely we all want to belong to some group - to be asked to belong - to be accepted. No matter who we are certain basic needs do exist. One is social approval. We want to belong. If we can not make present members feel they really belong, how can we look for new members?

Meanwhile, by reminding members about dues payments you can help your council's financial secretary. You'll be a better member for it. And, your financial secretary will be a bit happier with his job. Also there will be special recognition for you and your council too. The first councils in the five categories to be 100% paid up will get awards at this year's convention. There will also be awards for the new-member drive.

By the way fellow Vyčiai, have YOU paid your dues yet? Hasn't anyone reminded you that you're one of us, and we want you to stay that way? Well, you sure are one of us. And, we sure want you to be with us this year.

LEON PAUKSTA  
 Membership Vice President

LATE NOTE: Our National Financial Secretary informs us that two councils reach the 100% status on or before January 15th. Congratulations to C-100 Amsterdam (110%) and the Cleveland Seniors (105%). The other councils which have submitted dues are: C-29 Newark (8%), C-36 Chicago (6%), C-79 Detroit (31%), C-96 Dayton (8%), C-112 Chicago (10%), and C-116 Worcester (48%).

# JUNIOR NEWS

## SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO ORGANIZE A JUNIOR K OF L COUNCIL

After the selection of a Junior Counsellor, the Counsellor(s) and Spiritual Advisor invite the young people to the organizational meeting. Potential members can be obtained from parish grammar school, Religion classes that are conducted or high school students, parish records, etc. The purpose of the Knights of Lithuania is explained to the. A meeting night should be selected. It is recommended that an activity of some sort be suggested - this to take place within two weeks after the organizational meeting. If possible, a small social should be held after the first meeting, so that the youngsters would have an opportunity to get acquainted.

The Junior Counsellor should conduct all meetings until elections are held, then the elected president should conduct the meeting. The Junior Counsellor should acquaint the members with the Duties of the Officers before elections are held, stressing that they vote for persons who will take their office seriously.

The agenda for each meeting should be gone over with the president before the meeting, if it is not possible to hold a Junior Council Officers meeting. The Counsellor and /or Spiritual Director must attend every meeting, see that they are properly held and assist whenever necessary.

Elections should be held as soon as the Junior Counsellor and Spiritual Director believe that the Juniors are prepared for them. This is when the Junior Counsellor and Spiritual Advisor allow the Juniors to govern themselves, to make their own decisions, but always being ready to counsel and assist them when problems arise.

Meetings should be conducted in the same manner as that of the sponsoring council. Always keep in mind that someday these youngsters are going to

A formal ceremony should be held to transfer Juniors to the regular council. This may be done at the Council's St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast or some similar impressive affair.

Once they are transferred, special attention should be given them at the regular council's meetings. Older members should encourage them to join some committee, take the time to explain the workings of the committee, assign them a certain amount of responsibility, draw them out to express their opinions. Too many of our Juniors are left to themselves - when they transfer to a regular council. They feel shy and lost - and since no one takes the initiative to include them, after several meetings just drift away. This is especially prevalent where the members of the regular council are much older than the new "former Junior" members. Here, again it is most essential that the old members make the new ones feel they are welcome and wanted. Unless we keep this in mind, the time they spent in the Juniors may well be for naught.

## REGISTRATION OF A JUNIOR COUNCIL WITH THE SUPREME COUNCIL

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

## PHILADELPHIA JUNIORS

Council 3, Philadelphia is proud to announce the re-organization of their Junior Council. They started their meetings in November and they have a full schedule of activities planned. Their regular counselor will be Loretta Staniskus, but the regular members all are very enthusiastic to help out.

To all the Juniors we wish to say HELLO and we will get to know each other though this Junior Page in the "Vytis". Till next month.

# VYČIAI VEIKIA



# COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



## NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

AMSTERDAM, N.Y., C-100

Smile and Sparkle

A large attendance at our last meeting can be mainly credited to Rev. Bernard Gustas who showed slides of his vacation in Europe. Scenes from Switzerland, Italy, Greece and the Holy Land were enjoyed by all. This presented a good opportunity for Gene Gobis to "nail" Father Bernie into signing up as a member. Our Council now has three priests as members. Cindy Thomas was also officially sworn in - she, at long last filled out her membership card. Our newest member, as of Nov. 7, is Leonard Harvigas. For many years when we had a Lithuanian Hour over our local radio station, Lenny was the announcer of the show.

Our council will be 20 years old in 1970 (since reorganization). Discussions regarding some sort of a commemoration were shelved until a later meeting.

Irene Wood and Ginny Miciulis were in charge of the refreshments. Polly Ziausys surprised

them with her contribution of home-made bread (Pyragas) and farmer's cheese.

NEWS BITS - Ed and Nellie's son left for over-seas the Sunday of our Christmas Banquet and we missed seeing them at the dinner... Mildred and Victor Thomas celebrated their wedding anniversary on Oct. 12... Belated birthday greetings to Isabell McKinley (Oct. 13)... On Dec. 5, we wished a happy birthday to our fine secretary, Sophie Olbie... Nov. 9 was the birthday anniversary of our active member, Ginny Miciulis... Tony and Ann Radzevich celebrated their big day on Sept. 30... Don Nikstenas was also on the committee for the A.L.C. Club anniversary... Irene Wood made a special trip to New York City (180 miles) to keep a luncheon engagement with Jeannie Karpus, Joe Sable and Father Raila. The restaurant where they were planning to meet was closed down for repairs. Irene never made the luncheon - but she spent a very delightful few days in the company of Jeannie... Dr. Aldona Baltch-Gravrogkas and husband, George, are both so busy in their fields of medicine and teaching, that we have missed them at our gatherings.



NY-NJ District members relax after Convention Banquet. Joanne and Edward Schmidt, Loretta Stukas and Jeanne Janonis.



Pictured at Cultural Exhibit, Mrs. Kvedaras and daughter.



C-3 Philadelphia's new officers - Walter Svekla, Loretta Staniskis, Lillian Sasnauskas, Irene Ozalis and Irene Svekla.



Lithuanian Musicians and composers at K of L Convention, Jos. Alisauskas (Amsterdam), M. Aleksis (Waterbury), Mrs. S. Cerienė-Mulks (Clark, N.J.), A. Kacanauskas (Brooklyn), J. Cizauskas (Elizabeth).



## ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

**IID** Taitytė  
"Dzingel, dzingel, dzingeliukai" heralded the guests who came to Chicago for the Supreme Council meeting Nov. 30. This was the weekend Santa also landed on State Street to begin the holiday season.

While the bands played for the paraders and ethnic singers and dancers and the pleasure of the thousands of spectators, the K of L Board met to establish and appraise the activities and directions for the coming year.

National President, Jack Stukas arrived early Friday so he could also participate in the National Lithuanian Educational Symposium, attended by the various Lithuanians who reached the honorable status of Doctor in their respective fields and other distinguished educators and professionals.

Al Jaritis, NED President was also an early arrival amid the ding-a-lings of the season. As a re-reciprocation gesture after the Boston hospitality tour, our S.C. Financial Secy. Helen Zimmer, "Vytiš" Editor Irene Sankus and District Trustee Al Raubiskis met Al at the airport and made with a little Friday in Chicago hospitality.

Saturday, Number One V.P. of the Seniors, Larry Svelnis and Jack's right hand girl, S.C. Secretary Dotty Dutkus, joined the growing group of meeting participants. Along with Irene, Helen,

Al and Al, they began the evening with a visit to the Darius-Girenas Legion Post for the Past Commanders Dinner Dance. Leon Pauksta, IID Board Chairman and Joe Nausedas, former IID Sports Chairman also joined the group, as guests of John Evans, former District President.

Following the enticing tinkling and clinking sounds of holiday cheer, the group then went on to the Marquette Park Bendruomenė's Champagne Party at the Nativity Parish Hall. There, Estelle Rogers, District Public Relations Chairman Of The Year and C-112 Officers Irene Rakaitis and Dolores Wainauskis added to the welcome of our visitors.

If there's mushrooms to be served - in Mrs. Sankus' virtinys or in her kugelis sauce or even in Miss Sankus' scrambled eggs, there's no way, just no way to keep Eleanore Laurin from the scene. So - at 2:30 A.M. Eleanore joined the scene at Irene's as she served breakfast and other "refreshments" to all the guests for Party No. 3. It was only 4:30 (already?) when journey weary Dotty, Al and Larry decided they need twenty winks and Al Raub sped them off to the hotel.

Sunday Morning Agenda: Lunch in Lake Michigan and Meeting in Lake Ontario, all at the Chicago Sheraton, site of the 1970 National Convention. More out-of-town S.C. Board members arrive in time for the brunch, our Treasurer Stella Sankal from Cleveland, Trustee Stanley Viatkus from Vandalia, Lithuanian Affairs Co-Chairman Valentina Hotra from Detroit and California Public Relations representative Anthony Skirius.

Besides the Chicagoans who were mentioned in the week end hospitality events, the luncheon and meeting guests included Algird Brazis, IID Pres.; Albert Zakarka, S.C. Lithuanian Affairs Co-Chairman and C-112 Pres.; Vince Samaska, S.C. Public Relations Committee for the District and C-36 Pres.; Frank Svelnis, S.C. Scholarship Committee member; Cis Matul, IID past Vice Pres.; Loretta Macekonis, District "Trumpet" Editor and District Building Trustees Business Manager, Al Mockus.

The meeting was also graced by the attendance of our dear Bishop Vincentas Brizgys, who, in spite of an unbelievable (and usual for Chicago) schedule of events made a special effort to attend. Bishop Brizgys talked about the Lithuanian Chapel in Rome and everybody was amazed and pleased to hear some of the details of where it is to be situated and how it will look. This made the enthusiasm rise regarding the trip planned in June for the Dedication. The Bishop stated he will soon have additional data in the "Vytiš" and the Lithuanian press.

With these pleasant notes of anticipation, President Stukas adjourned the meeting and suddenly, the week end seemed too short as our visitors left for their planes, busses and autos on the way to home. It was all our pleasure and fortunately, this year, we'll be seeing everybody, and their fellow K of L'ers, again August 21-22-23 and maybe a few days before and after.

Some of the little pleasures that touch our lives could be something like having Joe Boley in



IID MEMORIAL MASS for Deceased K of L Members.



Chicago for a few weeks, while playing in the Great White Hope. Not only on the day we held our annual Commemoration of Deceased Knights of Lithuania Members, but also on Thanksgiving Day, Julie and Al Zakarka invited Joe and some friends to their home on the first occasion for a welcome and the last one, for a farewell to Joe as he went on to Los Angeles with the cast.

At the January District meeting, the various Convention Committees were finalized and everybody was anxious to jump on the band wagon and prepare for what we hope will be the biggest and the best - the 57th National Convention.



Konstantinas Petrauskas, curator of the Balzekas Lith. Museum's photo files and Helen Pius (C-36 Chicago) who again will conduct the Museum's classes in the making of Old World Lithuanian Christmas Tree Straw Ornaments.

#### CHICAGO, ILL., C-112

Following the officers' elections, Council president Al Zakarka appointed the following committee heads to assist him during his term: Lith. Afrs., Lorraine Svelnis and Dolores Wainauskis; Culture, Julie Zakarka; Ritual, Ruth Dagis; Social, Julie Zakarka; Gift-Sick, Monica Kasper; Publicity, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pakalniskis (Lithuanian) and Irene Sankus (English).

This year, our council will have the privilege of hosting the Illinois-Indiana District's commemoration of St. Casimir Day. Our multi-talented member, John Evans, has accepted the chairmanship. The event will be held on March 1 with Mass at Nativity B.V.M. Church. More details next month.

A bit of sadness often touches



Two staunch supporters of the Knights of Lithuania. (left) Frank Savickus, member of C-112, Chicago, is the 27th District Representative Illinois State representative of the 27th District and (right) Michael Madigan, 13th Ward Democratic Committeeman, and a member of the Congress who was recently victorious in the Con-Con elections.

our lives and in the past few months we have experienced this when Ray Bartkus met an untimely accidental death Dec. 8. Ray was a member of our council and the Choir for a number of years and members gathered to pay their last respects and sing a final hymn to this quiet, yet reliable faithful member of the Choir and the K of L. Earlier, Peter, brother of our member Joe Nausedas, was taken from our midst as a result of a tragic accident. Peter, though not a member, was always present for our activities and a personal friend to so many of us. We wish to express our sincerest sympathies to the families of both.

We all missed council trustee Al Raubiskis during most of the holiday festivities as he was recovering from surgery.

From our council members to all - may the New Year bring you all of your fondest wishes.



### NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS., C-10  
Vincukas

Our Dec. meeting was held at the home of Howie Beaudette. It turned out to be a grand feast beginning with hors d'ouvres, followed by beef Stroganoff and Lithuanian sausage, and topped off by ice cream with creme de menthe.

A meeting followed the meal in which the following officers were elected for the coming year: pres. Howie Beaudette; v.p. Charles Genaitis; finc. secy. Lennie Davidonis; rec. sec'y. Mary Gauronsky; treas. Nellie Melaika; and, spir. adv., the Rev. A. Yankauskas.

It was voted to celebrate St. Casimir's on Mar. 1 with Mass and Communion, followed by a dinner. Bill Wisnauskas acted as Santa and distributed gifts for all present. We of C-10 wish to thank Howie, our host and president, for an enjoyable evening.

Charles and Blanch Genaitis spent their Christmas holidays with their daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren in the state of Washington.

Lennie Davidonis showed movies at the Dec. meeting of the Athol camera club. Father Al Yankauskas spent a week in Dec. vacationing from his duties as pastor of St. Frances parish, Athol.

Member of the Month - I have chosen Frank Anoris for this month's feature. Frank was born and raised in Athol, attended the local schools, served in the army, and has been a responsible employee of Starett Co. of Athol. Frank's Camp on White Pond is the scene of all our summer events and he has been a terrific host to all. Frank is kind, a devoted worker, and has a keen and witty personality, always ready with a helping hand. Frank, we all wish you the very best!

I would like to wish the VYTIS

staff and all its readers and K of L members a happy and successful New Year.



Newly-weds Donna and Dick Genaitis with Dick's parents, Charles and Blanche Genaitis of C-10.

#### WORCESTER, MASS., C-26

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Since activity in our council continues to be rampant, we predict a bright future here at C-26 for the New Year. All our sister councils are wished a bright and happy New Year, too!

Charles Grigaitis reports on the success of the Junior Rally held in November. A large number of Juniors came out to Worcester to attend the meeting, the dinner, the Holy Hour, and to listen to the guest speaker, Patrolman Hasset, who chose "Drugs" for his subject.

Bill Grigas and Ed Grigaitis, our Ritual Committee chairmen, are working together, preparing the necessary material toward the conferring of degrees.

At a recent council meeting, our spiritual director, Father Justin Steponaitis, spoke on "Lithuanian Saints: Known and Unknown", which held the attention of all present. It was very interesting indeed.

Joe Sakaitis reports that the Bowling Teams are quite competitive this year. An enthusiastic group meets weekly and at this writing, high triples are lead by Danny Lettic and Joan Krusas, with high averages lead by Danny Lettic and Rita Pinkus.

Janice Tagman hosted the first meeting of the variety show committee, and Jack Mattrick had Anne Bender and Olga Kersis playing all kinds of tunes. The logical and illogical approaches toward the planning of this show can be very productive and before we know it,



New Englanders, Marcella Andrikis, Alexander Aleksis, and Phyllis Grendal enjoyed the Convention luau.

eureka, a show is born! Inspirational suggestions were also made by Ann Morkunas, Ginny Lelakis, Wanda Pajeda, Francis Glodas, Dana Paulukonis, Ed Grigaitis, Helen Gillus. The musical is being planned for May.

Val Baziliauskas and his executive board took on a pink glow of satisfaction because of a lovely and successful Christmas party held at Maironis Park on Dec. 19. Santa Claus paid us a visit which proves there's something to be thought about in the statement, "You'd better be good".

A year of spiritual and social affairs, commemorating the Diamond Jubilee of St. Casimir's parish, came to a close with formal celebration in our beautiful new St. Casimir's Church. The renovations, under the direct workmanship of the famous artist, V. Jonynas, and visitors from near and afar, all attest to the magnificence of the newly completed church. Our pastor, Father John C. Jutt, very generously called together all who worked throughout the year, in any capacity, to attend a dinner honoring the workers on Nov. 16. Many K of L'ers were in attendance and a most pleasant time was had by all.

We are happy to report that both Anne Gražulis (recovering from major surgery) and Anne Bucinkas (recovering from injuries sustained in an automobile accident) are at home and doing very well. It won't be too long, we're certain, before both girls will be back and even more active than before!

A happy future is wished Agnes White who became engaged recently to Leo Sheehy.

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**COUNCIL 30**

**Westfield, Mass.**



Before Vincent (Butch) Luckasavage and his family moved to Lake Worth, Florida, he was one of C-26's most active members. Therefore, we were very saddened to hear that Vinnie had been very ill. He's now at home convalescing, according to his sister, Anne Bender, and that is good news.

Winter vacations took Steve and Ellie Walinsky and their children to Maine where they enjoyed the lovely scenery, and Olga Kersis to New York City where she attended several plays and enjoyed the Christmas decorations immensely.

Several of our lads and lassies attended the Nov. dance of C-17 in South Boston: Anne Bender, Helen Gillus, Eleanor Drumstas, Wanda Pajeda, Dana Pauliukonis, Joe Drumstas, Joe Sakaitis, Val Baziliauskas, Allen Gregonis, John Pauliukonis and Charles Grigaitis... all of whom said "a wonderful time"!

Kadangi nėra daugiau pranešimų, baigsime šitą straipsnelį. Tad gi, iki sekančio numerio ... Su Diev!



## MID - CENTRAL DISTRICT

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The weekend of Oct. 24, 25 and 26 found a sizeable group of delegates from Dayton, Cleveland, Detroit and Pittsburg converging on Youngstown, Ohio for the Annual Mid-Central District Convention. The members of Youngstown Senior C-111 are to be highly commended for an outstanding job in arranging a weekend of wonderful social, cultural and business sessions. This being their first attempt at such an endeavor, it was remarkable how smoothly everything was arranged.

Friday night, a "Get-acquainted" party and buffet was held at the Pavis residence. Many thanks to our very congenial hosts, Ed and Stella, and to all the Youngstown members for their genuine hospitality.

On Saturday, we gathered at the Gondolier Restaurant where a most delicious brunch was served preceding the business session. We returned to this restaurant on Saturday evening for a sumptuous dinner and afterwards enjoyed a most entertaining "Talent Nite" put on by the visiting delegates. The weekend ended all too soon with a banquet on Sunday afternoon, after which goodbyes were said to old friends and new acquaintances. Thanks to C-111 for a most enjoyable convention. We hope you will have us visit you again.

**BUSINESS NOTES:** Unity and togetherness were stressed at this meeting by all new officers for the coming year was also evoked. Various official reports were given by the council presidents or their emissaries. Mrs. Violet Panavas of Detroit has been selected as Chairman of the 1970 Camp Dainava Week, sponsored by the Mid-Central District.

The Cleveland Seniors invited the Mid-Central District to hold it's 23rd session next year in Cleveland, Ohio.

List of Officers for the new year are as follows:

Rev. Father Titas Narbutas - S. Dir., Dayton; Vincent Ed. Pavis - D. Pres., Youngstown; Frank

Gudelis - First V-P., Dayton; Miss Grace Vaškelis - Second V-Pres., Detroit; Mrs. Stella F. Pavis - Secy., Youngstown; Miss Stella Sankal - Treas., Cleveland; Mrs. Ada Sinkwitz - Trustee, Dayton; Miss Victoria Cepulonis - Trustee, Detroit; Mrs. Pauline Uselis - Trustee, Cleveland; and Stephen Onaitis - Sgt-at-Arms, Pittsburgh; Frank Gudelis - Ritual Chairman, Dayton; Joseph Sadauskas - Lith. Affairs Chairman, Cleveland; and Mrs. Mary L. Lucas - Repr. and Corresp. to the VYTIS, Dayton.

DETROIT, MICH., C-79, Soffi

"Oh How I Hate To Get Up In The Morning", from the musical "This Is The Army", is an apropos tune for Jan. 1, but at the parting of "Auld Lang Syne" and "Ilgiausiu Metu", the 79'ers were not able to sleep in longer. Instead, members are girding themselves for various activities ahead which involves the new church. Anthony Dainus heads the general committee; Frank Zager is in charge of finance committee assisted by Elizabeth Paurazas and Violet Panavas, and Sophie Zager is on Dr. Majauskas' membership committee.

Our Christmas meeting against a background of holiday greens and bows rounded out the C-79 meeting, at the Divine Providence parish hall, on Dec. 3. Hostesses were the Misses Ann Calvin, Ann Kratage and Vicki Chepelonis, whose decorations were beautiful, as in the past. The two Anns made all those "yummy Christmas goodies.

Because of the importance of the new church, the main topic of the evening was a discussion as to where the organization will mastermind future gatherings and activities when Divine Providence is demolished by the highway commission for the new Jeffries freeway, in early 1970. Approximately 50 members came to the meeting which was the biggest turnout in quite awhile, and president Frank Zager extended a big welcome to our long stay-away members including Mr. and Mrs. Chester Nashlon, Ruth Grasha, Eleanor Mickey and her mother, Vincenta Marozas, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Kundrotas.

Cultural chairman, Stella Hotra, gave a lecture and demonstration on straw ornaments, illustra-

ting how the straw is processed before making geometric designs. She also spoke on the Lithuanian Christmas Eve, "Kūčios".

The dominating note was a little fir tree set on the officers' table bearing the straw ornaments, and highlighted by a garland (straw roping). Stella informed the members that a Lithuanian Christmas tree is put on display every second year at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Soffi Snooping - Digging themselves out of a football slump were 14 of us "Gals" who enjoyed a Christmas Dinner at Topinka's Inn on Dec. 10. The idea hit at Bertha Janus' shower and in a few days Vicki Chepelonis had the reservations set up... Congratulations to Bertha Janus and her hubby Frank on the arrival of their first grandchild, a baby girl named Tracey Anne, to their daughter Nancy and Cliff Anglewicz... Mike and Antoinette Baron were presented with their second grandchild Michele Rae, courtesy of son Michael and his wife, Beverly... Helen Keller is seriously ill at Mt. Carmel Mercy hospital. Pete Stanulis is recovering from major surgery and Frances Alksnes is home from a stay in the hospital. Mary Salinas has been hospitalized several times and underwent major surgery. We extend to them, and all others who may be ill at this writing, our sincere hopes for a speedy recovery... The Frank Zagers hosted her cousin, the Walt Kukowskis and her Aunt Anna, from Amsterdam, N.Y., during New Year's weekend... Tommy Martin visited his mother, Dorothe Martin for a few days prior to Christmas before he goes back on overseas duty... Bingo (Albina) Stanulis lost her beloved mother, Mrs. Margaret Yesiulones on Dec. 1. After funeral services in Detroit, her body was escorted to Scranton, Penna., for burial there. And Clem Patocki lost his uncle in Pennsylvania where he attended his funeral. Lai gerasis Dievulis mirusiem būna gailistingas... We were sorry to hear about that fire the Vitkus' had at their home in Royal Oak. Fortunately no harm to them, but a lot of smoke damage to furniture and clothes... That was a terrific job Bernie Vitkus and Pete Stanulis did on the "Christmas Cheer" raffle. Though Pete took sick Frank Petroski (and

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Company) took over nicely.

Our officers remain the same for this coming year, with the exception of the trustee, Gerald Zager and another one to be picked later. May we offer our congratulations to these mainstays of our organization, wish them great success, and assure them of our whole-hearted support in this New Year of 1970!

DAYTON, OHIO, C-96 FBP

Following the Supreme Council's request our election of officers took place on Nov. 8. An evening of socializing was planned under the leadership of our former Social Chairman, Mary Lucas.

Officers to take us in hand for the year of 1970: Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Titus Narbutas; Pres. - Joe Noreikas; Vice-Presidents in-charge-of-Juniors - Kitty Prasmantas and Elinor Sluzas; Vice Pres. in-charge-of-membership - Mike P. Petkus; Rec. Sec. - Irene Veigel; Fin. Sec. - Frances Mikalauskas; Treasurer - Sally Miller; Trustees - Marianne Podoyak and Ada Sinkwitz; Sgt-at-Arms - Stan Kavy. Committee leaders are as follows: Sports - Dave Petroski, George Mikalauskas, and Ernie Omlor; "Vytis" - Fran Petkus; Bulletin - Polly Pietrzak; Religious - Pat Zelinkas and Eloise Berczelly; Ritual - Stan Viatkus; Lith. Affairs - Frank Gudelis; Cultural - Mary Lucas; Condolence - Maxine Bakanauskas and Eleanor Mantz; Sarysis Rep. - Joe Gecas; Telephone Squad - Ida Kavy; Photographer - George Mikalauskas; Survey - Joe Noreikas, Ann Scott, Polly Pietrzak, Mike and Fran Petkus.

A 'Big Thank You' was extended to our officers of last year for all the time and work they put in into keeping our council an active one! To the new officers 'Lots of Luck in '70'!

Our one Big project after elections for Nov. was our 2nd Holiday Pillowcase Party that was held on the 23. This was co-chaired by Mike P. Petkus and Joe Mantz. The work by the committee was tremendous. Fran Petkus, Eleanor Mantz, Mary Lucas, Ada Sinkwitz, Eloise Berczelly, Alice and Mike J. Petkus, John Petkus, Sam and Maxine Bakanauskas, Sally Miller, Joe and Bea Noreikas, Charlie Petkus, Veronica Omlor, Stan and Helen Vaitkus, Ida Kavy, Jerry and Marianne Podoyak, George and Fran Mikalauskas had everything under control at 2:30 P.M. At 2:31 P.M. all chaos broke loose! We never dreamed we would have the turnout that we did! We had to turn customers away. Pat Zelinkas and Eva Leasure came to the committee's rescue.

A Great Big Thank You Must go not only to these hard workers but also to our teenagers who don't even belong to the council as yet! Our gratitude goes to John A. Berczelly, Andrea Bakanauskas, Cathy and Sue Mantz, Barbara Goeke, Cathy Kondrotas and Mary Mikalauskas. These kids really went all out!

ODDS and ENDS: The end of our 'Jet Set' bachelor came to a halt on Nov. 15 when Frank Ambrose and Karolyn Samaha were united in marriage at Holy Cross Church... In from the Cleveland council, just for the wedding, came the Andrulis', the Arunski', the Shigo's and their daughter-in-law. With the bad weather we were having at that time it was great to see these friends make the trip. November hostesses for 'sewing circle night' were Eleanor Mantz, Fran and Sarah Petkus... Speedy recovery wishes are extended to Joe August and Eva Leasure... With golf at a slow down here in Dayton, Felix and Helen Goldick went South to get in their favorite sport. They went through Alabama, Florida and Georgia... With the first blast of cold to hit Dayton Tom and

Elizabeth Scott headed for Florida to warm up. Congratulations go to Tom on becoming Plant Manager for the Kurz Kasch Co... Our Supreme Council Trustee Stan Vaitkus, spent the weekend in Chicago for an officer's meeting. While there Stan stayed with his cousins Stan and Barbara Klevinski... We were pleased to hear that Mike Richey, Jr. a Jr. and son of Jim and Phyllis Richey came through with his eye surgery with no problems.

Birthday flyers go out to Amelia August, Frank Gudelis, Ann Kondratas, Mike P. Petkus, Fran Vangas, John Veigel, Eileen Wilemaitis, Andy August, Sam Bakanauskas, Joe Petrusky and Joe Somentus.



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