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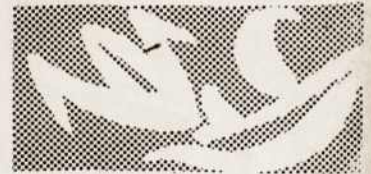
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CHICAGO

the
»I WILL«
city



The city's unofficial motto - "I Will" - is most symbolic as Chicago acts while many other cities consult. "Urbs in Horto" (City in a garden), the city's official motto is evidenced by the Burnham plan which established the uncluttered lakefront facade that is the envy of planners everywhere.

To the 7.5 million people who live in the eight-county, 227 square mile area of Metropolitan Chicago, named after an onion swamp - the Ojibway Indians called it "Che-ca-gou", home is still what poet Sandburg called it, the "stormy, husky, brawling city of the big shoulders.." and the second largest on the North American continent.

Foreigners call it the most American of all the American cities. Language scholars sometimes ruefully admit the superlatives are merely accurate adjectives as applied to Chicago interpretations of an industrial civilization.

Chicago is obsessed with size and long in love with innovation. Since it rose from the ashes of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871, it has, among other things, become the railroad center of the world, daily handling 34,000 - plus freight cars and 130,000 - plus passengers, and domain of the world's busiest and biggest airport, O'Hare Field, which has handled as many as 2,000 aircraft a day, an average of 3 airplanes every 2 minutes for 24 consecutive hours. More than 30 million people annually pass through one of the city's three principal airports (O'Hare, Midway, Meigs). One out of every 5 overseas visitors passes through customs at O'Hare. Also an average of 1,200 buses, carrying more than 35,000 passengers enter the city each day. Chicago is the nation's only city combining lake, ocean and river traffic. It is the vital link between shipping along the Mississippi River and foreign-bound freighters plying the St. Lawrence Seaway.

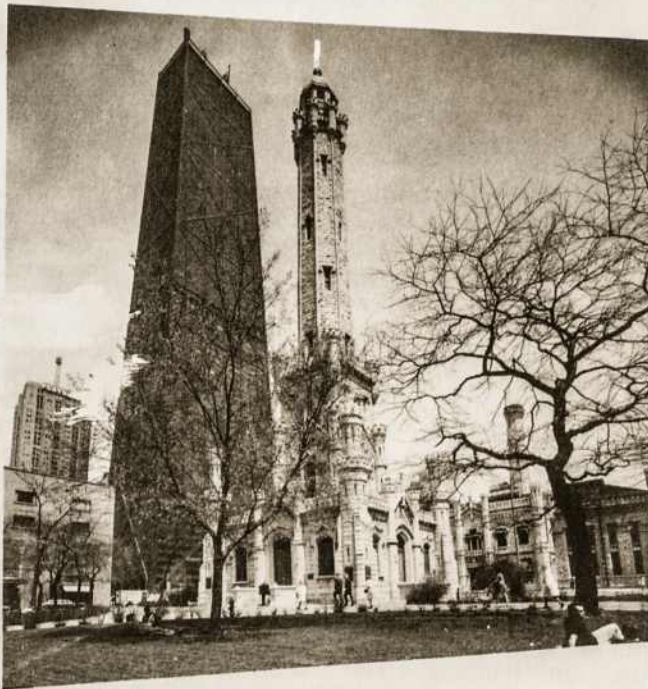
Among Chicago's firsts ! ... the first controlled nuclear chain reactor and the first reactor to provide

commercial electric power for atomic energy... produced the first insurance ratings tables... group insurance plan ... stainless steel building... electric iron ... cooking range... pullman sleeping car... grain reaper... refrigerator car... zipper fastener... cafeteria... lie detector... window envelope ... two-pants suit of clothes... innovated the mail order business... and in 1885, the first steel frame skyscraper - a mere 10 stories high. "Big John" - the John Hancock Center, one of the newest skyscrapers dotting the skyline, is 100 stories and 1100 feet high. It is the 2nd world's tallest topped only by New York's Empire State and is the first to combine apartments, offices and shops in a single enclosure.

Chicago leads the world in the manufacture of steel, telephone equipment, radios, TV sets, sporting goods, soaps, houseware, tin cans, and perfumes. It contains the largest wholesale merchandising establishment - The Merchandise Mart, the biggest hotel - the Conrad Hilton with 3,000 rooms, the largest convention center, the biggest garage, the world's largest and said to be the best public park system, is the nation's largest builder of schools and has the biggest Post Office.

30,622 businesses in metropolitan Chicago have annual combined sales of 14.3 billion and it's share of the gross national product, 45.2 billion is exceeded by the gross products of only nine foreign countries. It is the center of a 37,300,000 population within a 300 mile radius and the five state region of Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio represents one-fourth of the total United States manufacturing capability.

When it first appeared on a town map in 1834, State Street was a muddy track. Today, the street is lined with gigantic department stores and small speciality shops. This area, from Congress Parkway to Wacker Drive, contains the world's most highly concentrated single shopping district and the



legendary shopping paradise called Marshall Field and Company. No other corner in the world is busier than State Street at the Madison Avenue intersection in the heart of Chicago's Loop. Half a million people pass there daily. A guest registration book set up in a booth on the corner, showed within a month, signatures representing 49 states and 73 nations.

Just north of the Loop, the Chicago River and the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel, the sparkling ribbon of Michigan Avenue - the Magnificent Mile - features art galleries, elite dress and specialty shops, Sak's 5th Avenue, Bonwit's, Tiffany & Co., "Big John", boutiques and good restaurants.

As the convention capital of the U.S.A. (1,000 conventions a year - 1,896,000 in attendance and many thousands of company meetings), Chicago has specialized in welcoming visitors ever since becoming a town. In those days, the 350 souls living at the junction of the Chicago River and Lake Michigan provided hospitality for wayfarers moving westward. The art of entertaining national conventions has become highly polished since the newly organized Republican Party hung out its bunting in 1860 and nominated Abraham Lincoln in the Wigwam, a convention hall that stood at Wacker Drive and Lake Street at the northwestern edge of the loop. Chicago remains to this day the Crossroads Host to the Nation.

In the middle of the last century wave upon wave of foreigners immigrated to Chicago, bringing with them their own customs, culture, and cuisine. They established restaurants and cultural centers that provided a social link with the old world and flourished to make Chicago a dining-out city second to none in this country.

Unlike other large cities eating in Chicago generally doesn't require a street map and cab fares. Many of the city's 5,000 restaurants are gathered in a few neighborhoods and are easy to find.

A must on a visitor's list, are the many museums and art galleries of Chicago such as the Art Institute, the Museum of Science and Industry, the Adler Planetarium, the Shedd Aquarium, the Field Museum of Natural History, the Chicago Historical Society, and of great interest to Lithuanians, the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, originated by Council 36 member, Stanley Balzekas, Jr.

Chicago may be the Second City but residents will tell you it's No. One in sports. It has it all - both spectator and participant sports. From "A" for Archery to "Y" for Yachting, the visitor will find the participant sport of his choice in nearby locales. And if his bag is to sit and watch, Chicago is also the place. There is every spectator sport, with one ex-

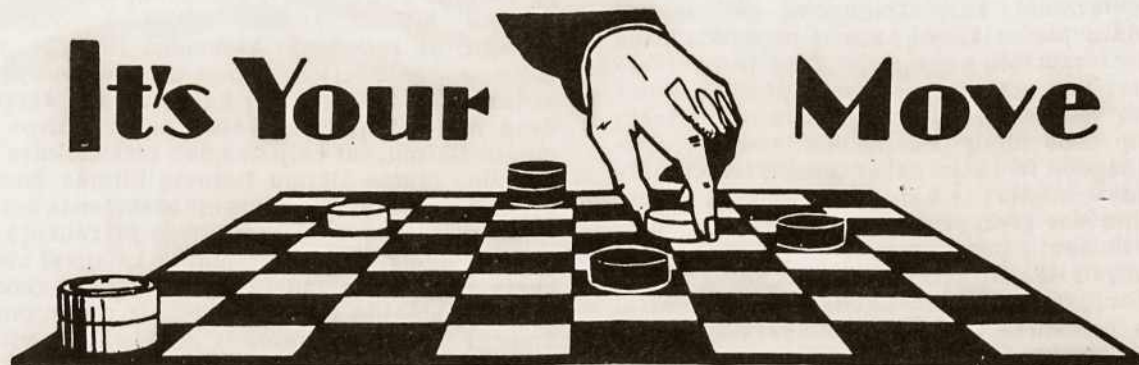
ception - no dog racing. But Chicagoland more than makes up for it - with thorough-bred racing and the trotters at Arlington Park, Washington Park, Hawthorne Race Course and Sportsman's Park; two major league baseball teams, the White Sox and the Cubs; professional football with the Chicago Bears; professional hockey with the league champion Black Hawks; the Chicago Bulls of the National Basketball Assn.; in addition to the college sports at Northwestern, Illinois Circle Campus, Loyola, DePaul, U. of C. One of the sport spectaculars of the year takes place in Chicago every summer when the College All-Stars take on the champions of the professional football world. This July, the Kansas City Chiefs will attempt to show the nation's finest college players how the pros do it. Chicago spectator sports - all of major league quality - befits the city with the most in sports.

What one sees and learns in Chicago is governed only by what one chooses to see and learn about the entire spectrum of American science and culture. Everything is here, and usually larger than life, just waiting for YOU.

The city continues to follow the advise of Daniel Burnham, one of its early civic leaders: "Make No Little Plans..." You won't either when you visit Chicago for the 57th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania.



BUCKINGHAM FOUNTAIN is acclaimed as the largest and most beautiful fountain in the world.



CONVENTION SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 19th

- The Knights of Lithuania golfers will join the members of the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce at their Annual Golf Tournament. We will have the opportunity of not only competing against our own members, but also against the members of the Chamber. In addition to the awards presented by the Chamber, K of L'ers will also receive their awards at the Friday Sports Luncheon.
- In the evening, golfers and other early arrivals will join the members of the Chamber at their Annual Golf Banquet.

THURSDAY - AUGUST 20th

- A free morning to sight-see, shop and visit Chicagoland.
- K of L Bowling Tournament.
- Rain or shine cruise on the exciting TRINIDAD. A fun-filled evening of partying and viewing the Chicago skyline.

FRIDAY - AUGUST 21st

- Opening business session
- Noon-Day Opening Mass.
- Sports Luncheon featuring special sports celebrities.
- Afternoon business session.
- Cabaret Night, K of L Building and Garden.

SATURDAY - AUGUST 22nd

- Business session
- Noon-day Mass for Deceased K of L members.
- Awards Luncheon.
- Business session.
- Inaugural Ball, Sheraton-Chicago Hotel.

SUNDAY - AUGUST 23rd

- Convention Mass, Our Lady of Vilna Church.
- Sunday Brunch, OLV Church Hall
- The convention's official photograph will be taken immediately following the Mass.
- Closing business session.
- Convention Banquet, Grand Ballroom, Sheraton-Chicago Hotel.

JAUNAS LIETUVIS UŽ LIETUVOS

Įvairių tautų mišinyje mažos tautos nariui nesunku prarasti savos tautinės tapatybės jausmą, net savo vertės jausmą ir pasiduoti net menkavertiškumo jausmui, ką anglai, iš lotynų, vadina minority complex. Šiuo keliu praeityje nuėjo ne mažas lietuvių diduomenės skaičius lenkų naudai, svetur gimusių ir mokslą baigusių jaunų lietuvių daugelis liko be jokios tautinės sąmonės. Šių pastarųjų tėvai gimę ir augę pavergtoje Lietuvoje, būdami mažai prasilavinę ar net visai neraštingi, mažai ką ar nieko nežiną iš savo tautos istorijos ar kultūros, negalėjo daug pasakyti savo vaikams apie savo tautos praeitį, kultūrą, charakterį. O vaikai taip pat neturėjo iš kur patys tų žinių išgyti. Seniau svetur gimusius todėl nekaltingime už lietuviško susipratimo štoką.

Šiandien tų sąlygų vaizdas yra visai kitokis. Net ir kelintos kartos svetur gimęs lietuvis norėdamas jau gali rasti net ir nelietuvių kalboje šaltinių, iš kurių pažintų savo kilmės tautos praeitį. Bent didesniuose centruose, kaip Chicagoje, gali matyti tokių kultūrinių pasireiškimų, kurių neparodo kitos net didesnės tautinės grupės. Tais pasireiškimais lietuviai yra atkreipę prielankų dėmesį ir nelietuvių. Kitų tautinių grupių tarpe negirdime tokių epizodų, kaip 1969 metų jaunų mokslininkų symposiumas Chicagoje ir iš jo dabar besivystanti Lietuvių Mokslo Draugija, ar kaip ji pasivadins. Aišku kad pajėgtume dar efektyviau pasireikšti, jeigu mūsų jaunimo didesnis procentas domėtųsi savo tauta.

VYRESNIŲJŲ IR JAUNOS KARTOS SANTYKIAI. Ne tik tautiniu, o visais atžvilgiais jaunajai kartai turi didelės reikšmės tai, kokie santykiai yra tarpe jų ir vyresnės kartos. Šiandien daugiau negu praeityje pabrėžiamas skirtumas tarpe jaunos ir subrendusios kartos. Kas galėtų paneigti tokių skirtumų natūralią tikrovę. Tik skelbiama iš to išvada ne visada teisinga ir sveika. Mėgstą švaistytis tik neigiamais kaltinimais, o ne pozityviomis mintimis, ar tai būtų iš vyresniųjų ar iš jaunimo tarpo, užmiršta du faktai.

VIENAS. Jeigu jaunimas pasisavintų ir pasilaukytų tik tiek, kiek paveldėjo iš vyresniųjų, o neturėtų savų naujų aspiracijų, tai ne tik mokslas, o jokia gyvenimo sritis nedarytų pažangos. Kai vyresnieji tik dejuoja, kad jaunimas ne toks, kokie jie buvo, tas nežino, ką kalba.

ANTRAS. Jeigu jaunimas visai atmestų praeitį, tai neturėtų net iš ko pradėti. Matematikos, kitų sričių aksijomos yra labai senai surastos, daugybė būtinų formulų įvairiose mokslo srityse yra taip pat senai sukurtos. Be jų negalima apsieiti iki šiol, nebus apsieita ir už milijono metų. Atmetus praeitį ir jos palikimą jaunimui tektų pradėti iš laukinio žmogaus stadijos.

Ačiū Dievui ir lietuvių sveikam protui mes dar turime ne tik darnių šeimų, mokyklų, or ir organizacijų ir stovyklų ir meno rinktinių ir įvairių

švenčių, kur susitinkame ir sutariame visi - ir subrendusieji ir jaunimas. Eikime visi kartu ir toliau ta pačia linkme. Tai išeis į gera ir senimui ir jaunimui.

AR ILGAI IŠLIKSIME LIETUVIŠKAI SĄMONINGI IR AKTYVŪS. Gražūs žodžiai ne visada yra prasmingi ir naudingi. Apie gyvenimą galvokime ir kalbėkime realistiniai, kaip realus yra pats gyvenimas, su visomis aplinkybėmis, kokiose gyvename. Jeigu ilgiau užtruks Lietuvos vergija, jeigu nebus laisvės bendrauti su tauta Lietuvoje, tai laikas sumažins sąmoningų lietuvių skaičių laisvame pasaulyje. Reikia tačiau visada prisiminti, kad ir praeityje ir dabar, taip tėvynėje taip ir už tėvynės ne visi vienodai sąmoningi, ne visi vienodi idealistai, ne visi veikėjai. Kad už tėvynės išlaikius šiuos visus tris: tautinį sąmoningumą, idealizmą, veiklumą reikia konkrečiau tikslu ir idėjų, ne tų bendrųjų visiems žmonėms, o specifinių mums lietuviams.

KAS MUMS TOKIE TIKSLAI. Vienas iš jų - Lietuva. Ji reikalinga kiekvieno lietuviui, nepaisant kelintos generacijos gimęs už Lietuvos, nepaisant ar kuris moka lietuvių kalbą ar ne. Jeigu turime daug nelietuvių, kurie sielojasi Lietuvos ir mūsų tautos likimu, tai kaip daugiau turi sielotis Lietuvos ir mūsų tautos likimu lietuvių kilmės žmogus. Šia prasme Lietuvai pasitarnauja kiekvienas surasdamas lietuvių kilmės asmenis ir juos patraukia prie lietuvių. Nusikalsta savo tautai ir Lietuvai kiekvienas, kuris nors ir geriausia patrijotizmo intencija kitus atbaido, atšaldo nuo lietuvių. Ir savon tauton burti žmones reikia išminties ir meilės, o ne vien stiprių žodžių.

Antras mūsų tikslų - reikalai to krašto, kuriam gyvename. Šis tikslas bus naudingas mums patiems ir mus kitiems parodys tik tuo atveju, jeigu būsime daugiau, negu paprastas, kraštui lojalus gatvės miniažmogis. Tik paskui kitus eiti, kitus kopijuoti nereikia nei didelio išsilavinimo, nei idealizmo, nei didelių aspiracijų. Užtenka būti žmogumi be charakterio. Už Lietuvos augas jaunimas turėtų susikurti savą asmens tipą, kurio siektų kiekvienas sąmoningas lietuvis ir trauktų paskui save savo draugus. Aišku, kad patys jauni žmonės turėtų daugiausia pasisakyti šia tema, bet galima bandyti paminti vieną-kitą sugestiją. Mano vaizduotėje toks jauno žmogaus tipas galėtų būti kad toks: Pagal savo laiko mastą intelektualas, humaniškai ir krikščioniškai kilnus, visuomenininkas tokią prasme, kad jam rūpi pilnas gyvenimas. Būdamas savo pasirinktos srities profesionalas, jis vistiek domisi ir platesne intelektualine eridicija, jam rūpi ir kultūriniai ir visuomeniniai ir politiniai reikalai. Kiekvienas laikas turi savo bruožų, bet yra ir amžinų dėsnių ne vien matematikoje, fizikoje ir kitose srityse, o ir

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žmogaus asmenybėje bei jo gyvenimo būde. Lietuvis jaunuolis turėtų siekti humaniško ir krikščioniško kilnumo. Man atrodo, kad būtų labai didelės reikšmės, jeigu nors organizuotas lietuvių kilmės jaunimas susibūręs į lituanistines mokyklas, studentų, ateitininkų, skautų ir kitas organizacijas sau pasiskirtų ir kitiems paskelbtų savo tikslus - kokio žmogaus jie siekia Amerikai ar kitam jų gyvenamam kraštui. Tai iškeltų lietuvių jaunimo vardą dar aukščiau negu pažanga moksle, meno šventės ir kiti veiklos reiškiniai. Šiuo keliu lietuvių jaunimas galėtų susikurti elito reputaciją ir atliktų didelę

misiją. Žinoma, reikia išminties, kaip ir koku būdu visuomenėi tai ne tiek pasakyti, kiek gyvenimu parodyti. Visi tačiau jaučiame, kad laukinis triukšmas ir lengvabūdiškumas jau visiems įkirėjo, visi laukia naujos kilnios dvasios. Jeigu lietuvių jaunimas pajėgtų atsistoti tokioje plotmėje, tai mūsų tautos ir Lietuvos vardo pasaulis neužmirštų, kaip neužmiršo per devynioliką šimtmečių išblaškytos žydų tautos. Kelių gražion ateitin yra, bet ateitis ir tie keliai yra jaunimui ne seniems.

VYSK. V. BRIZGYS

LIEPOS 4-JI LAISVĖS SIMBOLIS

Liepos ketvirtoji yra pilna to žodžio prasme laisvės simbolis. Amerika - JAV kasmet švenčia savo valstybinės laisvės ir nepriklausomybės dieną - liepos ketvirtąją. Ta diena šiuo metu primena ne tik šiam kraštui laisvės vertę, bet primena laisvę ir toms tautos, kurios dar ir dabar tebe neša komunistinės vergijos pančius ir trūksta išsilaisvinimo. Tai mūsų ir mūsų tėvų bei protėvių tėvynė.

Tačiau ir šio krašto išsilaisvinimas neatėjo su viena diena ar su vien nepriklausomybės akto paskelbimu. Ir JAV reikėjo savo nepriklausomą gyvenimą atkovoti ir valstybinę santvarką sukurti. Tam reikėjo ne tik daug pastangų laiko, bet ir kraujo bei gyvybių toje kovoje padėti.

Kai šiuo metu JAV, nepaisant pasitaikiusių nesekmių ar vis tebesilaiko laisvės pusėje, tenka kaip tik labiau įvertinti tą turimą laisvės dieną - liepos ketvirtąją. Ta diena visoms tautoms, norinčioms laisvę išlaikyti, ar pavergtoms, norinčioms laisvę atgauti, yra visų lūkesčių didysis simbolis.

Liepos 4-ji yra ne tik pavergtųjų viltis pažadinimas, bet ir proga giliau susimąstyti. Į ją išžiūrėti ir prie jos susimąstyti reiškia labiau vertinti žmogiškąją laisvę pačiam pagal savo išsitikinimus gyventi ir tuos išsitikinimus gerbti kitame asmenyje, nes asmuo yra didžioji vertybė, kurios tobulumui yra reikalinga Aukščiausiojo suteikta žmogiškoji laisvė. Mat, laisvas žmogus laisvoje šalyje yra idealas kiekvienos tautos, kuri jau yra subrendusi laisvai pati veikti.

POV. DIRKIS



FLAG DAY

On June 14, 1777, 193 years ago, the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopted a resolution which declared: "That the flag of the United States shall be of thirteen stripes of alternate red and white, with a union of thirteen stars of white in a blue field, representing the new constellation"

It was only twenty years ago, however, that June 14th was officially made Flag Day when Congress passed the National Flag Day bill. Although it is a legal holiday only in Pennsylvania, its observance each year is proclaimed by the President.

The popular observance of Flag Day began in New York City's public schools in 1889, when George Bolch, principal of a free kindergarten for poor children, held patriotic exercises honoring the flag on June 14th. On June 14, 1923, representatives from many patriotic organizations met in Washington to draft a nationwide code of flag etiquette. This resulted in the adoption, in a number of states, of legislation known as the Uniform Flag Law, designed to give proper honor to our country's flag.

The original Old Glory is kept in the U.S. National Museum at Washington, D.C. The fiftieth star was added to the flag on July 4, 1960, following the admission of Hawaii to the Union.

1941 m. BAISUSIS BIRŽELIS LIETUVOJE

POV. DIRKIS

Visos tautos su pagarba prisimena didžius istorinius įvykius. Tačiau ne visi istoriniai įvykiai yra džiaugsmingi. Yra tokių, kurie žmogaus skausmo niekada nenuslopins. Tokiems įvykiams tenka priskirti 1941 m. birželio mėnesio 14-21 dienas, kada Lietuvoje, vyko masiniai trėmimai, išvežimai ir kruvinos žudynės.

Esame dar gyvi 1940 m. birželio tragiškų įvykių liūdininkai. Tą mėnesį Lietuva neteko nepriklausomybės, kurią užgniaužė Sovietų Rusijos armija, įsiveržus į Lietuvą prievarta ir smurtu, ją okupavo. O 1941 m. birželio mėnesį 14 d. okupantas pradėjo masines deportacijas nekaltų žmonių į Sibiro taigas lėtai mirčiai badu, nuo šalčio, alkio ir kitų nepakeliamų sąlygų. Tai buvo išgyvenimai, kurių sopulio niekas neužgydys, sielvarčio iš širdies neišraus, sielos skausmo nenuslopins, nestose birželio dienose ir naktyse buvo ir tebėra susikaupęs pats didžiausias lietuvių tautos skausmas, kuris niekuomet iš lietuvių širdies neišblės ir iš istorijos nebus išbrauktas, bet bylos per amžius.

Tai buvo šiurpus laikas, kai tėvas Nemunas pasruvo krauju, lietuvis kovojo, mirė be saulės puvo tvankiuose kalėjimo rūsiuose, traukiniuose pakeliui į Sibirą, ir kai nuo enkavedisto ar raudonarmiečio durtuvo mirė, ištikimiausi tautos sūnūs bei dukros, norėję paduoti lašą vandens trokštančiams. Gi tas lietuvis neberadęs kitos išeities bėgo į nežinomą tremtį - tremtinio naštą nešti. O laisvę pamilęs Lietuvos jaunuolis, sugriebęs bet koki ginklą į rankas pasiliko rymoti tėvynės miško tankumnuose, prisiekdamas žūti už tėvynės laisvę.

Prinokęs derlius laukuose žibėjo, kurio grūdai krito į aplaistyta krauju bei pavilgyta ašaromis žemę, nes nebuvo kas juo pasirūpina. O žemės dundėjimas iš rytų, komunistinio siaubo padarytos žaizdos nepranykė iš sąmonės, kėlė didelį susirūpinimą ir nerimą likusiems tėvynėje, kad ir užkaltauose trobėsiuose.

Taip areštų, kalėjimų, tardymų kamerų ir gagonų šaudymo kančias jie iškentėjo, o kuriems buvo lemta liktai sušaudytai Pravieniškėse, Telšiuose, Zarasuose, Panevėžyje ir kt. Atseit jų vardus puošia garbės aureolė, kaip paguldžiusius savo galvas už Lietuvos laisvę ir nepriklausomybę. Bet ištremtieji į Sibirą ir spygliuotų tvorų atskirti nuo pasaulio, tapo vergais ir taip iki mirties jie kenčia badą, šaltį, paniekinimą, ir kol jų širdys plaks juos lydės neišpasakytos baimės ir rūpesčio jausmas.

Prisimindami tuos masinius išvežimus ir žudymus susiduriame dar su kitu istoriniu įvykiu tuo pačiu metu įvykiu, būtent: sulietu-

vių tautos sukilimu prieš raudonuosius rusus, juos vejant iš Lietuvos. Šis istorinis įvykis išryškino būdingą lietuvių bruožą, kuris pasireiškia tik didelio sukrėtimo metu. Įdomu, kad sukilimo metu nebuvo politinių skirtumų ne tik kovojančių gretose, bet ir visuomenės sluoksniuose. Tada buvome viena didelė šeima, siekianti vieno ir to paties visiems trokštamo tikslo - laisvės.

Išgirdę pranešimą apie Lietuvos laisvės atstatymą, viso krašto gyventojai, tarytum didžiulis choras, iš džiaugsmo verkdami, giedojo Lietuvos Himną, keldami trispalves miestuose ir bažnytkaimiuose, kaimuose ir net miškuose.

Visi tie liūdnieji ir tie linksmi prisiminimai, minint tuos baisiai skaudžius įvykius ir didžius apsi-reiškimus, turėtų mus ir dabar esant išeivijoje, panašiai sujungti vienybės skraiste ir vieningomis gretomis mus vyčius vesti prie vienintelio šiandieną bendro tikslo - atstatymo Lietuvos ir gražinimo į mūsų gretas, kuopas lietuvių kalbos.

SAY A PRAYER FOR ENSLAVED LITHUANIA

June is the month of two solemn anniversaries for Lithuanians at home and abroad. On June 15, 1940, following an ultimatum presented at midnight, Soviet armies pushed into Lithuania and extinguished the country's freedom and independence. A year later, on June 14-22, 1941, the Soviets unleashed mass terror costing some 5,000 lives and deported 35,000 Lithuanian men, women and children to Siberia - the first in a series of mass deportations which, together with terror inside Lithuania, had affected some 400,000 people by 1952. A large part of them perished under the unhuman conditions of Soviet slave labor camps. Arctic cold, disease, and starvation. In commemorating the 30th Anniversary of Soviet occupation, let us pray that the hope of Lithuania's liberty and independence will not die.

DECLARATION OF LITHUANIAN CATHOLIC PRIESTS

Toward the end of December 1969 a most important document reached the West from Lithuania - an Appeal of Lithuanian priests addressed to the Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers. In this document the clergy of Lithuania asks for the end of religious persecution and for the rights which are guaranteed to religious believers in the USSR Constitution. The appeal is a shattering proof of methodical violation of human rights by the Soviets and deserves an immediate study by the U.N. Commission on Human Rights. We print below the full text of the Appeal.

To: The Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers
 Copies to: I. The Chairman of the Lithuanian SSR Council of Ministers
 II. Catholic Church Leaders in Lithuania

APPEAL BY THE PRIESTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LITHUANIA

In his article "To the Country Poor," Lenin, generalizing the tasks of the Social Democratic Party, wrote: "Social democrats demand that every person must have full liberty to freely profess any religion" (WRITINGS, vol. 6, Vilnius, 1961, p. 364).

In criticizing the government of the czar and the means it used against those who had different beliefs, Lenin wrote: "Every person must have full freedom not only to profess any religion he wants, but also to publicize and change his faith... this is a matter of conscience, and let no one dare to interfere in these matters" (WRITINGS OF LENIN, vol. 6, Moscow, 1946).

The USSR Constitution guarantees to its citizens freedom to practice any religion. The laws of the Soviet Union will defend the rights of the faithful to practice their religious rites. Article 143 of the Penal Law speaks about the penalties, if anyone interferes in the exercise of these rights. But in

reality it is not so. The laws which protect the rights of the faithful is condemned to die. The facts speak about this: While in 1940 there were four seminaries for priests in Lithuania and about 1,500 priests, after 1944 there was only one seminary left, in Kaunas. About 400 seminarians used to flock to it from all the dioceses. In 1946, in the very midst of the school year, only 150 seminarians were permitted to stay. During the last few years, in all the five courses of the seminary, the limit is 30 seminarians. If a seminarian leaves or gets sick, no one is allowed to take his place. About 30 priests die in Lithuania every year, but only 5-6 are ordained. This year (1969) only three new priests were ordained. Already, at this time, many priests have to serve in two parishes. There is a good number of parishes where the pastor is 70 years old. Even invalids have to serve as pastors, for instance, in Turmantai.

Young people who want to enter the seminary meet many more difficulties than those who in-

tend to go to other schools of higher education. The candidates are not chosen by the representatives of the Church, but by the officials of the government. This is not normal. What would we say if candidates for music would be selected by veterinarians or other specialists?

In January of 1969 the priests of the diocese of Vilkaviskis addressed themselves to the Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers concerning this abnormal situation in the interdiocesan seminary in Kaunas. During the month of February of the same year they contacted the still active bishops and administrators of the dioceses about the same matter. Because of these moves, two priests, Rev. S. Tamkevicius and Rev. J. Sdapskis, lost their work certificates. They had to seek other work, they cannot perform their priestly duties.

In 1940, there were 12 bishops in Lithuania, today there are only two left: Bishop Matulaitis-Labukas, born in 1894, and Bishop J. Pletkus, born in 1895. Two still effective and able bishops: J. Steponavicius (for 9 years) and V. Sladkevicius (more than 10 years) have been deported to faraway parishes (house arrest. Ed.). Although according to Articles 62-69 of the Penal Code deportation is foreseen only for five years and that for grave offenses, what have our shepherds done to be punished for an indeterminate time, without any court action or proven guilt?

From time immemorial Vilnius has been the center of religious life, but today this city is not allowed to have its bishop, even though other small religious communities, for instance, the Orthodox, have their bishop, and others some equivalent religious leader.

According to the Church Canon Law, the capitular vicars are only temporary administrators who are chosen when a bishop dies or leaves the office. The archdiocese of Vilnius and the diocese of Panevezys now have been administered by capitular vicars for nine years, and that of Kalsiadoriai for 23 years.

It is not always, even for those who have official authorization, that the bishops and administrators are permitted to visit the parishes and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation according to the Canons of the Church. In the diocese of Panevezys this sacrament has been conferred only once since 1961. In other dioceses it is permitted to be conferred only in the centers, for instance, in Vilnius, Kaunas, but very rarely in the regional cities. Those who want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation have to travel from distant places, endure all the hardships with their small children. Thus great pressures and difficulties are created.

The pastoral work of the priests is being hindered in a number of ways: one is not allowed to help the neighboring parishes in religious services nor to invite the necessary number of priests on special occasions of devotion. The faithful who want to confess have to wait for a long time, suffer inconvenience and lose much of their precious time. On special days of devotion in some churches about 1000 people come for confession. If only three minutes be given to each penitent, one priest would have to hear confessions for 50 hours, and this is impossible.

Specialists in all fields come together for conferences to perfect themselves and to learn from the

experiences of other. The Church Canon Law also requires that the priests should make a three day retreat at least every three years. Such retreats at this time are forbidden not only in the diocesan centers, but also in the deaneries: even priests of one deanery are not permitted to get together.

Official representatives of the government (delegate of the government for religious affairs, leaders of the regions and districts) give various directives to the priests only by word of mouth. It happens that these orders contradict one another. For instance a representative of the executive committee's chairman of the Varėna region forbade the pastor of Valkininkai to accompany the burial procession to the cemetery, while an agent for religious affairs instructed that the priest can go to the cemetery, but he cannot do the same from the home to the church. On April 15, 1969, an agent for religious affairs in Svenčionėliai, in the presence of government officials and the members of the church committee, told the pastor that when there is a priest in the procession of the deceased, no hymns are allowed, but his can be done without the priests. If a person is buried with religious rites, an orchestra is not permitted; collective farms and organizations cannot help materially.

Catholics in Lithuania cannot avail themselves of the freedom of the press for their religious needs. They cannot make use of radio and television, of movie theaters, schools, lectures. We do not possess even the most elementary religious textbooks, prayerbooks or other religious writings. During the Soviet rule not even one catechism was printed. Only in 1955 and 1958 a Catholic prayerbook was printed and in 1968 a liturgical prayerbook. But both editions had a very limited number of copies, so that only a few families could acquire them. Besides, the liturgical prayerbook was supposed to include a short explanation of the truths of the faith, but the delegate for religious affairs would not allow this to be printed. The priests and the churches received only one copy of the Roman Catholic Ritual and documents of Vatican II were available only for the priests, one copy each. The faithful did not even have a chance to see these books.

Although the USSR Constitution guarantees freedom of conscience, and parents do what and request that their children be educated in a religious spirit, the priests and the catechists, however, are forbidden to prepare children for their First Communion. The delegate for religious affairs allows the children to be examined only singly. Those who do not follow this unwritten law are severely punished. For instance, the government officials have fined Rev. J. Fabijanskas for catechization; Rev. M. Gylis and Rev. J. Sdapskis were sent to forced labor camp. In Anykščiai, Miss O. Paskevičiūtė prepared children for their first confession. For this she was deported to a forced labor camp, where there followed her overexhaustion, sickness and death. Parents themselves have the right to prepare their children, but they have no means: they are not prepared for this job, have no time or religious books. In like manner, during the Czar's reign, workers and serfs could not make use of the right to give their children higher education.

Children who frequent the church experience

much abuse. They are made fun of, wall bulletins write about them. In schools, children are constantly being taught that religious parents are backward, have no knowledge and can give them no directives. Thus the authority of the parents is destroyed. When children cease to respect their parents, it is difficult to control them both in school and outside its walls. Besides, religiously minded children are not allowed to take active part in the liturgy, sing in the choir, participate in processions, serve Mass. Thus the rights of the faithful children and parents are severely violated. They are harshly discriminated, coerced and forced to compromise others. For instance, on the 26th of December, 1967, the secondary school director Baranauskas and other teachers in Svenčionėliai kept the II-IV class students for two hours and a half until they forced them to write letters against the local pastor Rev. Laurinavicius. An ambulance had to be called for one of the youngsters, J. Gaila, because of the threats. Second class student K. Jermalis was sick for a couple of months because of fear. The pastor, who allowed the children to serve Mass and participate in a procession, was removed from Svenčionėliai. The offended parents of those children turned to Moscow. How much time was lost, expenses incurred, health impaired? Just recently Rev. A. Dletuva was fined 50 rubles because he allowed the children to serve at the Mass.

According to the law, the convictions of one who believes and one who does not should equally be respected, but the practice goes its own way. In many hospitals, for instance, in Vilnius, Utena, Pasvalys, Anykščiai, even when sick people ask to receive the sacraments, their request is refused. In 1965, a driver K. Semėnas and Miss B. Sudeikytė married in the church. By this act they lost their previous grant of a piece of land where they were going to build a house. Notwithstanding the fact that all the material was bought for the construction, they were told: "Let the priest give you land."

In Pasvalys, Anykščiai, and other places, even taxicabs cannot bring the witnesses of the marrying couple to the church. There is much suffering for the intellectuals who secretly baptize their children, marry, or attend Mass in the church. These facts are brought up at their work place, often they are reprimanded or even lose their jobs. For instance, in 1965 Miss P. Cicėnaitė, a school teacher in Daugeliskis, was released from her work by the school director because she would not forsake the church. When the school officials told her to leave she, wishing to have her (labor) book "clean", wrote a request to be dismissed from work. Often the faithful are dismissed from work or are punished because of their convictions, camouflaging this fact by some other motives.

In 1965 the Pension Act bypassed the servants of the church. Organists and sacristans can only dream about pensions. For instance, P. Pagalskas joined a collective farm when the Soviets came to Lithuania. Like all other citizens, he delivered his horse and farming tools to authorities. He was working in the office of a collective farm as an accountant; on Sundays he used to play organ in the church. When he had the misfortune to get sick and became an

invalid unable to work in the office, he night-watched the animals on the collective farm. When he reached old age (bo. in 1889), he applied to the Social Welfare Office of the Ignalina region. An answer came from this office that organists do not receive any pensions.

Many of the churches are not allowed to ring bells, use loudspeakers or any other technical means. Materials are not allotted for the upkeep of the churches. The cities are growing, but since 1945 only two churches have been built in Lithuania (one of which, in Klaipėda, has been turned into a music hall), many older churches are serving as storage places, museums and so forth.

These and many other painful facts which we have mentioned here show that the priests and the faithful are discriminated against and they cannot fully make use of the rights the USSR Constitution guarantees them.

Consequently, we have dared to address ourselves to you, Mr. Chairman of the USSR Ministers, hoping that you will correct this unnatural situation of the Catholic Church in the Lithuanian SSR and see to it that we, the Lithuanian clergy and faithful, as all other citizens do, will be able to exercise the rights as they are foreseen in the Constitution.

Signed by the priests of the Archdiocese of Vilnius: 40 signatures August 1969.

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TWO NEW BISHOPS IN LITHUANIA

Reliable sources report the consecration of two bishops in Lithuania. On December 21, 1969, REV. LIUDVIKAS POVILONIS, Curate of the parish of Immaculate Conception of Holy Virgin Mary in Vilnius, and REV. ROMUALDAS KRIKSCIUNAS, Doctor of Church Law, were ordained as bishops in the Basilica of Kaunas by Bishop JUOZAPAS MATULAITIS-LABUKAS, the Apostolic Administrator of the Archbishopric of Kaunas and the Bishopric of Vilkauskis. The Bishop was assisted by Bishop Julijonas Vaivadas, Apostolic Administrator of the Archbishopric of Riga and the Bishopric of Liepaja, as well as Bishop JUOZAS PLETKUS, the Apostolic Administrator of the Bishopric of Telsiai.

Liudvikas Povilonis was born on August 25, 1910, in the village of Silagalai, district of Panevėžys. He graduated from the teachers' college in Marijampolė and studied theology and canon law at the University of Kaunas. He entered priesthood in 1934. A contributor to various periodicals, he also held several teaching positions.

The other new bishop, Romualdas Krikščiūnas, was born in 1930 and became priest in 1954. He studied for two years in Rome and received a doctor's degree in canon law. Rev. Krikščiūnas was professor at the theological seminary in Kaunas and chancellor of the Bishopric of Vilkauskis.

The newly ordained bishops will be subjected to the usual pressure to issue statements in support of the Soviet regime and its "peace campaigns."

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LITHUANIA SEES FREEDOM DIE

WALTER TROHAN

Few remember - and fewer care, unhappily - that February 16th marks the 62nd anniversary of the declaration of independence of Lithuania.

Almost half of those years have been spent in slavery, not captivity, to the Kremlin. In slavery with Lithuania are Estonia and Latvia.

Freedom shrieked when nazi boots trampled Czechoslovakia in 1938 and 1939, but there was scarcely an outcry when Russia gobbled up its three tiny neighbors in 1939 and 1940.

By now the world has so supped on horrors that the plight of one proud and free people arouses no concern or even twinges of conscience. It was not always so.

In 1939 when Italy invaded and annexed Albania, the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared: 'The continued political, economic, and social independence of every small nation in the world does have an effect on our national safety and prosperity. Each one that disappears weakens our national safety and prosperity.'

He did not apply such words to Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia, which Russia occupied in 1939 and absorbed in 1940. Nor did he apply them to Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, and Bulgaria but helped to deliver them into captivity at Yalta, a fate sealed by his successor, Harry S. Truman, at Potsdam. East Germany also was put into Red captivity.

ALMOST ONE in every 10 Americans come from the enslaved or captive nations, including those who fled Russia under communism or those who left Russia under the czars. Yet for years thousands of displaced Lithuanians have denounced Russia as a perpetrator of genocide and have appealed to American Presidents, beginning with Truman, to press for a

United Nations investigation of conditions in the Baltic states. The appeals have been in vain.

When Russia swallowed Lithuania, its population was just under 3 million. The Lithuanians did not accept slavery easily. They resisted.

By 1948 Russia claimed to have liquidated 12,000 or more underground fighters. Lithuanian exile sources set the number liquidated at 8,500. An estimated 35,000 remained active against the soviet oppressors.

Similar situations existed in Latvia and Estonia. IN COMBATING the resistance movement, the Russians undertook a program of wholesale deportation. It has been estimated that perhaps as many as 150,000 people were deported during the war. Something like another 150,000 moved to Poland. There are more than 50,000 Lithuanians in Austria and Germany. A considerable number have made their way to the United States.

Russia has attempted to govern the three Baltic states with native officials, much as it governs the captive nations with puppets. However, in the Baltic states the local officials are paired off with imported Russian assistants, who have the iron fist and generally don't bother to conceal it. Meanwhile, life in Lithuania has deteriorated.

Industrial production reportedly has dropped to about half of what it was in 1939 or less. River traffic on the once busy Memel is reported to be all but dead. Passenger trains are down to one a day.

Russia forced its language on the country's universities and has attempted to court the students, yet only about 10 per cent are said to have joined the Young Communist league.

(Reprinted from the CHICAGO TRIBUNE, Feb. 16, 1970)

"Letters from America" WEEK

The 20th observance of Letters from America Week took place May 18-24, 1970. It marked the 20th anniversary of a campaign launched by the American Council for Nationalities Service in 1950 to encourage Americans to use their letters to relatives and friends abroad to promote international understanding and goodwill and to spread the truth about the United States.

According to the U.S. Post Office Department more than 820 million letters were sent abroad from U. S. last year. A large part of these letters were written by Americans of foreign birth or parentage to relatives and friends overseas.

Because such letters are one of the simplest and most effective ways of creating good will and spreading America's message, Letters from America has received the enthusiastic support of suc-

ceeding administrations in Washington. President Eisenhower, one of the first to endorse the campaign, said: "Each American who writes to someone abroad is a potential ambassador of goodwill and understanding. No statements about the 'American Way of life' made by government officials have a better impact on the people of other lands than the personal accounts of individual Americans writing from their local communities about their schools and homes and work. I hope more Americans will write to their friends abroad."

"Be a Spokesman for the United States" was the slogan of this year's Letters from America Week. Anyone interested may obtain a free letter-writer's guide by writing to the American Council for Nationalities Service, 20 West 40 Street, New York, N.Y. (A.C.N.S.)

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OFFICIAL NEWS

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Each year at this time, the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Committee is prepared to forward an official announcement, application and reference forms to be submitted by prospective candidates in your Council for the annual scholarship awards. These forms will be sent directly to each applicant whose name will be submitted to our Scholarship Committee.

Please encourage qualified candidates in your Council to apply. The deadline is JUNE 30, and forms may be obtained from the CHAIRMAN at the address given on pg. 2. The 13th Annual Scholarship Awards, totalling \$1,000.00 again this year, will be announced during the 57th National Knights of Lithuania Convention Banquet, on August 23, 1970, in Chicago.

Scholarship awards are given as grants for undergraduate or graduate work. Scholarly achievement, K of L organizational activity, and various recommendations, along with financial need are taken into consideration in the selection of scholarship winners.

We urge each Council to support this important Knights of Lithuania project financially. Many Councils urge their members to donate an extra dollar to the Scholarship Fund when paying their dues. Others prefer to sponsor an affair, a drawing, or to earmark a percentage of an affair's profits for the Scholarship Fund. Some Councils also, solicit patrons, businessmen and organizations to donate to our Fund.

All donations to the K of L Scholarship Fund should be forwarded to the Committee TREASURER, at the address given on pg. 2. Irene Wood will acknowledge each donation, and the complete list of donors will be printed in the Vytis after the National Convention.

We are looking forward to receiving names of applicants from your Council for the awards, also having your cooperation in obtaining funds for this important Knights of Lithuania program.

Dėkingai ir Vytiškai Jūsų,
Dr. Jack J. Stukas, Chairman

RITUAL NOTICE

Last call! Candidates for the Third and Fourth Degrees who wished to be installed at the National Convention in Chicago, must send applications to the National Ritual Committee in care of Rita Pinkus, address shown on page 2.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Office of Bishop Brizgys announces that a film on the blessing of the Siluva Chapel in Washington, D.C. is available for loan. It is 16 millimeter and in sound. This would be a good program item for our councils and districts. The Bishop's address is: 2701 West 68th Street, Chicago, Ill. 60629.

CONVENTION RESOLUTION

The following resolution, which was thoroughly discussed by the special Associate Non-Lithuanian Spouses Committee and convention panel, will be presented for adoption at the 57th National Convention. The resolution reads as follows: (Ref. By-Laws pp 25& 26):

"RESOLVED that the following be added to the Knights of Lithuania By-Laws. Article V add Item "e" Associate Non-Lithuanian, Practicing Catholic Spouses.

Add Item 7. An Associate Non-Lithuanian, Practicing Catholic Spouse can hold office only in a Council, up to, but not including Vice-President, will not be a Delegate or Alternate to the District and National Conventions, and will not hold any office on the District or Supreme Council Board."

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ENDS

The 1969-1970 Membership Drive will officially end on July 10, 1970. All results will be announced and awards presented during the National Convention at the Saturday Awards Luncheon.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our National Financial Secretary reminds us that all membership dues were due in January, 1970. All council secretaries should forward dues as soon as collected.

If a new member joins the council, dues are as follows: \$100.00 Lifetime Member; \$5.00 if member joins January-March; \$3.75, April-June; \$2.50, July-September; \$1.25, October-December. Additional family members ONLY, \$2.50 per year (No "Vytis"). The couple rate for the first year only is \$7.00 and thereafter \$5.00 per year. Dues should be collected for a FULL YEAR.

New member record sheets, applications and dues reporting sheets are available without charge from the national financial secretary, address shown on page 2. Membership cards for social members are available at a cost of 10c each.

For Junior membership cards, the counselors may contact the national 1st vice-president, address shown on page 2.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1970 DUES?

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 are now 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 - 11-20 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 last convention.

Councils awards for new members will be presented for the greatest percentage of per capita increase based on net increases as follows: Councils with Over 50 members; Councils with 26-60 members; and Councils 25 and under members.

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

MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS

(Figures as of May 10, 1970)

COUNCIL	1969	1970	% Paid
1 - Brockton	15	18	120%
3 - Philadelphia	39	34	87%
5 - Chicago	11	9	82%
6 - Hartford	1	0	0%
7 - Waterbury	99	102	103%
10 - Athol-Gardner	20	19	95%
12 - New York	31	31	100%
13 - Chicago	12	0	0%
14 - Cicero	7	5	71%
17 - So. Boston	49	30	61%
18 - Cambridge	6	0	0%
19 - Pittsburgh	33	35	106%
25 - Cleveland	22	22	100%
26 - Worcester	135	116	86%
27 - Norwood	2	0	0%
29 - Newark	98	87	89%
30 - Westfield	27	21	78%
36 - Chicago	64	34	53%
41 - Brooklyn	30	0	0%
52 - Elizabeth	22	0	0%
61 - Paterson	7	7	100%
67 - Bayonne	7	0	0%
78 - Lawrence	3	0	0%
79 - Detroit	195	163	84%
90 - Kearny	43	34	79%
96 - Dayton	80	78	98%
100 - Amsterdam	40	48	120%
102 - Detroit	32	31	97%
109 - Great Neck	19	19	100%
111 - Srs. Youngstown	15	15	100%
112 - Chicago	166	135	81%
113 - Linden	13	0	0%
116 - So. Worcester	46	44	96%
133 - Los Angeles	7	0	0%
134 - Cincinatti	17	0	0%
135 - Ansonia	48	45	94%
139 - Detroit	30	31	103%
Chicago Seniors	39	34	87%
Cleveland Seniors	41	45	110%
Los Angeles Seniors	35	28	80%
New York Seniors	22	22	100%
Pittsburgh Seniors	2	2	100%
So. Boston Seniors	37	33	89%

(Final totals will be presented at the convention.)

1970 SPIRITUAL PROGRAM

Our National Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Albert J. Contons, prepared a spiritual program for all K of L members and councils, which has appeared in each issue of the "Vytis".

He suggested a K of L READING CLUB for individual participation. The books selected were religious books which would help members gain a deeper and balanced insight of the religious questions of our day. If we have not already done so, we should read the February selection, "Who is Christ" by Anthony Padovano, Ave Maria Press, cost 95c and the May selection, "Apologetics and the Biblical Christ", Avery Dulles, S.J., Newman Press, cost \$1.50.

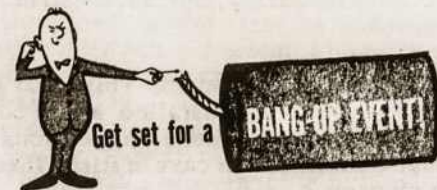
The September and November selections are: "Creation and Covenant", James Plastaras, Bruce Publ. Co., cost \$2.50 and "Popular History of the Catholic Church, Philips Hughes, MacMillan Co., cost \$1.95.

COUNCILS should continue their cooperation by planning religious discussions with the aid of their spiritual advisors. A talk on the topic, by a qualified person, plus discussion by the group in attendance, could be most stimulating and enlightening.

Most of our Districts and Councils observed and commemorated February 16th, Lithuanian Independence Day; March 4th, the feast day of St. Casimir, patron of the K of L and the Lithuanian youth; and May 13th, Consecration of Lithuanians to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima. Some of the Districts/Councils have already held their religious workshops or religious days. Those groups that have not should make arrangements to annually sponsor this type of event.

LITHUANIAN CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We have available the Lithuanian language instructional records CHILDRENS PLAYWAY TO LITHUANIAN which are now being sold at the reduced price of \$2.00 per set postpaid. We also have on hand the book LITHUANIA AND LITHUANIANS - A SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY which we are offering at \$2.00 per copy postpaid (Original price \$5.00). This is a good reference book which councils or individuals could donate to their local public libraries at this very low price. Orders for these items should be sent to Frank Gudelis, 129 Rita St., Dayton, Ohio 45404.



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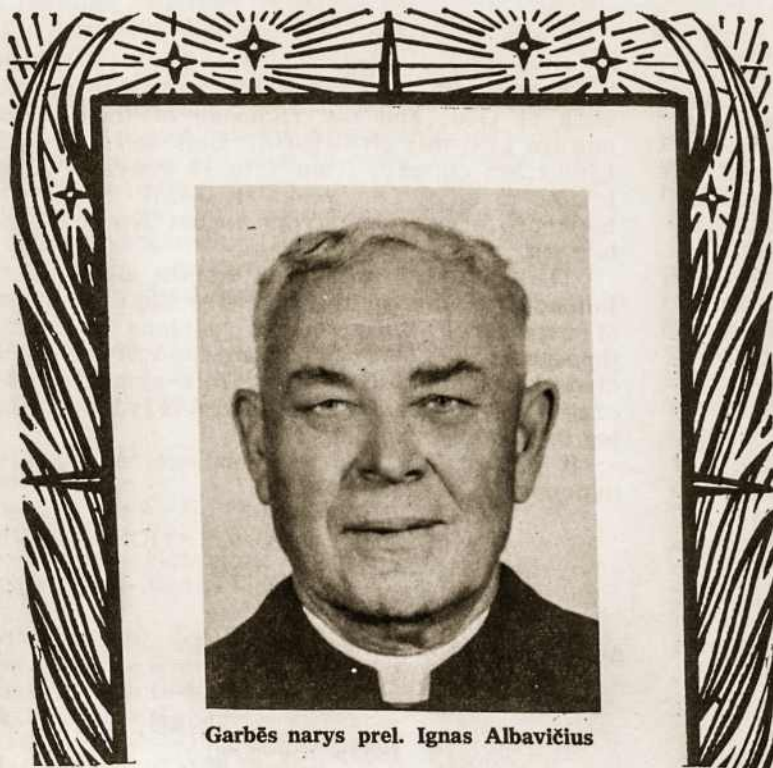
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CLEVELAND SENIOR ACTIVITIES. (Above) Official council photo with president Anthony Maciukas, holding the council charter, and Jozas Sadauskas. Standing Mary Trainy, Ignas Visockas and Rose Sankal. (Top right) April birthdayrites Edw. Pranckevicius, Mary Trainy and Jozas Sadauskas. (Bottom right) Seniors attend Cultural Garden Dinner with 22 nations represented. (Photos - S. Sankal)



May He Rest In Peace



Garbės narys prel. Ignas Albavičius

MIRĖ PREL. IGNAS ALBAVIČIUS

A. a. prel. Ignas Albavičius buvo didelė asmenybė. Velionis buvo vyčių organizacijos garbės narys, Lietuvos Gedimino ordeno kavalierius ir daugelio patrijotinių organizacijų narys ir visuomenės veikėjas. Vyčių organizacijai priklausė nuo 1916 metų.

A. a. prel. Ignas Albavičius gimė 1890 m. gražiausiame Lietuvos kampelyje Lazdijuose, Dzūkijoje. Kunigų seminariją baigė Seinuose, studinavo Gregoriano universitete Romoje. Nuo 1914 m. dirbo ir kunigavo JAV. Mirė 1970 m. balandžio 19 d. būdamas šv. Antano bažnyčios klebonu emeritu. Bėgyje savo kunigavimo velionis dirbo šv. Jurgio parapijoje ir Marijos Apvaizdos parapijoje, kurioje pastatė bažnyčią ir tapo pakeltas prelatu bei paskirtas šv. Antano parapijos klebonu, kuriuo išbuvo 26 metus. Buvo Balso organizacijos steigėjas, Katalikų Federacijos ir vyčių organizacijos nuolatinis narys, o vyčių sendraugių ilgametis dvasios vadas. Palaidotas šv. Kazimiero kapinėse 1970.IV.22.

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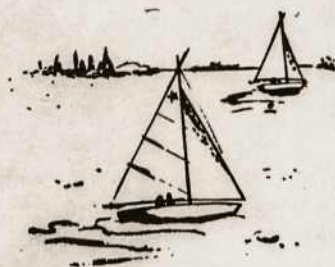
JUNIOR NEWS

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CAMP

DAINAVA

K of L WEEK - JULY 5 -12, 1970

Under the sponsorship of the Mid-Central District and under the direction and guidance of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, the K of L Camp Dainava Week will be held July 5th - 12th. Swimming, religious instruction, hiking, handicraft, language classes, Indian lore, baseball, volleyball, nature explorations, folk dancing, movies - All this and More during our camp week! For details, contact the Mid-Central District President Vincent Ed. Pavis. Illinois-Indiana District Juniors and all other Juniors are welcome!

CAMP DAINAVA
MANCHESTER, MICHIGAN

CAMP

NERINGA

Give your children the opportunity to experience the beauty of nature, the joy of friendship, the closeness of God, and the richness of the Lithuanian culture at CAMP NERINGA. Children interested in Lithuanian culture, from 7 to 15 years of age, are invited to enjoy two weeks at CAMP NERINGA in Marlboro, Vermont from August 29th to September 5th.

The camp is sponsored by the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, who have had over 25 years of experience in directing various youth camps throughout the country and Canada. Activities will include Lithuanian folk-dancing, folk-singing, arts and crafts, sports, and discussions. Everyday will bring joy into your youngsters heart!

If you would like to be a counselor or for further information please write:

CAMP NERINGA
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CONVENT
PUTNAM, CONN. 06260
(203) 928-5828

After June 15th: CAMP NERINGA
R.F.D. #4
BOX 134 C
W. BRATTLEBORO, VT.
(802) 254-8090





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COUNCIL AN AWARD

As you read this combined June-July issue of the "Vytyis" there is less than one month remaining in the Dues Payments and Membership Drive contests. July 10th is the cut-off date for everything - for bringing in council dues, gaining more than 100% enrollments, and earning individual points for enrolling new members. Only five points toward the special individual awards will be credited until July 10th for each newly signed member. This cut-off date, however, applies only to the contests - please continue collecting delinquent dues and enrolling new members for the greater benefit of the K of L.

Although three councils were welcomed this past month into the 100% paidup status, only one was prompt enough to earn an award position in its council category. C-7 Waterbury turned in dues for its 102nd member, thereby securing 1st Place among councils that had 60 to 99 members last year. By signing up more than its 1969 enrollment of 99, Waterbury also put itself into the midst of the new member contest. Not only that, but C-7 boosted itself into the largest council category for next year.

Congratulations are also in order for New York Seniors and C-109 Great Neck, who also brought their enrollments up to 100%. As both councils are in the 11 to 29 Member category, they tied for 4th place, just short of being eligible for the special awards.

Here are the leading Councils:

NO. 1 - 10 MEMBERS AND LESS

- 1st Place - C-61 Paterson
- 2nd Place - Pittsburgh Seniors

NO. 2 - 11 TO 29 MEMBERS

- 1st Place - C-111 Seniors, Youngstown
- 2nd Place - C-25 Cleveland
- 3rd Place - C-1 Brockton
- 4th Place - New York Seniors) Tie
- 4th Place - C-109 Great Neck)

NO. 3 - 30 TO 59 MEMBERS

- 1st Place - Cleveland Seniors) Tie
- 1st Place - C-100 Amsterdam)
- 2nd Place - C-12 New York
- 3rd Place - C-19 Pittsburgh) Tie
- 3rd Place - C-139 Detroit)

NO. 4 - 60 TO 99 MEMBERS

- 1st Place - C-7 Waterbury

NO. 5 - 100 AND MORE MEMBERS

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These standings obviously indicate that the larger councils are not getting their dues paid nor enrolling new members at the vigorous pace of previous years. Not one of the largest councils has reached 100% in dues payments. They have only until July 10th to do so. Even the achieving of 100% after that date will not reinstate eligibility in the contests.

Remember, special awards will be presented at the convention in Chicago for three separate, though interrelated, contests. Councils achieving 1st through third place in each of the five council categories of the Dues Payment Drive will receive awards. Those councils obtaining 100% paidup status in the Dues Payment Drive are eligible for the Membership Drive. Each council reaching the greatest per capita net increase in membership of its category will receive a special award. As there are five council categories, there will be five Membership Drive awards to councils.

In addition, individual K of Lers are credited with points for signing up new members - 10 points for each new member signed before April 1, 1970, and 5 points thereafter until July 10th. First and second place awards are presented to individuals earning the most points as members of smaller councils (under 50 members), and larger councils (50 members and more). Thus, at least four individuals can earn special awards. Ties are awarded with separate presentations, and there are special provision for recognizing outstanding individual achievements in membership enrollment.

Although the cut-off date is near, every council is still eligible for the New Member Drive contest, as long as they can reach 100% in dues payments before July 10th. It is not too late!

LEON PAUKSTA
Membership Vice-President

See page for Membership Standings.

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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

IID Taitytė
Since there's very little more important on our minds than the Convention, we'll start this month's resume of District activities with a few more capsule highlights of our various chairmen.

There have been Convention Balls and Convention Balls, but we believe this one will top them all - with Chairman Vince Samaska's plans for two bands, giving us continuous music for dancing and entertainment. If our standard combo doesn't move you to the dance floor, we'll have a Hawaiian Orchestra to entice you and their rhythmic dancer to entertain while you relax. You will want to come early for this affair.

Trinidad, Isle of intrigue and pleasure, will be our private Isle of sheer enjoyment Friday Nite for the Cruise on the "Trinidad", as planned by Jet Setter Chairman Leon Pauksta, for the Jet Setters of the K of L who like an interesting afternoon business session at the Sheraton and an evening of relaxation at some other port.

Cocktails in the Crystal Foyer and Dinner in the Grand Ballroom will be the setting for the Grand Finale of the Convention Sunday Evening. Each and every conventioner will be our distinguished guest and Banquet Co-Chairmen Ancy and Dolores Yuknis with their talents and experience in gracious hosting will leave nothing to be desired for the climax of our Convention.

There are many other programs and duties which add to overall success of a Convention and next time we will try to give you a glimpse of what these other events chairmen have in store.

In the meantime, our normal District activities go on. The Choir

held its second dance this year... and a second success, thanks to the Choir President and Chairman Vytautas Bilitavicius and the Committee. Besides some of the guests taking home a variety of "goodies" they had won in the raffle, all enjoyed the Choir's short and delightful musical program and another social evening with friends.

There was also a great deal of Lithuanian melodies ringing out from the K of L hall on the occasion of the 30th Wedding Anniversary of the Choir's Past President John Auksciunas and Jadvyga Auksciunas. Congratulations to this still very young, very active and very K of L involved couple - Jonas ir Jadvyga.

Needless to say, K of L's were represented at the myriad of other organization activities and affairs in April and May, among the many were the S.L.A. Banquet, the Lithuanian TV Anniversary Dinner-Dance and this year's presentation of the Lithuanian Opera of Chicago "Likimo Galia", Verdi's

"La Forza Del Destino". It is always that when we attend the opera performance, we see our own Algerd Brazis in one of the stellar roles.

Our past S. C. Financial Secretary Johanna Jakunas Shaputis is busy decorating and setting up housekeeping in their new house in Marquette Park. Happy New Home! Stella and Stanley Molis, our Convention Program Book Chairman, are also squeezing in some decorating and decorating in their new apartment, in between Convention meetings. And a Happy New Home to You!

Estelle Rogers and Adeline Jaisaitis have been acquaintances for some time, but last month they had a chance to become better acquainted, when quite by chance, for a one week period they were simultaneously fulfilling their duties as jurors. Methinks there was a little "Plaintiff-Defendant" but a lot more K of L discussion from 9 to 4 that week. Citizens Of The Year Awards to Estelle and Adeline.

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JUNE

- 6- "AVENUE OF FLAGS" DINNER-DANCE, sponsored by the Don Varnas and Darius-Girenas A.L. Posts, D-G Memorial Hall, Chicago, Ill.
- NYNJ District MEETING, Bayonne, N.J.
- II District MEETING, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill
- 18- "A DAY OF HISTORY AND TRADITION, Chicago Historical Society Tour with Luncheon at Germania Club, Women's Guild, Balzekas Museum, Chicago, Ill.
- 20- Chicago Lithuanian Women's Club presentation of the 1970 Debutantes, AMBER BALL, South Shore County Club, Chicago, Ill.

JULY

- 3- 4 IID, annual INDEPENDENCE DAY DANCE and PICNIC, K of L Gardens and Hall, Chicago, Ill.
- 5-12 K of L CAMP DAINAVA WEEK, Manchester, Mich., sponsored by the Mid-Central District.
- 19- CAPTIVE NATIONS PARADE, Chicago, Ill.
- 19- NED FRIENDLY OUTING, Host Father V. Puidokas, Congamond Lake, Southwick, Mass.

AUGUST

57th NATIONAL CONVENTION. See convention schedule for details.

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENTS

Deadline for the August-September (Pre-Convention) issue will be JULY 5th. The October 1970 (issue will feature the 57th National Convention. No council news or other articles will appear. Please hold your articles until the November issue - deadline October 5th.)



Members Irene Rakaitis, Jonas Auksciunas, Albina Gaides, Bruno Gramont and Vince Samaska enjoying and working at a recent IID function. (Photos - V. Noreika)



CHICAGO, ILL., C-36

Recently C-36 voted to donate to the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture's Library, the various books and publications no longer used by the council. Jurgis Kasakaitis, head librarian and Stanley Balzekas, Jr. were honored to receive this donation as it showed the cultural tie between two fine organizations.

Pictured above are: Stanley Balzekas, Jr., C-36 president Vincent Samaska, Peter Butkus, Helen Pius, Napoleon Sapkus, Alex Budris, Kazimiera Petrulis, Mrs. Burba, Sally Chernius, Jerome Jankus, Frank Svelnis and Irene Norusis. (Photo - J. Kasakaitis)

CHICAGO, ILL., C-112

1970 seems to be the year of success. Council member Vyto Bilitavicius, president of the IID Choir, saw not one but two highly profitable choir affairs - the first at Pakstas' Hall and the second at the K of L Hall, and now council financial secretary, Al Dagis, chairmanned a most successful "Night in Madrid" at the K of L Hall. With such lead-offs, we know the IID's July 3-4 Dance - Picnic and the 57th National Convention will follow suit.

A "Night-in-Madrid" was really a gala affair with many guests which included members of both the Don Varnas and the Darius-Girenas A.L. Posts. The farthest traveling guests were Stella and Vincent Ed. Pavis of the 111 Srs., in Youngstown, Ohio. Mr. Pavis is the current president of the Mid-Central District and is a former

president of the IID. Can anyone else match that record?

The entertainment committee led by guitar-strumming Gerrie Mockus and her singing ensemble, Ruth Dagis, Monica Kasper, Julie Zakarka, Birute Baskauskas, Estelle Rogers, Al Shulicke, Al Zakarka, Pete Gagle, Al Dagis, Vladas Paliulionis and their friend - the Spanish Flea (Al Samaska) did an outstanding job. And the Spanish dancing trio - Julie, Birute and Estelle - will long be remembered.

As a tribute to the deceased veterans buried at the two Lithuanian cemeteries, the Darius-Girenas and the Don Varnas American Legion Posts planned a special project. This project, the "Avenue of Flags" was completed at St. Casimir's Lithuanian Cemetery this year. Lithuanian National Cemetery's "Avenue" should be completed next year. Fifty American flags lined the entrance-way to the cemetery and were centered with three main flags - the American, the Lithuanian, and the flag of the Chicago Archdiocese. The Lithuanian flag-pole and flag was donated by the Illinois-Indiana District and its councils. Several council members also donated flag-poles in memory of a deceased veteran of their family. Following the Memorial Day Mass, the "Avenue" dedication was held, with a special luncheon at the D-G Memorial Hall. The "Avenue of Flags" is truly a commendable project for which coordinator John Evans, Andy Anderson and the other K of Lers involved should be congratulated.

In order to defray the cost of the "Avenue of Flags", the two A.L. posts are sponsoring a dinner-dance on Sat., June 6 at the D-G Memorial Hall. 112'ers and



John Evans and Irene Sankus viewing one of the first "Vytyis" issues at the Balzekas Museum. (Photo - A. Raubiskis)



YOU CAN BE THE "VYTIS" EDITOR!!!

Due to the resignation of the "VYTIS" Editor, inquiries and applications for the position are being accepted. Send your letters to the President or current Editor today. Addresses shown on page 2.

other K of L members plan to join the members of D-G's and Don Varnas for this affair.

The council will hold a summer hiatus - no regular meetings during the months of July and August - so that our members will be well rested and available for their many duties as active members of the national convention committee.

Following the Newark convention, Helen Zimmer of C-36 and Irene Sankus journeyed to Boston to pay-off a White Sox-Red Sox wager and recently Al Jaritis, of C-17 and NED president, paid a surprise visit to Chicago when the BlackHawks nosed out the Boston Bruins for the Eastern Division Hockey title. Al Raubiskis, Helen and Irene really enjoyed that steak dinner, Al J! While in Chicago, Mr. Jaritis visited with the Convention Planning Committee at the choir dance and gave his approval to their plans, the hotel and other extra circular activities planned. One question - now that the Bruins won the Stanley Cup, does it mean Helen, Irene and Al R. are planning a visit to Boston?

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

NED SKB
The NED Spring Convention, held at Ansonia, Conn., with C-135 as hosts, began with Mass at 10:30 A.M., and sessions starting at 2:30 P.M.

NED president Albert Jaritis presided and the opening prayer was said by host pastor, Rev. Sabulis. After the singing of the American and Lithuanian anthems and the K of L Hymn, led and accompanied by Prof. Aleksis, greetings were extended by Father Sabulis and C135 president Alphonse Ba-

rauskas, NED Spiritual Advisor Rev. Albin Janiunas, and National Spiritual Advisor Rev. Albert Con-ton.

Recording secretary's report was given by Irene Adomaitis and due to the absence of treasurer Bill Wisnauskas (who was married the day before), his report was read by the president. Reports of the committee chairmen and the council presidents were also presented. The mandate report, presented by Susan K. Boroskas, showed that 11 district officers, 8 council representatives, 4 clergy, 43 delegates, 5 honorary members, and 11 guests were present.

Resolutions were read and approved: thanking the host pastor and council; greetings to be sent to the following priests celebrating their 25th anniversary in priesthood - the Reverends Walter Pransketis, Alphonse Volungis, John Vernatonis, Alphonse Jansonis and Francis Pranskus; donations to be sent to the following - Lithuanian Martyrs Chapel in Rome and the National Scholarship Fund; inquiry to the Supreme Council regarding the status of the Non-Lithuanian Spouse resolution.

Rita Pinkus of the National Ritual Committee awarded 3rd Degrees to Lillian Norwood, Eva Uravich, Peter Gumbalevich and Stanley Bvainskas all of C-135.

Father Vilciauskas of Waterbury was present and addressed the convention. Carol Wisnauskay, a student at the University of Connecticut, attended as a guest of Sue Boroskas and briefly addressed the delegates as to her thoughts and views on what she had absorbed during the day and through her correspondence on Lithuanians in America.

The K of L Workshop moderated by Joseph Sakaitis of Worcester was very well received and as a result, handbooks will be printed for the councils.

Following the meeting, a buffet was served by the ladies of C-135. Everyone enjoyed the evening of socialibility and especially Larry Svelnis' display of old "Vytis" issues and photographs.

WORCESTER, MASS. C-26

" Dzūkėlė!"

We hear so much these days about generation gap, but in the K of L it should be inconceivable that an age problem would ever exist. Every group needs young blood. In fact, it's the life line to the future of our organization. A seasoned member needn't adopt a defeatist attitude because younger members are seemingly taking over. This is wonderful. However, even the brightest and most fired-up young people have a lot to learn about the K of L and one has to admit that nothing is better for the ego of an older member than to have someone ask for advice. The experienced member is in an excellent position to help and guide the younger member, "I give to you and you give to me" should be our motto. How could we possibly lose, having this attitude within an organization?

Wedding congratulations to



Lorna Davis and Ronald Walinsky who will be married on Jun. 13. Ron's brother, Steve, will be best man. Graduation congratulations to Janet Ginkus (Edwina and Francis' daughter), who will graduate in June from Worcester State College; to Ann and John Bender's daughters (Helen graduating from Anna Maria College and Patricia from Ascension High). There are more and we'll tell you about them in another issue. Frances Grigas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Grigas celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary earlier this year, and so we add our sincere congratulations here as well.

In his usual unselfish manner, our president, Val Baziliauskas, appointed his secretaries, Ann Bender and Olga Kersis, to represent our council at Father Alphonse Volungis' Silver Jubilee on Apr. 19. Father Al was once our spiritual director, and it was a joy to be part of the festivities.

C-135 along with their pastor, Father Savulis, certainly hosted a fine District Convention, which was held in Ansonia, Conn. on Apr. 26. Joseph Sakaitis, Mary Jankowski, Anne Bacinskas, Olga Kersis, chauffeured by Rita Pinkus, all attested to a delightful time. They knew they were on the right road, but when they spotted a police cruiser on the side of a road in Ansonia, stopped to ask if St. Anthony's was much further ahead. The two police officers asked them to follow, and escorted them right to the church door. A salute to Ansonia's finest!

Our spiritual director's name day fell on our meeting night, Apr. 14. After the meeting, a cake was presented to Father Steponaitis and we sang "Ilgiausių Metų". Candles which cannot be blown out were used and we laughed heartedly while watching Father try to extinguish the tiny flames. He caught on quickly, and all of us had a most pleasant evening celebrating St. Justin's Day.

The bowlers did their best and good or bad the bowling scores and team standings are now complete, but will be announced at the bowling banquet. Full details on our council picnic, held on May 31, and our Mother's Day commemoration will be offered in the next issue.

In closing, all of us join together in wishing all fathers a most Happy Father's Day!

SO. WORCESTER, MASS., C-116

Darata
The council bowling league ended with a delightful banquet Apr. 25 at the Colonial Club in Webster, Mass. Team No. 4 came in first place with Bob Paluses as captain. His teammates were Marion Lukason, Father Urban, Ann Yurkinas and Joe Balukonis.

Giving them a good fight and ending up in second place was Team No. 1 captained by John Yurkinas. Helping on the team were Irene Ostrowski, Mary Mrozinski, Dot Sinkavitch and John Savage.

Special awards of crying towels were given to Bob and John.

Team No. 2 captained by Bart March came in third place, and, last but not least, was Team No. 3 John Andruska, captain. Everyone on these teams received crying towels for better luck next year!

John Savage (hi average 110.9) - Bob Paluses (hi triple 376) - Bill Simkonis (hi single 153) and Dorothy March (hi average 96.0) - Ann Yurkinas (hi triple 332) - Dorothy Sinkavitch (hi single 123).

Father Gene Borek who is now chaplain at St. Vincent's Hospital presented the awards. He was on one of the losing teams. Better luck next year, Father! C-116 presented Father Gene a new reel for his fishing pole a few weeks back and he has been catching fish like mad. John Yurkinas got so excited he dropped his pipe in the lake.

We already have two new members eager to sign up for next season, Carol Tamulavich and Bill Borek. Our thanks go to Dot and Bart March for all their hard work.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Frank Ciras, who passed away in April. His loss will be felt in our council. Frank took charge of the K of L ski weekend to Purity Springs, and this would have been his twentieth year.

Welcome to Rev. John Bakanas to Our Lady of Vilna and C-116.

Anthony Miner and Dot Sinkavitch are proud owners of new cars. Tony got a chance to break in his car taking Stanley Grigas, Mrs. Irene Adamaitis, Ann Miller and Dot Sinkavitch to the NED Convention in Ansonia, Conn. on Apr. 26.

An auction was held after one of our monthly meetings, and some of

our members made out very well. Ann Miller looks chic in her new hat. We can't figure out what Barbara Mazeika will do with all those bow ties! Ruth Ciras was so eager to bid she got an empty paper bag. Millie Lapinskas was happy with the big mirror she bid on. Mrs. Stanley Wackell now has a big coffee cup to stretch that coffee break.

Well it's off again, this time to Europe, for Mary and Vic Mrozinski and Grace and Joe Balukonis. This foursome certainly likes to travel.

Marion Lukason now has a new sewing machine. It seems her diets never work out, so she intends to make bigger dresses, and not worry.

We hope Louis Totilas will be on the road to recovery after a stay in the hospital.

Rita Skamarock never really knew how important Stop signs are until someone went through one and plowed into the back of her car which was just a year old. Luckily one one was hurt. In a short time her car became very compact!

MID CENTRAL DISTRICT



DETROIT, MICH., C-79

JOSEPH CHAPS, the current financial secretary of the K of L's largest council, is striving to reach another 200 total in membership. Joe is not only active in C-79, but also in the Democratic 25th District's Council Corresponding secretary. He is employed as a Records Co-ordinator at the Ex-Cell-O Corporation.

DAYTON, OHIO, C-96 FBP

Results of the Mid West Bowling Tournament will be in the next edition. But apologies to Pat Zelinskas. We left Pat's name out of the Saturday night listing of the tournament committee.

'Den Parents' for the month of April for our Juniors were Joe and Eleanor Mantz. After the order-of-business, under guidance of Jr. Advisors Kitty Prasmantas and Elinor Sluzas, Joe and Eleanor assisted by Frank Petkus put out a light lunch. Desserts being the frozen left-overs from the council's bake sale! This was then followed up with a bowling session. Everyone, even the grownups, enjoyed this. Never saw so many gutter balls!

NAMES IN THE NEWS: Making the annual men's retreat this year to Milford, Ohio were George Mikalauskas, Jim Richey and Alex Pietrzak... Sam Bakanauskas made his retreat earlier in the year at Bergemo, Dayton... Only woman in the council this year to go to the Dominican Retreat House of Dayton was Rita Ambrose.

Speedy recovery to Joe Gudelis who is at the Veterans Hospital in Dayton undergoing tests... Our president, Joe Noreikas, is wished a quick recovery from his recurring leg problems... We are sure happy Ann Scott got over her sudden illness with no difficulty.

Congratulations go to Cathy Mantz on her engagement to Jerry Robert. Jerry is a member of our parish's mens choir... What's this we hear? A surprise 'blast' was held for Rita Ambrose on her April birthday. By the way, believe it if you see it - a new Toyota in the

North Dayton area. It's Rita behind the wheel... joining ranks with the rest of us novice drivers.

A big 'fat' congratulation goes out to our bowling tournament chairman, Dave Petroski. Dave received his Masters Degree at the University of Dayton on Apr. 26. We are happy to know that Dave, a Detroit, will continue to remain on our midst... Graduation congratulations also go to Janet Veigel, who received her BS in education at Wright State University. Janet will go on to teach Debate in English at Fairmont West High School in Dayton.

A 'welcome back' is extended to Jim and Joan Kavalauskas who have rejoined the council... Our prayers and wishes for a safe return from his sojourn to Vietnam goes with Mike Veigel. Mike and his brother Bob, a K of L'er going to school in Conn., did get together before Mike left.

We are happy to know that Joe Mantz and Eloise Berczelly both came through their minor-out-patient surgeries with no complications... After our May 1 bowling session... heading for Marion's Pizza House... with 'glasses raised on high'. We toasted our M.D. recipient, Dave Petroski.

May birthday greetings are sent out to Sally Miller, Rev. Titus Narbutas, Veronica Omlor, Henry Pant, Charles Petkus, Alice Petkus, Dave Petroski, Joe Sinkwitz, C. Mike Wilemaitis and Joe Ryan. Anniversary congratulations are wished to John and Eloise Berczelly, Joe and Eleanor Mantz, Ernie and Veronica Omlor and our Syracuse, New York, members Frank and Irene Petrauskas.

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A hearty welcome is extended to two new members - Vince Klucens and Al Bunikis. Vince is the artist who made the striking poster in St. Anthony's vestibule announcing our Dinner Dance.

The Dinner-Dance, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of C-102 in Detroit, will take place on Sept. 26 at the Venetian Club, one of the Detroit area's newest and most beautiful halls. The committee is hard at work to make this an exceptionally memorable evening for all. The Joe Stark Orchestra, long a favorite of Detroiters has been engaged to provide the music. A souvenir booklet featuring pictures of our Charter Members is in the editing stages. We hope all of our former members and friends will keep this



NY-NJ DISTRICT'S ST. CASIMIR'S BREAKFAST. (Left) Father Stasys Raila, guest speaker NY State Assemblyman John T. Flack and Anthony Mazeika, Sr., pres. NY Seniors. (Right) Dist. Pres. Anne Klem presents 3rd Degree awards to Nancy Kober (accepted by Mary Kober), Regina Schmidt, Helen Radisch as H.M. Frank Vaskas looks on .
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date open and come help us celebrate our Golden Anniversary. Reservations may be made by calling or writing any of our officers.

Ann Uznis has returned from her lovely long vacation and reports her trip to the orient surpassed all expectations. Together with her brother, sister-in-law, and niece she toured Japan and Expo 70, continued on to Taiwan, Hong Kong and finished up with a delightful stay in Hawaii.

Our sincerest condolences are offered to Mary Ann Juodwalkis on the recent loss of her father.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

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The NY-NJ district celebrated the feast of their patron on Sun. Mar. 15 at Brooklyn, N.Y. with C41 and the NY Seniors acting as hosts for the day. The membership received Communion at the 11 AM Mass in Annunciation Church, followed by a breakfast in the parish hall, where Anthony J. Mazeika of the NY Seniors served as toastmaster. Talks were given by: Rev. Anthony Rackauskas, spiritual director of the NY Seniors; district president Miss Ann Klem; assemblyman John Flack; and guest speaker the Rev. Stasys Raila, who gave a very interesting and timely talk on our patron saint. There were also speakers representing several organizations in Annunciation parish.

President Ann Klem presented third degree metals and certificates to Helen Radisch and Regina Schmidt, both of Newark C29 and Miss Nancy Kober of Great Neck C109. Assisting president Klem in the ceremony was your correspondent. The morning activity closed with prayer.

A district meeting took place at 3 PM in the Lithuanian Franciscan cultural center. It was called to order by president Klem and opened with prayer by Rev. Raila, who gave a short talk stressing on membership. In particular he placed much emphasis on the necessity of organizing junior groups and re-activating junior groups in our

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area. Miss Klem also gave a talk. Anthony Mazeika extended greeting on behalf of the NY Seniors. Minutes of the October meeting held in Kearny, N.J. were read and accepted. Five councils were represented at this session.

Dr. Jack J. Stukas national president extended greetings on behalf of Supreme Council. A donation was given towards the upkeep of district bulletin. A donation was also given towards an ad in the journal sponsored by the radio program "Laisvės Žiburiai".

Yours truly and Helen Kulber gave report on public relations work.

The meeting closed with prayer by national president Stukas.

AMSTERDAM, N.Y., C-100

Smile and Sparkle

Peter Hayes played host to our wonderful Prof. Joseph Olsauskas on Mar. 19 - St. Joseph's Day. Prof. thought the invitation was only for himself, Ann Baltuska, Donald Holleran and Gene Gobis... He was really surprised when a large gang appeared. First to arrive were

Ginny Miciulis, Irene Wood with Don, Gene and Julia Mikenas coming immediately behind them. As Prof. and Ann drove in, Stanley and Birute Raliai showed up. Prof. started to smell something FISHY about the entire deal. Immediately thereafter, Matt and Isabelle Orante came and tagging along their footsteps were Aldona and Paul Abeling and Irene and Les Dampfier. Next to arrive were Leonard and Regina Hartvigis with Stanley and Susana Lekutis. Prof. Olsauskas's records were played as background music. Ann Baltuska borrowed them from Lenny Hartvigis' collections. We asked the guest of honor to play Peter's electric organ and a number of the guests joined their mellow voices in the singing of Lithuanian folk songs.

A late supper was served. Pictures were taken by Matt Orante and Gene Gobis.

Father Baltch made it in time for the presentation of the gifts to Prof. by Lenny Hartvigis. A special name day card was prepared through the efforts of Ann Baltuska and artist Adolf Begonis. It is something which our dear Joe will treasure for many, many

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years. A huge cake in honor of Prof's name day was presented to him by Matt and Isabelle Orante. Irene Wood did the honors of cutting it.

One person was missing - Milda Zemaitis - she had helped Peter with the arrangements. No one knew why Milda did not show. As many people bid their farewells, the telephone rang... yep, it was Milda! She had been at the Albany airport to pick up her daughter who was arriving. There were still a few left when they arrived at Pete's. NEWS BITS: Mildred and Cindy Thomas flew to Hawaii for a 12 day vacation. They had a perfectly fabulous time! Neither wished to return home. Both were sporting beautiful tans... Matt Orante is planning a return trip to Lithuania

on May 28.

Birthday greetings to our new members celebrating their birthdays in April... Stanley Stankes (Apr. 6), Helen Druziak (Apr. 28) and to our Pauline Urban (Apr. 26) and our president's wife, Ann Radzevich (Apr. 7). Those in May, Aldona Abeling (May 21) and Isabelle Orante (May 25.)

June is here and there are many K of L'ers having birthdays - Gene Gobis (Jun. 1), Matt Orante (Jun. 4), Edna Stokna (Jun. 11), Tony Radzevich (Jun. 10), and Peter Hayes (Jun. 29). In addition, our national legal advisor, Tony Stokna and wife Edna will be having a wedding anniversary on Jun. 29.

To one and all health, wealth and much happiness is wished by our council members.

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C-100 Amsterdam members and host Peter Hayes surprised Prof. Jos. Olsauskas with a gala event on the occasion of St. Joseph's Day. (Photos - Matt Orante and Gene Gobis)