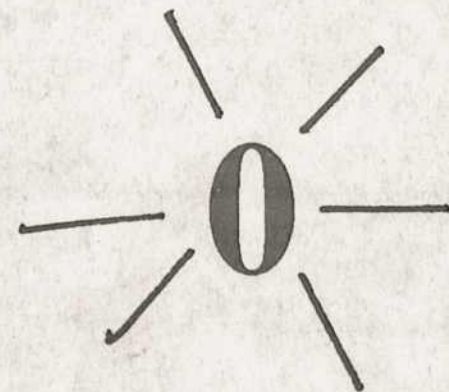
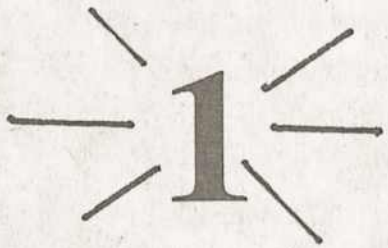
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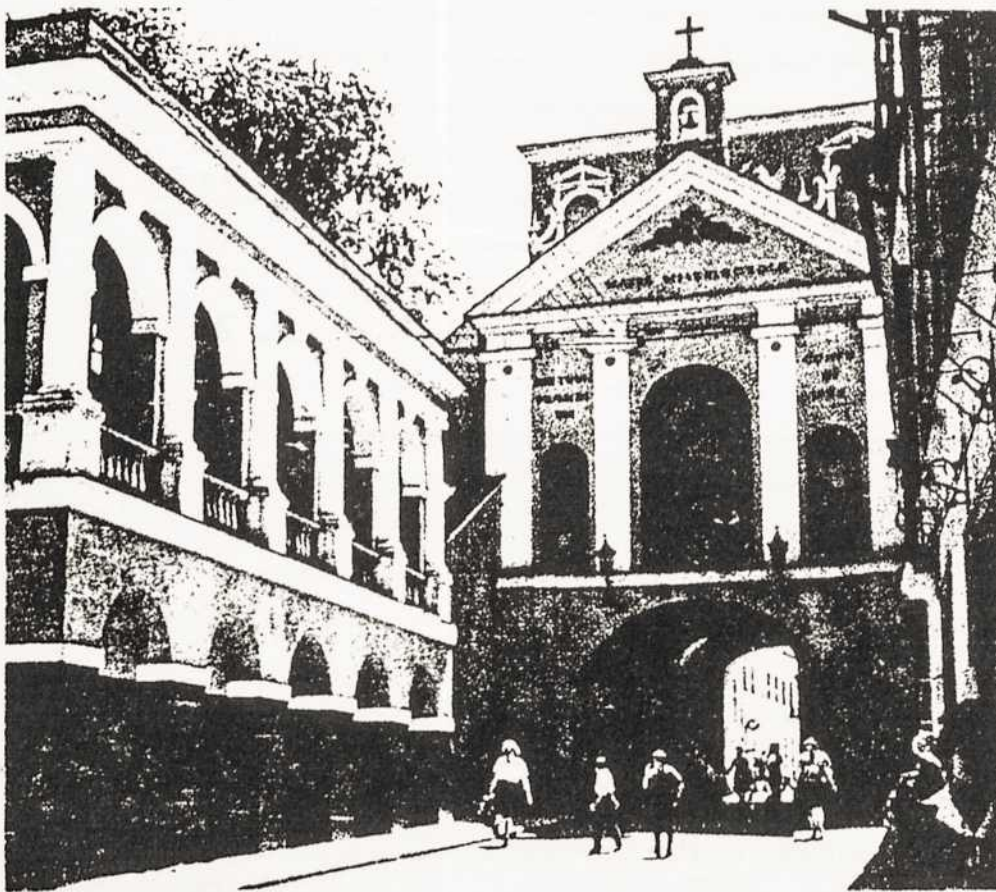
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VILNIUS - Capital of Lithuania

Vilnius is cherished as Lithuanian's homeland, the political and cultural center of the centuries-old nation and as the capital of Lithuania.

People lived on the present site of the town in the early centuries A.D. They chose for their settlement a picturesque and strategically important location not foreseeing that it would be destined to play a major role in the course of history of the Baltic tribes. Archaeological finds testify that an important trade route was passing through the mouth of the Vilna River connecting Vilnius with Eastern Europe.

The year 1323 is officially considered the foundation date of Vilnius. That year the Lithuanian Grand Duke Gediminas sent out letters to West European countries inviting craftsmen and



Aušra Vartai

tradesmen to the "royal town" to make it grow faster and stronger.

In medieval times Vilnius grew and prospered. Skillful curriers, gunsmiths, glass blowers and jewelers were toiling in its numerous guilds. The Vilnius of the day is seen in the remains of the Upper Castle and the defense wall, on the narrow and tangled streets of the Old Town, one of the largest in Europe. The medieval architecture of Vilnius, as if foreseeing Renaissance, focused on man, the only center of the universe. The Renaissance left a unique trace in the town's architecture. Its spirit is felt in the prevalent architectural styles of later epochs _ baroque and classicism. Gradually Vilnius became a city of vibrant cultural activities. In Vilnius Skoryna printed the

oldest Byelorussian and Latvian books. But the most important cultural undertakings were attributed to Vilnius University, which fostered progressive ideas, science, Lithuanian literature and national consciousness. In 1979 the 400th anniversary of Vilnius University, the oldest on the present territory of the Soviet Union, was widely marked. Today, every fourth specialist with a diploma of higher learning is a graduate of the University.

In the course of history, Vilnius endured periods of decline and stagnation. The end of the 19th century saw a rapid development of industry. People of various nationalities and beliefs came to Vilnius as its industry was short of man-power. Vilnius grew into the third largest town in the Russian Empire. At the same time, it became a major center of the revolutionary struggle. Under the impact of the October Revolution, the working people of Vilnius took power into their hands and in 1918 Lithuania was proclaimed a Soviet Socialist Republic. Very soon, however, Soviet power was suppressed by the local bourgeoisie.

Vilnius was devastated by the Second World War. Nearly half of its population was left homeless. The people of Vilnius heroically endured the hardships of the war and post-war period. Helped by other Soviet nations, they rebuilt their town with great love and imagination.

Once you have visited Vilnius, the memory of its reverie and unfading romanticism will remain with you. A spectacular setting and harmonious coexistence of old and new architecture account for the originality of the town. Urbanization did little damage to nature. Slowly meandering rivers, hills and pine-wood extending well into the city share the atmosphere with new residential areas and modern boulevards. Vast spaces and cozy courtyards of the Old Town, modern squares and graceful spires rising over the red-tiled roofs make the city an exciting place to visit.

The real face of the town is its people. The present day worker of Vilnius is more skilled and better educated, but more important, he has come to the realization that work is the only source of his well-being. The manufacturers of Vilnius export metal-cutting machine tools, drills, chemical goods, and other equipment to 80 countries of the world. Knowing that the prosperity of the whole country depends upon their creative initiative, they spare no effort in speeding up the progress of science and technology. Workers of Vilnius take great pride in their modern enterprises, neat working places, high standards of technical design and cultural establishments. They maintain friendly ties with their partners in the neighboring republics and



Three Cement Crosses blessed in June 1989. Crosses were demolished by Soviet Union in 1951 and later rebuilt by the Lithuanians.

abroad as international friendship serves their common goal - promotion of peace.

Vilnius, a town of half a million people, outgrew its old garment. New residential areas reach far into the hilly outskirts of the town. Their designers and builders continue the best traditions of urban architecture and landscaping. New housing developments of Vilnius reflect the republic's progress in many spheres of life.

Vilnius is the scientific and cultural center of the republic. At the beginning of the 20th century, the painter and composer M. K. Čiurlionis admitted with sorrow that cultural life of the provincial Vilnius was dormant. Today the applied research and linguistic investigations carried out at the scientific institutions of the town are known throughout the world. Vilnius is home of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences and its 11 research institutes. The town boasts of 7 higher educational establishments, 5 theaters, the State Philharmonic, Film Studio, 380 libraries, 14 museums and their branches, 5 publishing houses and 4 printing enterprises. The people foster the old and develop new traditions. Every year they gather in the Antakalnis cemetery to pay homage to those who fell as heroes for the welfare of the people. Great numbers of spectators and participants are drawn by such annual entertainment events. Every five years, thousands of singers, dancers and musicians gather to Vilnius to the National Song and Dance Festival. 🍏

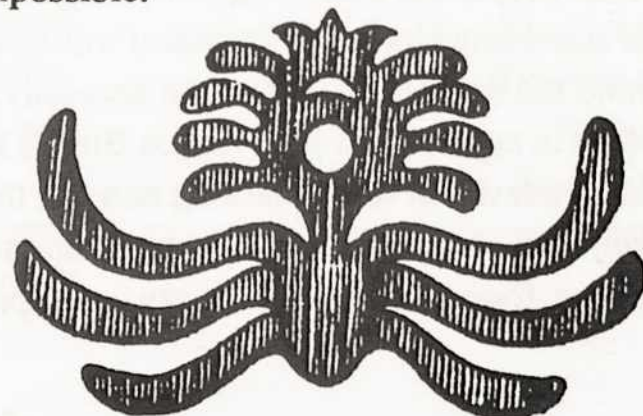
THE POWER OF PRAYER

By Leo Venckus

The recent political changes in Eastern Europe beginning with the demands of the Baltic people for freedom and democracy, and ending with Czechoslovakia, which toppled their Communist government within a week, commands the attention of the whole world. But especially the overcoming and opening of the Berlin wall that had a "Domino effect", came as a shock not only to the Communist leaders in Eastern Europe, but also to statesmen of the Western Nations, Presidents and politicians alike.

Although all of them, beginning with U.S. President J. F. Kennedy ("Ich bin ein Berliner") insisted that the wall should come down, nobody really expected this to happen without bloodshed, violence or even war. The Communist, having built this wall and established the so-called "Iron Curtain" separating their enslaved people from the Western world were so sure of their military strength, that they convinced themselves and the rest of the world that there was no power on earth to stop them from doing what they were doing. The Soviet dictator, Josif Stalin, on whose orders millions of people of various religious and political denominations were persecuted, tortured and killed, once scornfully and mockingly asked: "How many

Divisions has the Pope?" He was, of course, asking about military divisions. Stalin, who as a youth attended the Tiflis Theological Seminary (from which he was expelled) had forgotten that the power of prayer often acts much stronger than any military strength. He forgot that the millions of innocent people he enslaved and imprisoned, whose churches were confiscated and priests deported, that these deprived people were constantly praying in secret or openly, but always praying to God to free them from their slavery and misery. God answered their prayers and as a result prisoners were released, the barbed wire and the wall were removed and guns, tanks and bombs became harmless like children's toys. Therefore, let us never underestimate the power of prayers. With God's help nothing is impossible. 🍏



THE YEAR OF WONDERS

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As kids we used to sing, "London bridge is falling down." Now we can sing, "Berlin wall has fallen down." The collapse of communism's most visible symbol of repression has highlighted the extraordinary year of 1989, an "Annus Mirabilis" or "Year of Wonders," as the ancients used to call those seminal periods that change the course of history.

No one, not even Gorbachev, could have foreseen the wave of democratic-nationalist euphoria sweeping over eastern Europe. The single most striking event has been the migration of thousands of East Germans, many with small children, spilling over and through the regime's frontiers until they overwhelmed the authorities and forced open the Berlin wall.

But the shadow of the crumbling wall cannot obscure the extraordinary courage and skill of one man, Lech Walesa, the electrician who has turned the lights back on again in his native land. He has also shamed the United States into allocating somewhat larger amounts of financial assistance for the crucial early stages of Poland's return to democracy than the pitifully small tokens offered by our President earlier this year.

Whether this explosion of nationalism in eastern Europe would have happened at this time without the initial spark of Gorbachev's glasnost is debatable. What is not debatable is that the popular will in eastern Europe could not have been suppressed indefinitely. Just look at the faces of the demonstrating east Europeans and you will see masses of mostly young people. Born and reared under communism, they are living witnesses to its failure as a political and economic system. And so they are turning Marx's words in their head, saying in effect that they have nothing to lose but their communist chains.

A Role for the United States

There is no need for the United States, at this watershed point in history, to fish in the troubled waters of eastern Europe as Gorbachev is doing in Central America. But we can, and must, find ways to provide financial support adequate to ensure the ultimate victory of democracy in countries repudiating communism. Such an opportunity may not come again for a long time. The big obstacle, however, is our President's "no lips" fiscal policy and the Congress' equal lack of political courage to tell the American people the truth, that democracy has a price.

Another stumbling bloc is our President's anxiety to demonstrate beyond the dictates of diplomatic necessity, his resolve not to meddle in eastern Europe. Witness Bush's listless reaction on global television to the startling news of the breaching of the Berlin wall. As the leader of the non-communist world, he could have found something to say appropriate to this

dramatic vindication of American postwar policy, without giving the impression of chauvinism or saber rattling. Imagine what the peoples of the Soviet bloc, risking their very lives to achieve freedom, must have felt when they saw our President, stumbling about for a few neutral words. Contrast this performance to Kennedy's ringing words at the Berlin wall when he declared, "Ich bin ein Berliner," words that gave voice and hope to the appropriations of millions behind the Iron Curtain.

Implications for Lithuania

Where does all this leave Lithuania and the other non-Russian "constituent republics" (code words for occupied nations)? First, remember that Poland, East Germany and the other satellite countries have enjoyed a nominal sovereignty since the end of World War II, spurious though it may have been. But the occupied countries, like Lithuania, fenced in behind the artificial barriers of the Soviet Union, have had no such advantage. They are considered de facto and de jure integral members of the Soviet Union. Despite improvements in their political and religious status, Gorbachev has made it abundantly clear that, for them, glasnost can be stretched only so far as the frontiers of the Soviet Union and no further.

For reasons of his own, Gorbachev, a pragmatic communist, appears willing to accept a relaxation of Moscow's control over the Soviet bloc countries, so long as they remain within the political-military alliance of the Warsaw Pact. How much of a relaxation remains yet to be seen. Gorbachev's reasons presumably have much to do with facilitating badly-needed reform of their bankrupt economies and relieving Moscow of the burden of acting as their jailer and policeman. But if any of the "constituent republics" like Lithuania broke away, it would mean the beginning of the end for the Soviet Union. This is the crucial - and tragic - difference between the Polish and Lithuanian positions today. Talk of "dominion" or "commonwealth" status for the captive nations is both premature and probably unrealistic.

There are ominous signs, moreover, that the struggles of the non-Russian nations in the Soviet Union may be nearing a crisis. While the West is virtually hypnotized by the great drama unfolding with incredible speed in Poland, East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria, a drama of a different sort is being played out of the range of television cameras.

One act in this other drama was reported in the Washington Post. Rising disillusion with the delay in granting the "constituent republics" more say in their own affairs recently came to a head when Lithuanian representatives in the Supreme Soviet

legislature in Moscow walked out in protest. Deputy after deputy thereupon lashed out against the Kremlin.

But even more significant has been the non-communist behavior of the Lithuanian Communist Party. The Post story went on to report that the Kremlin is reacting with "anxiety and anger" over plans of the Lithuanian Communist Party to divorce itself completely from Moscow's control, a big step on the road to full independence. The ruling Politburo considered this sufficiently alarming to summon the Lithuanian Party to the Kremlin where, however, the Lithuanians reportedly stood their ground.

The Post story shows the boldness and leadership of the Lithuanians and demonstrates that the arts of parliamentary democracy are being swiftly learned and applied. It also suggests that Gorbachev cannot much longer put off resolving these challenges to his authority which, unfortunately, will not have the media publicity now focused upon the Soviet bloc countries and therefore not the same degree of Western public support.

Malta

In the midst of the Soviet Bloc upheavals, Gorbachev has bluntly warned Bush and the West "not to export capitalism". George Will, the well-known political columnist, calls Gorbachev's warning "impertinent" and strongly urges that this is not the time for American timidity and reticence. Reticence, however, is the President's political style which, under today's circumstances, Will maintains is tantamount to appeasement.

It's probably, therefore, too much to expect President Bush to put in a good word at Malta for the Lithuanians and the other non-Russian captive nations. Another difficulty is of a much older origin. U.S. administrations, Democratic and Republican, have had a tendency to treat the Soviet Union as if it were another great power instead of one imbued with the Marxist-Leninist doctrine of exporting communism. Witness the immense amounts of military and economic assistance the USSR is still giving Afghanistan, Cuba, Nicaragua and El Salvador,

directly and indirectly, despite its own budgetary problems and economic stagnation.

In a revealing anecdote about the Yalta Conference, Charles Bohlen, one of the State Department's early Russian experts, called attention to this flaw in our negotiating style. Bohlen was the Russian language interpreter for our side at Yalta in 1945 which sealed the fate of eastern Europe behind the Iron Curtain. Here is what Bohlen says in his book Witness to History:

"...the Russians, in studying the text [of the Yalta Agreement] saw ... a loophole allowing them to promote their cause. The fact that we did not spot the loophole is another example of the lack of care that the Western Allies occasionally showed in their dealings with the Soviets, to whom even the last comma has meaning. Too often, we were more concerned not to appear to be nit-picking, than with defending a position by carefully watching small points."

Forty years later, we are still concerned not to appear nit-picking when dealing with the Soviets. Even with no agenda, let's hope that Bush doesn't allow Gorbachev to make Malta another Yalta.

By the time this appears in print, we may know at least part of the answer.

Postscript

This is the fifth time a change or addition was necessary on account of the swift pace of developments in east Europe. This morning, less than a week after the Post story mentioned above, another appeared which announced that Gorbachev has now promised to grant the Baltic countries the economic autonomy which the Lithuanian-led parliamentary rebellion had sought. It remains to be seen how this promise will be translated into concrete terms. The same article also warns that Gorbachev is very upset by the Baltics' behavior and continues to insist that they will not be allowed to cross the ultimate line of secession. (November 28, 1989). 🍏

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“Lithuania will move toward Independence Next Spring”

Arvydas Juozaitis, Sajudis Spokesman, discusses “Lithuanian Revolution”

Lithuania will move toward independence next spring, a member of the Sajudis Council declared in Washington on Sept. 27. Arvydas Juozaitis, an ideology adviser for the Lithuanian mass movement, said in an interview with Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty that Sajudis has made a commitment to achieve independence. It is moving toward independence “step-by-step”, but “the steps are getting faster”.

Juozaitis said that the 5-year term of the current Lithuanian Supreme Soviet was expiring and new elections would be held in January. He predicted that the Sajudis’ supporters would gain the majority in the legislature and that when it met for the first time next March or April, it would consider a declaration of independence.

The Sajudis spokesman suggested that the Soviet response to such a move would not be a military crackdown, but an economic boycott. In that case, Juozaitis said, Lithuania could apply for international support on humanitarian grounds: “We intend to raise our question as an international problem”.

The question of the Baltic countries is a common one, Juozaitis emphasized, “we march together”. If the Lithuanians are the first to declare independence, the issue will be raised on an international level as a joint question of all three Baltic states.

Juozaitis is confident of the strength of the independence movement despite stern warnings from Moscow that talk of separation is unacceptable. He said that if the Soviets were to resort to the use of force in the Baltic states, they would have to face great political and international complications. “That may be the strongest reason why the Russians are not seriously preparing to use force in the Baltic area,” he said.

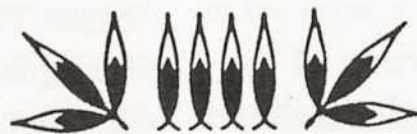
Juozaitis noted that Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze has assured the U.S. Secretary of State James Baker that the Soviet Union would not use force in the Baltic States. He said the Baltics reform movements are basing a lot on those statements.

Although Juozaitis sees the independence movement as a joint Baltic struggle, he recognizes that the strongest opposition to this movement probably existed in Latvia, where the Latvi-

ans have become a minority. According to him, in Lithuania, where the Lithuanians still are a solid majority, Sajudis has about 30% support among the Russian minority and there are moves to achieve a better understanding between the two communities. He emphasized that the reform movements are striving for real democratic societies in the Baltic States, and

that this includes all groups. “We are not trying to push out the Russians from the Baltic States or to impose on the Russian culture some restrictions that contradict international law and human rights”.

Juozaitis sees a democracy in Lithuania based on Western European models. He calls what is going on in the Baltic States a revolution and says: “You cannot predict the outcome of revolutions”. But, he adds, this revolution is peaceful and based on intellect. “Intellect is the strongest force in our revolution,” Juozaitis emphasizes.



Freedom Demonstrations in Lithuania

Lithuanian Communist Party Cautions Balts Not To Press Too Hard

The Lithuanian Communist Party leader Algirdas Brazauskas told The New York Times that there was neither any imminent likelihood of Moscow’s military crackdown against Lithuania nor any justification for it. However, “such measures have been taken in the past,” he said and “I cannot say that it is impossible”.

In an interview with Bill Keller, Brazauskas said things were “moving too fast” in the Baltic republics and cautioned the Balts not to push things too hard. The LCP leader said that while he favored the creation of a sovereign Lithuania within the Soviet Union, he agreed with the majority of his compatriots that Lithuania itself has the legal right to decide the question of secession.



Elta

DID YOU KNOW!

The Lithuanian race is said to be about 5000 years old. The first recorded mention of Lithuania was by the Roman historian, Tacitus, in the year AD 89. He praised their methods of farming.

Baltimore hosts long-suppressed Baltic nationalists

By Peter Kumpa

Thirty years ago, at the United States National Exhibition in Moscow, an elderly Lithuanian visitor asked an American about the truth of a series of articles in the Soviet press on the theme of malnutrition in the West. The series was illustrated with photos of hollow-cheeked Parisian models offered as proof of the communist charges.

Assured by the American visitor that the tales of food shortages were preposterous, the Lithuanian apologized. "I should have known better," he said. "I used to visit Paris in the days of independence."

The days of the Big Lie in the Soviet Union are dead. They vanished with the passing of the Old Guard and the coming of the information explosion — the flood of unjammed radio broadcasts, computers and fax machines. The populations of the Baltic states are well-informed and racing to take charge of their own political future. Recently, the Supreme Soviet of Lithuania voted to permit a referendum on independence and the establishment of a separate Lithuanian citizenship — unthinkable acts just a year ago.

Spokesmen for Lithuania's Democratic Reform Movement, Sajudis, predict Lithuania will move toward freedom next spring after reformers take control of the Supreme Soviet. Latvia and Estonia are moving down the same road. The Soviet response to such changes is hotly debated.

Part of that debate was recently held in Baltimore at a convention of the Supreme Committee for the Liberation of Lithuania, an international organization now headed by C. Kazys Bobelis, a Johns Hopkins-trained Florida physician. The committee was formed during World War II to oppose Nazi occupation.

Attending were four leading members of the freedom movement from Lithuania: Viktoras Petkus, a leader of the Helsinki Watch Group who served 16 months in Soviet prison for his activities; Antanas Terleckas of the Lithuanian Freedom League; Jonas Mugevicius of the Lithuanian Democratic Party and Antanas Buracas, a member of Sajudis and the Supreme Soviet of the USSR.

Except for hard-line Stalinists in the crumbling Lithuanian Communist Party, the goal for Sajudis is unanimity on independence as the ultimate goal. The differences center around the tactics to be used in teaching that goal.

The Lithuanian representatives see free and fair parliamentary elections as the means, but are concerned Soviet troops might sabotage the process. All Lithuanians know their independence was lost through force and mock elections. In 1940, as part of the secret Hitler-Stalin pact, some 300,000 Soviet

troops occupied Lithuania and shipped some 35,000 men, women and children to Siberia. Returnees from the Gulag, some 120,000 in number, now have formed an organization called Tremtinių Draugija and keep in touch through their own newspaper.

Mugevicius said he did not believe the political situation was "coming to a head real soon". Like others, he found it "fantastic" that Gorbachev was allowing an open political process in Lithuania. "I feel it is due to international pressure," he said. He saw the upcoming meetings between Gorbachev and President Bush as critical to maintaining such pressure.

Terleckas is sometimes called "the conscience of the country". He is one of the most forceful advocates of complete independence arguing that under a series of treaties, the Soviet Union has already recognized the freedom of Lithuania, once a member of the League of Nations, and should be accountable to that position under international law.

Some members expressed fear of food riots this winter. Sugar and flour are rationed, meat scarce to unavailable, soap non-existent. Paulius Vaitekunas, a Kaunas journalist and one of the organizers of the Lithuanian National Party, explained that the last two harvests have been very good but that grain and livestock had been shipped out of the country to Moscow. Overall the economy was growing worse and politically many were prepared "to go underground if things break down."

Terleckas, like others, is confident that as the Baltic states have the "morally correct" position, "the Soviets will be compelled to leave." He believes that "it was the economic crisis that forced Soviet leaders to become democratic". And they can't solve their economic problems without remaining so. In time — and with American and western pressure — he sees freedom for his country.

The Evening Sun

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Authentic Lithuanian costume woven by textile curators at Ethnographic Museum in Vilnius. Size 10. Predominant color: Wine. Price: \$300. Contact Clare Soponis, 3513 Quebec Street NW, Washington, DC 20016. (202) 363-5250.

Our baby sitter told me that she would much rather sit for my children than for those of a certain neighbor. Flattered, I asked why she preferred us. "Oh," she replied matter-of-factly, "Your Channel 7 works."



BEST WISHES
TO ALL



FOR A BLESSED CHRISTMAS
AND
A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR



*Kalēdij sventēs
teatneša tyro
džiaugsmo ir
Naujieji Metai
stiprybēs ir vilties!*

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We Wish A

Linksmų Kalėdų ir Laimingų Naujų Metų



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A SAD 45th ANNIVERSARY

Leo Venckus

The month of October marked a sad 45th anniversary to many thousands of Europeans, especially the people of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, who in the summer and autumn of 1944 were forced to leave their homelands, their possessions and relatives, in some cases even their own families that were unable to travel into the unknown future, to save themselves from deaths and destruction.

About six weeks prior to that sad happening, the Allies had secured a strong foothold on the Normandy beach in France in order to ease Hiler's pressure on Stalins Red Army. These formerly hungry and exhausted Russians, now well equipped with plenty of good food, ammunition and other essential war supplies, were pushing back the remnants of the Wehrmacht westward into crumbling Germany, thus overrunning the Baltic States laying in their way.

Since the Baltic people had already experienced one year of Soviet occupation (from June 1940 to June 22, 1941) and vividly remembered the arrests, disappearances and long term imprisonments without trial of innocent people as well as the mass deportations to Siberia, thousands of Lithuanians, Latvians, Estonians from all walks of life left their homelands hoping to save their life. But many perished from exhaustion, hunger, cold and the bombs.

At that time the British and American people did not understand the fear of these refugees nor the reason they fled. They considered and treated the Russians as their friends and Allies. As soon as the war ended, the Americans went back over the Atlantic and the British, too, celebrated victory. The Soviets, however, occupied not only the Baltic States but many other European countries, too. The Berlin Air Lift was necessary to overcome the "Iron Curtain". For years there was a "Cold War" between the former Allies.

The Soviets aim to conquer the whole world and Mikhail Gorbachev has never denounced this. But he won't succeed. Hitler's Forces had similar aims when they sang "... denn heute gehoert uns Deutschland, und morgen DIE GANZE WELT."

Present events in Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, the Baltic States and lately even in Eastern Germany clearly show (just like the bloody events in China) that Communism is experiencing its unavoidable bankruptcy. Gorbachev knows it, but doesn't want to admit it. His glasnost and perestroika is only trying to save the run down economy of Russia and the Soviet Empire. Let us hope, that with God's grace, the present leaders of political movements in the Baltic States will be wise and cautious to obtain complete freedom without riots and bloodshed. Our dear homeland Lithuania has suffered more than enough already.

Laisvės Lietuvai.

DEFENDING ANTI-COMMUNISTS

America's Future

At the World Media Conference in Washington, DC recently, visiting Soviet delegate Yevgeny Pozdnyakov described many of the conservative speakers as "professional anti-communists." Pozdnyakov, who is a columnist for the English language edition of the *Moscow News*, may have thought he could win some "brownie points" by using a favorite "liberal" label for journalists on the right. But he guessed wrong when he applied the snide reference to Arnold Beichman, the veteran author, columnist and research fellow at the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace.

In an open letter to Pozdnyakov in care of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, Beichman suggested that the use of such "shabby and squalid shibboleths" about so-called professional anti-communism was hardly in keeping with Mikhail Gorbachev's *glasnost* and *perestroika*. "Actually," asked Beichman, "what's wrong with being an anti-communist?"

Aren't most of the Soviet peoples (except the Communist Party constituency and other members of the *privilegentsia*) anti-communist?" Warming to his subject, Beichman added: "... isn't most of the world's population anti-communist? The Chinese people and the peoples of Southeast Asia certainly are anti-communist? Do you yourself really believe in communism after what it has done to your country? Everybody knows that the Soviet peoples, after 70 years of privation, genocide, and the triumph of gulagism, are worse off today in the quality of life than even during previous decades."

"I will grant you that the USSR has one great achievement," said Beichman, "a powerful military force and secret police with which it suppressed freedom movements in the Soviet Union, in Eastern Europe (and elsewhere). While the shelves in Moscow and Leningrad food stores are bare, billions of rubles are being squandered on Fidel Castro and his mercenaries. Has

anyone asked the Soviet people whether they approve of such expenditures?" The open letter continued: "Everybody knows - from President Gorbachev on down - that communism is finished, kaput, bankrupt, fini. Nothing can save Marxism-Leninism from its destiny with suicide. Those forced to live under Marxism-Leninism want to escape it. Those who from afar know anything about it, reject it."

"After seven decades of communism, it has been discovered all over again that communism can only create an economy with money borrowed from capitalist democracies.... Look here, Mr. Pozdnyakov, being anti-communist means that as a journalist you are telling the truth to the people of the Soviet Union. Why don't *you* try being an anti-communist and thereby earn your credentials as a writer of the truth?"

As Candide Does It

Dalia Bulvicius

The month of October belongs to Columbus, discoverer of the New World. It is such constant discoveries that propel the human race forwards....

Throughout the history of the world, every once in a while, there appears a person who, like a meteor, shoots across the sky illuminating for the rest of us a brief bright moment in the dark night. For example, the Italian astronomer and physicist Galileo for many years faced the wrath of the Church when he insisted in pursuing his theories. And then there was Albert Einstein who, understanding very well the grave consequences, opened for us the door into the atomic age. Both had to break out from their "mind-forged-manacles" to pursue their dreams. They and countless other brave souls believed that their actions have long-termed consequences in the evolvement of the human mind.

Let us apply this question of discovery and search for knowledge to our own Lithuania. For hundreds of years, Lithuanians saw meteors like Mindaugas, Kestutis, Vytautas and, more recently, Basanavičius and Kudirka illuminating Lithuania's sky.

Man, by his very nature is the most restless of creatures, some more restless than others, and it is those who leave their mark on history. Man is constantly striving, challenging reason and intellect throughout his brief existence on this earth. Again we must think of present-day Lithuania and her brave populace which every day faces insurmountable odds to challenge their *status quo* condition. Many believe that man was not given a complete universe (natural and social orders divinely ordained for all times) but is charged with the responsibility of forming this order for himself. He is engaged in an on-going process of creation, in which improvements take place as a result of enhanced awareness of needs, both material and strictly human, which have to be fulfilled.

Occasionally it is possible to bring about the needed change through existing structures, but usually established interests exert every possible pressure to prevent the accomplishment of the newly perceived task.

We will not be able to change Lithuania's present condition overnight by either accepting or revolting against established situations. But our existence upon this earth will be justified (like that of the brave priest Rev. Alfonsas Svarinskas) if we depart this earth of ours leaving it somewhat better than when we found it. Or, as Voltaire puts it so well in *Candide*: we each must cultivate our garden.

Dalia Bulvicius

HISTORICAL MAPS OF EUROPE AND LITHUANIA AVAILABLE

The following maps were printed from the originals with explanations in Latin or Greek translated into Lithuanian. They are poster size.

1. 1595 — Lithuania by G. Mercator.
2. 1605 — Swedish-Lithuanian Battle at Salaspilis. Explanations in Latin and Lithuanian.
3. March 25, 1656 — Swedish-Lithuanian Battle at Sandomir.
4. October 12, 1656 — Swedish-Lithuanian Battle at Pilypavas. Explanations in Latin and Lithuanian.
5. 1749 — Lithuania by I. Neprecki. Explanations in Latin and Lithuanian.
6. 1982 — Map of Future Independent Lithuania. Explanations in book by A. Gustaitis "Tikroji Lietuva, The Real Lithuania," with 79 maps and many illustrations.
7. Map by C. Ptolemy showing the land of Lithuanian ancestors in about II century A.C. Explanations in Greek and Lithuanian.

Price for each map is \$12.00 (US \$). Contact Draugas, 4545 West 63rd St., Chicago, IL 60629. "Tikroji Lietuva" and Coat of Arms of 14 Lithuanian cities may also be obtained from Draugas. Please do not send money. Draugas will bill you.





BLESSED GEORGE





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of Blessed George

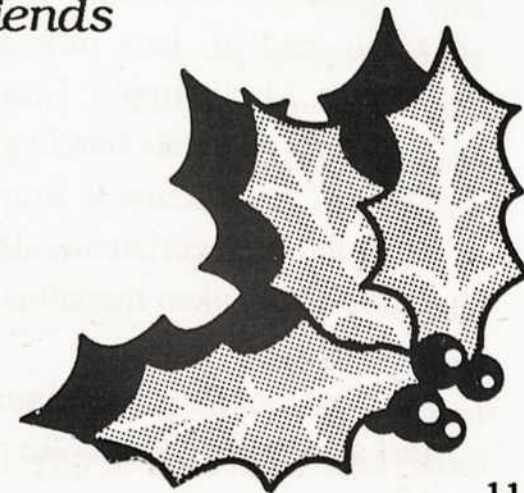

January 27, 1990 marks the 63rd anniversary of the death of Archbishop George Matulaitis, the priest who renewed the Marian Congregation in 1910 when it was on the verge of extinction from civil persecution. This year's anniversary brings a certain special feeling to the Lithuanians. One reason for that feeling is that Archbishop George is now a Blessed, since his beatification in June, 1987. The other reason may be less obvious; a small part of the dream nurtured by Blessed George appears to be closer to realization — freedom for religious order activity in Russia.

In October, 1988, the most important cathedral in Lithuania was re-opened for religious worship after 25 years as an art museum and concert hall. This Vilnius church was once the episcopal seat of Blessed George. His hope was to restore in the Russian empire the religious order activity which had been suppressed for 45 years under the Czar. But the subsequent Bolshevik revolution, two World Wars and the Iron Curtain gave scant chance for that freedom to be realized. Now, with the current loosening of the Soviet grip in Lithuania, where Blessed George worked so zealously and where the population is overwhelmingly Catholic, there is a new surge of hope for the

unhampered practice of religion. It is hoped that the Soviet liberalization will be more than mere cosmetics. We should all pray, particularly on January 27, that all the peoples of Communist-dominated lands will soon be free to exercise their full human rights and be able to worship God as He calls them to.

*Holiday Greeting extended to
Our K of L members and
friends*

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“Krepšinis vienija tautą, ir tai yra svarbiausia”

Krepšinis vienija tautą ir tai yra svarbiausia, - taip mano teisės daktaras Konstantas Savickus, vienas iš tų entuziastų kuri dėjo mūsų krepšinio pagrindus, telkė ir ruošė Lietuvos rinktinę 1937 metų Europos čempionatui. Knygoje “Lietuvos krepšinis”, išleistoje 1971 metais, K. Savickui skiriama daug šiltų pagarbos žodžių rašoma, kad šio žaidimo pakilimas susijęs su dviem Amerikos lietuviais - Jonu Knašu ir daktaru Konstantu Savickus.

“Visa gyvenima norėjau kuo daugiau padėti Tėvynei, ir todėl visada jaučiau pareigą padaryti ką nors gera” prisimena K. Savickus. “Sirdis man kuždėjo, jog mes galime suburti gerą rinktinę ir laimėti Europos vyrų krepšinio čempionatą. Tarp Amerikos lietuvių buvo daug puikių žaidėjų, tik reikėjo juos įtikinti, jog yra reikalinga Tėvynei, gali ja išgarsinti. Tada mūsų tautai kitų pripažinimas, kaip mes Amerikoje sakome - reklama, buvo labai reikalingas.

1935-aisiais pasirašiau sutarti mokytį ir treniruoti lietuvius, padėti suburti Respublikos rinktinę. Žaisdamas su kaimynais latvais, pastebėjau, kad tarp jų (1936 metų Europos čempionų) yra pora labai gerų krepšininkų, bet ne daugiau. O mes galime pasikviesti dar stipresnių tautiečių. Savo sumanymus išdėščiau Lietuvos sporto vadovams (Vytautui Augusiuskui). Sakau: ‘Galiu gauti geresnių’. O jie man: ‘Gauk juos’. Sukirtomė delnais.

Tuo metu Jungtinėse Amerikos Valstijose pastovaus darbo neturėjo Feliksas Kriaučiūnas ir Pranas Talzūnas. Pamaniau kad jie labai tiktų. Juos ir sugundžiau padėti tėvynainiams. Žinoma, tie 500 litų kuriuos kas mėnesi gaudavo minėti krepšininkai iš Respublikos sporto izdo, Amerikos mastu buvo nedideli pinigai, bet mes tada viską matavome ne litais.

Būdamas Lietuvoje, lankiausi po gimnazijas, ieškojau gabių žaidėjų, juos mokiau. Buvau išvykęs į Šiaulius, Telšius, Marijampolį, Uteną, Panevėžį.”

Ka jūs galvojate šiandien matydamas savo darbo vaisius: suklestėjusi Lietuvoje krepšinis, didelė meilė ir pagarba apgaubtus jos geriausius atstovus, atvežusius į Respubliką olimpinis aukso medalius, pasaulio, Europos čempionų laurus?

“Esu nepaprastai laimingas. Man krepšinis - ne tik taškai, metimai, kamuolio perdavimai. Jis vienija tautą, ir



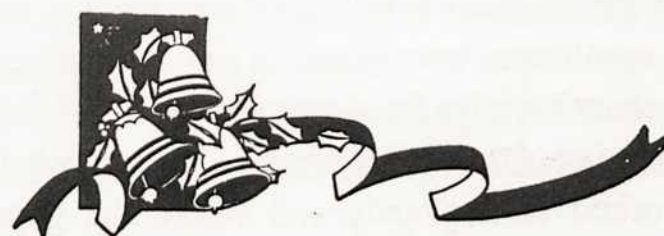
Savickus: "Kai pavargsi panele, pasakyk, duosiu pasilsėt".

tai yra svarbiausia. Šis žaidimas išgarsino mūsų nedidelę, bet labai gražią Tėvynę.”

Garbingas svečias papasakojo, jog geriausia Lietuvos reklama buvo Seulo olimpinės žaidynės, kuriose Respublikos krepšininkai - Valdemaras Chomčius, Rimas Kurtinaitis, Arvydas Sabonis ir Šarūnas Marčiulionis - buvo apdovanoti aukso medaliais. Iki šiol kai kurie amerikiečiai stebisi, kad nedidelė Lietuva iveikė galingas Jungtines Amerikos Valstijas (kaip žinoma, TSRS rinktinės branduoli sudarė lietuviai).

K. Savickus stebisi labai išaugusiu Kaunu, jo švariomis gatvėmis. “Man taip miela girdėti lietuviška šneka, vaikščioti Tėvynės žeme”.

P.S. 52 metus teisės daktaras K. Savickus dirbo pagal savo profesiją, buvo šešiolikos advokatu, gynusiu teismuose ivairias bylas, viršininku. I ši postą jis buvo skiriamas Čikagos miesto mero. Dabar gyvena iš savo sutaupu. Pasak jo, gerai gyvena. Ir toliau aktyviai darbuojasi Amerikos lietuvių sporto organizacijose.



LITHUANIAN VOCABULARY - Žodynas

The World and Nature - Pasaulis ir gamta

<u>English</u>	<u>Lithuanian</u>	<u>Pronunciation</u>
air	oras	o'rahs
climate	klimatas	klee'mahtahs
cloud	debesis	dabasees'
cold	šaltis	shahl'tees
darkness	tamsa; tamsumas	tahmsah; tahmsoo'mahs
dew	rasa	rahsah'
dust	dulkė	dool'keh
earth	žemė	zha'meh
east	rytai	reehtai'
eclipse	užtemimas	oozhtamee'mahs
fire	ugnis	oognees
fog	migla; rūkas	meeg'lah; rookahs
hail	kruša	krooshah
heat	kaitra; kar'stis	kaitrah'; kahrsh'tees
ice	ledas	la'dahs
lightning	žaibas	zhi'bahs
moon	mėnulis	mehnoo'lees
nature	gamta	gahmtah''
north	šiaurė; žiemiai	shioh'reh; zheh'miai
rain	lietus	l'ehtus
shadow	šešėlis	sha'sheh'lees
sky	dangus	dahngus
snow	sniegas	sneh'gahs
south	pietai	pehtai'
star	žvaigždė	zhvaigzhdeh
storm	audra	owd'rah
sun	saulė	sou'leh
thunder	griausmas	griows'mahs
weather	oras	o'rahs
west	vakarai	vah'kah'rai
wind	vėjas	veh'yahs
world	pasaulis	pahsou'lees

Land and Water - Žemė ir vanduo

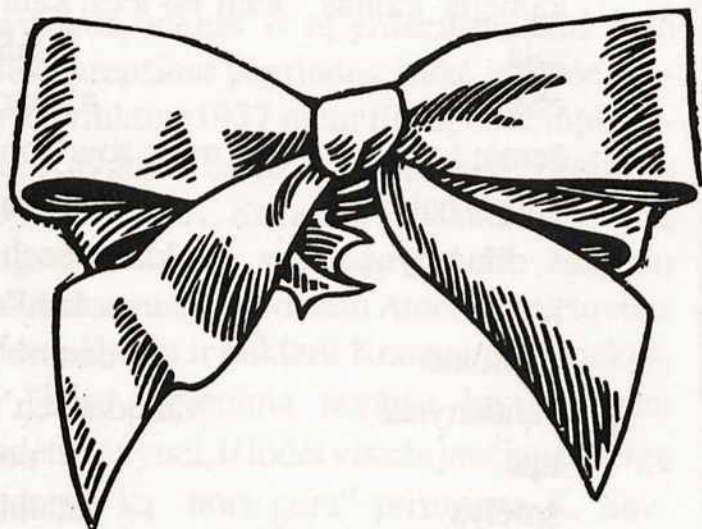
<u>English</u>	<u>Lithuanian</u>	<u>Pronunciation</u>
bay	įlanka	ee'lahnkah
beach	jūros pakraštys; pajūrys	yoo'ros pahkrahshteehs; pahyooreehs
beacon	švyturys	shveeh'tureehs
calm	tyla; ramumas	teeh'lah; rahmu'mahs
canal	kanalas	kahnah'lahs
coast	pajūrys	pah'yooreehs

<u>English</u>	<u>Lithuanian</u>	<u>Pronunciation</u>
current	srovė	sro'veh
flow (tide)	potvynis	po'tvee'nees
foam	putos	poo'tos
hill	kalnelis' kalnas	kahl'na'lees; kahl'nas
island	sala	sah'lah
lake	ežeras	a'zhar'ahs
land	žemė; sausuma	zha'meh; sow'soomah
marsh	pelkė; bala; klampynė	pel'keh; bahlah klahmpeeh'neh
mountain	kalnas	kahl'nahs
mud	dumblas	doomb'lahs
ocean	vandenynas	vahndaneeh'nahs
river	upė	oo'peh
sand	smėlys	smehleehs
sea	jūra	yoo'rah
shore	krantas	krahn'tahs
storm	audra	owd'rah
stream	srovė	sroveh
tide	potvynis	po'tveehnees
valley	slėnis; klonis	sleh'nees; klo'nees
water	vanduo	vand'uo
waterfall	krioklys	kriok'leehs
wave	banga; vilnis	bahngah; veelnis

Minerals and Metals - Mineralai ir metalai

<u>English</u>	<u>Lithuanian</u>	<u>Pronunciation</u>
amber	gintaras	gin'tahrahs
brass	varis	vah'rees
bronze	bronzā; žalvaris	bron'zah; zhahl'vahrees
cement	cementas	tseh'mehntahs
chalk	kreida	kray'dah
charcoal	medžio anglis	ma'dzhio' ahng'lees
clay	molis	mo'lees
coal	anglis	ahng'lees
copper	varis	vah'rees
coral	koralas	korah'lahs
crystal	krištolas	kreesh'tolahs
diamond	deimantas	day'mahntahs
emerald	smaragdas	smahrahg'dahs
enamel	emalė	ehmah'leh
glass	stiklas	stik'lahs
gold	auksas	ouk'sahs
granite	granitas	grahnee'tahs
iron	geležis	gala'zhees

(To be continued next issue)



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

from Waterbury, CT

Linkimė Visiems Vyčiams

Linksmų Šv. Kalėdų

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Laimingų Naujųjų Metų



COUNCIL 7

How Should the New National Awakening in Lithuania affect our K of L Lithuanian Affairs Activities?

Foundation Essays submitted resulting in a tie for Third Place

Submitted by Genevieve Gobis, C-100 Amsterdam, NY.

My thoughts on the new national awakening in Lithuania and how it will affect our K of L's Lithuanian Affairs activities are varied.

First, this awakening has just touched "the tip of the iceberg." I believe that it was through the constant pressure from the truly dedicated members of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee that much of this awakening came to be. If this committee should cease to exist, then additional or even complete freedom in Lithuania may never be realized.

Constant letter writing to members of our legislature and the news media is a necessity. Personal contact can do wonders also. We cannot stop now. Our work has just begun. Our goal is for an independent Lithuania and, that, she is not!

You may say, "The people can now attend the church of their choice; the Lithuanian flag can be seen flying atop the buildings and the number one language is again Lithuanian". Yes, these facts are true, but the country itself is in bondage. We should "Beat the Drums", bombarding our legislators with letters and phone calls requesting their support in finding a way to persuade the Russians to declare Lithuania, as well as Latvia and Estonia, independent.

Our committee members should correspond with relatives and friends in Lithuania, giving them the needed support and assurance that we are on their side. This will provide them with added strength to continue in their struggle for the kind of life the older generation once knew.

Then, too, if you can afford it, take a trip to Lithuania and visit your relatives and friends. Much more can be accomplished by these visits. A stronger bond can be developed and the people, especially the young generation, can hear first hand of what it is to live in a democracy. A desire to seek independence will increase.

So, how can our committee stop its precious and dedicated work? Not yet! The time is not right! Our goal has not been completely accomplished. We MUST continue to scan the papers, keep our ears and eyes open to radio and television news. If something is not "Kosher", write or phone them correcting the errors made by the media. However, if the news article is correct, a letter of thanks should be written acknowledging and commending the writer or reporter.

Let's stick to our guns! Let us continue the work of our

beloved Father John Jutt, our dynamic past national Lithuanian Affairs chairman, the man who incited me to share his strong feelings to work continuously for a truly independent Lithuania.

Again I say, "We cannot stop now". Our committee, I assure you, did its share in helping make possible the new awakening in Lithuania.

Through our continued efforts, one day soon, that rainbow in the sky will appear shining brightly over Lithuania when she will again be free and we will all shout LAI GYVUOJA LAISVA LIETUVA!

Submitted by Donna Ashley, C-150 Kansas City, KS

Our Lithuanian Activities Committee should concentrate on helping by all means possible, by determining exactly what is going on in our beloved country, now, and on a continuing, current basis (from visitors, publications, letters, government officials and church information services). We have to know their current needs, and naturally we have to get word to them as to how we are helping them.

An immediate goal should be to continue to unify our Lithuanian brothers and sisters in the free world in an united effort to give support to those struggling for Lithuanian independence and freedom.

Another immediate goal should be to study our previous Lithuanian Affairs Activities to find out what has been effective in the past, and naturally to continue those actions.

Another important goal should be to continue to work with those in prominent positions to help us in our endeavors, including those in City, State and Federal levels of Government. A student exchange program should be explored. The young people of the world are the future, and education and exposure to other cultures should have an impact. The Sister City Program, with business people and others becoming involved in visiting the other country and exchanging ideas would open the door for more freedom of travel for Lithuanians.

Our observances, over the years, of Lithuanian Holy Days and Holidays has certainly helped our cause, in this way we continue to remind the news media of the Lithuanian struggle.

We must encourage our Lithuanian brothers and sisters to combine their actions for independence and freedom with those of Latvia and Estonia. No one can deny that in unity there is strength. The united actions of three republics cannot be ig-

nored. One needs only to observe the recent news coverage. These recent actions are being done through legal and non-violent means, and should continue so. What are these startling and legal actions? The most impressive is that Lithuania and Estonia proclaimed their independence from Russia. Estonia now plans to print their own money. Lithuania has not made a decision on this matter. A K of L Lithuanian Affairs activity should be to encourage them to do so. Why? Everything that can be done to show the Russian government that those living in their captive states are not in common with them, puts continu-

ing pressure on Russia to de-annex this region. Every possible thing that these three republics in bondage can do to be different should be their united goal. A good example of this would be Lithuanian printed and coined money.

All of our actions mentioned so far must be combined with fervent prayers to God and devout honor to Our Lady of Siluva. Have our past countless prayers been effective? Yes, they have been answered as promised. We are witnesses to a miracle taking place, not only in Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania, but also in Russia and China. The foundation of Godless communism is now crumbling.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Anne (Klizas) Wargo

The first meeting of the Supreme Council of this term of office was held in Philadelphia on Oct. 21 at St. George's Hall in Philadelphia.

The St. Casimir Guild of the Lithuanian Pontifical College is off to a good start. Bob Boris, chairman, has done a great deal of work on this project and you will be hearing from him. Any contributions should be sent to Bob and check made out to the St. Casimir Guild.

Pittsburgh C-19 will be hosting the 1990 Convention on July 26 - 29 at the Sheraton Hotel at Station Square. Additional information will be published in Vytis.

C-12 Chicago generously donated \$1,000 to the Supreme Council, \$500 to St. Casimir Guild of the Lithuanian College and \$500 to the Scholarship Fund. We are most grateful to them for their generosity. We also thank them for hosting the 76th national convention.

Many councils have inquired about a list of churches they could adopt in Lithuania. The councils who have already adopted a parish, please send me the name of the parish you have adopted, so we can compile a list and avoid duplication. Also, please send your council's officers listing to the National Secretary as soon as possible.

Let us all work together to make 1989-90 a good year. Keep Lithuania in your prayers. It is so important. May our Good Lord and our Patron Saint send you many blessings.

FOR SALE

(Following article appeared in Our Lady of Vilnius Church, Manhattan's Sunday bulletin).

There is a new house cat in the rectory who, when he feels like it, answers to the name of "Max". He exhibits law toleration for ambiguity causing him to engage in high levels of investigatory activity. Being a young feline his, as yet, unresolved emancipatory strivings are manifest in fence-walking and canine-testing from which antics he has to be occasionally rescued. He scores high on the effectivity scale of the CAT-TAT and manages to combine high feelings for certain humans with manipulative behaviors. The "certain humans" are the cook and pastor in that order. The animal entwines himself around their legs and feet usually at critical moments as when one or the other is hurrying to answer the phone or transferring a filled plate of hot soup from the stove to the table. The cat "follows the money" which tactic early-on he paired with Tender-Vitils and other catly gustatory delights which he hopeth that cook and pastor will continue to most bounteously provide.

We have high hopes for Max's long and successful mouse and rat hunting career. The aforementioned high hopes and charitable thoughts for Max are not shared by the local canines who hope, nay, yearn for his early and unpleasant demise. Today, sitting at the pastoral desk and hearing such a din and racket of howls and barks and wails and clicking jaws of teeth, I froze. I thought the alarm had been raised and that the Huns and Visigoths and Cossacks had breached the palace walls. Twerling around in the pastoral chair, I saw what I thought was a flying squirrel gliding over the back fence into our yard. No, it was Max the cat freshly returned from vigorously taunting the local curs. Deftly landing on his four soft paws, he cast a disdainful glance over his shoulder and sashayed along the concrete path toward the house muttering "The Fools". I saw and heard this.

FOR SALE: CHEAP - ONE CAT — See Pastor Father Eugene Savickas.

Seasons Greetings from Well Wishers

C-52 Elizabeth, NJ and
HM Annie Mitchel Matalavich



Supreme Council Meets in Philadelphia

Dalia Bulvicius

The National Executive Board of the Knights of Lithuania holds five meetings per year. The early fall meeting took place on Saturday, Oct. 21 at our Spiritual Advisor's parish, St. George, in Philadelphia.

About 30 members and guests gathered at Noon and were treated to a variety of refreshments. Due to the brief absence of Fr. Anderlonis, the meeting was called to order and opened with a prayer by Pres. Anne Wargo. Host C-3 president welcomed the guests and extended his wishes for a fruitful meeting. Minutes, correspondence, officers and committee reports followed. Old business discussed was the 76th National Convention, appointment of ALTAS (American

Lithuanian Council), review of convention resolutions and the possibility of restoring the historic 1939 World's Fair film.

Under new business, Robert Boris, chairman of St. Casimir's College Fund in Rome, outlined the formation of a St. Casimir's Guild whereby donations should be sent direct to the Guild who will then forward the funds to Rome. This Guild will be an autonomous, separate and distinct entity involving not only K of L members but other organizations as well.

Much discussion pursued regarding the Foundation and Vytis finances. Editor, Mary Kober, asked for more contribu-



National Executive Board

tion of articles, photos and news releases. Mike Yuknis spoke about his involvement with the Lithuanian Affairs Committee. He promised that a Bulletin would be forthcoming. A very thorough report was given by him.

After the meeting, a 5 o'clock Mass was held, followed by dinner hosted by Fr. Anderlonis. After dinner, many congregated in Chicago's hotel suite for a social get together.

After all was done, we journeyed back home with our unforgotten goal "For God and Country".

It Seems like Yesterday....

Phyllis Grendel, Assistant Editor to VYTIS Editor Pakštas (12/4/46): "Gal būtų gerai, jeigu kai tik gausių viena ar kita kuopos korespondencija, galėčiau Tamstai pasiust ir bent viena galėtūmėt išversti i lietuvių kalba ...Nežinau kodėl aš pradėjau ši karta lietuviškai Tamstai rašytė, nors man geriau išsiaškint angļu kalboje ... bet tai man praktika ... nors žinau daug klaidų čionai yra." - CC Ponas Boley.

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR

Lithuanian Kitchen

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Lietuviška Virtuvė

When the last crumbs of holiday baking are gone, the Christmas decorations back in the attic and holiday memories tucked away, it is time to breathe a sigh of relief and to get on with the New Year.

So, to get you moving along, here are some recipes for you to read, cook and enjoy with family and friends.

Stella Matulonis

VEAL STEW WITH SOUR CREAM

(Veršiena Šutinta su Smetona)

2-1/2 lbs. veal, cut in 2" cubes	3-4 tbs. vegetable oil
2 large onions, cut in eighths	3/4+ cup water
1 pkg. fresh mushrooms, sliced	Salt & pepper to taste
1 Carrot, sliced	1 tbs. flour
1 bay leaf	1/2 cup sour cream

Heat oil in deep skillet or Dutch oven. Brown meat on all sides, add onions, mushrooms and carrots. Continue to saute for about 5 mins. Slowly add water. Add salt and pepper to taste; add bay leaf. Cover and simmer until meat and vegetables are tender. (45 mins. - 1 hr.)

Mix flour and 2 tbs. water into a smooth paste; add to gravy in skillet. When thickened, fold in sour cream, stir well and allow to boil for a few minutes.

Serve with boiled potatoes or hot cooked noodles. Serves 4 to 6.

KILBASA SPLIT PEA SOUP

(Džiovinta Žirniu Sruiba su Rūkyta Kilbasa)

1 lb. split peas	1 Onion, minced
1 - 1/2 lbs. smoked kilbasa cut into chunks	1 stalk celery, diced
3/4 cup carrot, cut in small bits	6-8 cups water
	Salt & pepper to taste

Rinse peas. In large saucepan bring water with peas to boil for about 30 mins. Skim off froth as it appears. Add remaining ingredients and continue to simmer until vegetables are cooked and soup is thickened. (Approx. 1 to 1-1/2 hrs.) Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve with dark Lithuanian bread.

FRUIT COMPOTE

(Džovintų ir Šviežių Vaisų Kompotas)

1 pkg. mixed dried fruit	1/2 cup fresh cranberries
3 cups water	2-3 slices lemon peel
3 med. apples cut into pieces	Sugar to taste

Cut dried fruit into smaller pieces. Combine all ingredients except sugar into a saucepan. Heat to boiling; lower heat. Simmer for 20 - 30 mins. or until fruits are tender. Sweeten with sugar as desired. Cool before serving. Serves 4 to 6.

LEMON POUND CAKE

(Tortas)

2 cups sugar	1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup vegetable oil	1 cup milk (skim)
4 eggs	1 tsp. grated lemon rind
3 cup all purpose flour	2 tbs. fresh lemon juice
2 tsp. baking powder	

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a tube or bundt pan.

In medium bowl, combine flour, salt and baking powder.

In large bowl, combine eggs, oil, sugar and lemon rind. Beat with electric mixer on medium speed for 2 mins.

Combine milk and lemon juice. Add the dry ingredients and milk mixture to the egg mixture beginning and ending with dry ingredients. Scrape bowl.

Pour batter into well greased and floured pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until cake tests done. Cool for 10 mins. in pan. Remove and cool completely on rack. Dust with confectioner's sugar before serving. Serves 12.

BROCCOLI PUFF

Cook 2 - 10 oz. frozen packages chopped broccoli for 5 mins. Drain well.

In large bowl, mix: 2 beaten eggs, 1/2 cup mayonnaise, 1 can mushroom or cream of celery soup (celery preferred), 1 tbs. dried minced onion, chopped; 1/2 tsp. salt (optional); 1-1/2 cup shredded cheddar or swiss cheese.

Fold broccoli to above mixture. Pour into buttered, 2-quart pyrex casserole. Top with 1 cup cheese/cracker crumbs. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes. Let stand for about 5 minutes before serving.

NOTE:

We have added a Food Editor, Stella Matulonis to our Vytis Staff. Should you have any favorite recipe, Lithuanian or otherwise, and would like to share it with our Vytis readers, please send it to Stella at her address noted on the inside front page cover of Vytis.

Happy Holidays to All Knights

**It was so nice seeing all our friends in Chicago.
We look forward to the 77th Convention in Pittsburgh.**

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**Eleanor Kasputis
Member Chicago C-112
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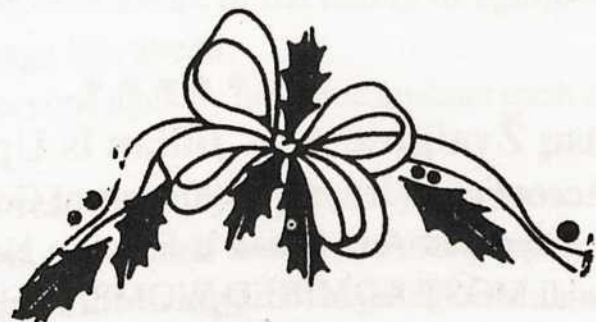
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TO ALL OUR KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA FRIENDS

We Wish

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Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year



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Lithuanians in the News

Sarunas Knows What We've Got

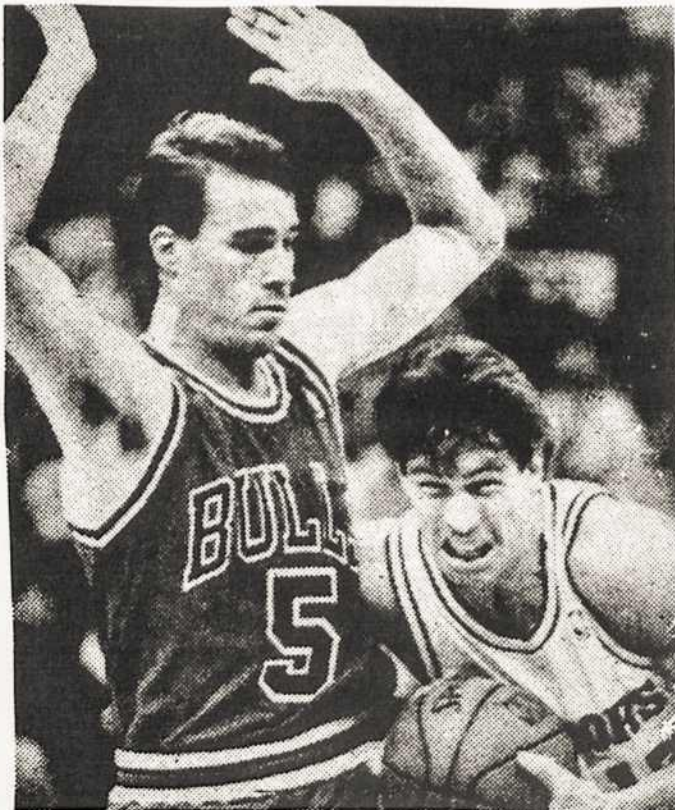
Freedom comes to Marciulionis in pieces so small that we don't recognize them as parts of the mosaic. "Freedom here," he said, "You can feel everywhere." This was an exclamation that could be posted at Ellis Island.

"Americans live so good," he said, and the flicker of his smile beneath his thin mustache meant he didn't mean that at all. Ultimately he intends to go home to an independent Lithuania, but he can never be the same.

What of the material gains will he take home when the time comes? "I am in strange place," Marciulionas said. "I see it - Is not my car, is not my things. One day comes a man - you are going to go home; is not yours. For me is difficult to understand these good things. House and car. For my wife, too. Is too good here."

First, don't make the mistake of calling him Russian; he is from Lithuania, the little Baltic state that Hitler took over and gave to Russia in their 1939 pact. He just saw television reports that Lithuania had been added to the countries whose yoke has been loosened by glasnost. "Only Army and electricity will be Russian, everything else comes to Lithuania," he said.

His name is pronounced Sha-Roo-nass Mar-sha-LOAN-iss. He speaks with his hands and his eyes and his face which suggest a keen sense of humor, if only he understood more of



Warriors' Marciulionis learning what freedom is all about.

what was going past him. Reporters expected him to say, "Ehh, ehh; whadda kontry."

His three-week English lessons are limited by his schedule but he struggles well enough now on his own. "In restaurants here, people talk loud, laughing - yahyahyah!" Marciulionis

said. "In Lithuania quiet." Someday he hopes to show his parents and friends from Lithuania the life around him here, especially in the supermarkets. Everyday he and his wife, Inga, stroll past the meat counter to make sure it wasn't their imagination.

In Lithuania, Sarunas and Inga and infant daughter Krista lived in a flat with only two rooms. Now he rents a 4-bedroom house on a golf course development in Harbor Bay Isle in the East Bay. He has the stereo of his dreams, color TV and a wall-sized entertainment center. Marciulionis has a three-year contract for \$1.3 million a year with the Golden State Warriors, the going rate in the NBA. He said he gets to keep "more than half" with the rest going to the various foundations that decided to permit him to play here. Quickly, he bought a Mercedes-Benz 300E. "I am nervous to drive it," he said, contrasting it to the Soviet-built Lada he drove in Lithuania. Of the Lada, he said "Difficult to turn - is making noises in motor, door in back, other noises Now drive Mercedes." The point is not that for now he is a wealthy man, but the fact that his parents had to wait 17 years for a permit to buy a car.

Marciulionis is 25 years old. His dream is to go back to Lithuania in three, four or five years and have a basketball school. "Maybe I can't play good; I want to teach kids - American, European together. Lecture for coaches. Maybe Lithuania can be separate in a few years, maybe win the European championship as the Lithuanian team did twice in the late 1930's". It's his dream.

Just recently, he and Uwe Blab, born in West Germany, strolled in Denver ablaze with pre-Christmas. "It looks beautiful," Marciulionis said. "Christmas with lamps and trees. Stores with lights flashing. I said, 'Uwe, America is too good life' ". This year Lithuania was permitted Christmas for the first time in 50 years. Sarunas Marciulionis can never be the same again, either.

Newsday

Mūsų Žvaigždė Ann Jillian is Up There

According to January 1990 issue of Good Housekeeping, it was noted that Ann Jillian is listed as No. 5 in their 20 First Annual MOST ADMIRABLE WOMEN poll.

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| 1. Barbara Bush | 3. Margaret Thatcher |
| 2. Mother Teresa | 4. Oprah Winfrey |
| 5. Ann Jillian | |

WOMAN OF ALL SEASONS

Z. Bennington Greene

The first cold spell is always the hardest. Shivering as I dressed, I thought how nice it would be if I could pack up the family and go south about the first of November every year. And since there is no harm in wishing, I thought it would be nice to stay away until the spring.

But then I decided that I wouldn't mind staying in Kansas until after Thanksgiving. I like to see that creeping up of winter, the fall of the last leaves, the bleak landscape huddling patiently close to the earth. There is something about the still, cold twilight of a November day that I would miss in Florida - the hurrying figures with heads shrunk into collars, a silence in the air, a sadness, but not a hopelessness, rather an acceptance as quiet as a thin blue spiral of smoke.

And having stayed past Thanksgiving with Christmas decorations going up, I would probably decide not to leave until the first of the year. It is fun to walk in the crowds of shoppers and see the bright windows through a soft snow. Christmas might

not be the same in a bathing suit. We'd just stay past New Year's and then take a little trip.

I know what would happen then. Spring would be near, if not in fact, then in the flood of seed catalogues. January will soon pass, February is a short month, and then March will be here, with robins and pussy willows and swelling buds.

But suppose I should go away and come back for the spring. Returning from the profusion of palms and magnolias, would I be thrilled with a slender, pale-green leaf on a black stem? Spring is release, freedom from the bondage of winter, joy over returning warmth and life.

But suppose there was no winter. How could anyone love the spring who had not known the winter? What thrill would there be in running streams if you had not seen them icebound?

There cannot be day without night, joy without sorrow, nor spring without winter.

K of L CALENDAR

February 4, 1990 - MAMD Memories of Lithuania Banquet at Martinique

March 11, 1990 - MAD Communion Breakfast. C-29 Newark, NJ Hosts.

April 7, 1990 - National Executive Board Meeting - Noon - Hosts C-19 Pittsburgh.

April 29, 1990 - NED Spring Convention. Hosts C-141 Bridgeport, CT

May 18-20, 1990 - MCD Convention & Bowling Tournament, C-96 Dayton, OH Hosts.

June 22-24, 1990 - NED Retreat - Kennebunkport, ME

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CONTEMPLATION

When people are young, they forget they're going to be old.
 Middle-age people become aware of the reality of aging.
 Youth has gone, old age lies ahead.
 People forget that everyone ages by the same amount each day.
 Life's like a journey.
 Each day brings new realities, maybe joy, maybe sorrow.
 Aging brings conflicts, within self and with other people.
 Lord, help us to recognize the living process going on within us.
 We have to be ready to discover new things, to laugh a little each day.

IN MEMORIAM

JOSEPH CHERNAUSKAS
 C-135 Ansonia, CT
 November 11, 1989

CHARLES NEKIUNAS
 C-109 Great Neck, NY
 November 16, 1989

ANNA YANAVICH
 C-7 Waterbury, CT
 November 17, 1989

EDWARD PELSINSKY
 C-144 Anthracite, PA
 November 23, 1989

JULIA YANISH
 C-110 Maspeth, NY
 November 29, 1989

"Dede
Kastukas
Sako"



Each time you lose, you learn more about "How to Win".

Give me Liberty

A woman visiting the United States from Lithuania was asked what she liked most about the country. Without hesitation, she replied "It's the freedom you have, to do whatever you want, to go wherever you want and say what you want - such liberty is wonderful to experience."

Not Their Number Yet

I saw a car on a rainy day in the country go off the road, turn over in a ditch, then slide for ten feet and stop just before slamming into a pole. The passengers were five men. One after the other, they crawled out as the auto rested on its crumbled top. The driver injured his left hand, one passenger sitting in the front seat ended in the back seat with torn trousers while another passenger sitting in the back seat was unconscious while another had a broken rib. Amazingly, the uninjured passengers turned the auto on its wheels, started the motor and even though the windows were all broken, they got in and drove their buddy to the hospital for emergency treatment.

I didn't know that!

Did you know the Boulder Dam is located in Boulder City, Nevada, near Las Vegas and is now called Hoover Dam? There are free tours to the Dam conducted by the Federal Government and paid for with your taxes.

Building of the Dam started in 1933 and continued for two years during depression time with 7,000 workers pouring cement day and night to construct it. They didn't know for certain whether it would hold back the Colorado River until they tried it. The height is 935 feet.

Like the man said, "That's a Dam Party sight!" and it's worth seeing.

True, Too True

Most women have a heart as big as the man's wallet.

About Sports Fans

When compared by sports editors, Chicago fans are the most viscous, inconsiderate and vile of all cities in the United States. They use foul language and try to provoke you into a fight. They behave like undisciplined animals!

Next in line are the Boston idiots and Detroit half-wits. None of those fans show respect for the singing of the Star Spangled Banner at the start of the games. New York is also rough with obscenities. So, don't start any type of conversation with that rough young element or make cute remarks for it will end up in a brawl. There's nothing to gain even if you win the argument. You came to enjoy the game so try to do just that. That's enough to do.

One of the Best

This year Dr. Vinutis Vaitkevicius was inducted into the International Institute's Heritage Hall of Fame in Detroit.

Who is Vinutis and what has he done? He was born in Kaunas in 1927. His parents suffered by the Russians, then again by the Germans and he was imprisoned in a German slave labor camp during World War II. He arrived in Detroit in 1951. Before going there, he received his medical degree from Goethe University in Frankfurt. He served his internship and residency at Goethe and Detroit hospitals.

His wife, Ingeborg and children, two boys and four girls all live in Detroit. He loves plants and mountain climbing.

Dr. Vaitkevicius earned a tremendous reputation and is one of the greatest fighters of cancer. Even though he is chief of the Detroit Medical Center, Chief of Medicine for Harper-Grace Hospitals, chairman of the Internal Medicine Dept. at Wayne University and president of a University, he continues to see patients in his office. He is truly a kind and humble man..

LIETUVIU KALBOS KAMPELIS

Kalbėkime Lietuviškai
Let's Speak Lithuanian

Apolonija (Polly) Žiaušys

MŪSŲ VARDADIENIAI

Vardadieniu paprotys labai senas. Tai savotiškos šeimų ir artimųjų šventės, kupinos džiaugsmo ir giedrios nuotaikos. Vardadieniai žinomi ir pas mus, tačiau jie praeina dažniausia nepastebėti. Ne vienas mūsų senesnis žmogus tai atsimena. Pasakoja jie, kaip būdavo malonu sulaukti kieno nors vardadienio. Ir iš tikrųjų tai būta tikrai gražių šeimyniško pobūdžio švenčių. Joms būdavo ruošiamasi iš anksto. Kuris nors iš šeimos ar iš artimųjų tarpo net nenujausdavo, kas jį vardadienio diena ištikis.

O ištikdavo tikri netikėtumai. Artėjus vardadieniui, tą vardadieninka broliai, seserys ir artimieji stengėsi užklupti nelauktai ir sūrišti. Rišdavo dovanomis - moterys gražiai išaustomis juostomis, kaklaraiščiais, sudėtingais raštais išmargintais rankšluosčiais, kokiais audiniais, o vyrai virvėmis, prie kurių būdavo pririšti laikrodžiai, peiliai ir šiaip kurie dovanojami daiktai. Surištasis turėjo atsilyginti, pavaišinti.

Keik būdavo tokiais atsitikimais gražaus triukšmo ir juoko. Susidarydavo jauki nuotaika. Mokėjo, mat, žmonės pasidžiaugti.

Bet dabar jau retai kur tą begalima užtikti. Pasižiūrėjus į pragyventas dienas, norisi, kad ir dabar vardadieniai paliktų progomis didesnius tarpusavio suartėjimui. Nesvarbu, ar draugui, broliui, sesutei ką dovanosi. Dovanos vertė ne tame, klad ji brangi, bet tame, kad ja iteikiant žmogui, kartų parodomas prielankumas, meilė, prisirišimas, draugiškumas. Nesant dovanos, užtenka vieno žodžio, kuris atstoja kartais net didžiausias dovanas.

"Mūsų rytojūs" 1934 m.

ANTI-JUNK MAIL LAW

Most citizens are unaware that the Department of Motor Vehicles sells personal information about registrants to private companies who use the information to develop mailing lists. This new law will allow registrants to easily request that their names, addresses and other personal information not be included in lists sold by the DMV. Junk mail can be intrusive, and people should know that when they deal with the DMV their personal information isn't going to end up in some marketing computer. This law will take effect by 1993.

THIS NEW DAY

Write it on your heart
that every day is the best day in the year.
He is rich who owns the day,
and no one owns the day who allows it
to be invaded with fret and anxiety.
Finish every day and be done with it,
you have done what you could.
Some blunders and absurdities, no doubt,
crept in.

Forget them as soon as you can,
tomorrow is a new day;
begin it well and serenely,
with too high a spirit
to be encumbered
with your old nonsense.
This new day is too dear,
with its hopes and invitations,
to waste a moment on the yesterdays.



BROTHER JUNIPER



"No thanks, Ma'am. I always use my own."

Council Activities

Vyčiai Veikia

The date of the Holy Hour in Putnam will be announced at a later date.

The annual retreat in Kennebunkport, ME will be June 22-24, 1990. It is not too soon to make reservations right now.

Rooms fill quickly. Call Fr. Gabriel at (207) 967-2031 for reservations.

Aldona Marcavage

C-12 NEW YORK, NY

Since you last heard from us, we have been very busy at Aušra Vartų Parapija preparing to celebrate a triple feast — welcoming our new pastor and spiritual advisor, Rev. Eugene Savickas, celebrating the titular feast of our parish and the blessing of a huge new picture of Aušros Vartų Marija which will be hung over

the main altar. The work was executed by artists Tadas and Helen Sviderskis.

The Mass was concelebrated by Bishop Paulius Baltakis, OFM and several other priests. The choir, under direction of Aldona Kepulaitė greeted His Excellency with a rousing "Ecce Sacerdus Magnus". Longtime parishioners and also C-12 members Peter Garbinčius and Millie Pietz brought the gifts to the altar.

After Mass, about 150 guests and parishioners gathered in the church hall which was decorated by our artist in residence and C-12 member, Vida Kris-



HM Anthony Young and wife Mildred at C-17's 75th.



C-17 - 75th Anniversary Celebration

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

The New England District fall convention on Sept. 17 was hosted by Athol-Gardner C-10. Incorporated with the day's festivities was the celebration of the 75th anniversary. The day began with Mass at St. Francis Church with spiritual advisor Rev. Peter Shakalis. After Mass, a hearty brunch awaited all in the church hall. A delicious dinner was served by the hard-working committee. A warm Lithuanian "ačiū" is extended to host council for their very generous hospitality.

During the business session, election of officers and committee chairmen took place. They are: Alexander Akule, Pres.; Benedict Coach, 1st Vice Pres.; William Wisniauskas, 2nd Vice Pres.; Ignatius Hobitz, 3rd Vice Pres.; Ann Bender, Sec.; Marion Hobitz, Treas.; Bertha Stoskus, Corres. Sec.; Helen Dallalis, Alex Gedrim, Trustees.

Committees are: Lithuanian Affairs, Andrew Akstin; Cultural, Nellie Ruggles; Public relations, Aldona Marcavage; Sports, Stanley Dallalis, Irene Tamelevich; Ritual, Bette Ciuryla, Mar-

ion Racicot, Rita Pinkus; Archives, Longinas Svelnis, Audrey Toole.

In attendance was the only living charter member of C-10, Antanina (Tina) Andraliunaitė Shatos with 75 years of active membership. Mykolas Norkunas of Lawrence, founder of the K of L, invited young Antanina to join. She was just 10 years old and wasn't required to pay dues until age 16. Ninety-eight young Lithuanians joined C-10 that day in 1914. Her father, Antanas, was one of the first Lithuanian immigrants who arrived in 1889 in Athol, and her mother was Marijona Bendinskaitė Andraliunienė. Tina, at age 85, is a spry young woman. Last May she visited Lithuania with her daughter Maryanne who is a scientist at University of Vermont. Her other daughter Margaret works at the Lithuanian Youth Center in Detroit. Valio, Tina, we wish you many more happy, healthy years in the service of "God and Country".

NED Spring Convention will be held April 29, 1990 with C-141 of Bridgeport, CT, as hosts.



Rev. E. Savickus with artists displaying picture to be placed inside Our Lady of Vilnius Church.

tolaitis. A huge sign: "Sveikiname Kun. Eugeniju!" greeted Father. Greetings followed from various organizations. C-12 president Ed Burba Cook greeted our pastor in the name of the K of L and presented him with a monetary gift. Choir members presented Father with a juosta "apjuosè jù". Our parish's matriarch, Anna Lukscha, gave Father a large wooden rosary. At the end of the program, Father thanked one and all for such a warm welcome and asked all to make the parish their second home. He then explained how Our Lady's picture arrived crosstown all the way from the artists' studio to Our Lady of Vilnius Church via New York's finest - the fire department on their truck. With great dignity, six bushy fellows brought "our favorite lady" into church. (Father is also the firemen's chaplain).

At the Eve of All Souls, Aldona Kepalaitè and the choir helped Father prepare a real Lithuanian Velinès ceremony. The church totally dark, with many votive lights flickering, illuminated Our Lady's picture. Only the nearby traffic moving into the Holland Tunnel interrupted our reverie. *Dalia Bulvičius*

C-26 WORCESTER, MA

Picture this: Steve Walinsky, Sr., pen in hand, prepares his entry to the Founda-

tion Essay Contest. He ponders: should he enter, is his idea good enough? Well, let us tell you that Steve was awarded first prize. Three cheers and warmest congratulations to Steve for his beautiful entry.

Vincent & Anne Grazulis recently moved to California. We wish them good health, good friends and the joy of living closer to their children.

On the sick list were Ben Anton, Ann Buckley, Charles Kulakusky, William Leseman, Ed Meilus, Sr. and Tillie Zelesky. Sveikiausiu metų linkim jūms.

Nominations and elections in Nov. for the 1990 slate of officers resulted in Rita Pinkus, pres.; Ann Leseman, vice pres.; Aldona Waska, rec. sec.; Marion Racicot, fin. sec.; Lynne Walinsky, treas.; William Leseman, auditor; Charles Kulakusky, Sgt.-at-arms; Olga Kersis, Vytis corres.; Ann Bender, cultural and Lithuanian affairs; Virginia Cummings, public relations.

We are grateful to Fr. John Petrauskas MIC for his religious instruction via talks and direction throughout the past year and for his consenting to remain our spiritual advisor.

Alphonse Kondrotas' brother Tony died this past fall. Nancy Gordon's granddaughter was killed in an accident last summer. Sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

Charles & Mildred Lapinskas hosted Charles' cousin from Lithuania, a physician, in Sept. Less than a month later, back in Lithuania, Charles' cousin was killed by a truck. We offer Charles our heartfelt sympathy.

Lillian & Alphonse Kondrotas' son was recently married. Best wishes to the

newlyweds.

The Nov. meeting was preceded by a meat loaf supper. The committee consisted of Mildred & Charles Lapinskas, Rita Pinkus, Frances Kulakusky, Adele & Francis Degutis and Helen Gillus. Server was Aldona Waska. These supper meetings never fail to attract our members, resulting in good numbers for our meetings.

Steve Walinsky, Sr. was chairman for the trip to the dog races in Nov. Many returned with smiles, but not everyone!

The Marian Fathers dedicated their new chapel to Blessed George Matulaitis MIC. The chapel was constructed on the beautiful campus of Marianapolis Preparatory School in Thompson, CT. Our spiritual advisor, Fr. Petrauskas, was headmaster there for many years before his assignment to our parish. The portrait of Blessed George which was unveiled at his beatification ceremonies in Rome, now hangs on the main wall behind the altar.

Sharon & Louis Gouin are co-chairpersons for the bowling league and Sharon's mom, Geraldine Paliliunas, gave the standings at the Nov. meeting: 1st place team Ronald Daucunas, 2nd Richard Godek, 3rd Joseph Howard, 4th Dorothy March, 5th Lewis Lloyd, 6th Francis Tagman, 7th Charles Kulakusky. High average, high triple and high single for both men and women are held by one individual, Richard Godek and Dorothy March. The scores for all teams are very close and competition runs high.

Kazys Adomavicius has been president of Maironis Park for 25 years. His dedication to all things pertaining to Lithuanianism is second nature. His leadership skills are well known. Every K of L'r knows of the warm reception given to each and every K of L endeavor. Therefore, it was no surprise that a full hall of happy faces greeted him upon his entrance to his testimonial held on Nov. 5. Francis Algis Glodas, his vice president

and also a member of C-26 was the chairman. Sveikiausių metų linkimė jūms!

Ausra, Worcester's Lithuanian Radio Program, recently completed fifteen years of existence. This very popular program has been hosted by Ed Meilus, Jr. A banquet and program commemorating this event was held on Nov. 12. We saw many of our members in attendance: Emily Gudzevich, Ann Bender, Anna Kersis, Rita Pinkus, Mildred & Charles Lapinskas, Bill Karas, Teresa & Kazys Adomavicius, Ed & Rass Grigaitis, Francis A. Glodas and Fr. John Petrauskas MIC. We congratulate Ed and his staff and wish them many more years of spreading Lithuania's fame.

"Olga"

C-29 NEWARK, NJ

C-29 again participated in the Ethnic Festival at Liberty Park in Jersey City. Even though Hugo, the hurricane, attempted to wash us out, Emilia Sadonis, chairlady, and her valiant committee carried on, and everyone had an enjoyable time. Homemade bread, cakes, kilbasi, borst and other Lithuanian delicacies were sold. The kugelis made a big hit! Proceeds are going toward a new wayside cross at Holy Trinity Church.

A day of prayer for Lithuania was held on Oct. 15 at the eleven o'clock Mass. Celebrant was our own pastor Rev. Peter Stravinskas.

Our annual buffet and dance was held Oct. 14. Mary Stonis was chairlady. A grand evening was had eating, dancing and talking. Mary and her committee are due sincere thanks for an enjoyable evening.

Our council sent approximately 200 lbs. of books to Lithuania. We thank all members who contributed. Also, a collection was taken up for the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid. There again, our Council was generous.

Last but not least, our council's elections resulted in the following: Kazys

Sipaila, pres.; Bernard Skripata, 1st vice pres.; Amelia Sadonis, 2nd vice pres.; Margie Brazaitis, sec.; Adele Urbonas, treas.; Rita Sussko, fin. sec.; Elizabeth Luciw, corres. secretary. Congratulations to all!

Mary Cullen

C-30 WESTFIELD, MA

Our much traveled council member Isabelle Unaitis gave a most picturesque and informative recount about her trip to Alaska. Eleven members attended the fall NED convention held at St. Francis Church in Athol. One of the hardest working members of our council was finally rewarded for his endless efforts. Jim Rogers received his Fourth Degree at the convention. Congratulations, Jim, you certainly earned it.

Our condolences are extended to Marsha Rogers and family at the loss of her father.

Good luck to the following newly-elected officers for the coming year: Joseph Buckities, pres.; Jim Adamaitis, vice pres.; Sophie Kurcharski, sec.; Kunigunda Coach, treas. and ritual; Bennie Coach, cultural; Nellie Lord, scribe.

We had a lovely sunny autumn day on Oct. 15 when we traveled early in the morning to Worcester for the Scholarship Festival. Athol-Gardner and Westfield were co-hosts this year. The day before the eventful day, a group of council members met in the church parlor to make fresh dėsros for the dinner we helped serve. It was part of our donation to the fund. The dinner was a huge success judging by the amount of food consumed. Helping with kitchen duties from our council were Marsha & Jim Rogers, Cookie & Bennie Coach, Louise & Joe Buckities, Helen Alexik, Sophie Kurcharski, Eugenia Duda and Nellie Lord.

We wish to thank Athol-Gardner for their help. A special thanks to Rita Pinkus for her invaluable expertise in putting it

all together in order that we were able to work as one.

Nellie Lord

C-41 BROOKLYN, NY

Grudžio 3 d. po pamldu Apreiškimo parapijos bažnyčioje, parapijos žemutinėje saleje ivyko narių mėnesinis susirinkimas kuri išangine kalbelė pradėjo kup[ps pirmininkas William Kumeta ir pakvietė kuopos sielovada Kun. Staniški malda sukalbėti. Sėke pasikalbėjimas apie rengiama Grudžio 10 d. Vyčiai kartu su parapijos choru Kalėdų pobuvi. Tuo reikalu pranešima darė Vytas Senkus. Pobuvis praejo labai sekmingai. Daug Vyčiu iš kitų kuopių atsilankė.

41 kupos 75 metų veiklos sukaktis čia pat ir reikės ja tinkimai paminėti. To minėjimo ir Šv. Kazimiero šventė reikalais kalbėjo Juozas Boley ir kiti narai. Galutinis tu švenčių minėjimui programa sudarymas palikta kitam susirinkimui dar apsvarstyti.

Sekantis 41 kuopos susirinkimas ivyks Sausio 7 d. Kveičiamė visus kuopos Vyčius dalyvauti.

S. K. Lukas



Wendy & Victor Ralys.

C-52 ELIZABETH, NJ

Rev. Peter Zemeikis and parishioners commemorated the completion of Fr. Peter's term as fifth pastor of Sts. Peter & Paul Church at a Mass of Thanksgiving and dinner on Nov. 4. Concelebrants at the Mass were Revs. Joseph Pragulbickas, Ronald Marejzewski, William Reed and other visiting clergy. Deacons were Henry Keturwities and Anthony Samaleniz. Mary Agnes Favor, Mary Mackelis and Amelia Jurevicius were lectors.

Homily with reflections was given by Fr. Peter. General intercessions and offertory gifts were presented by parish trustees, council members, presidents of societies, school faculty, Sisters of St. Francis and school children. Sacred music was furnished by Eric Houghton, church organist, and sacred songs were sung by the choir. Julius Veblaitis rendered a violin solo.

Fr. Joseph Pragulbickas opened the banquet in the parish hall with a prayer. The dinner consisted of ham, chicken and kilbasi with liquid refreshments. There were no speeches. The orchestra played for dancing.

Fr. Peter was spiritual director of Elizabeth C-52 from 1969 to the end of 1989 and also for the New York-New Jersey District from 1962 to 1970. He will be in Rome during 1990 on a sabbatical leave.

William Senkus

C-74 SCRANTON, PA

C-74 elected the following officers for 1990: Helen Cravath, pres.; John Ramoska, vice pres.; Mary Costello, rec. sec.; Edward Romanauskas, treas.; Martha Brock, fin. sec.; Ann Hoffstutler, sgt.-at-arms; Jerry Costello, Ann Dudewicz, Ruth Yanish, trustees. Committee chairpersons are Jean Kavelines, cultural; Marie Laske, ritual; Casimir Yanish, Lithuanian Affairs; Richard Laske, publicity. We wish them success and know they will work hard to enrich our council.



Ellie Kasputis, Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas and Bob Boris

Many thanks to Ann Dudewicz and her officers during 1989 for their leadership.

We are glad to see Casimir Yanish back at our meetings after recent surgery.

Marie Laske

C-100 AMSTERDAM, NY

The first meeting for the new season held on Sept. 18 was held with Pres. Radzevich presiding. Gene Gobis gave an in-depth report on the 76th National Convention. She remarked that the panel on "What's Happening in Lithuania" was excellent.

Ed Baranauskas was elevated to Fourth Degree. Polly Ziausys continues as Lithuanian Language Chairlady. Chairing the National Cultural Committee is Regina Kot. Delegates were: Betty Kuzmich, Polly Ziausys, Ed Baranauskas and Helen Kiuber. Ed's wife, Genutė was a guest.

Our delegates wish to thank Chicago host council for the superb job and reception. To Chairpersons Al Brazis, Al Zakarka and Mary Juzenas and their

committee, we say širdingai ačiū visiems.

Ed Baranauskas announced that Lithuanian Classes resumed at Hudson Valley College with an enrollment of 14 students.

Our Dec. 10 Christmas dinner was held at St. Casimir's Social Center with Walter & Sophie Malkowicz, Irene & Harold Tice as chefs, Jennie & Bill Buri-mauskas, Helen Wojcik, Sophie Olbie, Helen Hugo, Betty Kuzmich and Judy Kastraveckas on the committee.

After the meeting, refreshments were served by Sadie Dzek, Helen Druziak, Regina Kot and Gene Gobis. Polly Ziausys brought her Lithuanian cheese, Sadie Dzek made Lithuanian bread and Ann Radzevich baked cookies.

Smile & Sparkle

C-103 PROVIDENCE, RI

Membership could not wait for its monthly meeting to be accomplished. They were overpowered by the aroma of the various dishes of food that members supplied for our pot luck supper. Fearing

that the food would get cold, it was agreed that we eat, then have the meeting. This event is so popular that council members came all the way from Putnam. Fr. Cukuras, Sister M. Apellonora and guest Sister M. Victoria were present.

Our meeting was very much to the point. Reports came in rapid succession, treasurer, Lithuanian Affairs, NED Cultural Festival. Members were asked to participate in bowling roll-off in Worcester on Nov. 19. Our Christmas party was held on Dec. 10 at Pawtucket Country Club.

The month of November is always the month that we remember our departed ones. Our council paused to express our sympathy to Theresa Jacknevilch and John Walaska on the sudden death of Col. Anthony Durante, USAF (Retired), brother and brother-in-law of our fellow members. Acknowledgements on the demise of Marcella Savickis were offered by her daughters A. Beatrice Mathieu, Pres. Bertha Stoskus and E. Ruth Krecioch.

At our annual parish banquet, several priests were in attendance. Among them retired Fr. Alfonse Petraitis who was the pastor and very close friend of many of our members when he was in England and later as pastor in Schenectady in the Albany Diocese. On Nov. 5 he was found slumped at his desk in his retirement apartment at Immaculate Conception Convent in Putnam. Ten parishioners and council members took part in his funeral Mass and interment from the chapel of Matulaitis Nursing Home. Presiding was Bishop of Albany, Very Rev. Hubbard, with the Mass being sung by Bishop Paulius Baltakis OFM with 19 concelebrant priests. Fr. Cukuras delivered a most emotional and inspirational homily for his close friend, companion and brother priest. Also in attendance from Albany and Amsterdam were Bernice Aviza and Apolonija Ziausys.

Victor G. Mathieu



C-142 WASHINGTON, DC

Julia Burlen was re-elected president of C-142. Other officers who will serve with her are: Kay Yankoski, vice pres.; Jean Ratway, fin. sec.; Beverly Meder, rec. sec.; John Waylonis and John Ratway, trustees.

Committee chairpersons are: Joseph Chaplick, spiritual programs; John Waylonis, ritual; Clare Sponis, public relations; Julia Burlen, cultural.

Albert & Genovaitė Cizauskas will serve as Vytis correspondents.

Congratulations and best wishes to our newly-elected officers!

C-150 KANSAS CITY, KS

Members of the Knights of Lithuania, Lithuanians of America and the Aldus Dancers combined forces to present the best ever booth at Kansas City's annual Ethnic Festival in late August in Swope Park, Kansas City, MO. Guided by Kazys and Margaret Zemaite, representatives to the Bendromenė and to the Greater Kansas City Ethnic Council, the groups



Paul Purduski, Charlotte Horvatic, Anita Strumillo & Dolores Purduski - C-150.



C-79 Maggie Smailis and Mary Keller demonstrating on "Blue Arm Band Day" protesting the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact in downtown Detroit.

combined in a food booth featuring zepelines, tortes, napoleons, old world breads and other Lithuanian favorites.

There was a display of wood carvings, some made by local Lithuanians under the guidance of Dick Horvatic. Lithuanian dolls and other memorabilia were for sale. Dancers also performed as part of the ethnic entertainment.

The two-day festival brought many compliments to the local Lithuanian group, especially for the booth which looked like a medieval castle and for a picture-taking prop, a mural painted by Carolyn Strumillo. Visitors could poke their heads through a hole to become Vytis, the Knight, a princess or even a horse or a dragon.

C-150 met for the first time since the July convention on Nov. 11 at Shoney's Restaurant.

Lou Ann Rayn

C-152 EASTERN LONG ISLAND, NY

At our meeting of Nov. 5 members unanimously voted to change our name from RIVERHEAD to EASTERN LONG ISLAND effective immediately to more correctly reflect the geographical area covered by our membership.

Our meeting was graced and inspired by the presence of two visitors from Lithuania, Ona Partikienė and her daughter Irena Karalienė. Irena, speaking in Lithuanian, reviewed recent happenings in Lithuania. She included in her remarks a touching tribute to her mother, who, at age 17, for her compassion in giving food to partisans, was punished by a heavy term of exile in Siberia. Fred Lucka translated Irena's remarks into English, and

thereby perfectly illustrated something greatly noticed and appreciated by our visitors - that many Americans of Lithuanian ancestry make the effort to maintain the language and customs of their forebears and have not ceased, merely because they live in another land, to be concerned for the future of the homeland of their ancestors. At the close of her talk, Irena presented our Council with a book of beautifully selected and composed color views, taken by the photographer Antanas Sutkus, of a Lithuanian Baltic Sea landscape preserve of particular scenic beauty given the name "Neringa".

We are glad to note the return of Walter Niksa and Al Zipkas after their respective sojourns in local hospitals and it is our great hope and prayer that Irene Allen be with us soon again after double by-pass

surgery.

The highpoint of our Council's late Fall activities was our annual Christmas Party held on Sunday, Dec. 3, at Polish Hall in Riverhead. Attendance exceeded 125 persons and included a number of visitors from other Councils which was also favored by unexpectedly good weather. The festivities was also the occasion for the swearing-in by our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. William R. Scrymgeour, of the slate of officers who will serve and guide our Council over the coming year. They are: President, Mike Zukas; Vice Pres., Adele Latinis; Sec., Anne Tarmey; Treas., Tom Tarmey; Fin. Sec., Fred Lucka; Trustees, Charlene Abrahamsen and Felix Zorskis; Sgts-at-Arms, Gen Chrestian and Peter Petrowski.

Tom Tarmey



A Tribute to His Father

Just off the press "Ilgesio Valandeles" by Leonard Simutis, Jr. (Member C-36). This collection of poetry (256 pages) was published by Leonard in loving memory of his father, Leonard Simutis, Sr. who was one of the founding members of the Knights of Lithuania. Those who were at the 75th national convention in Washington will remember Leonard, Jr. who spoke about his father's contributions to our organization.

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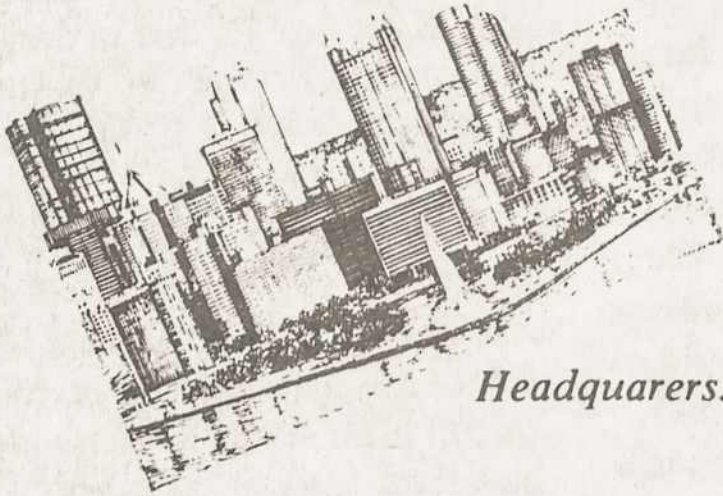
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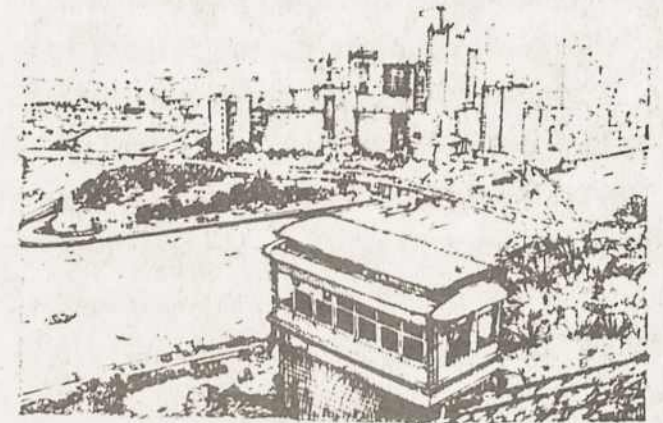
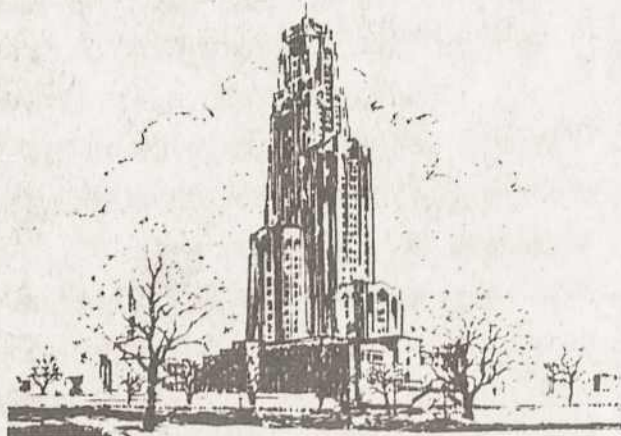
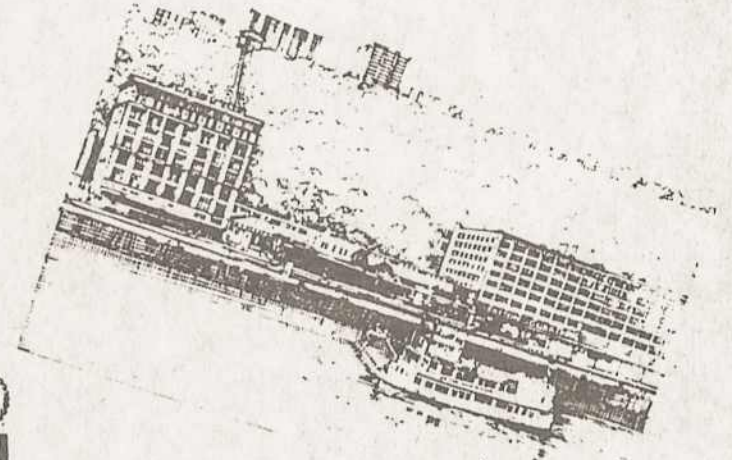
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