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The Three Wives of King Sigismund II

By Edward Baranauskas

I wonder how many of us who traveled to Lithuania ever stopped to realize the wealth of history that can be learned by touring the Vilnius Cathedral and the Chapel of Saint Casimir.

The Chapel was built primarily to honor St. Casimir, but it was also meant to serve as a mausoleum for the royal family. It was here that I received an interesting history lesson into Lithuania's past.

A plaque on the wall of the Chapel attracted my attention. The words were in Latin and the name Elizabeth caught my eye because it stood out the most. I wondered who she was, why she was interred in the Chapel and what part did she play in Lithuania's history. I took a picture of the plaque and had the inscription translated into English after I returned home. I would like to share with you what I learned about her and her husband, King Sigismund II, also known as Sigismund Augustus. The following words appeared in Latin:

D.O.M.

CONDITUR HIC ELISABETH FERDINANDI ROMANORUM,
HUNGARIAE ET BOHEMIAE REGIS FILIA, CAROLI V IMPERATORIS NEPTIS SIGISMUNDI AUGUSTI REGIS POLONIAE ET MAGNI DUCIS LIHUANIAE CHARA CONJUX. PRAECLARA VIRTUTI EGREGIISQUE TUM ANIMI, TUM CORPORIS DOTIBUS ORNATA; PROLIS EXPERS, MORBO COMITALI OBIIT, OMNUM INTENTILUCTUET MAERORE, VILNAE ANNO AETATIS SVAE XIX, REGNI SUI III, ANNO VERO DOMINI MDXLV DIE XV JUNII MORITUR.

I took the picture of the plaque to a Latin language professor at Union College in Schenectady, New York. He and his students had a lively discussion on the translation

during class and it was the consensus of everyone involved that this was the best meaning of the inscription:

The three initials at the very top, D.O.M. stand for Deo, Optimo, Maximo or "To God, the Best, the Greatest".

"Here is placed Elisabeth, daughter of Ferdinand, King of Romanians, Hungary and Bohemia; granddaughter of Emperor Charles V. Dear wife of Sigismund Augustus, King of Poland and Grand Duke of Lithuania. Famed for her virtue and excellence of her soul, as well as adorned by physical endowments, she passed away with epilepsy to the enormous grief and sadness of everyone; at Vilnius she died in her 19th year and in the third year of her reign. In the year of the Lord, 1545 15 June."



Queen Barbara, second wife of King Sigismund II.

It must be noted that Elizabeth (Elisabeth) died in 1545 while she was in the third year of her reign as Grand Princess of Lithuania. At the time of her death, her mother-in-law, Queen Bona, was the Queen of Poland. Her father-in-law, King Sigismund I, died in Cracow on April 1, 1548 and was buried there. (Note: Cracow was the capital of Poland at that time). It was not until then that Sigismund Augustus ascended to the throne of Poland to become King, almost three years after the death of Elizabeth.

Sigismund Augustus became King Sigismund II. His first two wives were laid to rest under the central nave of the Cathedral, as they died almost a century before the St. Casimir's Chapel was constructed and dedicated. It was not until 1931 that their remains were accidentally discovered in a sealed crypt during some renovation work and it wasn't until 1936 that the royal remains were placed in a specially prepared crypt under the Chapel.

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Sigismund Augustus was married to Elizabeth of Hapsburg, daughter of the King of Austria and future Emperor, Ferdinand I. He was a young man of 23 and she a young teenager

at the age of 16. Later that same year, he left for Vilnius expecting to assume the duties of the Grand Prince of Lithuania.

In 1544, his father assigned him the task of governing Lithuania as his viceroy. Everything appeared to be going well until the following year when death took Elizabeth away from the young Prince.

In Vilnius, Sigismund Augustus met the young, very beautiful, and recently widowed Barbara (Lith.: Barbora), sister of Nicholas Radvilas the Red, who soon after was appointed military commander of Lithuania. Their friendship culminated with their marriage in 1547 which resulted in a close relationship with the Radvilas family and aroused great opposition in Poland. His mother and father, as well as most Polish lords, demanded the annulment of the marriage, but Sigismund Augustus strenuously refused. After assuming power following the death of his father, he struggled for two years to have Barbara declared queen. Finally on Dec. 7, 1550, the crown of Poland was placed on Barbara's head.

Barbara was famous for her beauty. It was said that her facial features are immortalized in the painting of Mary at the

Gates of Dawn, (Aušros Vartai) in Vilnius.

Once again, fate struck Sigismund Augustus a cruel blow. His beloved wife Barbara died six months after her coronation. At the age of 31, he was widowed twice within a five year period.

Three years later, he married Catherine of Hapsburg, the sister of his first wife. His family life left much to be desired. He could not get along with his third wife either so she was sent back to Austria, ending a marriage that lasted twelve years.

King Sigismund II died in 1572 and was buried in Cracow. After three marriages, he was childless and left no heir to the throne. His death ended the Gediminas Dynasty, which ruled Poland for almost 200 years.

The plaque on the wall in St. Casimir's Chapel started out innocent enough, but my curiosity as to what was written ended as a very interesting and educational experience for me on only a fraction of the history of Lithuania.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION - ŽOLINĖ

This feast day is celebrated on August 15 by the Catholic Church both in the east and west as the principal feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It commemorates her death and especially her taking up into heaven, body and soul.

The feast originated in the east and came to Rome through Byzantine influence about the middle of the 7th century, under the name of Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God. Celebrated throughout the Byzantine empire on August 15, but in Egypt on Jan. 18, it had grown out of an earlier "commemoration of the Mother of God" that had been observed during the 6th century and probably even earlier.

At Rome the name "Dormition" or "Falling Asleep" gave way before long to the new title that was to prevail in the west: "the Assumption", which at first meant hardly more than death or passing, but which in time came to imply a real resurrection. When the Roman rite spread through the west during the 9th century the new feast went with it, although there was some opposition to the full implications of the name by which it had become known. By the end of the middle ages the feast was everywhere celebrated as one of the greatest in the year and the doctrine was universally accepted.

In 1950 Pius XII declared that the doctrine was revealed—thereby defining officially what all Catholics had believed for

centuries. The Catholic position in the matter is that the Assumption of Mary is implicitly revealed — which means it is a consequence of her divine Motherhood and perpetual Virginity.

In the Roman rite the feast was given a new mass and office which more clearly state the doctrine and its implications. The Feast of Assumption is a Holy Day and all Catholics are obliged to hear Mass on that day.



To live means sharing one another's space, dreams, sorrows, contributing our ears to hear, our eyes to see, our arms to hold, our hearts to love. —Paul Tillich

It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself. —Emerson

Self-knowledge and self-improvement are very difficult for most people. It usually needs great courage and long struggle. —Abraham Maslow

If the only prayer you say in your whole life is "thank you", that would suffice. —Meister Eckhart

SHOULD A MASTER-SLAVE RELATIONSHIP CONTINUE?

Vytautas Landsbergis, President of Lithuania

There's no shortage of advice for solving the Lithuanian question these days. But to solve the problem, one has to understand it. The latest trend, in both Soviet and Western circles, is to urge "a fair and objective" way out of the stalemate for all parties concerned — the Soviet Union, Lithuania and the Western governments, who are under public pressure to support our drive for independence. However, some of the offered solutions are neither fair nor objective.

Soviet spokesmen argue that the unruly Lithuanians should respect and follow orderly Soviet constitutional procedures. After all, they concede, the Lithuanians are entitled to independence, if they want it. But as a "constituent part of the Soviet Union", they must abide by the procedures of Soviet law that will make their independence possible.

Herein lies the basic flaw in this argument. Lithuania is not seeking to establish independence, it is working to restore an independence state that has been illegally suppressed by a foreign power and its army. It is not calling for secession from the Soviet Union because it never legally joined the Soviet Union. This is not just a legal nicety but the basic and non-negotiable premise of our March 11 declaration of independence.

When Soviet spokesmen speak of the right to secession, this right does not apply to Lithuania. It is not legally tenable. The Baltic countries, Lithuania included, have always maintained, and the world recognizes, that they were illegally incorporated into the Soviet Union. The Congress of People's Deputies of the Soviet Union last December itself declared illegal the document that gave birth to the Soviet occupation, namely, the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact.

Under Soviet law, President Gorbachev says that Lithuania's right to self-determination can be realized only through the mechanism that he approves and provides. After all, we are told, he is not denying our right to self-rule, he is merely contesting the pace of secession. But we don't believe he has any intention of letting Lithuania or the Baltic states go through any secession law. The law gives the Congress of People's Deputies — to which, it must be recalled, Gorbachev appointed himself and 98 of his Communist colleagues — the right to veto secession by any Soviet republic, even if two-thirds of its registered voters express their desire for independence.

Though we are not bound by any Soviet constitution, our actions of March 11 were fully consistent with a constitutional provision that provides each Soviet republic's legisla-

ture with the right to secede. Moreover, the Soviet constitution states that the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is a voluntary union of states.

If the Soviet Union enjoyed a system of checks and balances similar to the U.S. system, along with an independent Supreme Court that could rule on the legality of decisions by the Soviet legislature and executive, then a "Soviet Supreme Court" would approve the restoration of independence in the Baltic States because their forcible incorporation contradicts the "voluntary union" clause of the Soviet Constitution and not permit the retroactive application of a punitive law.

But that is precisely what the Congress of People's Deputies has tried to do by declaring our March 11 vote invalid because it contradicted a secession law that did not even exist at the time.

The April 5 secession legislation adopted by the Supreme Soviet states that, to secede, a republic must conduct a referendum. If no referendum was held in 1940 to determine whether we wished to nullify our independence and to join the Soviet Union, why is a referendum needed now to determine whether this forcible incorporation should be ended?

We have no illusions about our economic dependence on Moscow, but we find it hard to understand why in this day and age, a master-slave relationship should continue or even be encouraged - surprisingly enough, by some Western friends - as the solution to the problem?

Our elections of Feb. 24 were democratic and legitimate. Pro-independence candidates proposed by Sajudis swept the elections under the campaign slogan of democracy and independence for Lithuania. Sajudis' political platform differed from that of its main opponent, the breakaway Lithuanian Communist Party, in that it advocated complete political independence as soon as possible and normal, diplomatic relations with Moscow on equal footing, whereas the party leadership still spoke in indeterminate terms of Lithuanian sovereignty "within the U.S.S.R."

In addition to elections, the will of the Lithuanian people has been expressed many times at mass demonstrations and in at least two major petition drives. In 1988, 1.8 million out of a population of 3.5 million rejected Soviet constitutional amendments that restricted the republic's sovereign rights. Last year, 1.8 million called for the renunciation of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact and the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Lithuania. In light of these political realities, how can

we possibly plan and decide our destiny by Moscow's rules and on Moscow's terms? We cannot just brush off our mandate.

Moscow has expressed its displeasure in recent weeks with a barrage of verbal and physical threats, blockades and other acts of force against our people. If the Soviet Union continues to use force, to crush and smother Lithuanian independence, if the military takes over the parliament and imposes martial law, if Gorbachev attempts to keep Lithuania in the Soviet fold as a hostile captive, we will all lose. He will prove that *perestroika* is a collection of failed policies and not a genuine transition to democracy.

But if Gorbachev extends democracy to his own back yard

and recognizes the democratically elected government of neighboring Lithuania, if he presides over the peaceful dissolution of the last living empire on this Earth, if he deals with us as equal, friendly partners, we will all benefit. And he would go down as a great man in history.

The real problem is not Lithuanian independence but how Moscow views itself. Our vote for freedom is forcing Moscow to take a stand - for democracy or for preservation of the holy Soviet empire. Instead of facing the issue head on, the Soviet Union is focusing on a little antagonist to begin with. In this pitifully unequal battle, Moscow is its own worst enemy.

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ECOLOGY IN LITHUANIA

The following talk was given by Vladas Adamkus, Administrator, EPA region 5 at the Knights of Lithuania Banquet "Memories of Lithuania", Martinique Restaurant, Chicago, IL on February 4, 1990.

Knights of Lithuania, ladies and gentlemen, good evening.

Thank you for this great honor and for the opportunity to be with you tonight. It is a very special privilege to be invited here by the Knights of Lithuania, who have been fighting for Lithuanian culture and Lithuanian independence for the past 77 years. Because this, together with a quest for a clean environment, is also my fight.

Today we are witnessing momentous events in world history. As the Berlin Wall crumbles and tyrannies fall, the

long night of Stalinist terror is giving way to a new dawn in Lithuania. The flame of freedom in Lithuania has never been extinguished. And today that flame, like a new aurora borealis, is shining brighter than ever.

Along with political rebirth, the world is also awakening to the need to preserve our environment. In Washington, in Moscow, in the European Community, and even in the Vatican, environmental concerns have assumed a new, urgent priority. And rightfully so.

Pollution by now has defiled almost every corner of the globe. From the jungles of the Amazon to the ice floes of the Antarctic....and from the Baltic Sea to the distant atolls in the Pacific....man's inhumanity to nature has become second only to man's inhumanity to man.

Lithuania, together with her sister Baltic States, has long been a backwater—politically as well as environmentally. Over the past 20 years, I had many occasions to visit Lithuania, both in official and private capacities. I have observed the environment, and the picture is not pretty.

Our rivers, like Nemunas and Neris, were once pure and clean, if not pristine. Today, they have become virtually open sewers. Fish caught in these waters are often found to have hideous tumors. And in some lakes, fish have disappeared altogether.

Polluted rivers, in turn, have made the Baltic Sea into a noxious cesspool. Industrial pollutants, municipal sewage,



Rev. J. Anderlonis with Valdas Adamkus at 77th National Convention in Chicago.

and various toxicants from seven countries are being dumped into the Baltic at an alarming rate.

In Palanga, in that jewel of the Baltic, beaches have been closed because of severe pollution for the past three years. The fact that the Baltic is extremely vulnerable by its very nature makes matters even worse. Like our Great Lakes, the Baltic Sea is basically a closed ecosystem. Which means that pollutants can remain there for as long as 200 years.

I have mentioned here only a few instances of water pollution. But what about Lithuania's contaminated air? And what about Lithuania's soil, drenched through the ages with the blood of heroes? Today it lies befouled, in many instances, with pesticides and hazardous wastes and just plain garbage dumps.

The environmental degradation of Lithuania did not come about because Lithuanians were indifferent to the natural world around them. On the contrary. From the mists of prehistory — when they worshipped Perkunas, the god of thunder, or when they prayed under the canopy of sacred oak trees, or when they gathered amber on the gentle shores of the Baltic—Lithuanians have always had the utmost respect for nature.

The environmental degradation of Lithuania came about only because of Soviet exploitation. They let it happen. They built the factories and they ravaged Lithuania's modest natural resources for their own benefit. And when the manufactured goods and the bounty of the harvest went into the bowels of insatiable Mother Russia, the pollution stayed.

And so today Lithuania needs help from many quarters.

She needs help to preserve her national heritage. She also needs help to protect her natural beauty and her natural resources.

From international banks and foundations she needs help to set the economy on a firm foundation. From the scientific community she needs the latest technology in the fight against pollution. And from us she needs unreserved support—wherever and whenever called for.

Time has come to back up our commitments to Lithuania with deeds. But what can we do? For a start, we shall continue to speak on Lithuania's behalf at every opportunity. Just because Lithuania has recently made headlines around the world is no reason to let up.

We can cultivate political, business, scientific, and cultural contacts here in the United States and in the international arena. The more, the better.

We must let our brothers and sisters in Lithuania know that they are not alone. And above all, we—Lithuanians who are scattered like maple leaves throughout the continents—must present a united front to the world.

I know and you know that Lithuania will take her place among the family of free nations once again. A sort of gut feeling says that it may happen sooner than we think.

And when it happens, I would like to see the green stripe in Lithuania's flag assume an extra-special meaning. Lithuanians deserve to celebrate their long awaited freedom in a land that is both green AND clean.

SPECIAL MASS at HOLY CROSS CHURCH, Dayton, OH

Submitted by Eloise A. Berczelly, C-96 Dayton, OH

In April at Holy Cross Church in Dayton, OH, a special Mass was held followed with a procession to the Shrine of the Three Crosses. Prayers were dedicated for Lithuania and her people for the success in their struggle to regain their freedom. This event was put together by Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis, Elinor Sluzas and Judith Petrokas. Through their efforts, all three major TV stations in the area and the local newspaper gave coverage to this event. Joining in this celebration were representatives from the Latvian and Estonian communities, together with many guests.

At the Shrine of the Three Crosses, a very thought-provoking talk was given by Denis Paškauskas which we would like to share with our readers:

Labas visiems! And greetings to our Latvian and Estonian brothers and sisters!

I will speak today not to those people who are gathered with us today, but rather mainly to those who are not with us; to those in our government who are reluctant now to speak out in favor of the burning human desire to be free; to those who feel that Lithuania should wait for its freedom; to those who feel that Gorbachev is sincere in his desire to bring about democracy to the Soviet Union; to those who feel that



Denis Paškauskas

it is prudent to keep quiet while the Soviet Union strangles its hold on Lithuanians and coldly and efficiently extinguishes the small flame of freedom that burns so brightly in our Lithuania today. This is the same flame of freedom and independence that burned so brightly in the hearts of immigrants in America over 200 years ago, when independence and democracy were born in this great land. I ask you: would they have listened had someone told them to wait for their freedom? History shows us that they did not!

Today, as one of the strongest and freest nations the world has ever seen, we see our government of the United States doing little and giving Gorbachev every opportunity to suffocate Lithuania's independence as the Soviets did in 1940. And he is doing it!

Who here among us believes that the Soviet Union is sincere in allowing Lithuania to eventually become free? Who here among us believes that Gorbachev is acting in good faith and with good will in trying to resolve the crisis? Who here among us believes that the military force is not being used in Lithuania today? The Soviets are applying intense psychological pressure and using intimidation to bully Lithuania to give up its quest for independence. Gorbachev has refused to negotiate with the legally and freely elected government of Pres. Landsbergis. Gorbachev insists that the Lithuanians hold a referendum on the independence question before he even considers the possibility of negotiating with Lithuania. Gorbachev insists that the Lithuanians acted in violation of the Soviet Union's constitution when it declared herself independent.

Let us see those ideas for what they really are: typical Soviet lies and pure sophistry! The new Soviet Union leadership has shown that it cannot be trusted in these days of perestroika and glasnost. We all know that the Landsbergis government was freely elected by a vast majority of Lithuanians. We all know that a referendum in Lithuania was already taken when the pro-independence Sajudis party was overwhelmingly voted into office. Yet Gorbachev insists that a referendum be taken today. Let us ask him how many Soviets voted for him to become President of the Soviet Union??? ZERO! What kind of people's referendum or election brought him into office?? NONE.

Mr. Gorbachev insists that the Soviet Union's constitution was violated by Lithuania's declaration of independence. But their constitution is no more valid than the paper it's written on. The Soviets also had a constitution in 1940. Let us remember the millions of people who were tortured, imprisoned and executed under the Soviet constitution and think how absurd it really is to be told to abide by constitutional law in the Soviet Union. Let us remember that in this country,

under our Constitution, if you were forced at the point of a gun to enter into an illegal contract, you are not legally bound to continue to follow it. Lithuania, in 1940, was annexed into the Soviet Union at the point of a gun and has been forcibly occupied against her will for 50 years by the largest and one of the most oppressive governments in the world. Now that Lithuania has made its will known, Gorbachev refuses to recognize it and hides behind his legal maneuverings and hides behind the tanks he promised would not be used.

There are those in this country that insist we should say nothing for fear of angering Gorbachev. They believe that it would harm the growing friendship between the Soviet Union and the U.S. Those are the ones that have forgotten what America is all about. It has stood as a shining beacon of light in the world; the light of freedom, democracy and independence. It has, for over 200 years, sustained the burning human desire to be free and sustained the basic rights of self-determination for a people to choose their own form of government. But today the light of freedom and voices of democracy are difficult to see and hear. Today, the silence is deafening. If the United States continues to remain silent and refuses to even admonish Gorbachev and his hypocritical handling of Lithuania, then America will have turned its back on its own history - America will have turned its back on the very principles of democracy and freedom that lay at the core of this great land.

Let us hope that in the end, America will not have vacillated like it did when China murdered her own students and brutally crushed the pro-democracy movement there last year. Let us hope that in the end, America will not have remained silent, like it did when Romania tried to do the same thing. Let us hope that in the end, America will have stood up for democracy and America will have heard the chimes of freedom. Let America listen one more time to the tolling of those chimes of freedom "tolling for the aching ones whose wounds cannot be nursed.... tolling for the countless accused, abused and misused ones...." tolling for every person who so desperately yearns to be free from the shackles of his oppressors. Tolling for our fathers, sons, uncles, grandfathers, grandmothers and sisters who died in the bitter cold Siberian prisons or who died in the forests of Lithuania fighting the Communists.

In terms of tanks, guns, soldiers and planes, the Lithuanians are completely outmatched. It is truly a David going up against a Goliath. The Goliath, the Soviet Union, has the largest military machine in the world. So in these things the Lithuanians don't stand a chance. But they have a lot more heart, more courage and more resolve than the Soviets ever

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Knights of Lithuania Protesters Rally for Lithuanian Independence

Josephine Zukas, C-109 Great Neck, NY



Protestors on steps of Capitol - June 1, 1990

At 6 a.m. in the early morning hours of Friday, June 1, a contingent of buses left their destinations to arrive at the State Capitol in Washington, DC to protest the handling of Lithuanian Independence during the summit meetings of Presidents Bush and Gorbachev. One of these was a bus organized by Maspeth C-110 Pres. (who is also the Mid-Atlantic District President) John Adomenas, who was ably assisted by Helen Matulonis, carrying an optimistic group of members from various New York councils. This was done at no cost to anyone, and everyone was warmly received. Msgr. Frank Bulovas gave us a hearty send-off, while Father Stasys Raila blessed the group and wished us well. American, Lithuanian, and K of L flags, signs and posters with various messages, were taken aboard, and the trip proceeded.

Since the day was to be very warm (85°), most of the

women decided not to wear their heavy Lithuanian costumes, but instead wore the colorful juostas (sashes) - and some of the men, their woven Lithuanian ties. Connie Nehwadowich of C-12 Manhattan was determined to brave the heat with her beautiful costume, and she did look lovely. We were also pleased to have a few visitors from Lithuania with us, and it was evident to them how sincere we were about our intentions. Immediately, we were all identified with our tri-colored ribbon on our lapels, their gift to us from Lithuania.

As the trip progressed, and the hours passed, an assortment of foods was passed along to everyone; the Maspeth council had prepared sandwiches and babka, others distributed Lietuviška suri (cheese), cookies, candies, etc. It was a day for sharing! On a short stop in Delaware, we encountered a group distributing hand-woven rosaries made up in red, green and yellow beads. No matter where we went, we seemed to meet up with more and more Lithuanians. We were ready!

When we arrived in Washington at 10:30 a.m., we moved along, with all the flags and posters, to the back of the Capitol steps where quite a few had already congregated, and TV cameras and large speakers were being set up.

With over 1,000 people surrounding the podium, the official program commenced at 1 p.m. with the singing of the National Anthem and other Lithuanian songs, led by a soloist with a beautiful voice. By that time, we had been standing and waiting for over two hours and were anxious to get things started. There were quite a few introductions and speakers before Senator Alfonse D'Amato spoke, but when he appeared, he was definitely the favorite of the crowd, being greeted with an enthusiastic round of flag-waving, cheers and chants, "Thank you, Thank you!" The Senator opened his talk with "Lietuva Bus Laisva!" ("Lithuania will be free!") and all the journalists leaned over asking for the correct spelling so that they could jot it in their notes. Senator D'Amato repeatedly denounced Gorbachev, shouting, "If you want our support, if you want our help, we say we want freedom NOW for the Lithuanian people." Lane Kirkland, President of the AFL-CIO called for conferring most-favored-nation trade status on Lithuania. He asked the Bush administration, "What side are you on? Are you on the side of freedom and democracy? Then do something about it!"

Representative Bob Dornan from California was equally as effective in his talk, stating that "when the Stalin-Hitler pact was signed, it began a life of horror for the people." He was supported with loud cheers and applause. Others were invited to speak, to tell of their plights, - the Latvians, Estonians, representatives from the Soviet Jews, Ukrainians, etc. The TV cameras concentrated on those with Lithuanian costumes, and especially on three demonstrators who wore prison-striped clothing, who sat chained together to a red iron ball bearing a hammer and sickle to honor the 27 Lithuanians forcibly inducted into the Soviet military army. Signs that were a bit different from the rest, some professionally done, also received greater attention. Chants of 'LIETUVA, LIETUVA!', "GORBY, GET OUT OF LITHUANIA", 'WE WILL BE FREE!', were heard throughout the day. It was exciting to be a part of it all.

It was surprising and heartwarming to see the great number of young people at this gathering. We sometimes find fault with our youth, but they didn't let us down in this instance. What a joy!

While standing in this heat, and occasionally relieving the flag-bearers of their heavy flags, I thought about many things. I thought about my long-gone parents who repeated over and over again, that Lithuania would someday be free - maybe not in their time, but IT WOULD HAPPEN. I thought about my dad's brother, Uncle John, who emigrated to the United States, and worked very hard to earn enough so he could



John Sakal & Mike Zukas with John Adomenas with placard "Freedom For Lithuania"

return to the land of his birth. He married his childhood sweetheart, and while raising a beautiful family, was forcibly taken away during the night to Siberia, never to have been heard from again. And I thought about the late Rev. John

Jutkevicius-Jutt of Worcester, MA, a man of dynamic personality, who initiated our organization's Lithuanian Affairs Committee. We would inundate him with news articles and he, in turn, condensed the information into monthly bulletins. We sent letters, by the hundreds, praising or chastising newspapermen, journalists, political figures, etc. (sometimes just to remind the public that there was a Lithuania, and why wasn't it shown on their maps?). He was the likes of whom we have not seen since, nor will see again. How he would have loved to have been here during these exciting times of change. And, then, regretfully, I also thought about a good friend who would not sign my protest petition, because she "didn't want to disturb the peaceful summit talks of the Presidents."

The day was exceedingly warm and by the end of the program, quite a few had dispersed in the shade of the tall towering trees. At this point, the water fountains were a welcome sight, and no-one objected as the long lines of thirsty participants



Evelyn Walles, Anne Morris, Connie Nehwadowich, Joseph Zukas and Friend with placard.

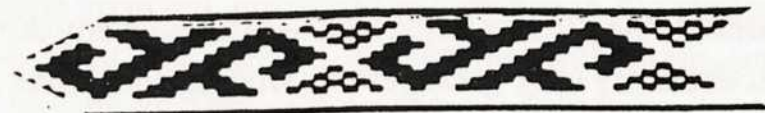
multiplied quickly.

We were told that the Gorbachev's would be hosting a dinner for President and Mrs. Bush at the Soviet Embassy later on in the evening, but since this entire area was to be cordoned off and distancing it for several blocks, it seemed futile to remain, when there was a long return trip ahead for us. Our bus left Washington at 3 p.m. arriving in Maspeth by 8:30 p.m., all tired from an eventful day, but safe, sound and very happy to have been privileged to participate in this peaceful protest.

As the Communist Party daily newspaper, Pravda mentioned, that the question of Lithuania seeking its freedom from the Soviet Union was an "uninvited guest" at the summit talks, we remind President Gorbachev of Lech Walesa's quote: "Those who are free have a moral responsibility to further the aspirations of all who wish to be free." We will all work unrelentingly toward the successful establishment of an independent Republic of Lithuania. Please, God, let it be so.....



Flags and banners milling around on Capitol steps.



Glasnost: Rhetoric or Reality?

U.S. Senator, Al D'Amato (R-NY)

Glasnost, Mikhail Gorbachev's policy of increased freedom and democracy for the Soviet Union, is a beacon of hope. If the Soviets are willing to change their ways, a new dawn for all people may be at hand. But what if the changes in the Soviet Union aren't real? Shouldn't we test the Soviets to see if their actions match their rhetoric? I believe Lithuania is that test.

It is important that we send a signal to Moscow that we are now looking for deeds, not just words, and that the good will of this nation is predicated on Mr. Gorbachev's respect for human rights.

We would be saying very clearly to Mr. Gorbachev, "if you want to talk about peace, then demonstrate it. If you want our credits, if you want our technology, understand that there is a price. The price is rather reasonable one: that you do not repress people who have a right to be free." That is why there is more at stake in Lithuania than the freedom of one nation.

Turned Away by KGB at Lithuanian Border

On April 6, accompanied by Lithuanian Foreign Minister Algirdas Saudargas, and carrying an invitation and visa issued by Lithuanian President Landsbergis, I drove from Warsaw to the Polish-Lithuanian border.

At the town of Ogrodniki, I was turned away by a KGB border guard who told me after calling Moscow, "Orders are orders."

Some have criticized my trip, saying the only reason I made it was for the press coverage. They're right. It is important for the world to see how hostile the Soviet Union really is — despite all its empty rhetoric about wanting to negotiate — toward Lithuanian independence and freedom.

What faith should we put in glasnost if the Soviets openness turns into hostility at the first sign of discontent?



Senator D'Amato accompanied by Lithuanian Foreign Minister Algirdas Saudargas (left) is turned back by a KGB officer at the Lithuanian border.

Senate Passes D'Amato Trade Sanctions

On May 1, Mikhail Gorbachev was jeered by Soviets in Red Square, at the doors of the Kremlin. In Washington, later that day, the United States Senate passed an amendment I

to take advantage of western technology and credit, it means freedom for the people of the Soviet Union too.

sponsored which said in a clear voice to Mr. Gorbachev, "As long as you try to strangle the Lithuanians economically, you won't have access to American trade and technology." These two events hold the key to the resolution of the Lithuanian crisis.

The Soviet Union's economy is a basket case. Gorbachev had made a trade agreement with the United States his top priority at the recent summit. I offered an amendment which urged the President not to submit a trade agreement to Congress until the Soviets lift the economic embargo they have imposed on Lithuania and agree to negotiate the dispute. It passed 73 - 24.

Gorbachev must fix the faltering Soviet economy, and he needs our help to do it. That's why I offered my amendment. Gorbachev has to know that freedom doesn't just mean freedom

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thought. Let us hope and pray that Pres. Landsbergis and the Lithuanian people have the strength, courage and will to continue their march toward freedom and independence.

Su mano visa dvasia ir visa širdysė, mano didžausė garbė yra kad aš galiu sakyt kad aš esu Lietuvis. With all of my heart and soul, I am so very proud to say that I am a Lithuanian. Let freedom ring!

Laisva Lietuva! Ačiū visiems.

AROUND THE LEAGUE

The Blazers have been confident that Lithuanian center, Arvydas Sabonis, who played this season in Spain, will come to terms. But they recently learned that Sabonis would like a contract paying him \$2 million annually. Suddenly he is available, and the Bullets reportedly are interested.

USSR CAUTION

In a year when East European tourism is expected to break all records, the State Department is cautioning: "Tourists in frail health are urged not to visit the Soviet Union." The caution warned that tours are strenuous, distances long, flights unreliable and medical care inadequate. "There's a severe shortage of basic medical supplies including disposable hypodermic needles, anesthetics and antibiotics." Travelers should be covered by medical insurance, including medical evacuation.

The State Department also warns that there has been a substantial increase in violent street crime in USSR in the past year. And Americans should check ahead on areas closed to visitors because of unrest. Phone: (202) 647-5225.



INDEPENDENCE DAY - JULY 4, 1776

While our relatives and friends in Lithuania are struggling to regain their independence from the Soviet Union, we Americans celebrate July 4 as Independence Day. This day is the anniversary of the adoption by Congress, July 4, 1776, of the Declaration of Independence, proclaiming the severance of the allegiance of the American colonies to Great Britain. It is the greatest secular holiday of the United States, observed in all states and territories.

The congressional delegates from Virginia introduced in congress, June 7, 1776, a resolution "that body declare the United Colonies free and independent States, absolved from allegiance to or dependence on then Crown or Parliament of Great Britain...." On June 10 a committee of five, headed by Thomas Jefferson, was appointed to prepare a declaration suitable to the occasion in the event that the Virginia resolution was adopted.

Congress approved the resolution July 2; the declaration composed by Jefferson and amended by his committee was adopted July 4 and was publicly read in the yard of the state house July 8.

The first anniversary of the declaration was observed only in Philadelphia, PA with a ceremonial dinner, bonfires, the ringing of bells and fireworks. In 1788, after the requisite number of states had adopted the constitution, Philadelphia celebrated July 4 by elaborate festivities, including a grand procession which incorporated five symbolic groups: independence; French alliance; definitive treaty of peace; convention of the states; and constitution.

Boston, MA first observed the day in 1783, and thereafter this celebration replaced that of the Boston Massacre, March 5. The custom spread to other cities and states where the day



was marked by parades, patriotic oratory, military displays and fireworks. As the toll of deaths and injuries mounted annually, many communities in the 20th century passed laws prohibiting the sale of fireworks. Civic minded groups worked to link the ideals of democracy and citizenship to the patriotic spirit of the day. Games and athletic contests, picnics, patriotic programs and pageants and community fireworks displayed by experts became characteristic of the day.



THE FLAG

I am not the flag; not at all. I am but its shadow. I am whatever you make me, nothing more. I am your belief in yourself, your dream of what a People may become....I am the day's work of the weakest man, and the largest dream of the most daring....I am the clutch of an idea, and the reasoned purpose of resolution. I am no more than you believe me to be and I am all that you believe I can be. I am whatever you make me, nothing more.

POVERTY IN THE USSR

Statistics in the Soviet Union are notoriously unreliable, but *Moscow News* reports that about a seventh of the nation's 286.4 million people were living in poverty in 1988.

The Soviet republics with the highest percentage of poverty-ridden residents are those in south and central Asia, like Tadzhik, Turkmen and Kirghiz. *Moscow News* points out, for example, that 59% of the people in Tadzhik live below the poverty level, whereas only 3.5% of those in the three Baltic republics of Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia are officially classified as poor.

No wonder Lithuania was the first to demand independence. Of all the Soviet republics, only Latvia has fewer poor people.

Parade Magazine

THE GORBACHEV DOCTRINE

Rape is legal.

The rape victim becomes a member of the rapist's family.

The relationship between the victim and the rapist shall be called a union.

If the rape victim wants to leave, she has to follow the rapist's laws and procedures.

Should she dare to object, the rapist will respond with tanks and troops.

All that shall be called restoration of law and order.

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MAHANOY NATIVE IN HIGH POST AT GEORGETOWN

After a nationwide search for the most qualified candidate to assume the all-important duties of alumni administrator at Georgetown University found its man in Mahanoy City native Jack Burgess (Brazdius). Burgess took over the university's office of associate vice president for alumni relations and executive director of the 75,000-member Alumni Association.

As a high school student, he recalls, his plans were set. He would go to college, take all the requisite pre-med courses, enroll in medical school and eventually become a physician. But soon after he came to Georgetown as a undergraduate student, his plans changed. He dropped his science classes and became a history major with a focus on Asian, Soviet, European and American regions. He also began studying events on Capitol Hill and at the White House.

In addition to his six-year stint with the Peace Corps, Burgess has worked on four successful presidential campaigns and served under three White House administrations. In the early 1980s he was deputy director of Ronald Reagan's office of Public Liaison. In 1983 he worked for the Transportation Dept. as counselor to Sec. Eliz. Dole. Later he worked at the State Dept. and at the Veterans Administration with Edward Derwinski.

For Burgess, working for his alma mater is nothing new. He served as college dean from 1966 to 1968 and as assistant



Jack Burgess

dean from 1968 to 1971. After 16 years of government work, returning to Georgetown is something Burgess welcomes and considers a challenge.

Burgess is a graduate of Mahanoy City High School in Pennsylvania. He is the son of Jack and Mary Brazdius still residing in that city.

Evening Herald

LITHUANIAN FREEDOM IS IN THE WIND

The Herald-Journal reporter in Syracuse met with several members of the Knights of Lithuania to discuss events in their ethnic homeland at which time members unfurled and explained the colors of the Lithuanian flag.

President Frank Petrauskas mentioned that "when you pick up a map of the world, you don't see the boundaries of Lithuania - all you see is USSR. Lithuania must get their boundary back and become a country of themselves...." Member Mary Zutant questioned that "if they do not regain their independence now, then when? We do not want our relatives to continue living in oppression." Another member John Stanley stated that, "The Russian people probably favor independence for the Lithuanians as much as the Lithuanians do. It is the Soviet government that stands in the way."

Pres. Petrauskas who has been president of the national Knights of Lithuania, said the Roman Catholic Church was a very powerful influence throughout the history of Lithuania and expects it to pull the country together in the present crisis. He further stated "This is what kept them going during the Soviet oppression. The Communists felt that if they took away the religion from the people, then they could bend the people to their own ways."

Herald-Journal



RICHARD GRAULICH/Contributing photographer

MARY ZUTANT

... the time is ripe for independence

RICHARD GRAULICH/Contributing photographer

FRANK PETRAUSKAS

... president of the Knights of Lithuania

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SEEKING TO HELP LITHUANIA WITH MEDICAL SUPPLIES

A Batavia, NY ophthalmologist, troubled about the lack of medical supplies in blockaded Lithuania, has received some encouragement that his requests for American aid may be answered.



Denis Mazeika

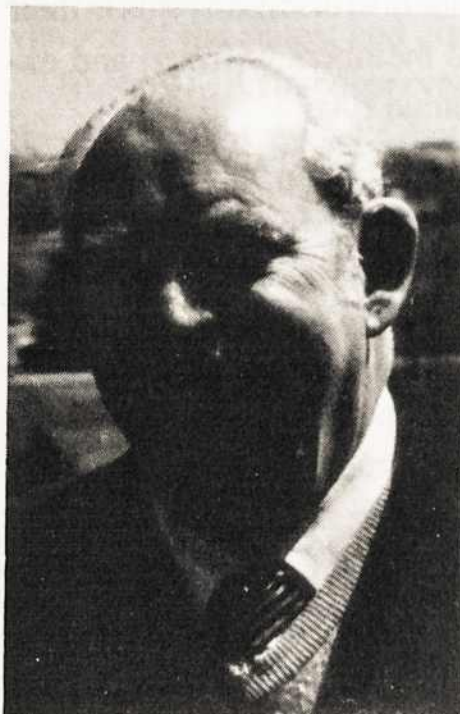
Dr. Denis Mazeika, wrote and telephoned the offices of Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-Fairport, and Senators Daniel Moynihan, D-NY and Alphonse D'Amato, R-NY, asking them to use their influence to get the

needed supplies to Lithuania. Both Denis and his wife have relatives living in Lithuania. They have been told that Sen. Paul Simon, D-IL, has amended the current European aid bill to require that \$5 million of a pending sum be allotted for humanitarian purposes in Lithuania"

The Buffalo News

INTERVIEWED ON DUTCH TELEVISION

Al Cizauskas, a member of Washington's C-142, was interviewed on Dutch television for a documentary on the Dutch-Indonesian hostilities of 1946-1949 leading to Indonesian independence. Al was American Vice Consul in Indonesia at that time.



Albert Cizauskas

The purpose of the documentary was to explain to the present-day Dutch population why their rich colony was lost, then called the Dutch East Indies. Also interviewed on the same documentary was Dean Rusk, then Assistant Secretary of State. The documentary was shown on Dutch national television during the month of Dec. 1989 to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the granting of sovereignty to the Indonesians.

SEEING COMBAT CLOSE UP CHANGED THIS CORRESPONDENTS OUTLOOK

It happened more than 20 years ago. But for Jurate Kazickas, it's a moment frozen in time. "I was in a chopper," she recalls. "And he was on a stretcher. It was twisting in the wind, and

they were pulling him in and starting to work on him, trying to revive him. He was so young, so scared." The medics never did revive that 19-year-old soldier.

That was the moment Jurate Kazickas turned against the war in Vietnam. The year was 1967 and Kazickas was a 24-year old free-lance journalist from New Rochelle, one of a handful of female correspondents covering the war in Vietnam. "I thought we were absolutely right to be there to fight against communism," she recalls. "I very much believed in the cause. I came to realize this is dumb. There must be some way to resolve this without shooting and maiming and killing.



Jurate Kazickas Altman

War just isn't worth it."

Six feet tall and marathon-runner thin with wavy blond hair and sky-high cheekbones, Kazickas, now 47, looks like she just stepped off a Hollywood set for a movie called *Women and War*. In reality, however, it was the life of the grunt, not the glamorous gal, that she led those two years. The dirt, the heat, the sweat and the danger. These are her memories.

Two years out of college and a researcher at the now-defunct *Look* magazine, Kazickas says she was compelled and determined to go to Vietnam, "to write about it, to experience the war, to send the stories home to the American people". Her parents, Lithuanian immigrants who fled the Soviet troops with 1-year-old Jurate in 1944, weren't anxious to see their eldest child — and only daughter — dressed in combat fatigues. She went on a quiz show called "Password", won \$1,000 and with that money bought a one-way ticket to Saigon.

Armed with little experience, but a ton of energy and a commitment to the cause, Kazickas set herself up in a small room in Saigon. As the war escalated, she often found herself

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in the heat of combat. She had shrapnel in her arms, legs, face and back. Hundreds of metal pieces were lodged under the skin of her face. She was evacuated to a hospital. Some of the small metal fragments are still imbedded in her leg muscles.

"I always wanted to be an adventurer", she says. Before Vietnam, it was Africa. After graduating from Trinity College in Washington, DC, she headed for Nyeri, Kenya, where she served as a volunteer teacher.

When she returned to the states after the Vietnam War in 1969, Kazickas was hired by the Associate Press. As an AP reporter covering East Wing of the White House, she was assigned an interview with Roger Altman, assistant secretary of treasury. They married in 1981 and adopted three children, Alexandra, Nicholas and Kristina.

When her father called her on the telephone recently, she bursts into a mixture of English and Lithuanian. The news is that Pres. Bush has consented to meet with Lithuanian Prime Minister Kazimiera Prunskiene. These days, Kazickas has taken her tremendous energy and commitment and channeled it in one direction: Lithuanian independence. "I have to do what I can. This is my homeland, my heart and soul," says Kazickas.

Kazickas and her father, a New York businessman who serves as the Lithuanian prime minister's economic adviser, were sitting in the Lithuanian parliament on March 11 when the Baltic republic declared its independence from the Soviet Union. "We heard my people reclaim the independence they lost in 1940," she says, referring to the Soviet invasion that preceded the Nazi takeover. "My people have suffered so much," she says quietly, then quickly shifting gears she exhibits the spunk and spark that once took her into the jungles of Vietnam.

"Nothing," she says, "will stop us now."

Suburban People



Five generations gathered celebrating Nancy Yakas' birthday. Top left: Nancy Yakas and daughter Irene Tice. Bottom left: Great-grandson Paul Silvestri, great-great-grandson Anthony Silvestri and granddaughter Diane Taylor.

FIVE GENERATIONS TOGETHER

Nancy Yakas & her daughter, Irene Tice are both active K of L members of C-100 Amsterdam. Irene has chaired a number of C-100's Christmas parties together with her husband Harold. She chaired the Farewell party which took place June 11 for Audrius Bruzga, the Lithuanian exchange student who spent one year at Union College in Schenectady. Before Irene returned to Amsterdam, she lived in a small community near Utica, NY where she was an organist and has an excellent singing voice.

The Recorder

BANGA! CAME TO KANSAS CITY....

Captured the Women's Basketball Trophy

And Every Heart for Miles Around!

Lou Ann Rayn - C-150

At the invitation of Robert Peck, Executive Director of the Women's Basketball Association of America, the Lithuanian champion women's team (from Kaunas) accepted an invitation to play in a tournament in Kansas City, Kansas on May 19. Five local teams, including his well-known "Peck's Good Girls" participated in the tournament, but the Lithuanians were clearly outstanding, taking their first game 85 to 54 and coming back in the championship finals to win 82 to 64.

The Lithuanian girls exchanged gifts with the first team they played, and were delighted to receive American flags in return. (This was also the first time they had received individual trophies as well as their team trophy). They arrived laden with gifts for their host families and for Mr. Peck, as well. The host families were Richard & Grazina Garbus, Tony Granosky, Dick & Charlotte Horvatic, Don & Eleanore Johnson, Pete & Marian Koia, Bob & Lou Ann Rayn, Bill & Anita



Lithuanian basketball team members: (back row from left) Aurime Alisauskaitė, Kristina Kalesinskaitė, Jolanta Vilutyte and Dalia Belickaite. (Front row from left) Lina Dambrauskaitė, Rasa Kreivktė and Vilija Maskolaitytė.

Strumillo, Chuck & Margaret Zemaitis and Ralph & Gaile Varnum.

The real adventure in having the young ladies, ranging in age from 17 to 24, in the United States was their quick and somewhat unprepared-for acceptance of the invitation to play in Kansas City. Their sponsor, Banga, a TV manufacturer in Kaunas, paid for the 20 Lithuanians passage on Aeroflot from Moscow to Washington, DC. Sigitas Godelis, from the Banga factory was the leader of the group. They arrived in Washington Tuesday, May 15 and were met by an American Lithuanian lady who took them to her home, advanced them bus fare to Kansas City, and arrived here on Thursday, May 19. A reception was held at the home of Bill and Anita Strumillo to introduce the girls, trainers and coaches to their American host families. Since only one girl spoke English and very few of us in Kansas City are fluent in Lithuanian, communications were a lot of fun! The two girls staying with me were tired and I showed them their bedroom and gave them towels. Then I drew a picture of a shower and bed to let them know they could retire if they desired ... and they did!

Despite the language barrier, the Lithuanians got to see a lot of Kansas City and the surrounding area. "Worlds of Fun" gave complimentary admittance to the girls when I called to explain how we were all pitching in to make them welcome and our funds were limited. They especially liked riding the roller coaster and everyone players, coaches, even the administrator of Athletics for all Lithuania rode the Merry-Go-Round! One thing I found particularly interesting: the "rides" and shows at this amusement park are operated by high school and some college students.

Everywhere we went, our girls stood out (for the language, yes, but also for their charm and good looks)! When I would explain to the American kids, or adults standing by, who they

were and why they were here, all but one recognized Lithuania as the "little country that recently declared independence from the Soviet Union." I think that's very encouraging! Some of us spent our first day taking the girls to the Swope Park Zoo, through the Country Club Plaza, to Hallmark's Crown Center and to Winstead's famous drive-in for their first hamburger. Sunday, my two young ladies were delighted to attend Mass with me at the beautiful, historic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City, MO. On Monday, seven girls, Anita Strumillo and I were shown the game of golf, then drove to the University of Kansas, Lawrence, where they were showered with gifts by Kevin Cook, assistant women's basketball coach. He offered a scholarship to a younger player who's "tall, good looking, about 16 or 17 and can speak English." The coach of the younger girl's team in Lithuania is working on that. He also took the girls' addresses in order that he can send them tapes of their favorite recording stars and keep in touch with them they impressed him greatly! At the Lawrence, KS McDonald's, where everybody had a "Big Mac", one of the employees spoke Russian, so she was able to talk with the girls and was so delighted to see them, she produced a Polaroid and had a picture taken with them. Margaret and Chuck Zemaitis hosted a pot luck supper the final night the Lithuanians were in Kansas City, with the host families attending and furnishing covered dishes.

We host families refrained from asking the girls political questions, feeling they were charming young ladies who came to play basketball (and how) and not act as politicians. During the course of their visit, we learned they liked bananas, cheerios, electric toasters, computers, video games and older American TV shows such as "Green Acres". I know that when the girls left, their English was much improved. I'm not sure I can say the same for my Lithuanian! But now I can

say "Ladai" for ice cream.

Most of the group left Kansas City on Tuesday morning for a trip to Chicago where they were scheduled for more basketball games. Two girls left to visit relatives in Pittsburgh and one player with three members of the factory entourage,

returned to Lithuania.

All in all, it was a wonderful, exciting, rewarding experience and if these young ladies and their coaches, etc. are any representation, Lithuania is alive and well and going to be the "mouse that roared" at the "big bear" and won world recognition!

Rev. Anthony Miciunas celebrates his Golden Anniversary

A priest for a half-century that covered Vatican II, Rev. Miciunas, pastor of St. Peter's Church in Kenosha, WI and spiritual adviser of C-40 celebrated his golden jubilee of his ordination in May.

Fr. Miciunas, ordained in 1940 into the Marians of the Immaculate Conception, said that the Second Vatican Council called by Pope John XXIII in 1962 was the turning point of Catholicism. The new documents of Vatican II caused many changes that he found difficult to adjust to.

Miciunas' 50-years as a priest have sent him to Chicago, Worcester, MA and Rome as well as Kenosha. While stationed at his order's headquarters in Rome, he met the present Pope John Paul II on three occasions. At that time, however, the Pope was a cardinal. Father says that times have changed since his service in Rome and so have the problems facing the church. He lists among the issues abortion and the role of women in church, the decline of priests and nuns.

Fr. Miciunas was born in Oglesby, IL, attended parochial schools in Chicago, high school in Clarendon Hills, IL and Thompson, CT, then went into Marian Hills Seminary, Clarendon Hills. After ordination in Chicago in 1940 he did graduate work at Catholic University, Washington, DC, Laval University, Quebec, Canada and Marquette University, Milwaukee, receiving a master's degree in philosophy in 1944. Then he began about three and a half decades of work concentrated on Lithuanian institutions and Lithuanian-speaking congregations. He was business manager of Draugas, editor of the religious magazine Laivas and superior of the Marian Fathers monastery, Chicago. In 1952, Father arrived

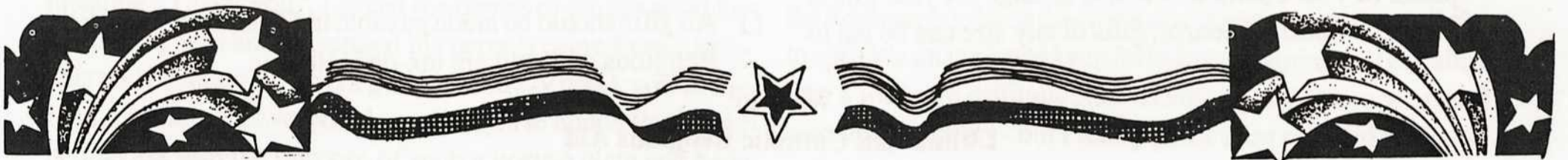


Rev. Anthony Miciunas, M.I.C., pastor of St. Peter's Church in Kenosha, WI

in Kenosha for the first of his three years at St. Peter's. He served five years there and after three years at the seminary in Chicago, returned to St. Peter's for another three years. In 1963 he was assigned to Rome as consultant to the Marian Fathers headquarters, a 15-year assignment in Worcester and then returned again to Kenosha.

St. Peter's parish is mixed with different nationalities and no longer has services in Lithuanian, but about a dozen Lithuanian-speaking members attend Mass. The parish has a school and the school children attend Mass three times a week.

The Knights of Lithuania organization wish Rev. Anthony Miciunas much health and continued success in serving "God and Country". Ad multos annus.



Chicago's Ethnic Neighborhoods

by Leanne Kleinman - Adventure Road

MARQUETTE PARK

The main street of the city's Lithuanian neighborhood, 69th Street is no longer as heavily ethnic as it once was, but there are still stores where Lithuanian is the only language you need to know. Luckily, English will also do at the Baltic Bakery on 69th Street, where fresh butter and farmer cheese compete for shelf space with dense brown "brick" bread, Lithuanian rye and tasty sugar-covered fried pastry dough. Walking east from California Avenue, you'll pass several bars and the soccer club headquarters, which display the Lithuanian flag and the banner of its new people's movement, Sajudis. Baltic nationalism is alive and well on the South Side. Farther along, stop in at Tulpe, a tiny, friendly cafe that serves wonderful kugelis, a fluffy potato pudding best topped with sour cream and bacon bits (obviously, Lithuanian food is not for dieters). Walk west again, and hope that the neighborhood church, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is open for a peek. Before you leave the South Side altogether, stop in at the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, on So. Pulaski Road for a look at the history and culture of this Eastern European country.

BRIDGEPORT

Other city neighborhoods are united by the ancestral homeland of the people who live there, but in Bridgeport, an old South Side neighborhood, politics is the overriding unifying force. The neighborhood is a mix of Irish, Italians, Lithuanians, Germans, Poles, Croatians and Mexicans, and is also the traditional home to many of the city's mayors, including the most famous one, Richard J. Daley. A few blocks east of Halstead St., the neighborhood's main street, you'll reach So. Lowe Avenue. Between 35th and 36th streets on Lowe, you'll find the quiet brick bungalow where "Hizzoner" lived and died, never moving out of the neighborhood. This is also the place where the city's current mayor, Richard M. Daley, grew up; he now lives a couple of blocks west on Emerald. Walking south and west, you will find yourself in front of both the Nativity of Our Lord Church and Holden Drugs, a Chicago fixture for more than 100 years.

Back out on Halstead at 37th St. be sure to look into the headquarters of the 11th Ward Regular Democratic Organization, the Daley's political home base.

(Ed.: Other ethnic areas in Chicago are Chinatown, Lincoln Square, Pilsen, Ukrainian Village and Old Polonia - the Windy City is a mighty metropolis of cultural diversity.)

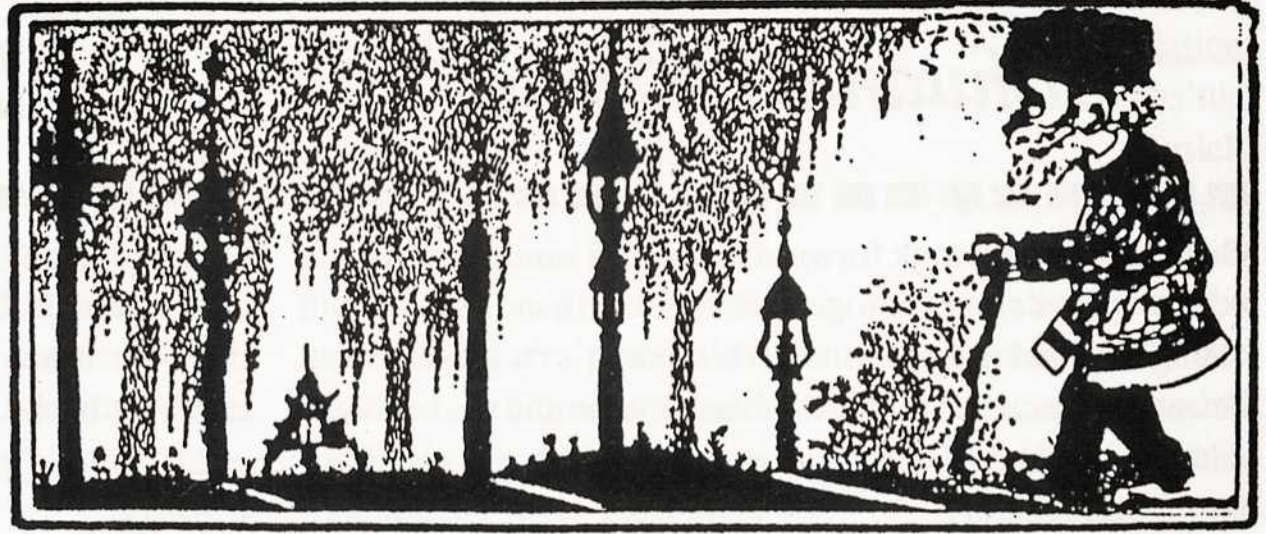
LCRA REMINDERS

- Books are still urgently needed for Lithuania, especially books in the Lithuanian language, reference works, theology and philosophy books, and texts for all disciplines. We suggest you call Books to Lithuania Hotline (718) 647-2434, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST or write to the address below, before you ship your books.
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351 Highland Blvd.
Brooklyn, NY 11207

"Dede
Kastukas
Sako" ~



THE NEW SAVIOR OF COMMUNISM - PRES. GEORGE BUSH

For years, Mike Gorbachev has demonstrated that he's the best con-artist in the world. Hitler and Stalin murdered people to achieve power, whereas Gorbachev uses fear and personality, plus murder, to promote communism. Unfortunately, for him Communism is failing and is experiencing death throes.

After visiting the United States, Gorbachev is going home with new life infused into his party by Pres. George Bush with wheat, technology, and a preferred price status for Russian goods by the U.S. Our President is happy with the thought that such a deal is good for the U.S. since it means money for the farmers, for the technicians, and farm equipment manufacturers; and we don't have to fear about being atomized. What he doesn't mention is that the hopes of Democracy for the people in Europe and China are shattered for a longer period of time by this cowardly deal. If Pres. Truman were here, he would have told Gorbachev "to go to hell". Then he'd watch all the Russian satellite countries kill off the Commie leaders like Romania did - all in a short time.

This was a golden opportunity for the United States to take a firm stand for Democracy around the World and rid it of Communism. Now we have to wait for God to continue his slow course to erase these godless leaders. Amen.

CHINESE OR LITHUANIAN

An auto was parked in the mall with "Ah-Choo" license plates. That word sounds like someone sneezing but at the same time that is how "Aciu" is pronounced in Lithuanian meaning "Thank you". I asked the owner of the car what his nationality was and he replied his parents came from Lithuania and he thought it was a good idea to say thank you on the road, plus arouse everyone's curiosity. He added that many people ask him the purpose of such a license plate and he is proud to tell them. A clever idea, eh?

PRESTIGIOUS NAMES

How many names are you known by? I don't mean aliases or noms de plume, I just mean - are you the kind of person who is called John Smith - or are you, like our famous people, always John James Smith??? If I asked about Ed Poe, you might think a minute, but if I said Edgar Allen Poe, there'd be no hesitation. And then there's Franklin Delano Roosevelt - I bet you don't even know what George Washington's middle name was - or even if he had one - I certainly don't know. Emily Dickenson and many others made the big time without the three-name-thrust, but it certainly does sound more sonorous and impressive....I think from now on I'll have myself known as Kastukas Pumpalukas Vostavazoolas - that will make them pause!

COAL BIN DAYS!

It's rather chilly today in July and I'm thinking of turning on the heat...and then I think back to another day when turning on the heat was not so simple....do you remember having a coal bin in your cellar?...and the coal man came quite often and delivered a ton of "stove" coal or maybe some "pea" coal, and he drove his coal chute into the cellar window and when he tipped his truck, all the coal ran into the cellar coal bin. All mothers were furious if someone had forgotten to close the cellar door and all the coal dust went upstairs and settled on the curtains and window sills in a black cloud!!! And after the coal had been burned in the furnace and shaken down to the bottom door of the furnace, it was shoveled out, but, there was still lots of good pieces of unburned coal among the ashes. The ashes had a use, also....everyone put them in the driveways to keep down the mud and they were wonderful to sprinkle on the ice to keep folks from slipping....It certainly was a lot more difficult than turning up the thermostat, and nostalgia is lovely - but I really don't want my coal bin back!

Lithuanian Kitchen

Lietuviška Virtuvė

Our Vytis readers look forward to outdoor summer and early autumn picnics and get-togethers which go hand in hand with eating and having a great time. This month's recipes are ideal because they can be prepared ahead of time and are healthful with emphasis on fresh fruits and vegetables and also lite - non-fat ingredients.

24-HOUR LAYERED SALAD

5-6 cups lettuce or other greens	Dressing:
1 large red onion, sliced	1 8-oz. sour cream
1 red/green pepper, sliced	or non-fat yogurt
1 10-oz. pkg. frozen peas, thawed	1 cup mayonnaise or
1 cucumber, peeled, sliced	or lite mayo
10 slices bacon, crumbled	1/8 t. garlic powder
2 cups shredded Swiss or	1 Tbsp. sugar
Cheddar cheese	salt, pepper to taste
2 cups sliced mushrooms	
6 hard boiled eggs, sliced	
1 pt. cherry tomatoes	

Process dressing ingredients in blender, or mix in bowl; refrigerate until ready to use. In large 4-5 qt. salad bowl, place all greens in bottom. Add 1/2 only of vegetables in layers; onion, mushroom, pepper, peas, cucumber, bacon and cheese. Spread 1/2 of the dressing evenly to edges of bowl to seal. Layer the remaining vegetables and spread on remaining dressing; being careful to seal to the edges of bowl. Place cherry tomatoes around bowl edges and place sliced egg in a design in center. **DO NOT MIX.** Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 24 hours. Toss before serving. Serves 10-12.

GRILLED AND SKEWERED KIELBASI

2-3 lbs. kielbasi	Marinade:
2-3 zucchini, cut in 3/4" pieces	1/2 cup oil
2 red peppers, cut in 2" pieces	1/3 c. lemon juice
12-16 whole mushrooms	1/2 tsp. basil
12-16 small white onions,	1/2 tsp. dried dill or
parboiled	1 Tbsp. fresh dill
6-8 skewers (12" long)	1/2 tsp. garlic powder
	salt, pepper

EARLY IN DAY: Boil kielbasi until done and refrigerate until cook-out time; place marinade ingredients in bowl and whisk well and set aside. Prepare vegetables as directed above.

AT GRILLING TIME: Cut kielbasi into 1-1/2" pieces;

alternating kielbasi and vegetables onto skewers and brush with marinade. Grill over coals, turning frequently and brushing with reserve marinade until vegetables and meat are nicely browned. Serves 6-8.

LIME PINEAPPLE MOLD

1 3-oz. lime jello	1-3/4 cup water
2 20-oz. cans sliced	2 empty pineapple cans for
pineapple	molds

Open two cans of pineapple, drain off juice and reserve for another use. Remove pineapple slices from cans and allow excess juices to drain. Prepare jello as directed using only 1-3/4 cups water. When jello has thickened to a syrupy consistency, pour some into bottom of can, add slice of pineapple, pour jello over slice; add another slice and repeat until the 2 cans are full of jello and slices. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate.

To remove, place can upside down and remove bottom of can with opener. Slide knife around sides of can and release the jello mold onto dish. Cut into slices and arrange on serving platter. Garnish as desired.

A DOUBLE PEACH SCOOP

2 cups ripe peaches,	1/2 cup peach schnapps
skinned and sliced	Raspberry syrup
2 Tbsp. sugar	1 qt. vanilla ice cream or
	frozen yogurt

Combine peaches, sugar, schnapps in mixing bowl; cover and refrigerate. To serve, place 2 Tbsp. peaches in bottom of serving dessert dish; add large scoop of ice cream; drizzle peach and raspberry syrups over ice cream.

SUMMER FRUIT CRISP

4 cups sliced fruit (berries,	1 tsp. flour
pears, peaches, plums)	1/2 tsp. cinnamon (optional)
	4 Tbsp. sugar

Topping:

3/4 c. Quaker oats	1/4 cup sugar
3/4 c. flour	1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 cup margarine	1/2 cup chopped nuts (opt.)

In medium bowl combine fruit, sugar, flour and cinnamon. Place into lightly greased 9" baking pan.

In bowl, combine oats, flour, sugar, cinnamon. Blend in margarine until mix is crumbly. Add nuts. Sprinkle topping over fruit and bake at 350° for 40-45 mins.

LITHUANIAN VOCABULARY - ŽODYNA

Bodily and Mental Powers: Physical Qualities

(Kūno ir proto galios; fizinės ypatybės)

<u>English</u>	<u>Lithuanian</u>	<u>Pronunciation</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Lithuanian</u>	<u>Pronunciation</u>
feelings	jausmai	y'owsmāi	bite	kašnis	kahs'nis
foolishness	kvailumas	kvai'loo'mahs	blister	pušlė	poosleh
gentleness	švelnumas	shvalnoo'mahs	breath	kvėpavimas	kvehpah'veemahs
goodness	gerumas	ge'roo'mahs	bruise	opa; žaizda	o'pah; zhaiz'dah
greatness	didumas	deed'oo'mahs	chemist	vaistininkas	vais'teeneen'kahs
honesty	teisingumas	tay'sing'oo'mahs	cold, chill	persišaldymas	persee'shahl'dee'mahs
honor	garbė	gahrbeh	corn	nuospauda	nuos'poudah
idea	mintis; ideja	min'tees; eedeh'yah	cough	kosulys	kosoo'leehs
intelligence	protas; supratimas	pro'tahs; soo'prah'tee'mahs	cramp	mėšlungis	mehshloon'gees
knowledge	žinojimas	zheeno'yee'mahs	deaf	kurčias	koor'chiahs
laughter	juokas	y'o'kahs	dentist	dantistas, -ė	dahntees'tahs; -eh
middle	vidurys	vee'doo'reehs	diet	dieta	dee'eh'tah
mind	protas; nuomonė	pro'tahs; nuo'moneh	digestion	suvirškinimas	sooveersh'keenee'mahs
patience	kantrybė	kahntreeh'beh	disease, illness	liga	lee'gah
science	mokslas	moks'lahs	doctor	gydytojas	geeh'deeh'toy'ahs
senses	jausmai; pojūčiai	yowsmāi; po'yoochiai	drug store	aptieka; vaistinė	ahp'teh'kah; vais'teeneh
feeling	jutimas	yootee'mahs	exercise	pratimas; gimnastika	prahtee'mahs; geemnahs'teekah
hearing	klausą; girdėjimas	klowsah; geerdeh'yeemahs	fainting	apalpimas	ahp'ahlpee'mahs
seeing; sight	matymas; regėjimas	mah'teehmahs; rageh'yeemahs	fever	drugys	droo'geehs
smell	uodimas	odee'mahs	headache	galvos skaudėjimas	gahl'vos sko'deh'yee'mahs
taste	skonis	ske'nees	hoarseness	užkimimas	oozh'keemee'mahs
smile	šypsena	sheep'sanah	hospital	ligoninė	leego'neen'eh
sneeze, to	čiaudėti	chiou'dehte	inflammation	uždegimas	oozh'dagee'mahs
speaking	kalbėjimas	kahlbeh'yeemahs	lame	šlubas	shloo'bahs
speech	kalba	kahlbah	medicine	vaistai	vais'tai
strength	jėga	yeh'gah	nurse	gailestingoji sesuo; slaugytoja	gailles'teen'goyee sas'o; slow'geeh'toyah
thinking	mąstymas	mas'tee'mahs	ointment	tepalas	ta'pahl'ahs
thought	mintis	meentees	operation	operacija	oper'aht'see'yah
topviršus; viršūnė vir'shoos; vir'shoo'neh			pain	skausmas	skaas'mas
voice	balsas	bahl'sahs	poison	nuodai	nuodai
weakness	silpnumas	seelp'noo'mahs	prescription	receptas	reh'tshep'tahs
wisdom	išmintis	eesh'meen'tees	remedy	priemonė	pry'eh'mon'eh
			rest	poilsis	po'eel'sees
			scratch	nubroožimas	nobr'uožhee'mahs
			sea sickness	jūros liga	yoo'ros lee'gah
			splint	lentelė; skala	lanta'leh; skah'lah
			sting	gylys; skausmas	geeh'leehs; skaus'mas
			stretcher	neštuvas	nashtoo'vahs
			surgeon	chirurgas	kheeroor'gahs
			symptom	simptomas	seemp'to'mahs
			temperature	temperatūra	tehmp'ehrah'too'rah
			thermometer	termometras	tehrmo'meh'trah
			vomit, to	vemti	vam'tee

Health - Sveikata

Accident	atsitikimas	aht'see'tee'kee'mahs			
ambulance	kilnojamoji ligoninė	keelno'yah'moyee leego'nee'neh			
anaesthetic(s)	apmarinąs vaistas	ahp'mahreenas vais'tahs			
appetite	apetitas	ahpehtee'tahs			
bandage	tvartis	tvahr'tees			

Council Activities

Vyčiai Veikia

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

This year the Knights of Lithuania held its Mid-Central District Convention and Bowling Tournament in Dayton, OH, hosted by C-96 on May 18-20. The turnout was good. The registration and early bird get-together at the Radisson Inn Hospitality Room on Friday evening was attended by a large group. A beautiful and tasty buffet, the friendliness of the delegates and guests contributed to the start of a successful convention.

District meeting was held Saturday morning in the Radisson after coffee and doughnuts presiding by Pres. John Baltrus. Sister Francesca of Pittsburgh led us in an opening prayer. Greetings were extended by host council Pres. Fran Petkus and Joe Mantz, C-96 bowling tournament chairman. District officers and council presidents gave reports on their activities. John Baltrus brought us up to date on the national convention which Pittsburgh is hosting in July.

Very important issues were discussed. Fran Petkus, National 1st Vice Pres. informed the delegates about Western Union FAX public opinion messages which reach about 500 important officials in Washington. This is an excellent way to get your thoughts and ideas on Lithuania across to others.

MCD delegates voted unanimously to approve three resolutions submitted by the Mid-Atlantic District and approved by the National Executive Board at a meeting on Oct. 21, 1989. The resolutions will be voted upon by delegates at the national convention. Resolutions were printed in the May issue of VYTIS on page 18. Frank Bunikas (C-102 Detroit) and Vince Gray (C-25 Cleveland) were chosen to represent MCD as

delegates to the national convention.

On Saturday afternoon, 17 teams gathered at the Marian Lanes to bowl for the beautiful traveling trophy and many other trophies and cash prizes. Dayton C-96 won the No. 1 prize. The winning team consisted of Joe & Chris Fletcher, Pat Smiley, Eleanor Mantz and Eric Geiger. Congratulations!

The banquet and social was held Saturday night at Holy Cross Church Hall. After dinner, all played Monte Carlo games of various types with bogus Lithuanian money. Dayton Juniors were in charge and helped immensely with the convention. They are to be congratulated for their fine work.

Sunday morning the Knights and guests gathered at Holy Cross Church. Pastor Fr. Walter Katarskis was celebrant. In his homily, he praised the Knights for their contribution to the Lithuanian world, its traditions, culture and efforts in bringing independence back to the motherland. After Mass, everyone met at the Amber Rose Restaurant, owned and operated by Dayton K of L members Eleanor Sluzis and Judy Petrokas where dinner was served.

The 50/50 raffle totalling \$555 was won by Helen Mykolaitis of Redford, MI. Proceeds of the raffle goes to the district treasury. All councils in the district helped to sell tickets.

The Fall Convention and Pilgrimage will be hosted in Southfield, MI by C-79 on October 5-7, 1990. The Spring MCD Convention and Bowling Tournament will be hosted by Cleveland C-25 in May 1991.

We hope to see all of you in Pittsburgh at the national convention.

Vince Gray

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

The Spring Convention of New England District was hosted by C-141 of Bridgeport, CT on April 29 in St. George Parish. Msgr. Francis Pranckus celebrated Lithuanian Mass with Walter Barius as reader and soloist. To refresh our guests, a hearty brunch was served after Mass.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Fr. Albin Janiunas, spiritual advisor of C-78 Lawrence, MA. Host council pres. Clemencine Miller extended greetings to all. Ten out of fourteen councils were present.

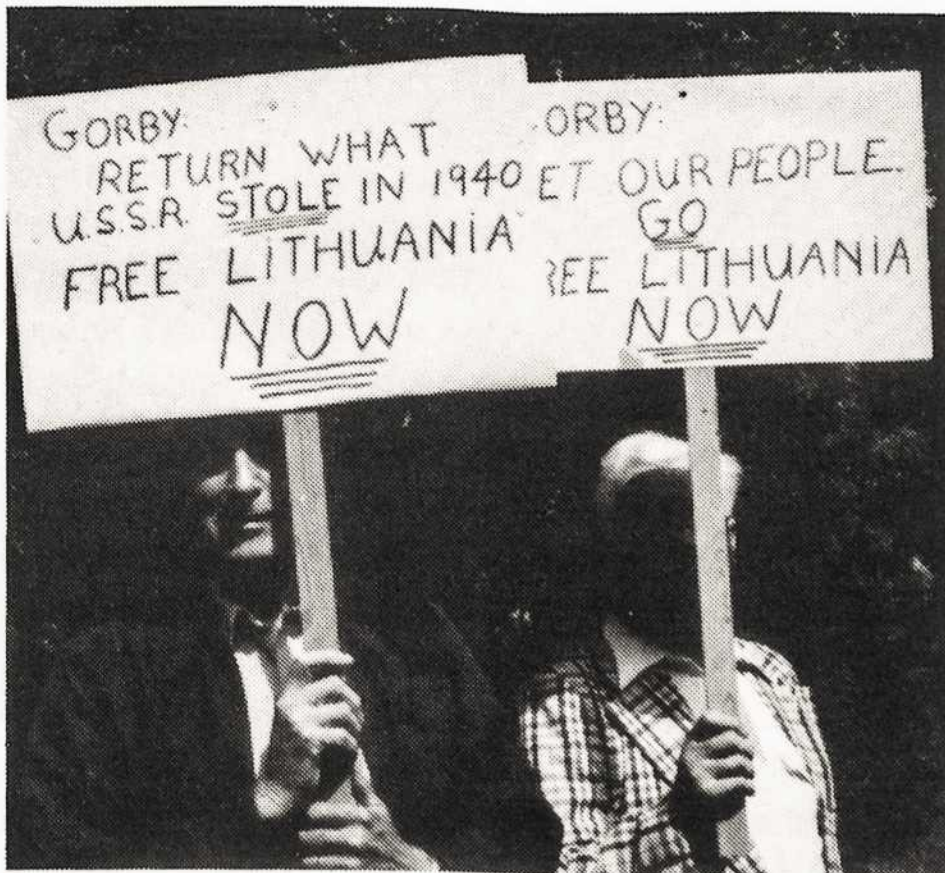
NED Pres. Al Akule presented our guest speaker, a well-known activist, Gintaras Cepas of Boston Chapter of American Lithuanian Council. He urged us to continue our efforts to help Lithuania now as best we can. We should flood Washington with letters, telegrams and telephone messages. We should attend demonstrations and rallies in Washington. What we do here and now will keep attracting world attention to Lithuania's plight.

Bill Visniauskas of Gardner brought his cousin Rimas, a visitor from Lithuania, who had many beautiful items of folk art, linens and amber for display and sale.

Pres. Al Akule closed the meeting and invited all to enjoy a home-cooked dinner. C-141 committee of "Šeiminkū" was complimented for a job enthusiastically well done. C-1, Brockton, MA will host the fall district convention. *Aldona Marcavage*

C-152 EASTERN LONG ISLAND

The month of April witnessed two events which, in a special way, reflect the desire of our members to do something more meaningful than merely sit on the sidelines cheering while leaving more strenuous efforts to others in the



Fred Lucka & Tom Tarmey in Washington, DC demonstrating with their placards.

overall struggle to assist Lithuania to regain its rightful independence from Communist slavery.

On April 5, members Bea & Fred Lucka, Charlie Dumblis and Anne & Tom Tarmey rode to Washington, DC in one of many buses making the trip for the purpose of participating in a vocal and emotional, yet entirely peaceful and orderly, demonstration in front of the White House. This demonstration was timed to coincide with the visit of Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze to the U.S. to confer with Sec. of State Baker, and an impressive group of our marchers braved a rainy, cold day in the hope of impressing U.S. negotiators with the justice of Lithuania's claims to freedom. Participants in our demonstration rounded out our brief trip to Washington with visits to the offices of our appropriate Senators and Representatives to express our hope for their continued support for U.S. overtures on behalf of Lithuania's efforts to throw off the Soviet yoke.

C-152 is especially proud to claim as a fellow Knight and member, NY State Assemblyman Joseph Sawicki, who was a sponsor of a Resolution acknowledg-

U.S. Sec. of State Baker.

The continuing prayers of all our readers are earnestly requested for a speedy and full return to good health for Tony Zambuto, Julie Lott, Walter Niksa, Bill Newalis and his wife.

C-152 was saddened to report the death of Donald Wieta and asks the prayers of all fellow Knights for the repose of his soul.

Being greatly disappointed and surprised by the timidity of the Bush Administration in its desire of not offending our Russian guest, organizations such as Lithuanian American Community, Inc. (of Chicago) and the Knights of Lithuania rightly organized demonstrations and other political activities designed to promote Lithuania's just cause before the leaders of our government.

We report that C-152 (through the generosity of C-110 Maspeth, supplied bus transportation to Washington) was represented at a huge pro-Lithuanian rally held at the U.S. Capitol Bldg. on June 1 by the following Knights: Pres. Mike Zukas, Past Pres. John Sakal, Bea & Fred Lucka, Charlie Dumblis and Anne & Tom Tarmey. Also joining us

ing Lithuania's valiant struggle to regain its dignity as a free nation and proclaiming New York State's official support for the efforts of the Lithuanian people to reclaim their rightful heritage as free citizens. Copies of this Resolution which the State Assembly passed unanimously were forwarded to Lithuania's Pres. Landsbergis and to

was John Sakal's son, John Jr.

A group of prominent speakers including U.S. Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato of New York, Representative Robert Dornan of California, and Lane Kirkland, Pres. of the AFL-CIO addressed a large and enthusiastic crowd of Lithuanian well-wishers, such as representatives from Latvia, Estonia and the Ukraine.

C-152 heartily endorses and recommends the fullest possible participation of all our fellow Knights in such activities wherever and whenever possible. There may be no better opportunity for us to plead for the restoration of Lithuania's rightful independence in our lifetime!

Tom Tarmey

C-153 TREASURE COAST, FL

Nuskambėjo radijo, televizijos ir spaudoje suruoštos demonstracijos už Lietuvos laisvę West Palm Beach, Balandžio 2 d. To pasėkoje televizijos 12-CBS kanalas skambino Vyčiu kuopos pirm. K. Scheibelhut, prašydamas interview su vietiniais lietuviais, norėdami gauti daugiau žinių apie padėti Lietuvoje. Greitomis pakviesta LB. pirm. A. Augūnas, L. Dukterų pirm. D. Augūnienė, L. Respublikonų pirm. A. Solienš. Iš Vyčių valdybos dalyvavo L. Stukas, F. Morris ir pirm. Konst. Scheibelhut, kurios namuose pasikalbėjimas vyko.

CBS-12 kanalo korespondentė Maryann Lewis domėjosi vietoje gyvenančiais lietuviais bei jų veikla. Klausinėjo apie Lietuva, esamą ten padėtį ir laisvės siekius. Apklausinėjami visi turėjo taiklius atsakymus. Sekančioje CBS televizijos žinių programoje stebėjome vietos veikejų veidus gražiai reprezentuojančius savo lietuviška koloniją ir ginančius Lietuvos laisvės siekius.

L. Vyčių susirinkime gegužės 6 d. kalbėjo Bertram Collins. Jis per radijo WLVM-AM West Palm Beach, Flori-



Connie Scheibelhut, pres. C-153 (center), husband John (left) with national pres. Anne Wargo, Helen Chesko and Eva Kaboskie at Lithuanian Independence Day celebration.

doje duoda seminarus amerikiečiams apie komunizmo pastangas užvaldyti pasaulį Garbačiovo šypsena, perestroika ir nuolaidos tai priemonės užliuliuoti pasaulį, USA, laimėti pasitikėjimą, gauti paramą griuvamčiai komunizmo imperijai ir atėjus tinkamam momentui - smogti!

Mr. Collins sužinojė apie čia gyvenančius lietuvius, kurie gerai pažįsta komunistinę sistemą, kviečia jungtis į bendrą darbą, dalinant žiniomis ir

ateitį ateinančiom kartom. Bet užtat balsuotojai turi būti gerai informuoti kokia yra griauanti komunizmo santvarka ir melaginga jų propoganda.

A. Biliūnienė

C-10 ATHOL-GARDNER, MA

It is with deep sorrow that we report the death of one of our best liked members. Frank Anoris passed on to his eternal rest on April 29. He was a devoted K of L'er for 50 years and held



C-153 - Florence Morris, Pres. Connie Scheibelhut, Rose Zukauskas, Aldona Zukauskas, Aldona Biliunas and visitor from Lithuania Amelia Baniene

patyrimu su amerikiečiais. Politika priklausomuo balsuotoju, kalbėjo Mr. Collins. Išrenkant patikimus pareigūnus į valdiškas vietas - garantuosime demokratinę ir laisvą

about every office in C-10 through the years. He was always there when needed, either as setup man or clean up on committees. His beautiful home on White's Pond was the scene of countless summer and winter outings. He was always a generous and hospitable host. He had a keen sense of humor, a kind neighbor and friend. He was a member of many organizations, but he loved his St. Francis Church. The K of L conducted their ritual with a large contingent of honor bearers at the funeral. Fr. Jurgelonis was celebrant and gave a beautiful and deserving eulogy. Condolences are extended to his sister, Tina Piragis, and family and to devoted friend Nellie Piragis. Frank, rest in peace; you will be truly missed.

It is with sadness that we lose Rev. Joseph Jurgelonis as pastor of two Catholic churches in Ashburnham and So. Ashburnham. Father has been with us for 2-1/2 years and has gained our respect in all K of L affairs. We welcome Rev. Messier who will be pastoral leader of St. Francis and St. Peter's Mission, Petersham, with residence in Athol.

Blanche Genaitis has been doing an exceptional job in petitions for Lithuania and encouraging others to do so. Daughter Lillian Erickson of Seattle has also been active in demonstrations and petitions in that area.

The Wisniauskas family honored two cousins from Kaunas and Panevezis for thirty-three days. The Gardner News interviewed them on their views of the current situation in Lithuania and their opinions of the USA. *Vincukas*

C-17 SO. BOSTON, MA

Since Boston is the capitol city of Massachusetts, C-17 celebrated Feb. 16, Lithuanian Independence Day, at two prominent and sensitive locations, the State House and City Hall Plaza with proclamations, speeches, song and raising of the Lithuanian flag. In spite of a



Protestors in front of Soviet Embassy in Washington: (L to r) Helen Zabelskas & Stasia Yeshinskas, Waterbury C-7 and Flo Morkus & Gloria Litwinas, Hartford.

dreadful ice storm, many hardy souls made it to the ceremonies. The feeling this year was intensified by the electrifying news emanating from Lithuania. On Feb. 18, Mass at St. Peter's Lithuanian Church and prayers were offered for Lithuania's independence by Rev. Albert Contons, pastor, followed by a program at So. Boston Lithuanian Citizens Club.

A large contingent of members along with Lithuanian Scouts, Šauliai and other members of the Lithuanian Community celebrated St. Casimir's Day on March 4 with a Mass and Communion Breakfast at St. Peter's Church. Principal speaker was Jerry Verbikas, a member of St. Peter's parish, president of So. Boston Residence Group and a prominent engineer. He gave a very interesting presentation of changes occurring in Boston and Lithuania.

NED sponsored a Holy Hour at Mother House Chapel of the Sisters of Jesus Crucified in Brockton on April 1. Many council members attended led by Alexander Akule who is both council and district president. There was a social hour and dinner following. Prayers were offered for the successful resolution of Lithuania's bid for freedom.

Nine council delegates traveled the long distance to attend the NED Spring

Convention in Bridgeport on April 29. The delegates wish to thank C-141 and Pres. Clemencine Miller for their hospitality.

Council delegates will attend the national convention in July in Pittsburgh. We extend best wishes to C-19 in its arduous endeavor.

This year the council will award two scholarships to graduating seniors of St. Peter's Parochial School. A memorial mass for our deceased, esteemed member Al Jaritis, will be held on July 14, St. Joseph's Chapel at 4 p.m.

After years of meetings, St. Peter's Parish is embarking on a major renovation of the church. The architect's contract was signed and work should begin soon. The expectation is that the project will be completed by the end of this year.

Our council bowlers traveled to Providence on May 20 to participate in the NED Bowling Roll-off.

A committee of council members led by Frank Markuns will hold a Novemberfest, German Night, Nov. 10 at So. Boston Citizen's Club. From past experience, this event promises to be a very enjoyable evening.

We wish our fellow Vyčiai a very enjoyable summer season.

Joseph White

C-46 FOREST CITY, PA

We were extremely honored to meet some environmentalists who arrived from Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Russia in our vicinity for one week to observe Earth Day. C-46 provided a \$200 donation to ECOLOGIA and with Keystone Junior College brought 24 Soviet Union environmentalists to the region for a conference and workshops for Earth Week. The Knights of Lithuania earmarked their donation for the six Lithuanian environmentalists.

Arvydas Slapikas, an electrical engineer from Kaunas, attended church services at St. Anthony's in Forest City on Easter Sunday. Charles Cyzauskas hosted Arvydas and visited members of the American Lithuanian community in Forest City and Simpson.

Lithuanian environmentalist Saulius Pikarys, an engineer from Kaunas, stayed with Regina Petrauskas of Clarks Summit. Mrs. Petrauskas served as interpreter for Saulius.

A spokesman for the group summed it by stating that it is wonderful to see your land, your towns and its inhabitants. You are a very kind people.

C-50 NEW HAVEN, CT

To close our 1989, Dec. was a very busy month. We had our annual Christmas Party for Knights only. Maryann Yanus contributed her talents to boosting participants in the chicken dance. There is always room for improvement. Kučios drew a good number of Knights. They enjoy the traditional foods and cultural theme that exemplifies a pre-celebration of the coming of Christ. On Dec. 18 the halls of St. Casimir were ringing again with the chatter and laughter of the children's Christmas Party. Sam & Marion Meshako, Frank & Betty Gybowski, and Catherine Prishwalko planned a beautiful party.

In commemoration of Lithuanian In-

dependence Day, Mass was celebrated by Fr. Karalis followed by placing of the wreath to honor those who died for freedom. In the church hall we watched a video presentation of events in Lithuania. The popular Vetra Dancers performed. Refreshments were served.

Our annual St. Casimir Feast Day was observed with Mass followed by dinner in the church hall. Our Palm Sunday Food Fair was bound to be a success. Hard work ever ends, so does God's love never end.

On April 29, thirteen members attended the NED Convention in Bridgeport and enjoyed a real scrumptious get-together. *Helen Balchus*

C-74 SCRANTON, PA

Dr. Romas & Gail Dovydaitis entertained the Knights recently at their beautiful country home. Those who attended were Joseph Saibutis, Casimir Yanish, Marie & Dick Laske, Jean Kavelinas, Danute Krivickas, Regina Petrauskas, Dr. & Mrs. Vito Shimkus and Peg & Richard Romanauskas. Guest of honor was Saulius Diksys, an ecologist from Kaunas. He came here with five others, including two Lithuanians from Lithuania's Parliament.

Books and Bubbly was a great evening at Scranton Public Library as friends gathered for an annual celebration. Many members either attended or donated.

A joyful reunion of relatives of Dr. Vida Ambrazevicius and her brother Vytenis who are visiting from Vilnius, Lithuania, took place at Marie & Richard Laske's home. Relatives included Anne Covalsky, Vincentina Opshinsky and Helen Zvirblis. While traveling through Green Ridge in Scranton, Dr. Vida and Vytenis had their picture taken with Governor Robert Casey who was having a press conference on his home lawn. As with most guests from Lithuania, they were impressed with the

abundance of food in the supermarkets and the generosity of all Americans. They are grateful to the many people who gave of their time to take them to many places of interest in this country.

Our sincere regrets are extended to Ann & Jerry Costello, two faithful Knights, who were not among those receiving Third Degrees this year due to affiliating with the Amber District.

Congratulations to Nancy Laske who completed 12 years of school with perfect attendance. Nancy was one of our Junior Knights. *Marie Laske*

C-109 GREAT NECK, NY

Our June meeting had to be cancelled due to the sudden illness of Pres. Al Wesey and Vice-Pres. Bill Statkevicius. Unexpectedly, both were in the same hospital for major surgery at the same time, and both are now home relaxing in their recovery. We hope they are taking it easy and enjoying life at a leisurely pace.

Jo and Joe Zukas made the trip to Washington, DC on June 1st to become a part of the major Lithuanian demonstration held on the steps of the Capitol building, while President's Bush and Gorbachev were involved in their summit talks. Through the kindness of Maspeth C-110, who supplied the bus at no cost to its occupants, it was a pleasant trip, achieving a specific purpose, and giving great satisfaction to all who participated.

We welcome three new members to our council: Theresa & Charles Kalaukas and also Charlie's brother, Victor Kalaukas. It's good to add to our growing group; there is strength in numbers.

Congratulations to Rita Bernatavich who graduated from C. W. Post College with

a B.A. degree in history. She intends to pursue a career in law.

Enjoy a safe and healthy summer.

Jo Z.

C-110 MASPETH, NY

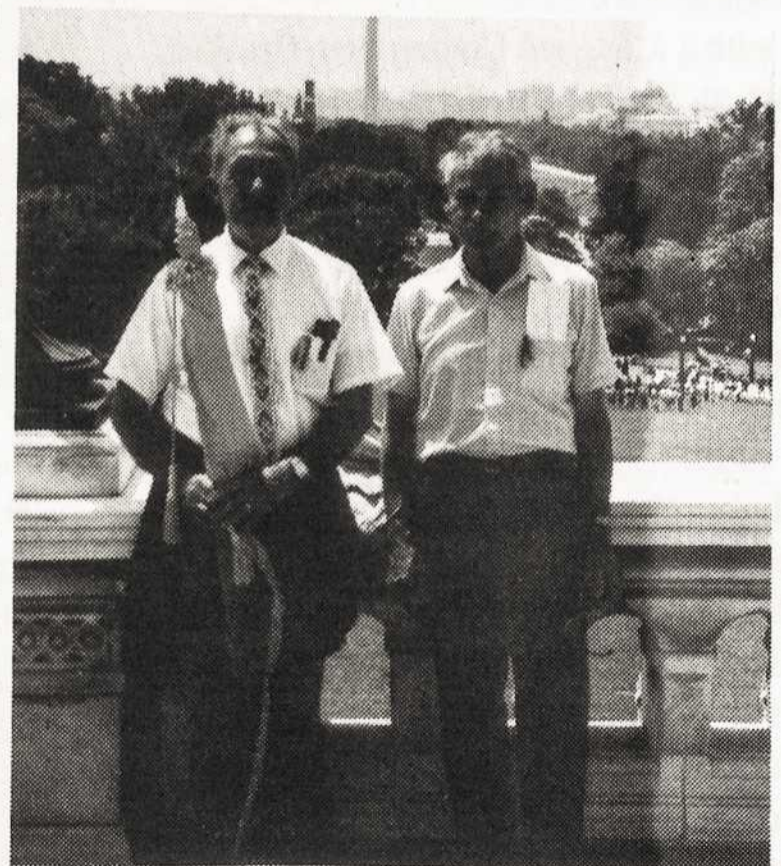
Our Vytis correspondent, Joseph Dugan, submitted his resignation because of family illness. All members and officers thanked him for his service and interesting news events.

We received a copy of Vermont's declaration of support for Lithuania's fight for freedom which, in strong language, urged Pres. Bush to help this courageous country.

From our council, Bro. Yankevich was ordained at St. Peter & Paul Cathedral on June 3 and his first Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph Church, both in Scranton. He received our prayers and monetary support. Congratulations!

Rev. Stanislaus Raila, our K of L moderator, informed us of his official retirement this summer. We all thank him for his spiritual guidance. Monetary gift and party was authorized by all members. His motto is, "Lietuva". Best wishes for a healthful retirement.

We also authorized continued sup-



Joseph Zukas and Michael Zukas (non-related) resting on Capitol steps in Washington



Anne Wargo, Rep. E.J. Lucyk, sponsor of Act 571, designating Feb. 16 as Lithuanian Independence Day in Penna; Leona & Jack Joseph, Helen Chesko, representing C-144 in Harrisburg for the signing of Proclamation by Gov. Carey.

port for Jack Stukas Lithuanian radio program. We allocated funds for spotlighting our Wayside Cross for people to enjoy the beautiful Lithuanian Christian Cross at night which has a huge 20-year old, 6-foot ruta bush in front.

At last count, 30 members and officers are going to Pittsburgh to attend the 77th National Convention. A full-page subscription to the souvenir journal was taken.

A full bus load of members and officers went to Washington on June 1 to protest Gorbachev's refusal to allow Lithuania's freedom.

Lastly, Pres. John Adomenas asked members to attend the Fall MAD Convention to be hosted by C-100 Amsterdam on September 30, 1990.

Bruno Rutkunas

C-118 HAZLETON, PA

We were busy this year in various activities. In January we participated in Boscov's Ethnic Days at Laurel Mall. It was a huge success. The women wore their Lithuanian costumes. Val Dancho had a large display of articles that she brought from Lithuania. There were hand woven linens, beautiful straw

pictures and Christmas decorations. Val & Joe Dancho did an excellent job as usual. We sold ethnic foods. Dolores Yuscavage crocheted yarn dolls which Anne Koschak was in charge of selling. She also sold tickets for a raffle with prizes to be awarded at our July K of L picnic. Ruth Alansky & Dolores Skitzki also sold tickets. Other workers were Charles Yuscavage, Irene & George Norris, Julie & Andy Solonoski and Marcella Gelgot.

Our flag raising was held at St. Peter & Paul Church. Rev. Skitski celebrated Mass with Ann Koschak as lector. Dignitaries present were State Rep. Thomas Stish, Mayor Thomas Quigley of Hazleton and Frank Skopowski, mayor of West Hazleton. Refreshments followed in the church hall. Irene & George Norris were co-chairs.

We are presently discussing plans for "Patch Town Days" at Eckley Miners Village. It is a two-day affair. Dolores Yuscavage and Irene Norris are co-chairing it.

Julia Solonoski

C-144 ANTHRACITE, PA

"Freedom and Justice for Lithuania" was the theme of Anthracite Council's

activities for the months of April, May and June.

On April 22, Knights and friends of Lithuania traveled to New York City for a Day of Prayer for Lithuania. Mass was concelebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Annunciation Choir of Brooklyn sang at the Mass. After Mass, our group went to Radio City for the Easter extravaganza.

At the May meeting it was voted to send an opinionogram to Pres. Bush and each member of Congress urging support for Lithuania. Another opinionogram was sent pleading for help against Soviet blockade. Other pre-written messages were also sent by both the council and individual members. The council also authorized a \$500 contribution to the newly-formed emergency medical mercy commission sponsored by Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid.

The council sponsored a concert featuring folk song quartet from Philadelphia. The performers delighted the audience with their rendition of some familiar and other not so familiar folk songs in Annunciation Church in Frackville. Lady Knights baked and served cake with coffee.

Coinciding with the Bush-Gorbachev Summit, a continuous round-the-clock recitation of the rosary for the four days was coordinated by Bernice Mikatavage. Members were also requested to say a special prayer at three o'clock each day for Lithuania.

Again, we boarded a bus for Washington on June 2. We first witnessed the laying of the wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. At noon the demonstration at the Capitol was a dynamic presentation for freedom and justice for Lithuania. Mass for Lithuania at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception was celebrated with a capacity attendance. Concelebrants were Bishops Paulius Baltakis and Leonard Olivier. Rev. Sigitas

Tamkevicius of Kaunas was the homilist. The Ciurlionis Folk Art Ensemble of Cleveland superbly rendered the Mass. Before leaving the Shrine, the impromptu rendition of "Marija, Marija" at the Chapel of Our Lady of Siluva resounded in the great Shrine.

Sen. James Rhoades at the April meeting presented Senate Resolution 151 adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania congratulating the new government of Lithuania and urging Pres. Bush to strengthen his commitment to an independent and democratic Lithuania. Likewise, Rep. E. J. Lucyk sponsored a citation in the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognizing the historic step of declaring Lithuania's independence from the Soviet Union on March 11, 1990.

DID YOU KNOW?

We celebrate Lithuanian Independence Day on February 16, but, did you know there is another equally important day we should remember? Our brothers and sisters in Lithuania celebrate September 8 as "Tautos Diena" (Nations Day). This commemorates the day in 1430 when Vytautas the Great had his Royal Crown returned to him.

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of both the weak and the strong because someday in life you will have been one or all of these.

—George Washington Carver

AS PRECIOUS AS DIAMONDS

- If we were in a desert and the temperature was 90° and we had no water, we could last until noon on the second day. If it was 110°, we would be dead after the first day.
- Of the world's water, less than 3 percent is fresh.
- We need less than 3 gallons of water a day to survive. All the rest is wasted.
- Two hundred years ago, Adam Smith asked, "How is it that water, which is so very useful that life is impossible without it, has such a low price, while diamonds, which are quite unnecessary, have such a high price?" Someday, if we're not careful, his question may have to be reversed.



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 August 26, 1990 - Lithuanian Day, Auriesville, NY - 1:30 p.m. services - 4:00 p.m. Mass.
 August 26, 1990 - 5th Annual Lithuanian Festival - American Legion Hall, Greenport, NY - C-152 Eastern Long Island, NY Hosts.
 September 19, 1990 - C-79 Southfield, MI - Annual Luncheon & Card Party, Divine Providence Cultural Center.
 September 29, 1990 - C-36 Chicago, 75th Anniversary, Immaculate Conception Church - Mass at 5:30 p.m.
 September 30, 1990 - MAD Meeting, Hosts C-100, Amsterdam, NY.
 October 5-7, 1990 - C-79 Southfield, MI - Hosting MCD Pilgrimage.
 October 7, 1990 - Champagne Brunch, C-112 Chicago, IL.
 October 14, 1990 - C-29 Newark, 75th Anniversary.
 November 4, 1990 - 75th Anniversary, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Kearny, NJ - C-90.
 November 4, 1990 - C-79 Southfield, MI - Annual Fall Festival, Divine Providence Cultural Center.
 November 10, 1990 - Novemberfest at So. Boston Citizens Club - C-17
 February 24, 1991 - MAD Communion Breakfast & Meeting - Host C-110 Maspeth, NY.
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 C-63 Lehigh Valley, PA
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 † April 29, 1990

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