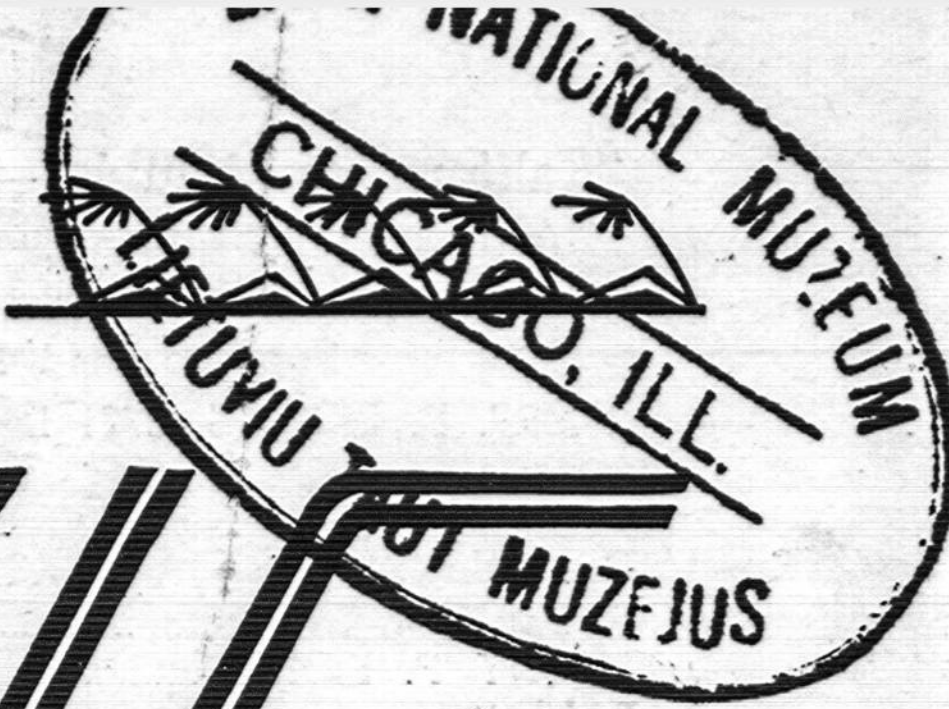


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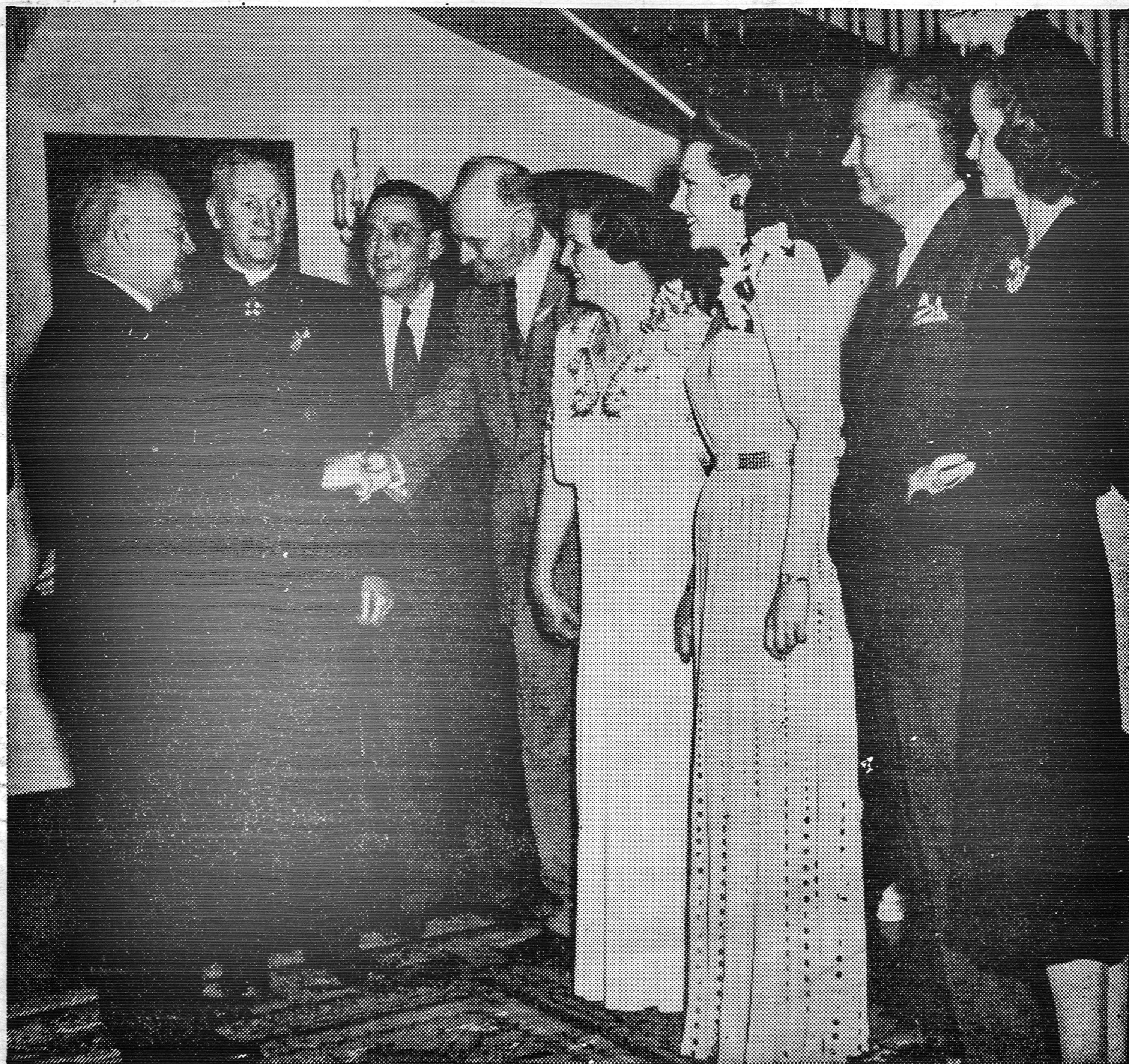
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—Dr. Petras Dauzvardis, Lietuvos Konsulas Chicagoje.

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—Kun. Dr. Juozas Prunskis, Chicago, Ill.

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—Juozas Bacevicius, Rockford, Ill.

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—Kun. Ign. Valanciunas, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Sirdingai deku uz "Kalifornijos Lietuvio" kopija. Prasau priimti, nors ir maza, parama Jusu geriems darbams.

Linkedamas Jums visiems nenuilstanciai dirbti lietuviu darbu.

JUOZAS BACHUNAS.

OFFICIALS AND DIGNITARIES ATTEND RECEPTION AT HOME OF LITHUANIAN CONSUL

On February 16th in Los Angeles, after a day-long observance of the 29th anniversary of the establishment of the Lithuanian republic, the Lithuanian consul, Dr. J. Bielskis, and his wife received about one hundred guests, including city officials, noted American-Lithuanians, and their personal friends.

ON THE COVER PICTURE ARE SEEN:

Mayor Fletcher Bowron, left, is pictured as he arrived at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Julius Bielskis to attend a reception which terminated Lithuanian Independence Day festivities. Dr. Bielskis, honorary consul of Lithuania for the Pacific Coast, is shown greeting the mayor. To the consul's right are Capt. John H. Morrell, head of the Foreign Relations bureau of the Sheriff's Office, and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Julius Maciejauskas, pastor of the Lithuanian Parish in Los Angeles. To the host's left are Mrs. Bielskis, their daughter, Mrs. David Lowell Hagmann (Ruta Bielskis), and Mr. and Mrs. Leo E. Anderson. Mr. Anderson is vice-consul of the Republic of Latvia.

In addition to the above named, of the Lithuanians were Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. Krusas of Chicago, Rev. J. Tamulis, Rev. J. Kucinskas, Prof. K. Pakstas, Dr. and Mrs. J. Stasulat, Messrs. and Mmes. A. Rackus, A. Batkus, F. Mason, St. Waitek, J. Shilum. Also, Mme. Helen Bartosh of the Chicago Opera Company, Mmes. O. Gilis, A. Nauseda, S. Uzemeckis, V. Insoda, I. Vidziunas; Dr. A. Mikalauskas, Dr. J. Naujokaitis, and Messrs. C. Luksis, J. Mockus, A. Regis, P. Zilinskas and others.

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

(This is the contents of the letter Consul Bielskis received from the Mayor of Los Angeles after the Commemoration of Lithuania's Independency.)

Honorable Julius J. Bielskis
Honorary Consul of Lithuania
1001 Hilts Avenue
Los Angeles 24, California

Dear Consul Bielskis:

I should like to express my pleasure at the delightful evening I enjoyed Sunday as a guest in your home at the anniversary celebration in observance of the Declaration of Independence of the Republic of Lithuania. I was very glad to have the opportunity of meeting the representative Lithuanians of this area and others of your friends who were present.

I am happy to note that Lithuanians now residing in the United States are keeping alive the traditions of their forefathers and hoping for a Free Lithuania for its liberty-loving people.

Sincerely yours,

Fletcher Bowron, Mayor.

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March, 1947—KALIFORNIJOS LIETUVIS

Apie Tremtinius Mokskivius ir Studentus

Mokslas, darbas, zygiu suoliai,
Sesiu rutos prie krutines.
Ei, pirmyn, i sviesa uoliai,
Lietuvos vaiku grandines.

(Pro Patria.)

Dar taip neseniai atvykau i Amerika, bet jau daug kartu teko nugirsti minciu, kurios varsto sirdi. Vienos seimos galva man taip pareiske: "Turiu Voketijoje du brolio sunus. Praso Affidavitu. Tik kazin ar verta jais rupintis. Mat, ponaiciai universitetus lanko. Uzsimanys ir Amerikoje mokyti, tai ir nespesi ponaiciams pinigų, duoti. "Kita gi ponia sitaip issireiske: "Taigi, mat, ponai tik ir zino mokyti."

Sitaip galvojanciu yra labai daug, todel as kaip tik noriu nors trumpai ta klausima panagrineti.

Reikia pripazinti, kad lietuviai tremtiniai mokosi. Taciau skaudziai apsirinka tas, kas mano, kad mokosi tik ponai. Musu liaudies patarle sako "kvaila ir baznycioj musa." Mokosi, nes nenori buti uz nosies vadziojami.

Mokosi, kad uztikrintu savo, savo tevynes ir tautieciu ateiti.

Man atrodo, kad Amerikoje esantiems vyresniems lietuviams nereikia aiskintis kiek rastingu zmoniu buvo Lietuvoj caro laikais. Juk kiek zasu, medaus ir kitokiu gerybiu nunese mama valsciaus "pisoriui," kad tik suzinotu ka jos sunelis, dukrele is Amerikos raso. Kiek turejo tevas prasyti mokyti zmoniu, kad prasyma valdziai parasytu. Musu tevai ir seneliai ant savo kailio patyre ka reiskia buti berasciu, is paskutiniuju stengesi ir stengiasi savo vaikus i mokyklas leisti. Nepriklausomoj Lietuvoj labai daug demesio buvo krepiama i svietima. Atsirade istremine, vyresnieji tuoj pat pradejo rupintis mokyklų steigimu. Pradzioje niekas algu mokytojams nemokejo. Mokytojams ne alga rupejo. Patys sviesa pazine—nori ja perduoti Lietuvos Atzalynui—jaunimui.

Kaip lietuviu jaunimas siekia mokslo, noriu pavaizduoti tik keliais pavyzdeliais is tremtiniu gyvenimo.

1945 mt. rudeni nuvaziavau i Augsburga—Haustena (Bavarijoje). Ten vos pries kelis menesius buvo isisteiges Lietuviu Lageris. Stovyklos pasididziavimas—mokykla ir gimnazija. Bezioplinedama sutikau viena pradzios mokyklos mokytoja. Sako "Uzeik. Paplepesim. Geras dienas prisiminsim. "Nuejau. Isikalbejom ir nepajutau kiek laiko prabego. Is prisiminimu pazadino vaiku balsai ir koju trepsejimas. As nustebus ziurejau i drauge, o ji man ramiausiai paaiskino; "Mat pas mane mokyklos pirmas skyrius." Daugiau paaiskinti nebespejo, nes vaikai jau buvo kambary. Prasidejo pamoka. Taip buvo idomu ziureti i vaikucius kai jie pasireme ir virtuves stala, kojulemis zemes nesiekdami (mat, kedės buvo jiems peraukstos) akutemis seke mokytoja ir gaudyte gaude jos zodzius. Nei mokytoja nei mokiniai nejuto, kad jie buvo ne mokykloje, o tik kadaise kokio tai vokiecio virtuveje, o dabar mokytojos "apartment" Jie buvo laimingi, nes jie mokesi ir moke.

Daugeliui turbut teko girdeti Dorverdeno—Seedorfo lietuviu stovykla. Budami Dorverdene, vienam kambary gyveno 6 - 18 zmoniu. (Ju tarpe seniai ir kudikiai, moterys ir ligoniai) Neziurint tokiu blogu gyvenimo salygu ten veike gimnazija, pradzios mokykla ir ivairus kursai.

Amerikieciu spaudoj labai daznai. Kalbama apie stoka maisto Austrijoje. BALF' o pirm. Kun. Dr. Kon-

cius buves Europoj ir aplankes D. P. sotvyklas, savo pranesime pareiske, kad Austrijos lietuviai tremtiniai badauja. Mokslo gi jie nepamirsta. Jie siekia net austujo mokslo. Nesenai "Naujienose" skaiteme, kad Insbruko Universitetas pripazino daktaro laipsni V. Dambrai. Tubingeno Universitetas Prancuszu Zonoje Wurtemberg suteike daktares laipsni Marijai Alseikaitei—Gimbutiene. Ji istremine yra su seima. Jos dukrele vos 3 metu. Salygos labai sunkios, o vis delto ji sugebejo rasti laiko ir moksliniam darbui.

Mokyklose truksta visko. Nera poperio. Nera knygu. Nera zemelapiu. Tikriau tariant nera nieko. Del poperio trukumo negali buti atspausdinti jau paruosti vadoveliai. Uzrasams vesti truksta sasiuviniu. Nedatekliai vis delto nepalauze noro mokyti.

Daviau tik trumpute apzvalgele tu aplinkybiu, kuriose lietuviai jaunuoliai siekia sviesos. Man, atrodo kad is tu keliu pavyzdeliu turi buti aisku, kad mokslo siekia ne is "ponystes." Ju juk rankose Lietuvos ir Lietuviu tautos likimas, o berasciai ir bemoksliai dvidesimto amziaus civilizuotu tautu tarpe kelio nepralaus.

Esu tikra, kad daugumas jaunuoliu, atvyke i Amerika, nores mokyti ir mokysis. Taciau nebijokit. Vargo niekam nesuteiks. Jie paprate patys kelia skintis. Duokit jiems tik namus. Isvaduokit juos is tos netikrovės, o tada pamatysit, kad jie tikrai yra geri "savo laimes kalviai."

Tvirtai tikiu, kad po metu ar dviejų (kai Amerikoje bus daugiau lietuviu tremtiniu jaunuoliu) ir didziausi pesimistai patvirtins, kad tiesa sakiau.

—J. L.

AUKOS TREMTINIŲ SPAUDOS FONDUI

Nuo pat pradzios musu zurnala siuntinejame nemokamai visiems lietuviams tremtiniam, kurie tik paprase ir savo adresa prisiunte. Dabar jau turime virs simto tokiu adresu ir tas skaicius vis dar dideja. Todel tom siuntinejimo ir prenumeratos islaidom padengti nutarime krieptis i visus "K. L." skaitytojus kiek kas gali aukomis prisideti. Taip pat kiekviena doleri gauta virs dviejų dolerių prenumeratos kainos skiriame i ta fonda, nors siuntejas to ir nenurodo. Taip pat patieksime ir tremtiniu vardus alfabetine tvarka, kai jiems prenumerata bus apmoketa.

Iki siol i ta tremtiniu spaudos fonda jau esame gavesias sumas: Kun. J. Kucinskas \$11.00, kun. Ign. Valanciunas \$2.00, B. Starkiene \$1.00, J. Bacevicius \$1.00, Juozas Baciunas \$10.00.

Tremtiniu vardu tariame nuosirdzia padeka.

Is gautu auku buvo apmoketa prenumerata siems tremtiniam lietuviams: A. Alkaitis, Bavarijoje; V. Andukevicius, Al Astasaitis, abu Britu zonoje. P. Asiura, ir J. Bataitis—abu Ried, Austrijoje; A. Bendzius, USA zonoje, J. Buksaitiene ir St. Cilvinaite—Britu zonoje, Z. Cirtautiene, O. Deveikiene—abi Amerikos zonoje, inz. J. Dirgincius—Britu zonoje.

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S. M. kovo 26 d. Lietuvos ministeriui Povilui Zadeikiui Sukanka 60 metu. Ta proga redakcija sveikina ir linki geros sveikatos bei ilgiausiu metu nusipelnusiam Lietuvos vyriui.

Who is Punishing the Russian War Criminals?

By Milton C. Stark

(Continued from Last Month)

Sargeniai (4 miles northwest of Kaunas): Near a cemetery of this village four naked corpses were found in a pool of water. Three more murdered were found in a pasture; in the bushes, a woman and child riddled with bullets.

Kretinga (West Lithuania): The Bolsheviks used the "front" of the Saint Anthony Home for the unfortunate in the questioning of political prisoners in this town. The place of torture for stubborn prisoners was a bared wire enclosure that looked like a monastery from the outside. When the Bolsheviks fled, the bloody mess inside was made public. Of the many tortured here, a few testimonials were to be seen yet. One corpse had the skin peeled from its feet, another from its head. Others were secured to trees, their bodies singed with straw torches. A large burial ground was uncovered.

Raseiniai: Uncovered bodies of political prisoners showed broken shin bones, twisted arms, chipped hip bones, and other bestial mutilation.

Zarasai: Upon the Bolshevik exodus, commissar and an aide, Tauklis, shot to death the following persons in the carcer under their management: Colonel I. Pasielis, this town's military commandant, J. Petniunas, a servant, and P. Gabriusevicius, a laborer. The same day NKVD chief, Kasalapov, shot a high school teacher of this town. An engineer, Miskus, was in the same day wounded and later shot to death.

Rokiskis: Jonas Prankunas, J. Bimba, Pr. Pumputis, J. Aukstuolis, and J. Grizanauskas were taken by the Bolsheviks to Papartynes wood on June 24, 1941; they were so horribly tortured that their relatives later recognized them only by the clothes they wore. L. Vaitkevicius escaped, but was apprehended and cut up. In this town A. Cerniauskas, P. Raukstas, V. Sapkauskas, A. Brazys, and the Reverend B. Sveikauskas were murdered in a fashion defying description.

Ukmerge: At the outset of the Russian-German war the Political prisoners of this town escaped, but eight were caught by NKVD henchmen. The eight were transported by truck in the direction of Zarasai. They were found on the roadside, their hands tied behind their backs, dead. So it was that these men met their end: J. Bajoras, M. Gruzauskas, Bondiene (a woman), D. Aleksandravicius, Grigaravicius, Blascikas, Otroviskis, M. Kolba, and Devekis.

Penevezys: Workmen of this town's sugar factory were shot to death by the Bolsheviks on June 26, 1941.

Cherven (Russia): On a road near this town the Bolsheviks executed political prisoners of Minsk and Lithuania. Colonel J. Petruitis, now dead, is responsible for this shocking expose. About one hundred

political captives were transported from Lithuania at the time of the Nazi threat. Between forty and fifty were packed into two busses, not counting the twenty armed guards each vehicle was provided with. Not a word was allowed to be exchanged among the prisoners, neither was there food or drink, and the air was stifling. During the course of the ill-fated ride a Nazi plane attacked the busses, but the prisoners had to stay inside while the NKVD took refuge. At Minsk the group of convicts was kept in jail for a short while; (then forced to march with Soviet prisoners eastward. So fatigued and hunger-ridden were the men that from time to time several fainted—they were shot. The Lithuanians carried their sick and tired. The fierce sun beat down upon the poor wretches. They marched on. Those without friends to assist them crawled on all fours to keep up, for if anyone lagged too far behind he was shot.

The increasing frequency of shot indicated that everyone was going to meet his death on the march, one by one. Near Cherven the guards' guns opened fire in a murderous fusillade—the prisoners fell on top of each other in a ditch. The guards then ordered the non-casualties to stand up and fall into two ranks. A guard went through the wounded in the ditch with a trench spade, cracking their skulls. The survivors were made to lie flat on their faces. The strain was too much for some of the prisoners; they begged for mercy, they screamed allegiance to the Kremlin's cause, they whimpered. The captors let it be known that they were about to open fire and for all to get up and run. Those that did, all but one, were shot down to a man. The Colonel saved himself by feigning death. Easily one hundred Lithuanians were murdered here.

At Pravieniskiai these are the few that tried to escape through the barbed wire fence. About 420 persons were slaughtered here by the Bolsheviks.



March, 1947—KALIFORNIJOS LIETUVIS



V. Vaisvila was tortured to death by Russian communists. He was a plumber at the "Maistas" stockyards in Panevezys. His sister and father found him in that basement.

Siberia

The Russians exiled thousands of Lithuanians to Siberia. According to earlier Lithuanian Red Cross figures 12,903 Lithuanians were transported to Asiatic Russia; even so the number was greater, for Russian documents show that more than 7,410 families were displaced in this manner, which means that from 30,000 to 40,000 persons of Lithuanian nationality were taken inside Russia as early as 1940-1.

Of course the number of Lithuanians enslaved in Siberian death camps has greatly increased since the 1940-1 and early 1944 occupations of Lithuania by Russia. Experts on this question held that 500,000 Lithuanians are exiles in Russia, that large numbers are still being exiled, that a great many are being butchered in their own homeland.

This very instant Russia is conducting a systematic mass murder and exile scheme in Lithuania. The few examples of atrocities given here can not hope to betray even an inkling of the horror being experienced by the Lithuanian people at the hands of Red Russia. How can there be any peace considerations, negotiations, treaties when the meditators are not all peaceful; when a principal of these is all the while mercilessly murdering, absorbing peace-loving people and their homelands?

HEALTH AND CLIMATE

From now on we are opening a column for health seekers. As I have traveled and investigated much, especially in the State of California, I wish to offer my investigations to all who may be interested.

The State of California has every type of climate from warm beaches practically all year around, gorgeous national parks, and deserts, to snowcapped mountains. The desert is ideal for rheumatics and those having chest troubles. Mountains and parks are cool and refreshing, bring us back to nature; always pleasant for the vacationers and is ideal for anyone wishing to recuperate.

ARIZONA

The Baptism of Mr. and Mrs. W. Peters' Son

On Sunday, February 16th, in Tucson, the baptism of Mr. and Mrs. William Peters (Petrauskas) son took place at All Saints Church. Fr. Paul Lawrence came all the way from Phoenix, Arizona to baptize the baby, and named him William, after his father. After wards, there was a party at the home of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Petrauskas. Dinner was served for more than one hundred people in the patio. Many Lithuanians, Americans, Mexicans, and people of other nationalities were present. A ten-piece orchestra entertained the guests. The dinner was prepared from many Lithuanian dishes. All in all, everybody had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Peters have been living here for years and they have many good friends. Mr. Peters' father came here about four years ago and is employed by Southern Pacific R. R. Co., and William Peters is working for Brunswick Drug Co. as assistant manager.

Visitors

On Sunday, February 16th, Mr. F. Karaliunas from Toronto, Canada, Mr. John Rogers (Lith.) from Denver, and Mr. Steve Meizys visited Fr. Jonaitis at Vail, Arizona. Mr. Karaliunas is spending the winter in Tucson. He is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Rogers in Tucson.

Miss Regina Simonis is planning to spend a few months in Arizona for her health and expects to stay at the Santa Rita in the Desert rectory.

The weather for the month of February has been very nice. Any one who has arthritis, asthma, or sinus trouble, come to Arizona and let the sun take care of you. Father Jonaitis at Vail is always willing to give any assistance or information for newcomers. He has been in Tucson for the past 11 years.

St. Casimir's Day in Vail, Arizona

On Sunday, March the 2nd, at Santa Rita in the Desert Church, Vail, Arizona, at 10 o'clock High Mass was celebrated by Fr. Jonaitis in honor of the Lithuanian Saint—St. Casimir. Many Lithuanians were present from Tucson and other States and Canada. After the Mass, everybody came to the Rectory and had a wonderful dinner in regular Lithuanian style which the ladies prepared. Thus was spent a day in true Lithuanian fashion which everyone enjoyed.

Lithuanian Picnic

After Easter the Lithuanians of Tucson are planning to have a large picnic at Santa Rita in the Desert, Vail, Arizona. The date will be announced later and notice will be sent to all.

I have contacted very many people suffering from sinus trouble who have been living at higher altitudes as in Montrose, Altadena (Cal.), and all along the Sierra Mt. range and have found complete relief. The high and dry climate is best for those with sinus trouble. I myself am very happy to be relieved of that very miserable state of discomfort. Diet also helps immensely if carried out faithfully.

Questions will be answered in this column. Write to: Adele Kucinskas, R. N. A., General Delivery, Pasadena, California.

ALASKA

BY ANTHONY CELKIS

The interest in Alaska has been great during recent years because of its importance as an out-post for national defense. With Alaska's Highway and 44 airports, the territory no longer seems remote from the continental U. S. Many have been and more are now planning to come to Alaska. Some just pay a visit, others are making it their permanent home.

Alaska derives its name from an English corruption of the native word AL-AY-EK-SA probably meaning the Great Land or Mainland.

The Territory, Alaska, was purchased by the United States in March, 1867, for the sum of \$7,200,000 in gold. The public thought it was one of the foolish things of those days, but today it turned out to be one of the smartest moves ever made in history.

The area of Alaska is 586,400 square miles which is roughly equal to one fifth the area of the United States. In this vast region there are wide differences from place to place in climate and soil. The Territory offers a wealth of scenic attractions and to those who are seeking a permanent home, Alaska presents an opportunity in its vastness of natural resources in her lands, her forests, mineral, fish and game, and her water power.

The success of settlement cannot be taken for granted simply because these resources exist. It will take a pioneer spirit and hard work. The old popular misconception of Alaska as a forbidden land of ice and snow has been largely dispelled. Indeed, there is some danger now that the swing of popular opinion may have gone too far in the other direction.

Alaska is generally mountainous. This condition influences the climate and the distribution of the population. As it is to be expected in a mountainous country, there is much land too rugged for settlement. The areas of fairly level land best suited for settlement are located largely along the southern coast and in the broad interior valley. Sixty-five thousand square miles of agricultural land is the frequently quoted figure.

Along the coast, the winters are mild, summers are cool. To the north, the moderating influence of the ocean has less effect on the climate, with the result there is greater variation between summer and winter temperatures—the summers are warmer and winters very much colder. For instance the highest is 100 degrees above zero, the lowest 70 degrees below zero.

Living conditions and local customs among the white people of Alaska are not unlike conditions in comparable parts of the United States. Many frontier conditions and customs are still in evidence. Yet, in the cities are to be found modern conveniences and facilities which are usually found in larger communities in the United States.

The Territorial school system has the customary grade and high school and a University of Alaska near Fairbanks.

Living in Alaska largely is made by fishing, fish canning, mining, fur trapping, fur farming, transportation service, Government Service, trading, and farming. Wages are higher than in the United States and so is the cost of living.

The greatest industry that takes place in Alaska is fishing which produces large employment offering for more than 30,000 persons.

Most of these workers in the fishing industry have their homes in the United States and come here to Alaska only for the fishing season.

Gold mining has accounted for most of Alaska's mineral production, but development of other of the metallic and non-metallic minerals has gone forward and is expected to increase. Alaska has among its minerals deposits of gold, coal, tin, chromium, copper, platinum, mercury, tungsten, gypsum, marble, antimony as well as undeveloped petroleum reserves which are found around Point Barrow known as a very rugged part of the country.

Agriculture is practiced in several localities in Kenai Peninsula, Anchorage, Matanuska Valley, Fairbanks. In spite of the short summers, the vegetables grow very well; the hard grains also do well, although some time some of the grain crops do not always mature.

Anyway, homesteading in Alaska is no picnic. . .

PROPOSED SITE FOR ROOSEVELT STATUE

A committee of admirers of the late President were trying to decide where to place a statue of Roosevelt in the Capital. They decided it would not do to place him next to Washington who never told a lie. They decided it would not do to place him next to Lincoln, because Lincoln was known as Honest Abe. The committee was in a very much of quandry, but after careful consideration they decided to place him next to Columbus, because:

Columbus did not know where the hell he was going;

Did not know where he was when he got there;

Did not know where he had been when he got back;

And did it all on borrowed money.

Five thousand years ago Moses said: "Pick up your shovel, mount your ass and camel and I will lead you unto the promised land." Five thousand years later F. D. R. said: "Lay down your shovel, sit on your ass and light a camel, this is the promised land."

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American-Lithuanian Achievements in Year 1946

(Continued from Last Issue)

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

DON VARNAS POST is a new Lithuanian Post of American Legion which is inaugurated in Chicago. The post is named in honor of Dominikas Varnas, who died in action on the European front. Besides this new Lithuanian Legion Post, there is the Darius-Girenas Post which is considered one of the best of Chicago Legion Posts. It has its own clubrooms, halls, cocktail lounge, and is very active.

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In Chicago "LITHUANIA" PHILATELIC SOCIETY (Filatelistu draugija "Lietuva") was organized through the initiative of Ignas Sakalas. At the first meeting these officers were elected: J. Green, Pres.; I. Sakalas, vice-pres.; Ben S. Jurenas (2534 West 46th Pl., Chicago 32, Ill.) sec.; V. Petrauskas, Eve A. Lukas, and Dr. Al. M. Rackus—trustees. All Lithuanian philatelists are invited to join this society.

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LITHUANIAN LAWYERS' SOCIETY on Oct. 20, 1946, held their Re-union Dinner Dance at the Shoreland Hotel, Chicago, Ill. This society is either new or reorganized after years of silence.

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"The Lithuanian Red agents of Kremlin in Chicago have formed a Veterans organization, a branch of the AVC. The irony of it all is that they named the organization the Al Blozis chapter of AVC! Al Blozis attended Georgetown University a school run by the Jesuit Fathers! He was a great Lithuanian athlete who was killed in World War II. Blozis provided the white front, but what's behind it?"

(from "Draugas," English Section, Dec. 20, 1946)

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After a long planning, in July, 1946, the Chicago District of Knights of Lithuania obtained their own Center for Lithuanian Catholic Youth. They bought a house at 2451 W. 47th St., which was redecorated and converted into a hall with clubrooms.

These seniors of "K of L" are mainly responsible for this: John Brazauskas, I. Sakalas, K. Zaromskis, J. Kass, S. Pieza, E. Pavis and others.

CHORUSES AND CONCERTS

During wartime some of the Lithuanian choruses became inactive on account of the shortage of men voices. When the veterans came home, the choruses were reorganized.

One of the first to make a public appearance is the "K. of L." Chorus. The chorus sang under the direction of Leonard J. Simutis, Jr. (son of "Draugas" editor) on May 19, 1946, at Darius-Girenas Hall, Chicago, Ill.

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The famous "Pirmyn" chorus, which once made a tour through Europe and Lithuania, had a concert on Sept. 2, 1946 in Chicago. The conductor of "Pirmyn" is K. Stephens (Steponavicius).

His wife, Mrs. Alice Stephens, is the director of a

girls glee-club which also is very good.

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"Keistuto" chorus now has a veteran, Anthony Giedraitis, for its conductor. "Keistutis" gives a few concerts every year.

"Draugas" and "Naujienos," the Lithuanian daily newspapers of Chicago, give interesting concerts every year with new talents and guest singers.

The so-called "Lithuanian Days" (Lietuviu Diena) are popular in the East and are numerously attended. A "Lithuanian Day" is an outing, something like a picnic only more so, where speeches, music, songs, stage plays, folk and modern dancing (often have two bands: one for each), sports, lotteries, games, races, etc. take place and Lithuanian food is served.

Every year on the Fourth of July, the Marianapolis College in Thompson, Conn, "America" weekly in Brooklyn, N. Y., and "Knights of Lithuania" in Chicago, Ill. are the sponsors of the "Lithuanian Day."

OUR TALENTS

SUSAN GRISKA, another Lithuanian opera singer, was engaged with the the New York City Opera Co. On May 9, 1946, she had the role of Countess Ceprano in "Rigoletto" and on May 1 she sang a gypsy's role in "Carmen."

ALGIRD BRAZIS, a young gifted Lithuanian baritone, had a contract with the Chicago Civic Opera for the 1946 season. He appeared in "Tristan and Isolde" as Helmsman in "Rigoletto" as Count Ceprano, in "Madame Butterfly" as the Commissioner.

POLYNA STOSKA, an opera and concert star, well known in American and Lithuanian circles, after a tour to Europe, was invited on Oct. 10, 1946 by New York Center Opera for a leading part in R. Strauss "Ariadne auf naxos." This year Miss P. Stoska is re-engaged by the New York City Center for principal roles. Also she will make a cost to coast tour in the U. S. as a soloist with the orchestra of the Military Order of the Purple Heart under the direction of Randolph Jones.

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POLYNA STOSKA,
Soprano of New York
Center Opera

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TADAS KULIGOVSKIS, 13 year old violinist from Philadelphia, made many appearances during the year of 1946. He played at many USO club, war bond drives and therefore received Veterans Citizens Medal, Certificate of Merit, and honorary Captain title. On July 1, 1946, this young chap graduated with highest marks from St. William's Lithuanian grammar school.

ONA SKEVERS (SKEVERIUTE) had one of the leading parts in the operetta of "Oklahoma," which was shown at all the major cities of the U. S. The Lithuanians of L. A. and San Francisco had a chance to hear her, too.

VYTAUTAS BACEVICIUS, the famous Lithuanian piano composer and pianist, gave a few concerts in New York, N. Y.

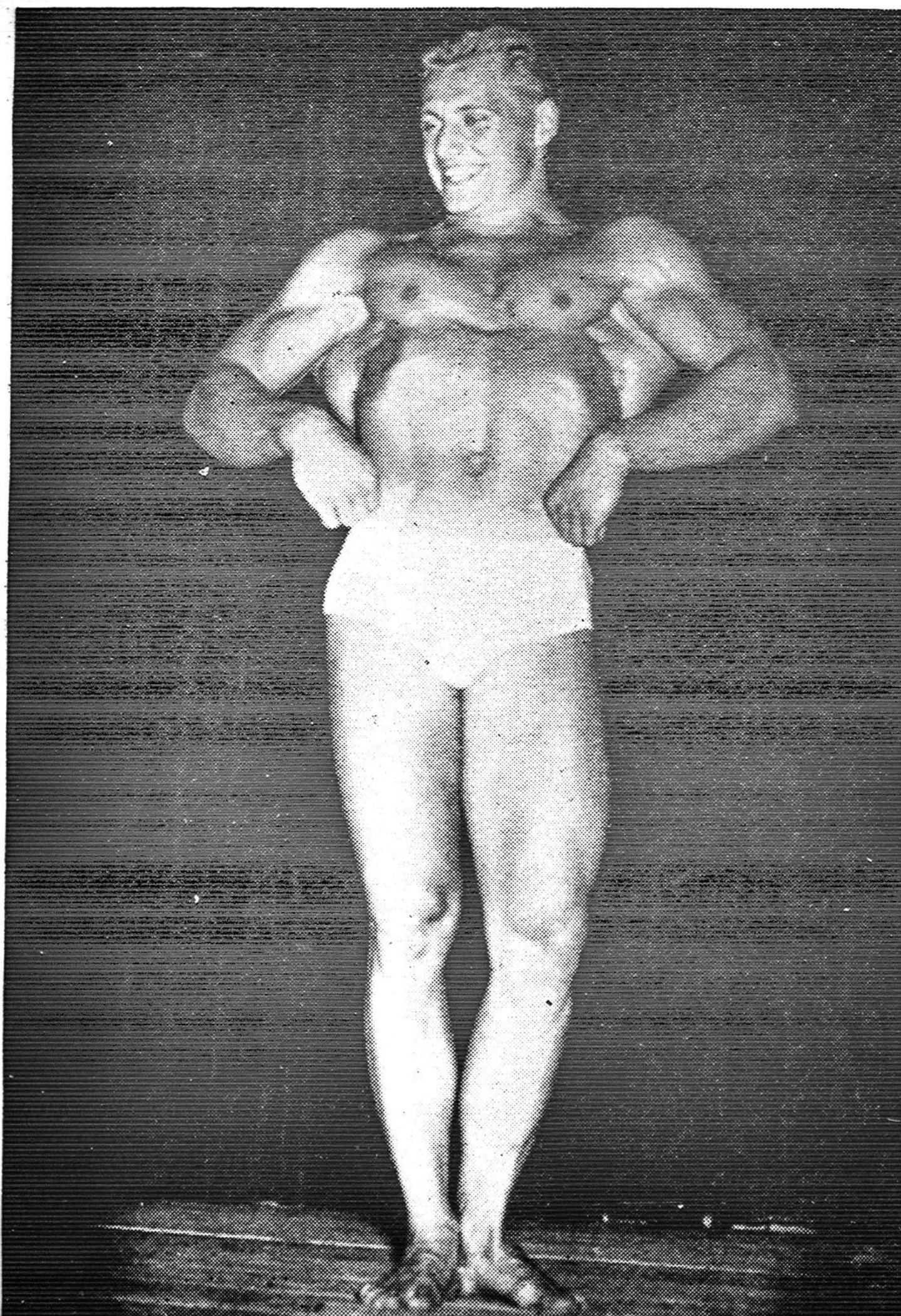
SYLVIA SABONIS-MCELROY on June 18, 1946, participated at the 60th Commencement of Chicago Conservatory of Music. She won the first prize in the pianist contest of Chicago Conservatory of Music in 1946.

STEPHANIE NOVICKY (Navickaite) from Melrose Park, Ill., also won first prize at piano contest in Chicagoland Music Festival, August 17, 1946, at Soldiers Field, Chicago. Stephanie and her sister, Anita Karns, attended the University of California (Liberal Arts Division) at Los Angeles, Cal.

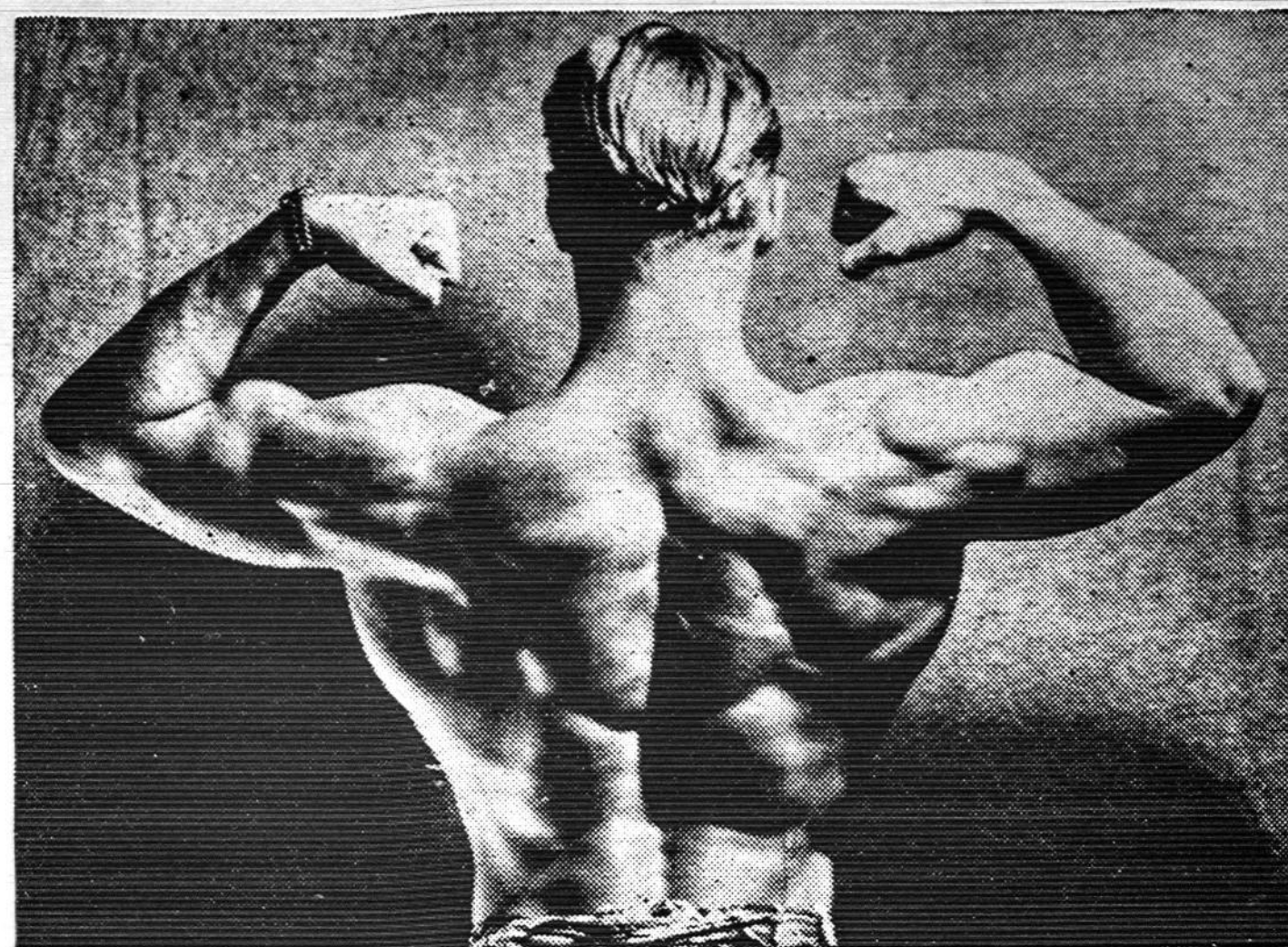
ALDONA BARCUS, a contralto, won the first prize for singing at the Chicagoland Music Festival.

SPORTS

"Mr. America" for 1946 was a young Lithuanian veteran, ALAN STEPHAN (Steponaitis) from Cicero, Ill. He won the championship for heavy weight lifting



ALAN STEPHAN (STEPONAITIS), "Mr. America" for 1946.



ALAN STEPHAN, Heavy Weight Lifting Champion for 1946

at Detroit, Michigan, and while in the Navy, he was noted as having a most perfect physical build.

He studied physical education at the University of Michigan. Now he opened his studio in Chicago and is preparing for the 1948 Olympiad. However, the Hollywood film companies are busy trying to get him and he might start working at the filmland.

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Chicago baseball writers have selected EDDIE WAIT-KUS Cubs' first baseman, the most valuable freshman big leaguer of 1946. Eddie received the J. L. Comiskey memorial plaque.

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STANLEY PAULIK, long distance swimmer, reached several records in swimming: at Florida, swam 23 miles; in Buffalo, N. Y. races, made 16 miles within 8 hours, 20 min.; in New York, did 12 miles in 7 hrs., and in Chicago, swam across the Michigan Lake—a distance of 35 miles. S. Paulik works for the Red Cross as swimming instructor.

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In the San Francisco tournament JOE PLATAK lost his championship in handball. He has been handball champion for the past ten years.

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Lithuanians are very keen in football games. Therefore, you will find a few Liths in every well known football team.

Stanley Balberis picked out eleven best known Lithuanian football players from famous teams and gives us the All Lithuanian American Football choices for the 1946 season.

1946 All-Lithuanian American Football Team

Head Coach, BILL KERN, West Virginia; Asst. Coaches, ED KRAUSE, Notre Dame; AL KAVAL, Michigan State.

Player and College	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.
MARSHALL SHURNAS, Missouri..... St. Louis, Mo.	LE	6:1	205
GEORGE SAVITSKY, Penn..... Camden, N. J.	LT	6:3	264
GEORGE PAVALKO, Villanova..... New Philadelphia	LG	5:8	180
MAC WENSKUNAS (Capt) Illinois.... Georgetown, Ill.	C	5:11	190
FRANCIS BARZILAUSKAS, Yale..... Waterbury, Conn.	RG	6:2	226

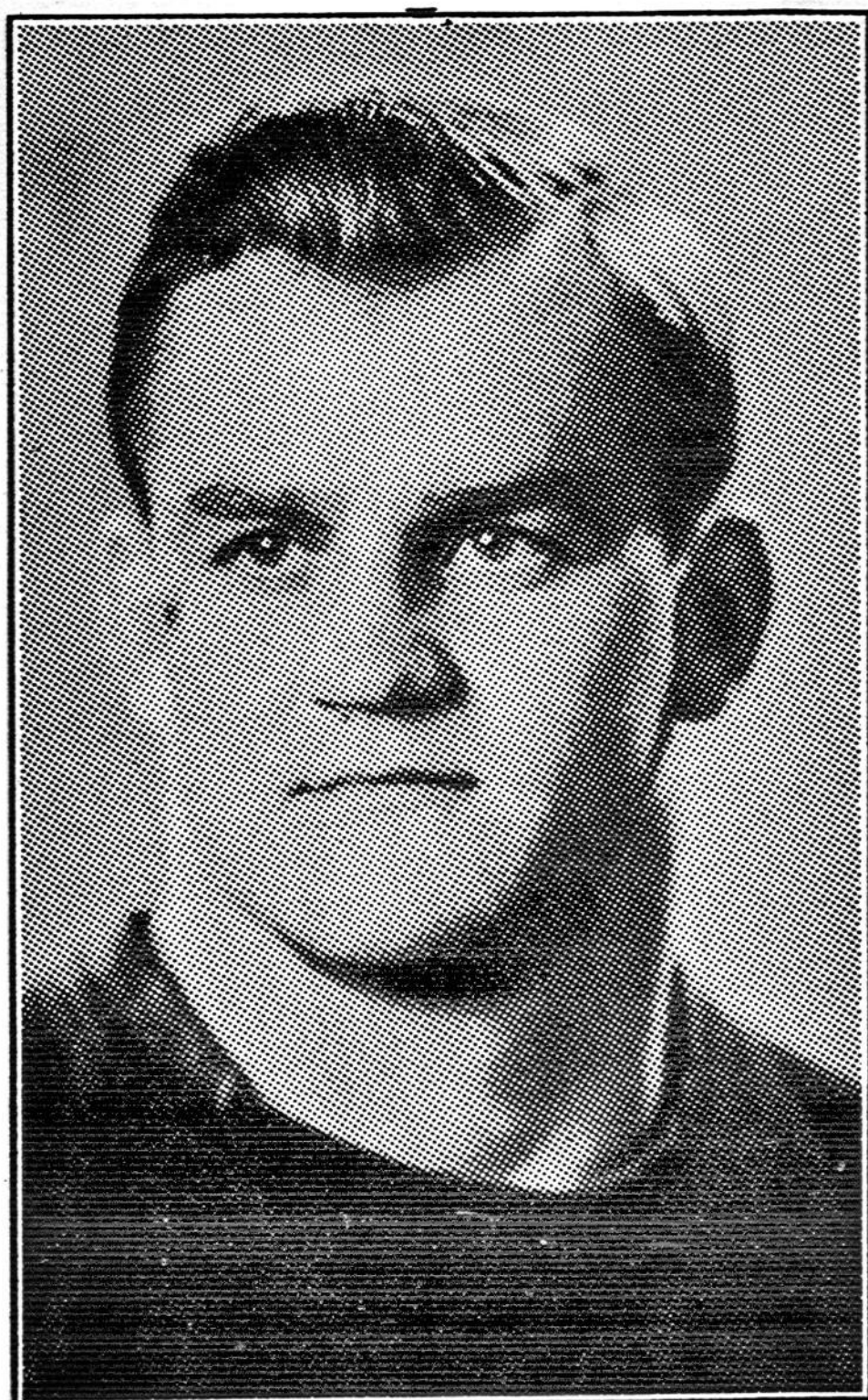
JOHN KISSELL, Boston College.....	RT 6:2	247
Nashua, N. H.		
AL JANKAUSKAS, Marquette.....	RE 6:	194
Cicero, Ill.		
BENNIE RIEGES, UCLA.....	QB 6:1	193
Worcester, Mass.		
VENTAN YABLONSKI, Columbia.....	RHB 5:11	196
Worcester, Mass.		
VINCENT PACEWIC, San Francisco..	LHB 6:	205
Gillespie, Ill.		
VETO KISSELL, Holy Cross.....	FB 5:10	210
Nashua, N. H.		

HONORABLE MENTION—

Linemen: GREGONIS, Penn.; BARKOUSKIE, Pitt.; SANDUSKY, Villanova; KODIS, Villanova; GUDAITIS, Harvard; URBAN, Notre Dame; BANONIS, Georgetown; WATKINS, Pitt.; KENNEDY, Boston College; SAKSA, Washington U.; RUSSAS, Tennessee; KAMINSKY, San Francisco U.; Backs: NORK, Columbia; ABROMAITIS, Navy; GALISEWICS and RAGAN, San Francisco.

Of V. Pacewic, the Coach of Loyola University, Morty Bill says: "He is the greatest back in the country and the best I have ever coached."

At the present time there are five Lithuanians on the Chicago Bears Football Team: William T. Osmanski, Joe Osmanski, Al Motuza Charles Drules and Ed Kawoles.



JOE PLATAK (PLATAKIS), handball champion for ten consecutive years. He lost the championship to a young veteran in San Francisco last summer. Platak has been the Illinois A.A.U. champ many times.



VYTAUTAS F. BELIAJUS and KAUPAS' sisters and brothers at the Lithuanian Christmas Tree.

LITHUANIAN FOLKLORE

Dec. 8, 1946, at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, the Lithuanian Christmas tree and program were the most attractive and original (17 nations participated). For the first time in the U. S. there was such a Lith. Christmas tree decorated not with the ordinary Christmas ornaments, but handmade straw and egg-shell ornaments. These ornaments were made by: Mrs. R. Maziliauskas, Mr. E. Samas, Mrs. Aleliunas, Mrs. Juska, Mrs. Juodeika.

Lithuanian Folk Dances were performed by the "Ateitis" group, and songs by St. Casimer's Academy. The master of ceremonies was Mrs. J. Dauzvardis, wife of Lith. Consul in Chicago.

"Ateitis" group was organized in 1941 by the initiative of Anthony Skirius. Its dancing instructors were: Lucille Piliponis-Zaikis, then Bernice Piliponis-Skirius, Sophia Samas, and at present Vytautas Beliajus, an authority on European and Oriental Folk Dances.

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AT THE 12th ANNUAL NATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL, held in Cleveland, Ohio, from May 12 through 26th, Lithuanians were represented by two folk dancing groups: "Ateitis" from Chicago and Mrs. Ivaska's Dancers from Boston, Mass.

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LITHUANIAN FOLK SONGS AND FOLK DANCES were presented at the International House of the University of Chicago. "Birute" chorus interpreted Lithuanian Folk Dances and displayed their national costumes. There was no admission charge, but every guest had to bring some books, which were collected and sent to the Lithuanian DPs in Europe. Sonja Pipiras-Tomaras, a student of University of Chicago, was the initiator of this event.

NEW LITHUANIAN PROFESSIONALS

DR. EDWARD LOUCIUS (Chicago) graduated from Medical School of the University of Illinois.

DR. PETER M. PALULIS (Chicago) graduated from Loyola University, Dentistry Dept.

DR. WM. T. OSMANSKI (Providence, R. I.), football player for 18 years—last time with the Chicago Bears), in 1946 got his discharge papers and opened up a dental office in Chicago.

DR. B. JOKUBAITIS from Baltimore, Md., graduated from John Hopkins University and now is one of the physicians at John Hopkins Hospital.

During 1946 eight Lithuanians were ordained into priesthood: Rev. Dr. Anthony Rakauskas (from Chicago), Edmund Budreckis, MIC (Elizabeth, N. J.), George A. Malinauskas, MIC (Sugar Notch, Pa.), Rev. Vincent J. Svirnelis and Rev. Anthony Kasper (Harrison, N. J.), Rev. Jos. Stanevicius (Detroit, Mich.), Rev. Frank Statkus (Philadelphia, Pa.), Rev. Odoric Akavickas, OFM (Chicago, Ill.).

We have records of these R. C. Priests that arrived in the U. S. from Europe: Revs. Justine and Raymond Klumbys (brothers), Rev. J. Kucinkas, Rev. J. Danielevicius, Rev. Dr. L. Lukosiunas, Rev. P. Lapelis, Rev. Dr. V. Reiciunas, Rev. J. Tamulis, Rev. J. Belceckas, S. J., Rev. P. Bastakys, Rev. V. Karalevicius, Rev. J. Cekanavicius, Rev. Dr. P. Dagys (Protestant).

Other professionals that arrived in 1946 from Europe and D. P. camps are: Prof. Dr. J. Zilinskas, Prof. Dr. Padalskas, Prof. Kuprionis, Prof. Dr. Pajaujis, Prof. Valerie Grigaitis and Judge J. Grigaitis (recently died), Dr. Joseph Gudauskas, Dr. Mildred Budrys, Dr. A. Gervydas, Atty. R. Skiptitis, Atty. M. Anuskevicius, teacher Julia Liesis, teacher J. Savaitis, Architect P. Kiaulenas and his wife, also an architect.

Attorney R. Skipitis, student-partisan Bruno Budginas and Dr. Padalskas, are travelling now through all the Lithuanian colonies in U. S. with lectures on the present situation in Lithuania.

PROMOTIONS AND ADVANCEMENTS

EDWARD J. KUBAITIS, former editor of "Vytis," editor of English section in "Draugas," editor of "Leaves," was appointed by Rev. R. Wienman, C. M. M., Detroit, Mich., to the editorship of "The Apostle," a monthly religious magazine.

ATTORNEY THOMAS G. GRAY was appointed as the United States Attorney for Maryland. Both he and his wife (Stravinskaite) are Lithuanians.

ALBERT CIZAUSKAS, American vice-council to India, Karachi town, got a new appointment. He is now the American vice-consul to Batavia, East Indies.

DR. GEORGE A. WILTRAKIS of Chicago, recently released from the Army with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, has been appointed Deputy Director of Medical and Surgical Service, Illinois Department of Public Welfare. These duties are: in charge of 13 State Hospitals, the Veterans Rehabilitation Center in Chicago, and six department divisions which include community clinics, and veterans service.

ATTORNEY ANTHONY A. OLIS on Nov. 5, 1946, came out as a winner on the Republican Ticket. He was elected as the Sanitary Trustee of Chicago, Ill.

ELIZABETH RESHKUS, a Chicagoan, is in charge of Stuttgart Lithuanian D. P. Camp. She is the only Lithuanian girl as director of UNRRA DP Camp.

DR. J. POSKA has been staff member of physicians of Selective Service in Cook County for the last four years. He also is working at Oak Forest Infirmary where there are about 150 Lithuanians. For his services to this country, Dr. J. Poska received a Congressional Medal.

NEW LITHUANIAN PERIODICALS

"GIMTINES GARSAI" (Voice of Country), a monthly magazine, first appeared on Sept., 1946. It is being published by the "Lithuanian Protestant Society in America. The Editor is P. Dagys; published at 52 Frank St., Waterbury, Conn. Subscription \$2.00.

"SV. PRANCISKAUS VARPELIS" (Bell of St. Francis) published by Franciscan Fathers, Greene, Maine. A monthly religious magazine. Subscription \$2.00 a year.

"ZVAIGZDE" (The Star) published by Jesuit Fathers at 488 East Seventh St., So. Boston 27, Mass. Subscription \$2.00 per year.

NEW BOOKS

"THE STORY OF LITHUANIA," written by Thomas G. Chase; published by Startford House, Inc., 52 Vanderbilt Ave., New York 17, N. Y. 390 pages, price \$3.50.

"COMPARATIVE LAW, ECCLESIASTIC AND CIVIL IN LITHUANIAN CONCORDAT." Written by Rev. Dr. Joseph Prunskis, published by the Catholic University

"MINOR LITHUNIA" and "THE MODERN LITHUANIA," written by Dr. K. PAKSTAS. Books may be obtainable at author's address: 1642 Ocean Ave., Santa Monica, Cal.

"VYTIS IR ERELIS" (The Knight and Eagle)—by Jonas Kmitas (Rev. C. Urbonavicius). Published at 366 W. Broadway, So. Boston 7, Mass. Story about the relations of Lithuanians with Poles. The book has 576 pages. Price \$2.50.

"LITHUANIAN DIALECTOLOGY"—by prof. A. Senn; 58 pages. Published by D. Antanaitis, 1427 S. 2nd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

"AMERIKOS LIETUVIU MISIJA IR JOS DARBAI." This album contains photographs and explanation of work done by the "American Lithuanian Mission." Published by "Dirva" at 6820 Superior Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. Price \$1.00; 32 pages; size 9x12 inches.

"KATALIKISKOJI LIETUVA" (The Catholic Lithuania). By Rev. Dr. K. Gecys. Published by "Draugas," 2334 So. Oakley Ave., Chicago, Ill. It is a historical book. 587 pages; price \$4.00.

"MARIJOS APSIREEISKIMAI FATIMOJE." By Rev. J. Kidykas, S. J.; published by "Zvaigzde," 488 East 7th St., So. Boston 27, Mass.

"SV. PRANCISKAUS PEDOMIS"—the fifth edition. Prepared and published by Franciscan Fathers, Mount St. Frances, Greene, Maine.

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We want to mention here two special books prepared and published by Rev. P. M. Juras, Lawrence, Mass. One is a prayer book in the Lithuanian language titled "DIDYSIS RAMYBES SALTINIS"; 788 pages, \$3.50. The other one is "VAI LEKITE DAINOS." A collection of Lithuanian Folk songs; 220 pages; price 75 cents. These two books are obtainable at "Darbininkas," 366 W. Broadway, So. Boston 27, Mass.

DR. JOHN STASULAT
D E N T I S T

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DANGER LOOMING OVER THE UNITED STATES

I have listened to an impressive and significant sermon delivered in the St. Casimirs Lithuanian Church in Los Angeles by Rev. Jonas Kucinkas who has arrived here from a refugee camp in Germany only last summer. In 1941-2, he himself has experienced one year of Communistic Russian regime in Lithuania. Since the political situation is about the same and since his message of vital importance to us and to our country, I shall attempt to present in a summary what he said:

Christmas in Lithuania as well as throughout the Christian world has always been a symbol of peace on earth and an occasion for renewal and reassurance of friendship and expression of good will among people. It is the occasion of solemn services in all churches, gay celebrations in the homes, exchange of greetings and gifts among families and friends. All of that this year is remembered by hundreds of thousands of Lithuanians and others in the cold, desolate slave labor camps in Siberia and in other parts of the communist empire. Husbands are separated from their wives, children from their parents; they all are half-starved, hardly clothed, sick in body and soul. In a dazed condition they outstretch their hands towards some object in a futile hope of discovering that their present misery is only a hideous nightmare. But, a swish of a knout of an NKVD (political police of Soviet Russia), or a gruff order of a commissar once more convinces them that their unenviable predicament is a stark reality. The Prince of Peace also was born to them, but theirs is not the fortune this year to celebrate the holiday. They were driven out of their homes, out of their country by the rulers of Soviet Russia, and are forced into the slave labor camps.

Those remaining in Lithuania are living from day to day in uncertainty. NKVD agents might force themselves into their homes at any time and "invite" to accompany them to headquarters, from which the "visitors" are never again seen to come out alive. They observe this Christmas in silence; the churches are ominously silent because most of the clergy were exiled, imprisoned, or murdered for refusal to submit to the communist propaganda. According to the bolshevik theory, the religion is an opiate to the mind of the proletariat, hence it should be destroyed. Yes, Lithuania is still occupied by the armies of Soviet Russia.

Those in Displaced Persons' or refugee camps in Germany are also reminiscing of the Christmas of yesteryears. Most of them are remnants of broken families. They do not know where other members of their families are; many hope that they are dead, instead of being tortured in Soviet prisons or slave camps. They found themselves in the land of the Teutons while fleeing the oncoming of red deluge which was overwhelming their homeland. The westward avenue was the only one left open for their escape, but their reception in the Naziland was cold and brutal. Yes, the war is over, but these people are still in the D.P. camps, because to return to their own country while the bolsheviks are the masters there means to them a certain death or torture, just because the displaced persons wish to rule themselves in their own country.

However, in the D.P. camps they are endeavoring to normalize their lives within the circumstantial limitations afforded therein. They have formed some schools for their young ones; organized choirs to perpetuate their folksongs, and have improvised churches for

themselves. They, too, celebrate this Christmas and are thanking the Good God that their lot is better than their brethren in exile in Siberia. They know that the Christmas should also mean to them an occasion of peace and friendship; but, oh, how different it is to those without a country, without homes, separated, perhaps forever from their loved ones. Have the victors forgotten their proclaimed aims of the war? Is the Atlantic Charter dead? Is it not being created another totalitarian tyrant upon the ashes of a similar one?

In America the Christmas is celebrated on a grand scale and fashion. Millions of multicolor lights everywhere; trees were heavily laden with gifts; garlands and other niceties decorated the cities and homes. The people were gay, well dressed, well nourished. Millions of automobiles fill the streets and highways; nightclubs are overflowing with carefree crowds; theatres are filled to capacity. How many of these citizens are concerned with the future welfare and safety of their country? An average American seems to say: "It cannot happen here."

Quo vadis America? Look, a foreign red bird is threateningly circling the American Statue of Liberty. Be on guard; let the sufferings of enslaved people open your eyes and enable you to safeguard your own liberty. The enemy of liberty and democracy is insinuating itself gradually, slyly, in stages, at times imperceptibly; it takes advantage of everything and of every occasion to promote its vicious aims against the freedom and liberty of the people. America, the defender of democracy, hear the appeal of the enslaved ones, they cry: "Help us to free ourselves of the foreign yoke and enable us to return to our country, or else have our misery in the slave and D.P. camps ended by dropping an atomic bomb on us."

—J. Baltis.

At the opening of the Lithuanian Relief Fund Drive on January 24, in New York, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, BISHOP J. M. GANNON presents a \$10,000 check to REV. DR. J. B. KONCIUS as a donation from the N. C. W. C.



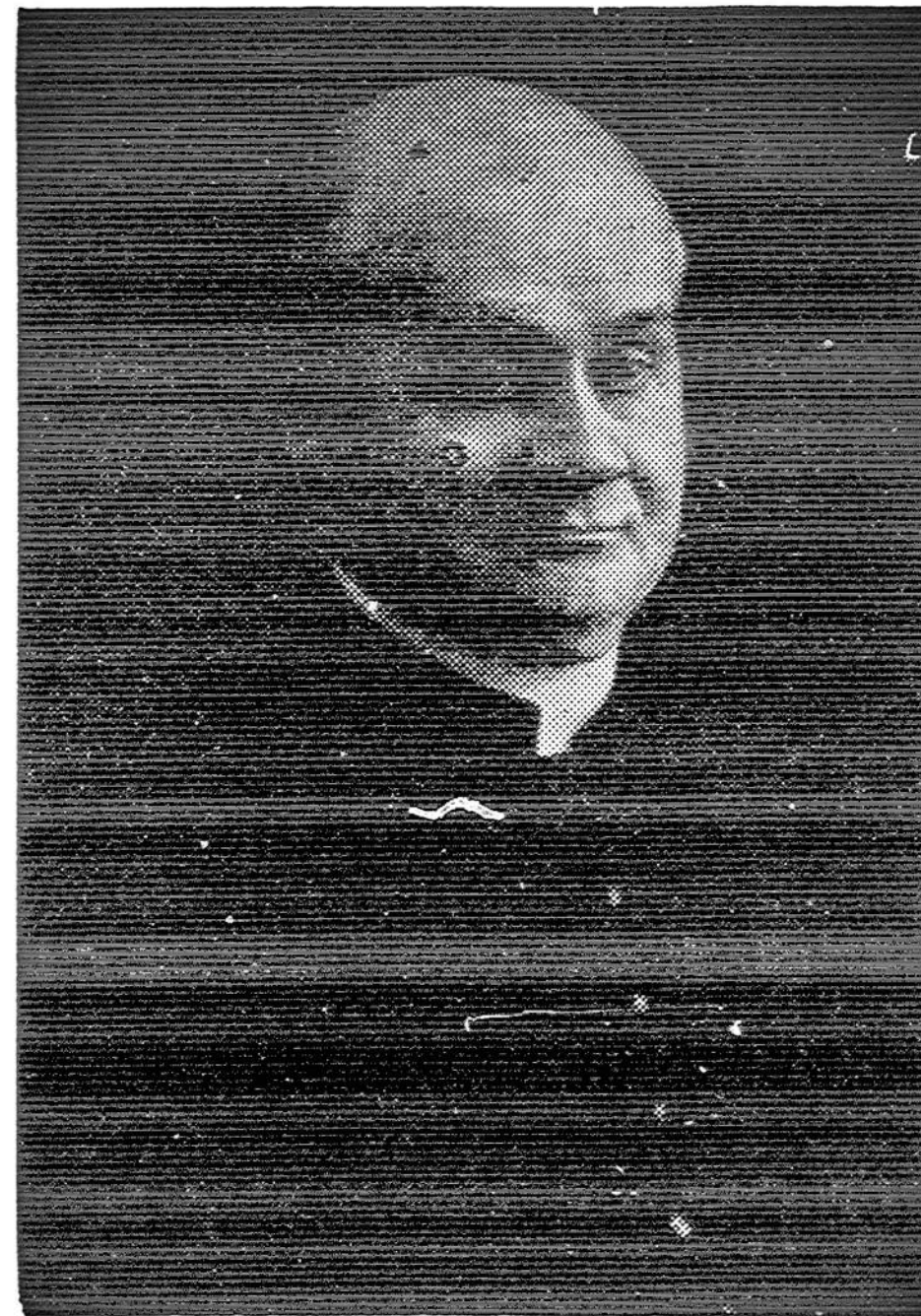
RASYTOJAS KUN. DR. K. URBONAVICIUS

1947 m. varsario 9 d. Bostone rasytojas kun. dr. Kazimieras Urbonavicius, zinomas Kmito splapyvardziu, buvo pagerbtas bankietu 50 metu kunigavimo ir zurnalistinio darbo sukaties proga.

Kun. Urbonavicius zurnalistini darba pradejo, rasydamas i "Varpa," atvykes Amerikon bendradarbiavo visuose kataliku laikrasciuose, o per pastaruosius kelio meta meta yra "Darbininko" vyriausiuju redaktoriumi.

Kmitas-Urbonavicius yra pats parases ir isvertes keleta veringu knygu. Jo parasytos apysakos yra sios: "Musu Socialistai" (1906), "Biurokratai" (1907), "Bajoro uosvis," "Vaizdeliai" ir "Vytis ir Erelis"—ilga apysaka apie lietuviu tautos kovas. Be to, jis dar parases: "Jono Kmito Eiles" (1921), "Kun. J. Navickas—Jo Gyvenimas ir Asmens Bruozai." Kmitas Lietuvoje buvo zinomas savo dviem verstinem knygom: Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finnas" ir Charles Dickens "Oliveris Twistas."

Kun Dr. K. Urbonaviciu sukakties proga nuosirdziai sveikiname ir linkime igliausiu metu.



REV. DR. K. URBONAVICIUS, author of "Vytis ir Erelis" (Knight and Eagle) novel. He has translated to the Lithuanian language Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" and Charles Dickens' "Oliver Twist."

Draugo Koncertas

Vasario 9 d., 1947 ivyko pavasrinis "Draugo" dienas koncertas, kurio muzikaline programa ispile Lietuvos Vyciu Choras, vadovaujamas Leonardo Simucio Jr., Brighton Parko Sodalicijos Choras, vedamas Onos Piezienes, solistais Algirdas Brazis, Jonas Urbonas, ir Mary Puksmis. Taip pat buvo suvaidinta broliu Vesotu komedija "Blakes Liga" Draugo koncertai Chicagoje visuomet buna idomus ir skaitlingai lankomi.

Vytauto Belecko Lietuviskos Filmos

Per sausio, vasario ir kovo menesius Vytautas Beleckas, zinomu filmininku broliu Motuzu brolis, buves partizanas Lietuvoje ir nesenai atvykes Amerikon, pervaziavo beveik per visas didziasias lietuviu kolonijas su savo padarytomis lietuviskomis filmonis: 1. "Lithuania," garsine ir spalvuota anglu kalboje apzvalgine filma; 2. "Kodel mes begome"—bolseviku teroro vaizdai is 1941 metu pavasario Lietuvoje; 3. "Be tevyne-istremime"—vaidai is tremtiniu gyvenimo Vokietijoje; 4. "Ten kur Nemunas banguoja"—garsine spalvuota Lietuvos vaizdu filma.



MRS ONA LUZAS, bearer of the Gediminas order, one of the most active women in Los Angeles. She is 82 year old and still active in five clubs, taking officers duties. Mrs. Luzas is the originator of the "Cultural and Charity Society" in Los Angeles.

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ONA RAMANAUSKAITE—LUZIENE

Ona Luziene, viena is veikliausiu Los Angeles lietuviu moteru, yra gimusi 1864 m. geguzes 31 d. Paezeriu km, Suvalku gubernijoje, Lietuvoje. Budama vienu metu amziaus isvyko su tevais is Lietuvos. Amerikon atvyko 1880 m, liepos 11 d. I Kalifornija atvyko is Lawrence, Mass. 1919 m. lapkricio 11 d. 1933 m. vasario 27 d. istekejo uz Juozo Luzo ir apsigyveno San Pedro, Cal.

Nuo pat atvaziavimo i Kalifornija Ona aktingai dalyvauja lietuviu organizacijose. Ji net buvo pirmoji, kuri pradejo organizuoti kai kuriuos klubus. Stai, 1922 m. suorganizavo Amerikos Lietuviu Tautine Sandara, kuri veliau buvo paversta i Los Angeles Lietuviu Pasalпинi Kluba, dar ir siandien gerai veikianti.

Prie SLA O. Luziene priklauso jau virs 40 metu, net gyvendama San Pedro lanke kiekviena 75 kuopos Los Angelyje susirinkima, ir buvo isrinkta protokolu sekretor. 1936 m. nusipirko savus namus Lennox, Cal., kur ir dabar tebegyvena.

1937 m., susitariusi su O. Rackiene, M. Miskiene, B. Gridlaniene ir a. a. A. Jeselskiene, suorganizavo Los Angeles Moteru Labdaros Kluba, kuriame vis tekdavo eiti valdybos pareigas. Laikui begant toji draugija pakeite konstitucija, nutare priimti ir vyrus, dabar jis yra pavadintas Los Angeles Lietuviu Kulturos ir Labdaros Klubu, kuris gerai veikia, ir daug aukoja lietuviams tremtiniams, naslaiciams ir studentams.

1939 m. vasario 16 d. proga Lietuvos Vyriausybe Ona Luziene uz pasidarbavima lietuviu tautai apdovanojo Gedimino Ordenu, kuri jai iteike Lietuvos Garbes Konsulas Los Angelyje J. J. Bielskis. Ona Luziene dar ir dabar, budama 82 metu amziaus, aktingai dalyvauja lietuviu veikime ir visur prisideda ir su savo aukom ir darbu. Ji priklauso prie SLA 75 kuopos, Tevynes Myletoju Draugijos, Kulturos ir Labdaros Klubu, Amerikos Lietuviu Pilieciu Klubu, BALF ir ALT skyriu. Taip pat ji priklauso prie Sv. Kazimiero lietuviu parapijos ir ja kiek gali remia.

Ona Luziene yra pavyzdziu ne vien Kalifornijos lietuviams, bet visos Amerikos lietuviams moterims, kad nepaisant atstumo, seimos reikalu, laiko stokos reikalinga priklausyti prie lietuviu organizaciju, jose nuosirdziai dirbti ir reikalui esant aukoti ne vien tik savo brangu laika, bet ir pinigus. Aukos ypatingai siuo kritisku lietuviu tautai momentu yra reikalingos: aukoti Lietuvos Nepriklausomybes atstatymo reikalams ir aukoti musu broliu ir sesiu tremtiniu lietuviu gyvybiu islaikymui.

Vytautui Beleckui tenka kreditas uz paruosima siu naudingu ir svarbiu lietuviu tautai filmu. Butu labai idomu ir Kalifornijos lietuviams sias filmas pamatyti. Jeigu patsai V. Beleckas negales su siomes filmomis atvykti i Kalifornija, jis zadejo jas mums paskolinti. Lauksime.

Buves Lietuvos Prezidentas Kazys Grinius Amerikoje

1947 m. sausio 24 d. Amerikon atvyko su seima buves Lietuvos prezidentas D. Kazys Grinius. Jo pagerbimui ir susipazinimui su New Yorko bei apylinkiu lietuviais kovo 8 d. McAlpin viebutyje buvo surengtas bankietas.

Dr. K. Grinius nors ir budamas neperstipriausios sveikatos Vasario 16 diena dalyvavo ir pasake sveikinimo kalbas dviejuose Lietuvos Nepriklausomybes minejimo iskilnese, butent—tuoj po pietu Philadelphijoje, kur jo brolis gyvena, ir vakare New Yorke.

Amerikos lietuviai dziaugiasi turedami pas save vieninteli sveika likusi Lietuvos prezidenta. Pirmasis Lietuvos prezidentas Antanas Smetona pries keleta metu mire Clevelande, antrasis Lietuvos prezidentas Aleksandras Stulginskas praejusiais metais buvo nukankintas Sibire.



★
DR. KAZYS GRINIUS,
former President of
Lithuania, has recently
arrived in the
United States
★

PRES. TRUMAN WARNS CONGRESS OF WORLD CRISIS

In a personal address to a joint Senate-House session on March 12, President Truman asked for \$400,000,000 in money, men and materials for Greece and Turkey to battle totalitarian aggression. He attributed the Greek Government's difficulties to Communists in these words:

"The very existence of the Greek state is today threatened by the terrorist activities of several thousand armed men, led by Communists, who defy the government's authority at a number of points, particularly along the nothern boundaries."

Should the United States fail to aid Greece and Turkey "in this fateful hour," the effect "will be far-reaching to the West as well as to the East," the President said, adding:

"We must take immediate and resolute action."

Without specifying, President Truman accused the Soviets of violating the agreement at the Stalin-Roosevelt-Churchill Yalta conference for freedom of choice by European nations as to the kind of government they want.

"The peoples of a number of countries of the world have recently had totalitarian regimes forced upon them against their will. The government of the United States has made frequent protests against coercion and intimidation, in violation of the Yalta agreement, in Poland, Rumania, and Bulgaria. I must also state that in a number of other countries there have been similar developments."

"At the present moment in world history nearly every nation must choose between alternative ways of life. The choice is too often not a free one."

"One way of life is based upon the will of the majority, and is distinguished by free institutions, representative government, free elections, guarantees of individual liberty, freedom of speech and religion, and freedom from political oppression."

"The second way of life is based upon the will of a minority forcibly imposed upon the majority. It relies upon terror and oppression, a controlled press and radio, fixed elections, and the suppression of personal freedoms."

President Truman closed his address emphasizing our obligations in maintaing justice and peace, saying:

"The seeds of totalitarian regimes are nurtured by misery and want. They spread and grow in the evil soil of poverty and strife. They reach their full growth when the hope of a people for a better life has died."

"We must keep that hope alive."

"The free peoples of the world look to us for support in maintaining their freedoms."

"If we falter in our leadership, we may endanger the peace of the world—and we shall surely endanger the welfare of our own Nation."

GAUTOS KNYGOS PAMINEJIMUI

"The Lithuanians"—"The people of Songs"—by A. Denis Yuknis. Knyga iliustruota fotografijomis is kartunomis. Veik visa Lietuvos istorija pavaizduota iliustracijomis. Ja galima gauti uz \$1.00 pas autoriu: A. D. Yuknis, 907 So. Homan Ave., Chicago, Ill.

★ ★

"Lithuanian Dialectology"—by Alfred Senn. Published for a Committee of American Scholars by The George Banta Publishing Co., Menasha, Wisc. Kaina \$1.00. Si veikala galima isigyti pas D. Antanaiti, 1427 S. 2nd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

★ ★

"Sventuju Gyvenimai"—I dalis, "Ramybes Saltinis" ir "Didysis Ramybes Saltinis"—maldaknyges ir "Vai lekite dainos"—dainu rinkinelis. Visos sios knygos paruostos ir isleistos kunigo M. P. Juro pastangomis Knygas galima isigyti pas autoriu—94 Bradford St., Lawrence, Mass., ir "Darbininko" redakcijoje—366 W. Broadway, So. Boston, Mass.

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Prasome lietuvisku knygu arba knygu apie Lietuva autoriu prisiusti naujai ir seniau isleistas knygas "K. L." del paminejimo ir parenczavimo. Pageidautina jei norima parenczuoti, kad prisiustume dvi knygos kopijas (viena del "K. L." bibliotekos ir antra del recenzento).

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

SV. KAZIMIERO PARAPIJOS KRONIKA

Redaguoja Prel. J. Maciejauskas

★ Vasario 9 d. Star Auditorium musu parapija turejo sokių vakara. Dalyvavo daug publikos. Gauta apie 90 dol. gryno pelno. Prie vakaro parengimo daugiausia prisidejo p. Acai, p. Balciunai (is Chicagos), p. Varkaliene ir p. Valskis is Chicagos, p. Brizgelienė, p. Drabikai, Bruzgai, Petrauskai ir kiti. Dalyviams ir rengejams nuosirdus acių.

★ Vasario 9 d., einant is parapijos parengimo namo, ant Adams Bl., ivyko skaudi nelaime. Sunkiai automobilio buvo suzeisti p. Liutkiene ir p. Gedminas (is Chicagos), kuris netrukus mire, o p. Liutkiene baigia gyti. Pries kiek laiko taip pat susisiekiimo nelaimeje buvo sunkiai suzeistas p. J. Dranginis, parapijos choro dalyvis. Linkime greito pasveikimo.

★ I Los Angeles atvyko naujas lietuvis gydytojas dr. Jonas Naujokaitis, moteru ligu specialistas, Lietuvos ir Amerikos kariuomenes atsargos karininkas. Jo ofiso adresas: 586 N. Main Str., Pomona, Cal., phone 1755. Visa Los Angeles lietuviskoji visuomene dr. Naujokacio atvykimu labai patenkinta.

★ Vasario 13 d. klebonijos patalpose ivyko steigiamasis LRKSA susirinkimas. Laikiniai isrinkta sitokia valdyba: p. O. Vilkiene-pirmininke; p. F. Bruzgas-sekretorius ir p. Varkaliene-izdininke. Dvasios vadaskun. J. A. Kucinskas. Kuopon istojo 15 senu nariu. Kuopai teisiskai susitvarkius, bus priimami ir nauji nariai.

★ Vasario 23 d. parapijos namuose ivyko steigiamasis Lietuvos Vyciu susirinkimas, kuriame dalyvavo didelis burys lietuvisko jaunimo. Buvo isrinkta valdyba is siu asmenu: M. Starkus, A. Kucinskaite, F. Gilbertas, St. Krencius, A. Regis, Stella Birbelaite, E. Varkalyte ir L. Jociute. Kuopon isirase 33 nariai.

★ Musu parapijoj lankesi Kun. R. Klumbys, is Dubois, Pa. ir p. Juozas Burba is Chicagos. Abu uzisake "K. L." Jiems labai patiko sauletoji Kalifornija ir svetingieji lietuviai.

★ Kovo 7, 8 ir 9 dienomis musu parapijos baznycioje buvo 40 Valandu atlaidai. Paskutine diena buvo skirta Sv. Kazimiero, parapijos Globejo, garbei. Pamokslus graziai sake kun R. Klumbys. Atlaiduose dalyvavo daug zmoniu ir pasinaudojo Dievo malonemis. Po atlaidu, kovo 9 d., parapijos svetaineje buvo parapijieciu pietus. Daugelis savo aukomis pareme parapijos reikalus. Prie parengimo savo triusu daug prisidejo ponai Sleniai, Mitkai, Petrauskai, p. Rimdziene is Cicero, Norviliene, Varkaliene, Dirgeliene ir kitos musu parapijos uoliosios ponios. Parapijos reikalams buvo suaukoto \$172.00.

★ Parapijos choras apgailestauja, kad is jo vadybes pasitrauke p. B. Starkiene. Manoma, kad Ponia pasiilsejusi vel griz prie giesmes ir dainos.

★ Amerikos Piliociu Klubas pirmaji siu metu susirinkima turejo pas Kazi Luksi ir nutare pagyvinti veikima. Lietuvos gelbejimo reikalams paaukota \$25.00. Del daugelio visuomeniniu darbu atsistatydinusios Klubos sekretores Brones Starkienes pareigoms buvo isrinktas Algis Regis.

LOS ANGELES LIETUVIU ORGANIZACIJU

VEIKIMAS

Redaguoja Brone Starkiene

Vasario 16-tos Minejimas Pasiseke

Siais metais Lietuvos Nepriklausomybs sukaktis buvo pamineta daug iskilmingiau negu kitais metais. Paminejimas pradetas vasario 16 d., 1947 ryta iskilmingomis pamaldomis uz Lietuva Sv. Vibianos katedroje, dalyvaujant arkivyskupui J. Cantwell ir musu kunigams. Prelatas Maciejauskas laike Sv. Misias. Kun. Duggan pasake tai dienai pritaikinta pamoksla, trumpai paliesdamas Lietuvos istorija katalikybes atzvilgiu. Kun Duggan, pradedamas pamoksla, kreipdamasis i mus nevinam isspaude asara delei dabartines mus tevynes likimo. Jis taip jautriai ir nuosirdziai tare uzuojautos zodzius, kad rodos ir jis pergyveno musu skausma, musu liudesi ir musu viltis del islaisvinimo is po dabartinio jungo ir negirdetu pasaulyje skriaudu musu tautai.

Pries kelius metus vienos grazios turtingos svetimtauciu baznycios pogrindyje suskambejo pirmutinis "Pulkim ant keliu." Giedojome nedrasiai ir su abejonemis. Kalbejome, kad senukas prelatas Maciejauskas yra perdidelis optimistas ir savo amziuje persunku darba uzsimoji—isteigti lietuviu kataliku baznycia Ramiojo vandenyno pakrasciuose. Vasario 16, 1947 m. musu "Pulkim ant keliu" ir Tautos Himnas drasiai skambejo Los Angeles miesto katedroje. Is musu mazos kolonijos susirinko virs triju simtu lietuviu. Buvo ju visokio amziaus ir nusistatymu. Merginos ir moterys vilkejo tautinius rubus. Svetimtauciai turejo progos pamatyti gintarus ir lietuviu tautinius kostiumus. Jie gerejosi ir musu giedojimu. Kun. J. Kucinskas tvarka svietiskius.

"Scully's graziame restorane ivyko bankietas su kalbomis ir muzikaline programa, kuria ispile Sv. Kazimiero parapijos choras, viesnia kanadiete soliste Z. Uzemeckiene, smuikininkas ir Juozas Zemgulis. Kalbetojais turejome daugumoje savuosius: prel. J. Maciejauska, prof. K. Paksta, Kun. J. Kucinska, Konsula J. Bielski, Dr. Mikalauska, irgi nesenai is sudraskytosios Europos lageriu atvykusi. Vienas kitas buvo ir svetimtautis kalbetojas.

Labai pasigedome prof. Graham ir Dr. Norem, buvusio ministro Lietuvai.

Prof. K. Pakstas perskaite susirinkusiems rezoliucijas i Amerikos aukstus pareigunus, prasant Lietuvai ir lietuviams zadetuji laisviu ir laisvo zmagaus teisiu. Susirinkimas rezoliucijas entuziasiskai pavirtino su didelemis viltimis ir nuosirdziais troskimais, suaukodami tam tikslui virs \$640.00. Kuklu, tylu, nuosirdu lietuvi J. Kumeta iki siol niekas nepralenke Lietuvos reikalams aukavime pinigų—jis ir si karta aukojo \$70.00. Po jo seke K. Luksis, konsulas J. Bielskis, prel. J. Maciejauskas, kun. J. Kucinskas ir kiti. Buvo daug desimtiniu ir penkiniu. Aukojo ir klubai: Labdaros klubas \$50.00, Pasalpinis \$25.00, Piliociu klubas \$25. Aukotoju vardai bus paskelbti veliau. Tokiai sumai musu kolonijoje reikia duoti kreditas programas vedejui prof. K. Pakstui. Niekuomet nemaniau ir nespejau, kad jis tokiam darbui tiktu. Bankieta pradejome Amerikos himnu ir baigeme Lietuvos himnu.

Svetimtauciu spaudoje paminejimo aprasymu pasirupino Miltonas Starkus, patiekdamas platoka straipsni apie Lietuva del Los Angeles kataliku savaitrascio "Tidings," kuris idejo musu triju kunigu ir Lietuvos zemelapio iliustracijas. Taip pat "Examiner" patalpino straipsni apie dabartine Amerikos politika su Sovietais ir idejo prof. K. Paksto fotografija.

ALT Los Angeles skyrius taria nuosirdu aciu visiems padejusiems si bankieta suruoti. Aciu ir visiems taip skaitlingai atsilankiusiems ir duosniai aukojusiems. Taip pat aciu parapijos choro nariams, kurie stropiai mokesi dainu ir iki vieno dalyvavo parengime. Nors tik dvi dienas pries parengima suzinojome, kad musu pianiste G. Grazyte sunkiai serga, siek tiek mugastavome ar visiskai pasirodysime, bet isidrasine sudainavome kelias dainas.

Bankieto toastmasteriais buvo prof. K. Pakstas ir K. Luksis. Bendru reikalus tvarko N. Mockus. Sveiciams nurodinejo vietas M. Saraikiene, A. Nausediene, Irena Vidziuniene, M. Aftukiene. Kolektos reikala pravede Petras Zilinskas ir kiti.

S. L. A. Kuopos Vakaras

Sausio 19 d., 1947, S. L. A. 75 kuopa suruose vakara su vaidinimu ir dainomis. Komedijs "Vienas is musu turi apsivesti" buvo juokinga ir nenuobodi. Vaidino Adele Nausediene, Irena Vidziuniene, P. Rackus ir A. Batkus. Dainu programa ispile soliste Z. Uzemeckiene, S. Batkiene, J. Zemgulis, A. Adamsas ir J. Ribokas. Publikos atsilanke daug ir visi buvo patenkinti. Liks gerokai ir pelno. Vakaro suruosimu rupinosi ir dirbo N. Mockus, M. Aftukiene ir P. Zilinskas.

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Kovo 2 d. B. A. L. F. skyrius surenge prakalbas su programa. Kalbetojais buvo prof. K. Pakstas, kun. J. Kucinskas, K. Luksis ir Dr. Mikalauskas. Prakalbos pasiseke gerai, surinkta virs simto doleriu auku.

Linkime greitai pasveikti parapijos choro pianistei Genovaitei Grazytei ir Richardui Masonui. Sie jaunoliai mums yra labai reikalingi ir mas ju labai pasigendame.

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St. Krencius, A. Regis, E. Varkalyte ir L. Jociute. Kuopon isirase 33 nariai.

ir Amerikos kariumenes atsargos karininkas. Jo ofiso klubas \$50.00, Pasalpinis \$25.00, Tautiskas klubas \$25. desimtiniu ir penkiniu. Aukojo ir klubai: labdaro

PADEKA

Siuo nuosirdziai dekoju Los Angeles Lietuviams, kurie s. m. sausio 26 diena Sv. Kazimiero parapijos svetaineje surenge man pagerbti iskilmingus pietus ir juose gausiai dalyvavo, o ypaciai Ponams MITKAMS, SLENIAMS, DIRGELAMS, PETRAUSKAMS, DRABICKAMS; Poniams BRIZGELIENEI, VARKALIENEI, ACIENEI, SLIATERIENEI, NORVILIENEI, MORKIENEI ir visiem kitiem.

Jusu parodytas man gerasirdiskumas ne vienam tremtiniui Europoje nusluostys vargo asara.

Kun. J. A. Kucinskas.

Los Angeles, 1947. 2.5.

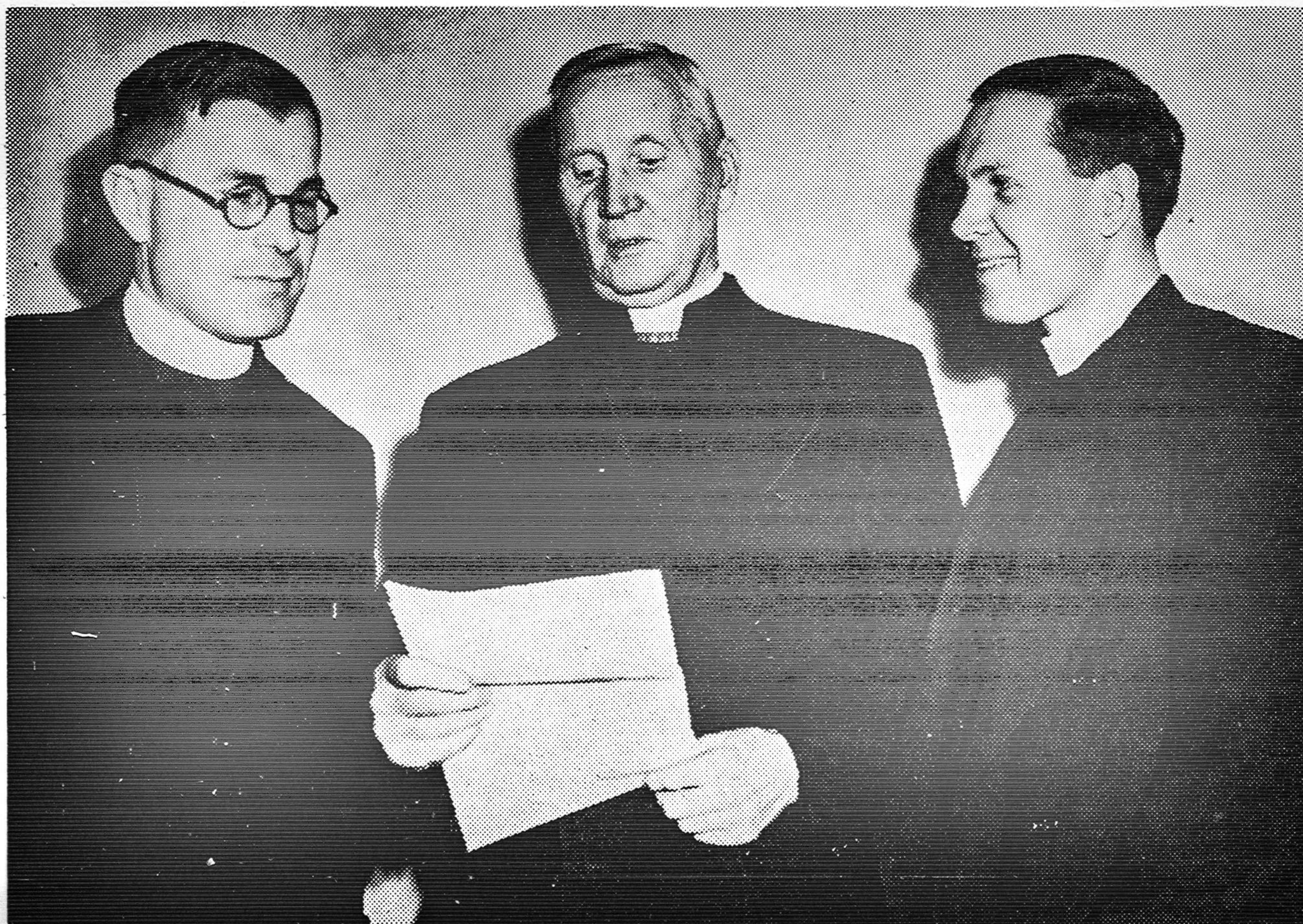
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The choir gave a birthday party in honor of Mrs. B. Stark, one of our most worthy and oldest members. She has done so much for the choir as well as the church. We all presented her with a lovely gift. Everyone spent a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

Another choir member recently celebrated her birthday, Lucille Varkalis. The Choir as well as a few other guests were all invited to her home where a delicious late supper of Lithuanian dishes was served. Lucille received a beautiful gift. A grand time was had by all.

Mr. M. Varkalis, mother of two choir members, celebrated her birthday and feast day. We all wished her many happy returns.

—JEAN GRAZIS.



Priests of St. Casimir Lithuanian parish in Los Angeles (from left to right): REV. J. KUCINSKAS, MSGR. J. MACIEJAUSKAS, and J. TAMULIS.

San Francisco, Calif.

The 29th anniversary of Lithuania's Independence (now occupied by Russia) was commemorated appropriately by the San Francisco and Bay Area Lithuanians on February 16th, 1947

Robert Lane, an American of English descent, told about the Lithuanian DP's in Europe. He was one in the staff of U. S. Military Government for the care of refugees. Lane said that while the Lith. refugees were from every walk of life, they knew how to get organized and lead the cultural life in the camps. However, their health is failing on account of lack of proper food and overcrowded living conditions in the barracks. Help and sympathy would alleviate the situation very much.

Julia Liesis, a refugee who has worked under Russian professors in "liberated" Lithuania, spoke of the achievements Lithuania accomplished during the 22 years of Independence (February 16, 1918—June 15, 1940). From an obscure and depressed nation while under the czarist yoke, Lithuania became a highly civilized and modern state while independent. However, the Second World War stopped her progress; Lithuania became the battlefield; what wasn't burned down, was robbed; and now her people are left at the mercy of Allied policies.

Mrs. Hedy Lane, an American student of medicine in Lithuania, stated that during Russian occupation her sister was deported to Siberia despite her status as an American citizen. As far as politics go, well, her sister was totally disinterested, in fact, ignorant about it—but communists need no reason for deportation. They just do it according to the plans to annihilate Lithuanians.

A collection was made for the benefit of United Lith. Relief Fund and American Lithuanian Council. Miss J. Liesis donated \$10.00 and so did Peter Fabijonaitis and Mike Norres; Mrs. J. Shopes and A. Skirius donated \$5.00 each; Vytas Kuizinas—\$3.00; J. Pelanis, Mordus, F. Strauss, and R. Zahn—\$2.00 each. The following gave \$1.00 per person: H. Baker, D. Lukoshat, M. Lukoshat, Joe Yasaitis, A. Ysaitis, J. Tamulenas, P. Bogin, E. Yasaitis, A. Jacobs, A. Poskus, H. Bogin, V. Bogin, C. Bogin, Kaze, S. Skiman, A. Walukas, John Jasaitis, M. Nunez, Lane, Mrs. S. Youtchas, A. Skiman, Mrs. Yasaitis, Lizdenis, and three Lith. (\$3.00); and donations in change \$2.00. Total amount collected was \$80.00.

After a snack to which the guests were invited free of charge, Sigmund Skiman showed movies from latest events and Alaska. Dancing followed. The public was pleased with this affair.

PERSONALS

★ MR. & MRS. S. SKIMAN of Oakland bought a home and a new car. Congratulations!

★ HERMAN BOGIN prepared an Affidavit of Support for his two cousins who are living in Tiensin, China.

★ MILDA ALEKSYNAS from Chicago is visiting her uncle Al Alex in Richmond, Cal.

★ MRS. BETTY ZEMGULIS again got several new subscribers for "California Lithuanian." We should appreciate it if other readers should get some new subscribers. Thanks a lot, Betty!

★ MRS. HELEN BAKER, MISS CIZAUSKAS, MRS. SHEA and her brother NAVICKAS were for the first time at a Lithuanian gathering in San Francisco when they came to the Independence Commemoration. They enjoyed it very much. We hope to see them from now on at our affairs.

★ MR. & MRS. BERDS from San Leandro, Cal., subscribed "K.L." for Rev. J. Vosylius, Mrs. C. Vosylius, and Mr. J. Sewell. Thank you.

★ MRS. ELIZABETH OSMANSKI AND MISS ANN OSMANSKI spent their winter vacation at Phoenix, Arizona. BILL OSMANSKI, the famous football player, got married to Mary Gowin on February 15, 1947.

★ REV. GEORGE JONAITIS, pastor of Santa Rita in the Desert, Vail, Arizona, spent a week of vacation at Hot Springs, N. M.

★ THADDEUS YOUTCHAS appeared in a trio concert at Claremont Hotel for the benefit of Alameda County Music Teachers Association. We hope to hear his personal concert in the near future. Thaddeus is a violincellist.

★ MRS. V. BOGIN is now a grandmother of four. The families of two of her sons were recently blessed with babies: Walter in Chicago with a baby girl (he also has a daughter 11 years old) and Eddy in Detroit with a baby boy. Herman, the third son, is rearing a boy of 1½ in San Francisco. Grandmother Bogin is delighted with the family increase.

★ V. KUIZINAS, formerly a captain in the Lithuanian Navy, is now preparing for state examinations for an architect's license. Now he is a resident of Berkeley and works in San Francisco.

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