

IS GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN CLUBS VISUOTINIO SUVAŽIAVIMO

(Tęsinys iš 2-ro pusl.)

Pastor, 8. Mr. Salmon Rizk, author and lecturer, 9. Hon. John Sparkman, United States Senator from Alabama ir kt. (pastarasis kalbėjo gegužės 14 d. vakare, paliesdamas šių dienų tarptautines sunkias problemas).

Gegužės 17 d. — paskutinė suvažiavimo diena — užbaigta bendrais pusrėčiais. Teko išgirsti daugybę sveikinimų, linkėjimų mums ir mūsų kenčiančioms tėvynėms. Mrs. Whitehurst su ypatingu dėmesiu ir nuoširdumu mumis lydėjo.

Ateinančiais metais visuotinis GFWC suvažiavimas numatomas Washingtono.

Ligija B. Dirkiene

LIGIJOS DIRKIENĖS KALBA

Address of the Lithuanian delegate Ligija Dirkis at the Annual Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 12-17, 1952.

The word "Freedom" expressed so many times at this annual convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs gives me the right to appeal to the delegates from all over the world and ask them for the restoration of freedom in a large part of today's world enslaved by the 20th century Communist tyranny.

Communist tyranny has driven thousands of people from the Baltic States to ask freedom outside their enslaved homelands. Hundreds of thousands of our fellow-countrymen left the Baltic countries on September 1944, when the Communists invaded these countries for the second time. Many of them left voluntarily because of the fear before Communists and many were deported by the Nazis to slave labor and concentration camps. Tens of thousands of the Baltic nationals were forced to leave their dear countries to preserve freedom and their Christian and democratic principles. During the entire period of occupation (11 years) by the Communist and Nazi regimes in our countries we have fought an underground ideological war against the Communist menace and for the liberation of our countries from Communist domination. This warfare is still continued by those of us who are in free countries. We have proved evidence that the Lithuanians, Latvians and Estonians as well as other peoples behind the Iron Curtain have been deprived of personal freedom and that genocide is still perpetrated in our countries. Hundreds of thousands of Lithuanians, Latvians and Estonians including 11 of my own relatives have been deported to Siberia since 1940 where they have to suffer from hunger and starvation.

We small nations have always, stood for peace and freedom, but it must be a just, true, and righteous peace. We are convinced that there will be no peace in the world as long as half of the world remains enslaved by a totalitarian power. We Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian women in the free world are asking you to support our cause to aid us in our struggle for the liberation of our countries Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, to help us in our fight for freedom and rights in the whole world. We also ask you to support the United States Congress for the ratification of the Genocide Convention. The Atlantic Charter provided that there will be not territorial changes in any country of the world after World War II and that every nation, small or great, has the right to determine its own form of government. We Lithuanians, Latvians, and Estonians do not want to be a forgotten page in the book of world's history and the Atlantic Charter be an empty promise. We stake all our hope on the United States and are convinced that justice will win in the world and that our countries and peoples together with their formerly democratic and free countries now behind the Iron Curtain will be liberated. The sacrifices of America in Korea have not been in vain, the fight of Americans against the menace of Communism in that country will become an everlasting song of freedom in the hearts of all freedom and peace loving small peoples of the world, who are desperately waiting that their rights be reestablished and their countries liberated.

We Lithuanian women express herewith our sincerest gratitude to the General Federation of Women's Clubs for its immense work and fight for world's freedom and justice.

I also would like to express my deep appreciation for the opportunity to attend the biggest world meeting of women and to have the chance to talk here about the immense struggle of our nations. I hope I have found

understanding and support for our problem, which I think is also a problem of all free world.

On behalf of the President and the Estonian representative of the Baltic Women's Council Mrs. Mall Jurma, the Latvian President Mrs. Tekla Aizkrauklis and the Lithuanian President Mrs. Birutė Novickis, I have the honor to extend their best wishes to this Convention.

REZOLIUCIJOS

Resolutions of The Baltic Women's Council submitted to the Annual Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 12-17, 1952.

April 25, 1952

The women of oppressed Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania organized in the Baltic Women's Council extend to the members of the Convention their sincerest thanks for the sympathetic attention and deep understanding shown to them in their tragic situation since the Council has been affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Almost twelve years have passed since the Soviet Union in June 1940 invaded Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. Since then the Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian people have had to suffer under the most cruel tyranny. Hundreds of thousands of innocent Baltic people have been deported to Soviet slave labour camps. Deportations, murders, and arrests are still perpetrated in these countries under the Soviet domination.

The Government and the people of the United States have condemned the predatory activities of the Soviet Union and stand fastly refused to recognize the incorporation of the Baltic States into the Soviet Union.

In view of all this the Baltic Women's Council submits to the Convention the following resolutions for adoption:

1. To ask the Government of the United States to take appropriate and timely action, in order to enable the Baltic peoples to resume the exercise of their free and independent statehood under democratic governments of the people's own choice.

2. To promote a just and righteous resistance within the United Nations against the powers of extermination headed by the Soviet Union devastating the occupied States.

3. To ask the members of the United States Senate that ratification of the Convention on Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide is a matter of vital importance in preserving the hope of the ultimate triumph of justice to the victims of the Kremlin suffering and dying in Soviet slave labor camps.

4. To appeal to the women of the world to give vigilant assistance and



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Sovietų ambasaderius Alexander S. Paniuškin (vidury) pareiškia reporteriams Washingtono, kad netrukus jis apleis JAV.

aid in supporting the cause of the oppressed nations, among them Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, against the oppressors behind the Iron Curtain.

Mall Jurma, President
Baltic Women's Council
Estonian Representative.

Tekla Aizkrauklis, President
Latvian Representative.

Birutė Novickis, President
Lithuanian Representative.

General Federation of Women's Clubs
May 10, 1952

Dear Mrs. Jurma:

Thanks so much for your letters which have been coming to Headquarters, and I want you to know that this morning we will take before the Executive Committee your suggestion of a resolution.

We are delighted that two women from the Baltic Women's Council are going to be present at our Convention, and a royal welcome awaits them.

Kenosha, Wis.

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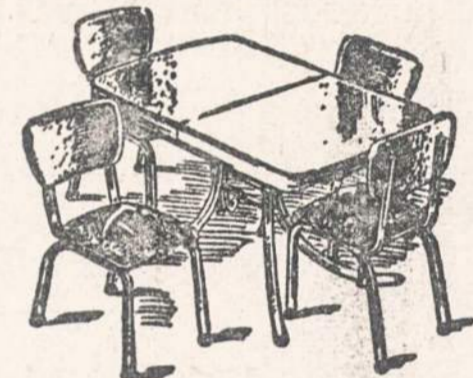
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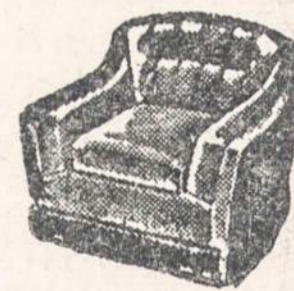
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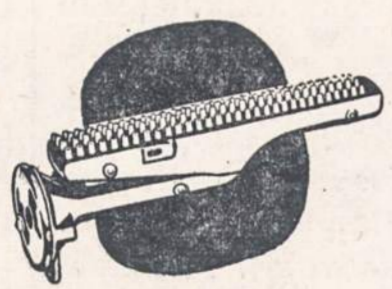
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