Yes, Why Lithuanian?

WHY STUDY A FOREIGN LANGUAGE?

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Here is what seems to be a curious fact: most of the great writers the world has ever known, from Cicero down, attended schools in which foreign language training was the chief discipline.

Yes, if you wish to be a better student of English, this fact is proven by actual languages we know the greater our intelligence. If we know but one language we are masters of one world of knowledge; if we know two, we have two great sources of knowledge at our finger tips.

The key to the feelings and loyalties of a people is their language. That is the reason why so many of us say it is so hard to understand our old folks at home. The way to get outside of our narrow world, which occasionally bores us, is to get into the interesting world a foreign language opens up to us.

The best way to find out the deficiencies of our language is to know a foreign language. When you are lost for words to express your foreign language.

Without a foreign language we are usually caught in our own subjective world with its petty peeves and prejudices.

We’re bad! They say, a student needs normal vocabulary has some 25,000 words. To learn a new language, another 25,000 items must be learned, and that is a job.

I suppose the same number of items must be learned to know the Lithuanian language for intelligent conversation. And that is the reason why so many of us hate to get serious about the tongue of our parents.

Yes, learning a foreign language requires mental discipline and very often we hate such mental gymnastics.

Where can we really use the language?

Very often objections are thrown at the trouble of learning a foreign language. The objections to end all objections about foreign language is: Where can we use it?

Let’s answer that objection with any other question, “How often do we use algebra, triangle, ancient history etc.” There are many studies, that seem unnecessary, but are vitally important.

Wayne L. Droos
Joe Gembis As Football Coach

DETROIT, MICH. — Wayne University has relieved Joe Gembis of his assignment as football coach and named a four man staff to direct the Tarts thru an expanded schedule next season in the Mid-American college conference.

John Hackett, former University of Detroit and who coached Detroit Catholic Central High school before entering the navy, will take over Gembis’ head coaching duties under plans recom- mended by the university which yet must be approved by the Detroit Board of Education.

Sodality Section

Next Friday

Because of the short time between new shipment of "Draugų" newspaper and date line, the Sodality Section which usually appears on the last Friday of the month, will appear next Fri- day instead of today. After that we hope it will come to our readers on schedule.

Editor

New assistants which include Joel Mason, formerly of the Chicago Bears and Cardinals and the Green Bay Packers.

Gembis, who was given additional class work in the physical education department, said that the change “comes as a surprise to me and I’m not sure I’ll accept the new swing ment. I’ll want time to think it over.”

Many New Rings

The Bell System increased the number of telephones in service during the final quarter of last year by 569,000, and additional phones are now bringing installed at the rate of 250,000 monthly — more than twice as fast as ever before.

SEE YOU AT THE SPRING FROLIC and DANCE

Sponsored by St. George’s Holy Name Society at St. George’s Ballroom 32nd and Lituanica Ave. Saturday, April 27, 1946

Featuring

BOB PHILLIPS and His ORCHESTRA

Vocalist by DICK SINGER

Entrée 8:00 P. M.

RADIOS for Door Prizes
**SOVIET OFFENSIVE AGAINST SPAIN**

By: The Observer

The present Soviet intense campaign against Spain is obviously aimed in the first line at discrediting the Catholic Church and pushing both America and England into an embarrassing position. It was significant indeed that the Red magazine The Protestant in a paid advertisement in the New York Times two weeks ago joined the United States break with Franco and with the Vatican, and that a Soviet Red Air-Revolt was made. "The day before yesterday" there was a major battle between the Red Air Forces and the Spanish Air Forces in Spain. Throughout the whole of the Spanish conflict, the Soviet Union has refused to recognize the Spanish Nationalists, and has not acknowledged the legitimate existence of the Spanish Catholic Church. The Soviet Union is determined to make Spain a satellite of Russia, and to prevent her from maintaining any relations with Catholic countries.

Outside of the very merits of the Franco regime, considered as not perfect even by Spanish Catholics themselves, it is an open scandal that this matter was ever permitted to be raised before the UN as long as such monomaniacal totalitarianist, as Soviet Russia, may be unchallenged. Dr. Lange cannot speak for the Polish people, he can only speak for Russia and her communist puppets imposed on Poland by force and notorious for their concentration camps, secret police and political murders.

Whatever the outcome of the UN debate on Spain, it would be well if the World would not concentrate exclusive attention to the UN phase of the Soviet offensive against Franco. Informed people believe, that this is merely one and by no means the main center of the Soviet menace. The chief plan is being worked out in Europe and the juggling off place of powerful Communist forces is prepared to seize power and use the conflict with Franco as an excuse for exploitation.

Reliable reports reaching England indicate, that those Spanish and French Communist centers receive money and weapons from Moscow. It is suggested, that the Red Army stationed in Austria, Hungary and Rumania is ready to come in support of any Communist revolt in France and Spain, once the moment comes. The Russian diplomat, and the Red Air forces is to establish a special air-line connection Gen. Konev's huge quarters in Rumania and Communist centers in France, a regular liaison is kept.

Russia is reported to have here three main objectives in mind, First, by a joint explosion in France and Spain she intends to accomplish the final encirclement of European资本主义. Second, if she wants to close the Mediterranean and turn it into a Mare Nostrum on Musolins model. Third, and by far the most important, is the Soviet desire to deal in Spain a spectacular blow at the Catholic Church, and thus discredit Communist defeat in the Spanish civil war ten years ago.

Only against this background can we understand the policy adopted by America and England in the Spanish case. Britain afraid to have Gibraltar cut off and the Mediterranean encircled, certainly does not want a Red revolution, in Spain. She tried to take the wind out of the Soviet sails by using pressure on Franco to resign and have him replaced either by Don Juan or by some other acceptable to the French Commumist regime. Hence probably the motives behind American and British action against Franco last February. All these attempts failed however, and in the case of Peron in Argentina, only consolidated Franco's position among his proud countrymen.

Today the Democrats find themselves walking a tightrope on the Spanish question. They succeeded in blocking thequist-inspired French attempt to bring the matter before the Security Council. But when in retaliation for Iran, Russia ordered her Polish puppet Large to present the matter again, America and England gave up. The Council took it from the Government. The Soviet Union won. In a way to influence the course of events. Informed people however believe that the United States and Great Britain will not stand by to see the matter go beyond the stage of the council's decision to investigate. Should Dr. Lange rally enough votes in the Council behind his motion of a diplomatic boycott of Franco, it is supposed that the Democrats may veto such a proposal.

**TALKING IT OVER**

**THE TREASURE HUNT**

The Saturday morning treasure-hunt in the park was a big attraction in our grade-school days. Can you imagine the beating we gave that place when twenty of us were turned loose in every direction to search out the very eyes the secret of that treasure has been found, and we wonder what will be discovered next. We don't know, but there is one thing we are certain of. Electricity, steam, and atomic energy did not grow wings way down to our little earth. Not one of those prize packages would ever have been found if the US hadn't first placed them one by one in their hiding places.

The game goes on. God still stacks life with prizes. There are prizes that surpass our fondest dreams. And all the while we know the best of all rewards will only be distributed by our earthly "treasure-hunt" is over — when we meet God after the game of life.

**HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF!**

By Frances Mary Siedlik

Lithuania, the nation whose name had almost been forgotten many times, regained her independence in 1918. The years following crept on, and her people learned to stand by themselves. At first they crawled toward progress, but not for long, for the ravages of war were shown. But the national pride, and recreation centers reappeared. Ruined towns, one after another were put back on the map. Industry, agriculture, culture and living progressed, and the Lithuanian people began to feel the freedom, the confidence to bring their country to prosperity and lay a future — a HAPPY FUTURE.

They desired to keep peace in the world, so that they along with other nations could prosper and be happy. Only the crushing blow, WORLD WAR II, shattered all their hopes and dreams! Once again the Lithuanian soil was the scene of battle for her big aggressive neighbors. As before, the Lithuanians suffered the inhumanity of man's greed.

The time came when Victoria was proclaim'd against Naziism and Fascism, and the Lithuanians helped bring about this victory by sacrifices as the other peoples of the world, but in victory they found their country overpowered by Russia, who because of being a more powerful nation proclaimed Lithuanian territory as incorporated in the USSR. Let us remember it is incorporation by force!

These great little people weren't lost the spirit of patriotism... Once more, as in the past they still seek a way to free themselves of this modern tyranny. Today more than ever before they feel the anxiety and reality

**(BOOK I)**

How can anyone express more vividly his feelings than as expressed in that paragraph? As the people say, "A picture is worth a thousand words," so pray and think as PAN TADEVUSZ and his ancestors did.

"When will the God permit us to return from our wanderings and again to dwell upon our ancestral fields, again to serve in the cavalry that makes war on rabbits, or in the infantry that toils in the arms against birds; to know no other weapons than the scythe and the plow?"

And other gazettes than the housekeeping accounts. **(BOOK II)**

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"KEY TO HAPPINESS"
By Marguerite Duportal

SUFFERING and sorrow as a short cut to sanctity is the timeless theme of this slender but timely book; that physical and spiritual affliction borne with a good heart in conformity with the Divine admonition — "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me." The human mind instinctively abhors the reality of suffering. Dread it, shun it how we may, however, suffering in one guise or another is the inevitable lot of fallen man.

In Marguerite Duportal's wise and inspiring book it is shown how, by schooling of self in the art of suffering, men can achieve victory and even joy in their own lives and the lives of others. The author shows, too, how, by mastersing the natural repugnance to pain and taking it as a gift from God to be borne with resignation, affliction can become a supremely sweet and consoling thing and a source of great spiritual and even temporal benefits.

Her counsel on the whole subject of pain is epitomized in this striking passage:

"You who suffer, suffer close to God as closely as possible... You will then experience a kind of miracle taking place within yourself. Your formerly complicated sorrow becomes simple, trouble clarifies itself, the disproportionate adjusts itself to your strength. With ardent and unfailling devotion you will come to understand things as God Himself understands them, because He ordained them. You will repossess in a supreme calm, which no things and no person can ever disturb.

This treatise on the art of suffering as a key to happiness is primarily a book of inspiration to encourage perfect resignation to God as the only source of genuine happiness.

Forecast.

Blozis Jersey Retained as Trophy

The familiar No. 32 that was carried on the jersey of the late Lt. Al Blozis has been retired permanently by the New York football Giants in memory of their all team league. World champion shot-putter and star tackle at Georgetown, Blozis was named the circuit's outstanding tackle in 1943, his second year with the Giants.

He then joined the army. Six weeks after he had participated in the play-off game against the Packers at the Polo grounds, he was lost in action on Jan. 31, 1945. Big Al sent out a detail of nine men in the deep snows of the Vosges mountains sector of France on that day. Seven returned shortly. When the remaining two did not report in several hours Blozis set out to look for them.

His men saw him fade into the snowstorm. There was one short blast of German machine gun fire. Big Al never came back.

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Oh, I know that all those who take up the stage are not inspired by a longing to raise the hearts of the audience. Far from it. Here as in all other kinds of life, we men are selfish and egotistical. I speak here of our "better side" (something seldom alluded to in print) An actor who is sincere and loves his work will tell you the thing that urges him on in his duller moments is the audience. There are people out there who look to him for a "lift". They are waiting for him to strike a chord which will loosen the tough feeling that held them captive during the driving day.

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Whatever I called it though, I knew what a wonderful thing it is. It is worth much more than money or attractiveness. It's something I look for first when considering a friend. Has he kept this quality throughout his life or can he let selfishness blot it out?

The instinct to give... where does this come from? There's nothing in our chemical or biological make-up to account for it. Rattlesnakes don't help their buddies when things go dull. This outpouring doesn't do our bodies much good. We are selfish and egotistical.

It must come from that thing we call a soul; that higher part of us by which we can choose to sacrifice even our own lives. Here indeed is something direct from the hands of God. That is why it is so breathlessly beautiful.

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They Don't Need My Help

You think the Missions can get along without your help. Well they can't. Your co-operation is indispensable, invaluable.

Not all of us are called to enlist in the campaign for Christ to leave home, loved ones, to journey to distant lands to preach the Gospel, Nor are we required to give our last cent for the Missions. Yet we can all do something which is the very source of all divine blessings for the Missions and is the cornerstone and foundation of all missionary endeavors. Without it missionary undertakings would prove to be vain and futile. We can pray for the Missions.

Unless divine grace accompanies the Missions, our efforts are futile. What good are heroic sacrifices, zealous labors if God's benediction does not accompany the Missions' work. God uses man to scatter His blessings, but faith is God's own gift. We can help acquire this divine grace for others by the only way possible - by prayer.

Remember Saint Teresa of the Little Flower? She never left her native France to work for the Missions. Yet she did give all that she could to spread Christ's cause. She gave her prayers, pray a life of prayer to the Missions. And her sacrifice was so generous that she has earned the title Patron of the Missions, even though she never saw a Mission in her life.

We can help the 'little way', St. Teresa's way, with our prayers and sacrifices. St. Teresa prized her God-given life, and she was anxious that others might share that love and joy with her. Does love of our faith finds its expression in prayer for others as St. Teresa? All St. Teresa could do was pray. All most of us can attempt and hope to do is pray.

And there are so many things to pray for too. We can pray for an increase of vocations, so desperately needed to spread God's kingdom, for courage and constancy for the Missionary; for generosity in all his undertakings and finally for the important grace of conversion. But let our prayers be persistent and insistent. Let's storm heaven for the Missions!

You see the Missions do need our help, our prayers. Who knows how many souls you can save for Christ, who knows what untold good work you can do for the Missions. We do know that you can if you pray. The success of the Missions depends upon prayer.

For further information regarding the Missions, write to:

- Marian Mission Club
- Marian Hills Seminary
- Hinsdale, Ill.  V. E.

What’s Cooking?

By “Putzelio”

— "You got the mumps for sure!"
— "No! that’s where I keep my golf balls."

Teacher — "Now children, give me a sentence with words bear, bees, boys."
Johnny — "Sure that easy, 'Boys, bees, bear' when they go swimming."

Hostess — "Please pass me your plate!"
Dopey — "Which one — lower or upper?"

Man’s Life: School tablets; Aspirin tablets, stone tablets — catch.

A Chinaman opened a laundry between a drugstore and a restaurant. The druggist had a sign: "We Never Close". The restaurant — "Open At All Hours."
So within a few days the laundry exhibited this sign: "Me No Sleepy Too."

Etc. See Later. "Putzelio"

Home Hunters Storm Curtainless Home

Although she has placed a large sign in the window of her six-room, home at 306 Sixth, Denver, which reads: "Not moving, just house-cleaning," Mrs. Virginia Root today was still besieged by determined house hunters.

$2,500 For an Idea

Inauguration of a new company-wide proposal plan under which awards up to $2,500 will be paid to employees for adopted suggestions or ideas that will improve the company’s production methods and general operations is announced by American Viscose Corp.

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necessary for our education.

Language studies exercise the memory almost exclusively and we can not completely separate memory from intellectual development. Memory is helped by the perception of differences and resemblances, which certainly develops our minds to a great extent.

So you see, language study should be a very great part of our education and what could be a more delightful full form of education than the study of our parental language.

In "Chicory Chic" and "Mairzy Dtaa" easy, well, our Lithuanian grammar should be just as easy.

Why Paper is Short

Southern paper mills, which normally produce about 60 per cent of the wrapping and bag paper as well as most heavy paperboard for boxes and containers, have been running at only 65 per cent of capacity since the end of 1945, due to lack of manpower and difficulty in getting wood at low, fixed prices under OPA regulations.

Mr. Rost’s dilemma developed when he took down the curtains to paint the interior of the house.

Hardly had this badge of occupancy been removed than house-hungry couples began bombarding her with applications for the home by phone and in person.

"It was terrible!" Mrs. Root said. "Every time I got up on the ladder, the phone or doorbell would ring and I’d have to get down again.

"I wasn’t getting anywhere with the job. I’ll bet I had 15 to 20 phone calls and at least 12 to 15 persons came to the door."

The situation was climaxcd Saturday when Mrs. Rost was summoned from her bed at 6:30 a.m. by an eager, house-hunting, young couple. That did it. Mrs. Rost painted the two-foot square sign and put it in the window.

The sign hasn’t been very effective. However. The doorbell and phone still ring.