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ENGLISH SECTION

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FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1946

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, study a foreign language. This fact is proven by actual statistics. The graduates of schools where classical curricula are carried out are always better in English, than those who graduate from specialized schools of one kind or another.

Some one might say, "that goes for classical languages and not for such rarely spoken languages like Lithuanian". Yes, they say, why study Lithuanian?

Many Reasons Why!

The reasons why we study foreign languages, and I do not mean classical languages only, are, indeed, very many.

Every foreign language in the world is important and the language itself is an important reason for knowing it. The more intimate our connection with the language, the more important it is for us to know the language.

And each and everyone of us of Lithuanian descent certainly have a very intimate reason for the language of our parents. If we just scratch the surface of the history of Lithuania we will find reason enough for knowing its language.

Every language is the key to a grand new world and the Lithuanian language leads us into the world our parents knew and loved.

We are in a rut

Foreign language teachers the world over are complaining that students in schools are shirking the study of foreign languages, even classical.

To many of us any language but English is a foreign language and therefore a thing to be side-stepped, if any way possible. The same goes for Lithuanian.

On the whole we are all in a rut and feel one language is enough. We would rather study a specialized subject. But here is a curious fact: they that shirk and hate to study a language like Lithuanian will certainly shirk the study of the glamorized classical language, like French, Spanish and Portuguese.

A few more reasons

Do you know that a language determines our intelligence? The more foreign

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 out side 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 yourself more fluently, use a foreign language.

Without a foreign language we are usually caught in our own subjective world with its petty peevs and prejudices. We're lazy!

They say, a student's 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.

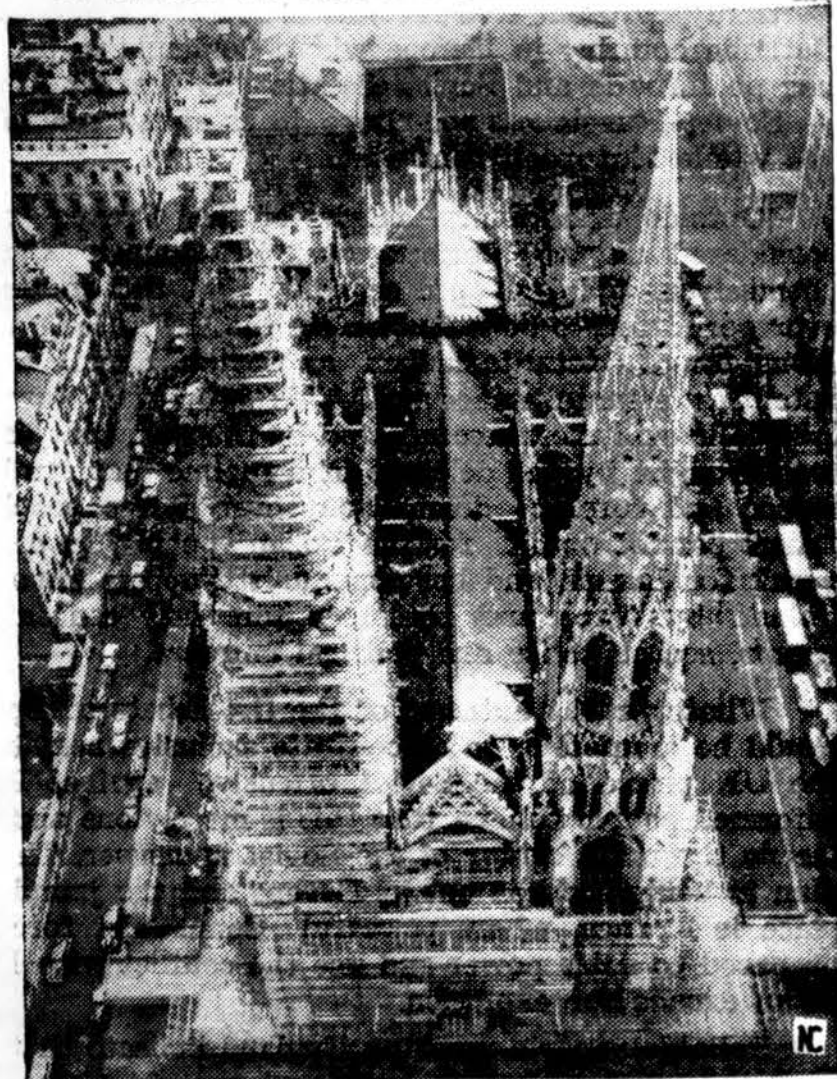
Where can we really use the language?

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

Let's answer that objection with any other question, "How often do we use algebra, trigonometry, ancient history etc." There are many studies, that seem unnecessary, but are vitally

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A FACE-LIFTING FOR ST. PAT'S



You are looking down upon the famed St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, about to receive a one-year face-lifting job. Scaffolding, 34 stories high, shrouds the steeple and lower portion of the church as workmen begin to remove the scars of 76 years of wear. The huge marble crosses atop the steeples will be replaced with aluminum crosses and the damaged marble blocks will be repaired or replaced.

Wayne U. Drops 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 Tartars 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 recommended 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 "Draugas" newsprint and dateline, the Sodality Section which usually appears on the last Friday of the month, will appear next Friday 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 assignment. 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 560,000, and additional phones are now being installed at the rate of 250,000 monthly — more than twice as fast as ever before.

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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 N. Y. Times a few weeks ago jointly requested a United States break with Franco and with the Vatican. Certainly, without Red revolution and chaos into the last Catholic country in Europe where Communism until now has no inroads and Soviet dictation no hearing — Spain, — Soviet Russia cannot hope to establish control over the whole European continent.

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 monsters of totalitarianism, as Soviet Russia and her satellites remain unaccused. This provoking parody of justice is still more accentuated by the fact, that the case was brought by the delegate of a regime that symbolizes terror and foreign domination over a free people. 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 a mistake to concentrate exclusive attention on 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 maneuver. The chief plan is being worked out in Europe and the jumping off place is France, where powerful Communist forces are prepared to seize power and use the conflict with Franco as an excuse for explosion.

Reliable reports reaching England indicate that those Spanish and French communist centers receive money and weapons parachuted from Soviet planes. It is suggested that the Red Army stationed in Austria, Hungary and Slovakia is ready to come in support of any Communist revolt in France and Spain, once the moment comes. Through diplomatic couriers and even through a special air-line connecting Gen. Konev's headquarters in Slovakia 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 Europe. Second, by seizing Spain she wants to close the Mediterranean and turn it into a Mare Nostrum on Mussolini's 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 vindicate 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 non-communist regime. Hence probably the motives behind American and British action against Franco last February. All these attempts failed however, and as in the case of Peron in Argentina, only consolidated Franco's position among his proud countrymen.

Today the Democracies find themselves walking a tight rope on the Spanish question. They succeeded in blocking the Soviet-inspired French attempt to bring the matter before the Security Council. But when in retaliation for Iran, Russia ordered her Polish puppet Lange to present the matter again, America and England gave up hope of removing it from the Council's agenda. They probably thought it wiser to play ball and try at least in this way to influence the course of events. Informed people however believe that the United States and Great Britain will never permit the matter to 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 Democracies 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 clues?

Though I had a lot of fun, I seldom was very lucky until one happy Saturday found me walking off with a new pen-knife, a box of candy bars, and more friends than I had ever thought I possessed. That was the day when several prizes were hidden away with the clues, and everybody had a first-rate chance to win something or other. But the better prizes were always withheld until the contest was over.

Now, if you care to see it that way, life is like that: life is a treasure hunt. Some rather nice prizes were found ages ago. In fact the steamboat, the telegraph, and the airplane were found before most of us even got into the game. Today beneath our

very eyes the secret of atom-spitting 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 didn't grow wings and fly down to our little earth. Not one of those prize packages would ever have been found if God 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 be distributed only when 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 showing amazingly fast repair. Schools, museums, hospitals, and recreation centers reappeared. Ruined towns, one after another were put back on the map. Industry, agriculture 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 the other nations could prosper and be happy. Only the crushing blow, **WORLD WAR II**, shattered all those 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 Victory was proclaimed against Nazism and dictatorship. The Lithuanians helped bring about this victory by sacrifices as the other peoples of the world, but in victory they found their country overpowered and invaded by Russia, who because of being a more powerful nation proclaimed Lithuania as incorporated to the USSR. Let us remember it is incorporation by force!

These great-little people haven't lost their 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

in the lines of "**PAN TADEUSZ**", the Lithuanian patriot, as described and written by **ADAM MICKIEWICZ**, after the Russian occupational victory in 1831.

Let us recall those lines which again live in the hearts of Lithuanian patriots:

"LITHUANIA, my fatherland, thou art like health; how much thou shouldst be prized only he can learn who has lost thee. To-day thy beauty in all its splendour I see and describe, for I yearn for thee."

(BOOK 1)

How can anyone express more vividly his feelings than as expressed in that paragraph? As the people today hope and dream, they pray and think as **PAN TADEUSZ** and their ancestors did.

"When will the Lord God permit us to return from our wanderings, and again to dwell upon our ancestral fields, and to serve in the cavalry that makes war on rabbits, or in the infantry that bears arms against birds; to know no other weapons than the scythe and the sickle, and no other gazettes than the household accounts."

(BOOK II)

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A Book Review

"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 is, physical, mental, 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 or 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 mastering 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 unfaltering devotion you will seek only to understand things as God Himself understands them, because He ordained them. You will repose in a supreme calm,

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It is very difficult to live hoping and dreaming, but the Lithuanian people never give up. Many have to leave their fatherland to seek free democratic nations, where they live and find it was the same in days gone by.

"I bid you farewell, but not for long; there are sure hopes that some spring the dawn of freedom will arise for us, and Lithuania, who now bids you farewell as wanderers, will soon behold you again as her victorious deliverers!"

(BOOK X)

In conclusion, let us pray that the hopes and prayers of the Lithuanians, for Independence, will not be in vain. That her independence will once again be brought about miraculously as in 1918!

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's will 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 league tackle. 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.



NOVELIST — Father E. F. Murphy, S.S.J., author of the phenomenal best seller of last year, *The Scarlet Lily*, will have his second novel based on Mary Magdalene entitled *Road From Olivet* published late in May. Father Murphy's new book dramatizes the struggles of the early Christians against the pagan world of the Caesars. Magdalene as their leader is the forerunner of the Apostles.

**The Instinct To Give**

Just last Tuesday night I was watching a movie while trying to solve an interesting problem. The picture was no hit. In fact, the plot had become a little trite by Hollywood playwright handling. As usually happens with most of us, I found myself philosophizing on what the writer had in mind when he put his thought into human action.

The play itself centered around the old vaudeville theatre. On-stage, off-stage the usual characters moved about: singers, dancers, jugglers, and acrobats.

They were all there: checkered coats, baggy pants, and flouncing skirts. The author must have had a real taste for vaudeville because, despite the cheap music and gaudy costumes, there was something in it all he did not forget. This "something" used to be expressed in what today seems an empty phrase: the show must go on!

I'll admit I had seen it before in the movies which tried to glorify the "good old days" of vaudeville. Now, through, sitting there in the darkness, I found myself concentrating on this instinct to give which each of the performers was shown to have. I suppose it occurs in every field of life, this desire to give yourself to others, but it is always more noticeable in an actor.

Oh, I know that all those who take up the stage are not inspired by a longing to raise the hearts of their 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 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 taut feeling which hold them captive during the driving day.

"But that's none of your business, is it?" we ask him. "Of course it is," he replies. He can't explain it. He's got nothing to win by going out there. He may even endanger his reputation socially. "But that doesn't matter now. Those people are out there waiting. I can give them myself in some way. They need me, I'm willing to pay the price... The show must go on!"

Whatever I called it though, I know 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 life, or has 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 get dull... This outpouring doesn't do our bodies much good. We just wear ourselves out. It must come from that thing called 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.

Maybe You're Saying

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 Missionary, his efforts are futile. What good are heroic sacrifices, zealous labors if God's benediction does not accompany the Missionaries' 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, nay a life of prayer to the Missions. And her sacrifice was so generous that she has merited 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 faith 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 with 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 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 the:

Marian Mission Club
Marian Hill Seminary
Hinsdale, Ill.

V. E.

What's Cooking?

By "Putpelė"

— "You got the mumps for sure!"

— "Naw! that's where I keep my golfballs."

Teacher — "Now children, give me a sentence with words bear, bees, boys".

Johnny — "Sure that's easy; 'Boys bees bear' when they goes 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 drug-store 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".

Eye, See Later, "Putpelė"



"WIPE THAT GRIN OFF YOUR FACE! I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING."



Home Hunters Storm Curtainless Home

Although she has placed a large sign in the window of her six-room, home at 3998 Sixteenth, Detroit, which reads: "Not moving, just house-cleaning", Mrs. Virginia Rost today was still besieged by determined house hunters.

Shirts and Shirts

OPA ceiling on one quality of cloth used in low-priced white shirts is 54 cents a yard. Run this same cloth through a press to give it colors and the ceiling price permitted by OPA becomes \$1.70 a yard. Result: Stores have highpriced fancy shirts, no lowpriced white shirts.

\$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 form of education than the study of our parental language.

Is "Chicery Chic" and "Mairzy Dots" easy, well, our Lithuanian grammar should be just as easy.

Mrs. Rost's dilemma developed when she 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. Rost 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 about 12 to 15 persons came to the door".

The situation was climaxed Saturday when Mrs. Rost was summoned from her bed at 6:15 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.

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

If people thought of business as ONE team — instead of dividing it into a capital team and a labor team, it would be a much truer picture of the real situation. prices under OPA regulations.