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FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1946

Lithuania Under The Yoke

John J. Jodka

THE eyes of the world are turned these days toward Paris. There the representatives of the various countries involved in the war just finished are meeting to decide on the terms and conditions of surrender, reparations and so forth. Many points are being discussed, but it seems as if the forgotten nations are the Baltic States, and in particular Lithuania.

Lithuanians are a proud people with traditions, customs and a speech which are worlds different from any other country in the universe. The language is the oldest living tongue in existence, being a close relative to Sanskrit. Lithuanians from time immemorable have been endowed with a fervid love for freedom and independence. Such men as Thaddeus Kosciuszko who came over from Lithuania to help the cause of freedom in the American Revolution exemplify Lithuania's spirit. This people is now under the mighty crushing weight of a shaggy Red Bear and will remain there it seems because we in America do not believe in giving these small nations their just place in the world if it means aggravating Red Russia.

Lithuania was once a great and mighty nation — one of the greatest on the whole continent of Europe, but has been too peace-loving for its own good, as slowly but surely more aggressive and greedy neighboring countries ate off pieces until at length Russia gobbled it up entirely.

In 1918, Lithuania gained its rightful independence once again from a weary post-war Russia, but Lithuania has been hard-pressed ever since to retain this independence. In 1939 it was the first to oppose Germany's dreams of world power as they tried in vain to prevent the annexation of its only port on the Baltic.

*(Address delivered by ex-U. S. Navy man John J. Jodka, a junior of the school of Administration at the University of Michigan, at a speech contest there.)

During the annual Honors Convocation at the University on April 26, 1946, John had the distinction of being the only honor student in the entire Junior year of the School of Administration, the class numbering 300 members.

John, incidentally is the brother of Rev. M. Jodka, M.C., pastor of Our Lady of Vilna parish, Chicago, Ill.

Klaipeda, better known perhaps as Memel. It was there that Germany first began its surge to power, and gallant Lithuanian resistance was of no avail. In 1940, the Red Army under the pretext of protecting Lithuania took over the rest of Lithuania and many Lithuanians fled to the nearest country, Germany, where the poor unfortunates were pressed into slavery at labor camps, but they preferred even this to the tortures and liquidations inflicted by Russia.

In 1941 another uprising by Lithuanians was met with bloody defeat, but not without some measure of victory in the process. Soon later, the Germans attacked Russia and sure enough Lithuania was the battlefield. Three times battle lines were established and little Lithuania was horribly ravaged.

When the war closed, the Russians claimed all Lithuanians in occupied territories as Soviet citizens and has liquidated many of them as being pro-Nazi because they worked for the Nazis, notwithstanding the fact that they had been forced into this labor. In 1944, Russia made retaliation on the more active members of the 1941 revolution by torturing and executing the men before the eyes of their women and children. The entire population of 3 parishes was shot. All in all, 40% of the total manpower of Lithuania was depleted and 1/3 of all the remaining families have someone displaced either in exile in Siberia or in occupied territories elsewhere refusing to return to Russian-held Lithuania.

These courageous Lithuanians have resisted both Russians and Germans, and in fact would resist anyone and everyone who determines to enslave them, and just because Russia was nominally termed America's ally, that does not mean that the Lithuanian cause was one contrary to the principles we hold so dear.

Robert Skinner, former minister to Lithuania, has

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HELP IN ARMY LIBRARY PROJECT



These four graduates of Rosary College, River Forest, Ill., are among the librarians being flown overseas by the United States Army to help conduct the library facilities in military hospitals and Army sponsored universities for the American occupation forces in Europe. Left to right: Betty Kientzle of Chicago, Barbara Hopkins of Oak Park, Ill.; Rosemary Stewart of Chicago and Kathryn Lee of Oak Park, Ill. They specialized in library science at Rosary College.

Treat for music lovers

K of L Chorus Concert Sunday

A thrillingly delightful sequence of harmonious music, a capella, will spell-bound the most critical music lover and the hilarious comedy presentation "Meilės Eleksyras" will more than delight the average Lithuanian "first nighter" during the May Festival, sponsored by the Knights of Lithuania Chicago District organization, this Sunday evening, May 19th, at the spacious Darius - Girens Memorial auditorium, 4416 S. Western Avenue.

The K. of L. Chicago District takes pride in presenting for the first time to the public two stellar musical and theatrical art groups—the promising K. of L. District Choir, a group of forty voices and under the able direction of Leonard J. Šimutis, Jr., Choir Director, and talented K. of L. Theatrical Circle under the direction of Mr. Vincent Rėkus.

Music lovers will thrill to something new in Lithuanian choral music. Throughout the whole Concert the well trained K. of L. District Choir will sing in harmonious blending of voices, a capella, (without musical

accompaniment) rare and fine new Lithuanian and American choral numbers. All the beauty and haunting spirit of Old Lithuania and the deep musical South intricately interwoven will remain as a grand and majestic background. It will transport the listener to fond memories of yester year.

"First nighters" will be literally "rolled out into the aisles" when witnessing the most hilarious comedy presentation "Meilės Eleksyras". A group of fine K. of L. actors consisting of such personages as — Vincent Rėkus, Josephine Razgaitis, Anthony Lukošaitis, John Lekežinskas, Philomena Rekašiūtė and Casimir Boguslovas, all fine actors, will indeed be a treat to behold.

Immediately after the Concert-Play presentations, the auditorium will be turned over to the audience to enjoy themselves for the rest of the evening in delightful dancing to the stirring tunes of Al. Barry and his orchestra.

The program will begin promptly at 6:30 p. m. The public is most cordially invited to attend. Admission only \$1.00.

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CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP IN EUROPE

By: The Observer

Out of the ruins of war devastated and morally sick Europe, the Catholics appear to be emerging as the sole spiritual and political force capable to challenge and defeat the onrushing tide of Communism. This was clearly manifested in the May 5th referendum on the Communist sponsored draft Constitution in France, when the Catholic Popular Republican Movement played such a decisive part in the attainment of democratic victory. This is also the opinion voiced for some time by many European experts well versed in the present post-war life of the Continent.

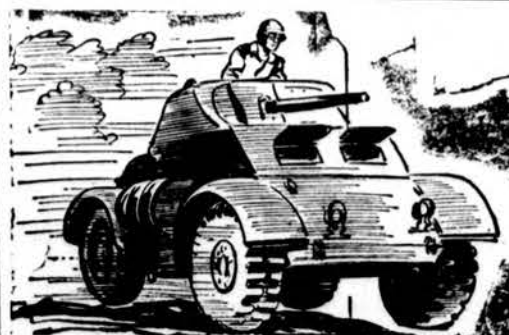
The French MRP is characteristic of most young Catholic parties in Europe and its analogy can be found in Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy and other countries. These are movements grown out of the common suffering and struggle in the various Undergrounds during war, where spiritual forces were forged and when Catholics proved to be the single group possessing an ideological vigor equal to that of the Communists. It is a young and militant Catholicism, rather radical in its social and economic program and strongly opposed to direct intervention of the Church in politics. Its desire is to break with the dead past, when so often Catholicism and Religion were accused by enemies of backwardness and reaction, and atheism presented as the essential condition for liberalism and progress. By keeping step with the new revolutionary currents of the day, the spiritual leaders of the French MRP and similar parties elsewhere, wish to prove that in order to be progressive one does not need to yield to the materialistic philosophy of Communism and Marxism.

This is the type of Catholics who form to-day the second strongest political party in France after the Communists. They are also the only group on which the rescue of France from Communist conspiracy depends. The Socialists, so much advertised by the British Labor Government as the chief counterweight to Communism in Europe, gave a very bad showing of themselves in the referendum and are sharing now the Communist defeat.

The real test for Catholic statesmanship in Europe however will come during the approaching June elections in France and Italy. It would be unwise indeed to consider the recent Communist setback in France as permanent. Communists are still the largest party in the National Assembly and are powerfully entrenched in the Labor Unions and local administration. Only last April during the first post-war Congress of the French Federation of Labor they scored heavily and succeeded in winning two thirds of all seats in the Executive Committee. And last but not least, Paris is the capital of the Western branch of the Comintern with veteran leaders as Thorez and Duclos in charge. France is and will continue to be the main target for the Moscow penetration in Western Europe, as without France the Red encirclement of Europe cannot possibly be accomplished.

In Italy Communist chances appear now temporarily to be slimmer than ever. It indeed is a hard task for them to combine the anti-Italian Moscow party line in the matter of Trieste and Venezia Giulia and still survive. Cunning Communist leader Palmiro Togliatti is the only man who can do it. Nevertheless anti-Communist feelings are on the rise in Italy and neo-Fascist groups appear again on the surface. It is characteristic that according to reports, the circulation of the Italian communist organ UNITA shrank so heavily that it is unable to use its quota of paper allotted for 200,000 copies daily. The difference is being sold on the black market and paradoxically enough the purchaser is the Monarchist paper ITALIA NUOVA which is allowed paper for 15,000 copies only and prints 200,000. The Italian counterpart of the French MRP, Premier De Gasperi's Christian Democrats, although the largest party in power have not the vitality of the French Catholics. Still on them chiefly depends what will be the outcome of the approaching plebiscite on the Monarchy and the future political set-up in the country.

Thus the coming months may determine the fate of Europe for many years to come. On the result of the French and Italian elections largely depends whether young Catholic leadership will emerge as the strongest



PATTON and PRAYER

"Blood and Guts" Patton has gone down in history as one of the greatest generals of World War II. He was the general most respected and feared by the German command. Patton was very much a soldier, with a soldier's job to do. But he was well aware that even the mighty war machine that was the U. S. Army had to have God on its side if it was to win the war.

Patton was one of the very few generals who ever complained, "I don't think our men are praying enough". The general, who was known for his realistic language, took a very realistic view of life. He was convinced that men and tanks and planes and ship alone can't win a war. There are crises in the tide of battle as well as in the life of every man, when the breaks must come from God. He echoed that old axiom of the saints; "Work as though all depended on yourself and pray as if all depended on God".

It was during the crucial Battle of the Bulge in the dark days of December, 1944, that General Patton ordered his chief Chaplain, Father O'Neil to write a prayer asking that the rains cease. He had the prayer printed and distributed to every one of his men. The rains did stop, and our Air Force went to work. The German drive was crushed. Patton knew that he had God on his side.

This fire-eating soldier

was just as outspoken to his chaplains as to anyone else who he thought were trying to sidestep duty. He wanted his chaplains up front where men were dying and needed help. By the example of their lives they were to inspire the men with the courage that comes from a deep faith and trust in Almighty God. It was his chief chaplain, Father O'Neil, he called for when he himself was dying from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

This man who had such a realistic view of life, had a much more realistic idea of prayer than most of us. For him it wasn't simply, "Gimme!"

Some years ago when General Patton was one of the Army's best polo players, his wife happened to see him praying before the game.

"Are you praying to win, Georgie?" she asked.

"No", he replied, "I'm praying that I do my best".

For Patton, prayer was real. It gave him courage, strength, and greatness.

PORTRAIT OF MARY

A Virgin in body and soul,
Humble of heart,
Brave in her speech,
Prudent in her counsels,
Diligent at work,
Reserved in her discourse,
Assiduous at reading
And at prayer.

She excelled:

In Faith, in purity,
In piety, in silence.

She had for principles:

To seek God alone,
To give pain to no one,
To live in solitude,
To do good to all,
To honor the aged,
Not to envy her equals,
To fly vainglory,
To love virtue,
To follow right reason in all things.

She was modest:

In her gait, in her manner,
In her conversations,
In her looks,
In her actions.

She was wholly devoted to God.

Imitate her that she may love you.

St. Ambrose

political factor in Western Europe or, should the Communists succeed, groundwork will be laid for the eventual extension of the Soviet sphere to the British Channel and the Atlantic Ocean. Indeed it is a challenge to European Catholics.

HOLY NAME NEWS

ST. GEORGE'S (Bridgeport)

SPECIAL MOTHERS' DAY PROGRAM

On Mothers Day, May 12th, 1946 the St. George's Holy Name Society had largest celebration of its kind since its organization. By SPECIAL REQUEST, members received HOLY COMMUNION on this day in honor and for the intention of MOTHER, MOTHERS, WIVES and FAMILY MEMBERS also attended the 10:00 o'clock Mass and received Holy Communion together with the Holy Name Men.

Members, their Mothers, Wives and Families assembled in the school hall at 9:30 A. M. at which time a suitable identification was distributed. All then proceeded in body to the church where Special Mothers Day Services were celebrated.

After Holy Mass, all returned to the school hall for a special breakfast prepared by the Original Aunt Jemima, in person. The menu consisted of the famous Aunt Jemima's pancakes with the "Old South Flavor", syrup, sausages, cake, coffee and milk. Appropriate music was played during the breakfast. The main address was delivered by our Spiritual Director and Acting Pastor, Father F. Lukosius. Since there was no regular business

meeting scheduled on this day, each member was free to leave with his family soon after the main address.

APRIL 27th SPRING FROLIC AND DANCE A COMPLETE SUCCESS-

According to the attendance, more people attended this dance than any other affair held in St. George's Ballroom. The people enjoyed themselves more than before. Many comments were received on the performance of Bob Phillips and his fine orchestra, together with Dick Singler, vocalist.... The officers and committee chairman wish to take this opportunity to thank all who helped make this affair the success it was.

The winners of the table model radios offered as door prizes, were John Kazla, 944 West 35th Place, and William Strasser, 5525 So. Richmond. Much credit should be given to the Melody Radio Sales and Service at 3130 S. Halsted, who were instrumental in securing not only these two radios but also the console model radio for the club-room...

Through the courtesy of Stanley Mažeika the H. N. is now proud owner of a most needed record player which automatically changes the records and amplifies the recording...

Thirteen men turned out for their first practice game at Mark White Square Park on Sunday, May 5th. George Slakis hit a home run during the latter part of the game. Besides George, Al Vaichunas, Norbert Kantowicz, Edmund Matlow, Vincent Grublesky, Gene Baksis, Vito Viesota, Paul Sukowicz, Toney Vish, Frank Naujokas, Jr., Al Bagdonas, Al Grublesky and Robert Vish had an opportunity to do some fancy hitting, base running and fielding...

Please make your reservation for this Annual Retreat with Harry Sabin, your vice-president and Retreat Chairman... Time spent at Mayslake will be most profitable and unforgettable...

Andrew Brouzis, H. N. secretary took ill suddenly of an attack of bronchial pneumonia. We're pluggin' for you Andy and wish you the best of health!... Sick and Vigil Chairman, Al Budritz is still at the Soldiers Home in Danville, Illinois. He certainly will appreciate any mail from the members, so please write to him soon.

COMING EVENTS

FIRST PARISH PICNIC, MAY 19th, 1946 - VYTAUTAS GROVE.

BIG PARISH CARNIVAL, May 22nd to June 2nd inclusive at parish grounds and hall.

SPECIAL ST. GEORGE'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY PICNIC June 2nd, Royal Oaks Grove for Holy Name members and their families only - games, softball, races, dancing, liquid refreshments, sandwiches, ice cream, prizes.

ANNUAL RETREAT, June 7th, 8th, and 9th at Mayslake, Hinsdale, Illinois.



"All present and ready to go!" shout mental marvels from Immaculate Conception school as they ready themselves for brain battle at Saturday's TIMES-WLS Quiz-Down. Ready to match wits with student team from St. James school are (front row, l. to r.) Sylvia Valentas, Virginia Byczynski, Dianne Krushas, Raymond Mielkus, Christine Kriscunas, Sylvia Montville, (rear row) John Armon, Kenneth Karr and Anna Buchunas.

TIMES Photo

WE'LL BE LISTENING

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PICKS QUIZ TEAM

CHICAGO. — Several children of Immaculate Conception parish school (Brighton Park) will face the battle of a lifetime Saturday morning. No - not with fists, spears or pistols. They'll send their crack quiz team to bombard a rival team in a quiz contest over the air waves.

Matching wits with the St. James brain brigade tomorrow, Saturday, on the TIMES - WLS RADIO QUIZ-DOWN will be Virginia Byczynski, 10, Anna Bucinas, 10, and alternate Sylvia Valentas, 9 fourth-graders; Kenneth Karr, 10; John Armon, 10, and alternate Diane Krushas, 10, fifth-graders, and Christine Kriscunas, 11; Raymond Mielkus, 12, and alternate Sylvia Montville, 11, sixth-graders of Immaculate Conception parish school, 44th and Fairfield Ave.

Teachers are Sisters Mary Emerita, Mary Francetta and Mary Eulalia of the Sisters of St. Casimir.

Last available free tickets to this week's skull squabble in the Stevens' West ballroom have been mailed. Radio listeners may hear the show by setting their dials at WLS at 11 A. M.

Watch for announcement of schools to compete on May 25.

Fourth, fifth and sixth-graders! Always must include name, address, age, grade, school and teacher's name when addressing quiz-queries to the Quiz-down Editor at the TIMES. Eversharp lifetime-guaranteed fountain pens or automatic pencils are awarded to authors of questions used on the air.

Meditative and Instructional Reading

My Father's Will

by the Rev. Francis J. McGarrigle

WITH the words of St. Paul, "This is the Will of God, your sanctification," Father McGarrigle shows that this call has gone out to all men, regardless of their vocation, or their station in life. Sanctity, then, is not a state of perfection aspired to by a chosen few; it is rather the definite obligation of each member of the human race.



Cancelled Stamps

Readers are kindly asked to save their cancelled postage stamps for the Missions. All sorts of stamps needed.

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How is man to achieve this goal? By bringing his every thought and action freely and consciously into harmony with God's Will. From so doing, he reaps the fullest measure of happiness this life can ever yield. "For God's Will is supremely the soul's own flawless perfection and the sole satisfaction of all its yearnings."

By conforming his will to the Divine Will in all things, man becomes a saint and (Continued on page 4)

Homespin Views



Happiness Means Contentment From Within

by Donna Kaminskas

"Happiness is a wayside flower, it grows wherever you give it a chance to take root".

In these days of turmoil we become deeply engrossed in economic conditions and with a furrowed brow and worried view, seek fame and fortune as the ultimate aim, as if the possession of wealth, the horsepower of the motor of our new car, the number of rooms in our residence, and influential friends we entertain, spell **HAPPINESS**.

In these days of strife, have you observed a truly happy person?

In the stillness of the early hours, at the break of dawn, on the shores of a swiftly flowing river, sits a gray-haired, aged man smiling as he puffs on his pipe, watching the floating cork for a bite, as he just fishes on.

A soft-spoken, tear-eyed grandmother tucks away the bronzed baby shoes of her first grandchild who has returned from war safe, a full grown man.

A blond boy of nine whistles, as he whittles a ship, an accomplishment of his fondest dreams, a ship that is sailing on an imaginary wide open deep sea, far, far beyond his reach.

A young missionary, as rich as the proverbial church

mouse, whose only wealth is his Faith, youth, health and education, while attending an operetta chuckles so wholeheartedly that his laughter infects those about him.

A mother who has just tucked away for the night her only child, with a caress and "God Bless you, and the angels watch over you". She hums "My Blue Heaven" to the tune on the radio, as she picks up and puts away for the day the strewn marbles, planes and toy soldiers that are part of her life too.

Happiness is not measured in the tangible things, cars, home, money. It's the small things about us that make up the big things in life. It's the peace of mind and soul, contentment that comes from within.

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fulfills perfectly the purpose for which he has been created. To be a saint, man must learn to live no longer for himself but for God alone. A saint does the Will of God, because he is bound to Him in a complete and intimate union of love. So utterly has his humanity been absorbed into the Divine pattern, that whatever he now does gives Glory to God and is a posi-

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begged for more than lip service to the recognition of Lithuanian independence, and Alvin O'Konski, Representative to Congress from Wisconsin has tried to move someone to note the plight of bloody Lithuania. We must all heed them and see that the little fellow gets a square deal—why not write to your Congressman and ask him why nothing is being done for small countries like Lithuania? Surely this cannot go on, because if Lithuania is recognized at the peace conference as being subject to the totalitarian and despotic Soviet regime, this would be an injustice crying for divine vengeance, and would be a triumph of falsehood and brutality and a negation of the most natural and basic rights of man.

tive source of sanctification to himself.

Forcefully the author shows how conformity to God's Will brings with it security, freedom from fear and anxiety, and a peace that is not of this world. All striving, however, that is not according to the Divine Will, is doomed to utter failure.

In addition to his own profound insight into matters spiritual, Father McGarrigle has quoted many of the choicest thoughts of spiritual writers and mystics which the Church has gathered through the centuries. The all-important truth which re-echoes from all these writings, and which forms the theme of "My Father's Will", is that man can achieve sanctity only if he wills it, and if he conforms this wish to the Will of God.

An important contribution to ascetics, gives a thorough understanding of the working of God's Will in human affairs, and lights up the one, unfailing path to sainthood. A challenging call to perfection, "My Father's Will" bears a message of supreme significance for everyone, for above all else man should labor to become a saint.

THIS AND THAT FROM THE

Lithuanian University Club

Ah, 'tis spring! The success of our play and concert on March 31st, the growth of our club at each monthly meeting, and this weather are playing havoc with our spirits — they rise higher and higher! We feel so good about everything that we want more of our friends to feel this way too, so here we go, embarking on another plan for a good time for everyone.

Keep the date of May 26th, a Sunday, in mind, won't you please? It's the last Sunday in May and probably will be the date of a spring dance given by the Lithuanian University Club. Time place, and price will be announced by next week — just mark the date in your little black book now and fill in the details later!

Gene Miskaitis and Lucille Vaitka, of Roosevelt College and Mundein, respectively, are the two newest members of the L. U. C. The girls were sworn in at last Sunday's meeting and already are filled with dread at the thought of the tough initiation ceremony coming up for them in June. Welcome gals!

The L. U. C. has been able to contact some fellow students in Paris and is quite happy to be able to correspond with a number of Lithuanian refugee youths there. We have the addresses of the members of a Lithuanian student group in France and will be glad to share them with anyone who is interested in contacting the young Liths. One of our members, Paul Baltinis, who was just welcomed back from the Army, was overjoyed to find some of his

childhood friends' names in our list. Paul and Aibinas Reneckis, another joyful returnee, evidently will lead us all in corresponding with their old friends while we make new friendships.

Last Sunday's meeting was even better than usual because it found five of our ex-servicemen back with us. Paul Lavens, Stan Kancewick, Ed Kancewick, Paul Baltinis, and Aibinas Reneckis stepped into their civies just recently and right back into the club. Thanks for coming 'home' to us, too, boys!

We are getting bigger and better and stronger with each meeting now. Our "re-conversion" period which started with the January meeting really has paid wonderful dividends and we're hoping that even more past or present college students with 15 or more hours of credit will join us in making our plans to help refugee Lithuanian students in Europe and also in having a pretty nice time ourselves right here. Come down to the dance on the 26th to get acquainted, and we're sure you'll want to come to our May and June meetings after that. We'd love to have you! I. C. M.

FROM OUR MAIL BOX

DEAR SIRs:

"Just a line from a fellow Catholic to express my deepest sorrows for Lithuania and her people. However I am sure that such a great Catholic country as Lithuania will outlive Russia and her godless leaders. I can not understand how our government can stand by and watch Russia murder Catholics in Lithuania without raising a protest. The same goes for Poland and all the other countries Stalin and his gang have 'liberated'.

"Unless the world listens to the Catholic Church and her teachings, there will al-

Ladies, You'll Get 7 Pairs of Nylons?

Total production of nylon stockings this year will be at the rate of seven pairs per woman, according to the National Assn. of Hosiery Manufacturers.

A normal prewar supply of women's hosiery will not be available to the market or to consumers during 1946 even after steady production of nylons has been established, the association says.

ways be war. I was born a Protestant and raised a free-thinker, but at the age of seventeen, I became a Catholic. That was about three years ago and I have never been sorry that I did it. I am sorry to say that my family is composed of Masons, and unbelievers, and they can't understand why I should bother about Catholics of other races and countries. They don't realize that all Catholics are brothers in the mystical body. I am German and English, but I would gladly give my life for a Jewish Catholic or a Negro Catholic.

"Well, it is time I brought this letter to an end. I only wanted you to know that all Catholics, regardless of race, are praying for Lithuania".

Yours very truly,

C. R.

Dallas, Texas