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## Lithuanians Make Superb Showing at Science and Industry Exhibit

Lithuanian Christmas Tree Prize of Show — Choice Talent Features Lithuanian Songs and Dances — Special Lithuanian Menu — Typical Lithuanian Girl Wins Praise on Breakfast Club Program

CHICAGO. — People are talking. One famous author said: "There is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is — not being talked about". And our own Vincas Kudirka, author and composer of the Lithuanian National Anthem remarked once, in connection with the Lithuanian patriotic movement: "When people stop talking about you, you are as good as dead". So, may God please keep them talking about Lithuania and Lithuanians.

This season, in particular, the talking arises as a result of a Lithuanian Christmas tree now in display at the Museum of Science and Industry as part of its "Christmas Around the World" pageant. Participation in the pageant involved decorating a tree in typical Lithuanian style, and formulating a Lithuanian Christmas program. This challenging task fell to Mrs. Peter Dauzvardis, wife of the Consul.

After many queries and much research, with the assistance and advice of Dr. A. Rackus, former official of the Museum at Kaunas, Lithuania, the tree began to take form. Mrs. R. Maziliauskas of Bridgeport, remembering the decorations she had made in Lithuania in her youth, volunteered to make the decorations. In nearly three weeks time, she made many dozens of egg shell birds, and fantastically shaped straw ornaments. She also made to place under the tree: a manger for the Christ Child, and an entire Lithuanian farmyard, complete with house, barn, figures, etc. Mrs. E. Samas contributed with several dolls dressed in Lithuanian style. Other Chicago Lithuanians helped by loaning dolls, Lithuanian toys and handwoven sashes, belts, ties, and other articles from Lithuania.

### Most Attractive Tree

The actual decorating of the tree was accomplished under direction of Al. Rudis, student at the Art Institute. He was assisted by Gene Kunca, Raymond Simutis and Fabian Dauzvardis. Their efforts and resultant effect are praiseworthy. The Lithuanian tree is, without any doubt, the most unique, beautiful and

outstanding tree of the entire display at the Museum. You may view the tree with its unusual ornaments throughout the entire Christmas season. The Museum is at 57th St. and the Lake; open daily from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Saturdays to 5:30 p. m. and Sundays to 7:30 p. m. Admission is free.

### Outstanding Program

Last Sunday, at 2 p. m., Lithuanians presented a program of songs and dances at the Museum as part of the pageant. The program proper was held in the Auditorium of the Museum, where, on the stage, the Lithuanian flag shared honors with the Star Spangled Banner. The well-arranged program was conducted by Mrs. Dauzvardis who was dressed in colorful Lithuanian costume. She introduced and described each number, and told of traditions and customs at Christmas in Lithuania.

The St. Casimir Academy Chorus, presenting a pleasing picture with its 60 members in attractive school uniform, gave a series of Lithuanian folk and Christmas songs. Sr. M. Bernarda taught the Chorus. Guest Conductor for the program was Mr. Leonard Simutis, Jr., who acquitted himself very well. The Chorus sang exceptionally well, Soloist in one number was Loretta Brazaitis. The choral accompanist was Genevieve Aleksunas.

In the second portion of the program, the Ateitis Lithuanian Folk Dancers gave a series of authentic Lithuanian folk dances. The group, numbering 20, was dressed in national costume. Their teacher, Vytautas F. Beliajus danced in the

PRETTIEST IN EXHIBIT



Mrs. P. Dauzvardis, wife of the Lithuanian Consul in Chicago, admiring the beautiful Lithuanian tree, one of the many on display at the Museum of Science and Industry as part of the "Christmas Around the World" pageant. Mrs. Dauzvardis was in a great way responsible for this strikingly beautiful tree, as she was also for the general complete success of the Lithuanian representation at the exhibit.

## Don Varnas Post Bldg. Fund Banquet Dec. 15

CHICAGO. — The Don Varnas American Legion Post is sponsoring a gala banquet this coming Sunday December 15th, at the Syrena Cafe, 4270 Archer Ave., beginning at 5:30 p. m.

Besides a delicious luncheon and a colorful program, there will be an auction of various interesting war souvenirs, which have been donated for this purpose by ex-servicemen members. The proceeds of the banquet will go toward the Post's new building fund.

As of today, approximately 400 persons attending are assured. From all indications, this affair promises to be a very outstanding event.

group. Accordionist Ray Brazauskas provided the

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## Catholic Priest Chosen Chaplains Assn. Head

WASHINGTON. — Special — For the first time in the history of the Chaplains' Association of the Army and Navy, a Catholic priest has been named as president of this national organization which numbers 5,000 clergymen as members.

He is Very Rev. Robert J. White, dean of the Law School of The Catholic University of America, who spent four years on active duty in the Naval Chaplain Corps, during which he rose to the rank of commodore, the first and only chaplain to hold that rating. The election took place at the sixteenth annual meeting of the service chaplains in the War Department's Pentagon Building.



## Should American Food Support Communist Regimes?

By THE OBSERVER

"Food is a weapon", says a communist slogan. That this is so, not only the Soviet Union and her satellites remember, but also all other delegates in the UN who are trying now to carry across the plan of an international Food Emergency Fund under UN control. The new organization is to succeed UNRRA after the latter ceases its food operations on December 31st 1946. On the surface a purely humanitarian problem, in reality it is highly political. Whoever controls the disposition of food in Europe and Asia, will have the greatest possible influence over the political and ideological development on these continents. The Soviet bloc would certainly like to have this control vested in an international body in which they would have at least as much influence as they had in UNRRA. If such an institution is created and not safeguarded in time against abuse by communist regimes, food and relief will continue to serve as a weapon to help those regimes entrench themselves.

This is a problem the importance of which can hardly be overemphasized. The record of UNRRA is well known to-day and it is a matter of common knowledge that behind its relief work the Red flag was often waving. All UNRRA agreements with the Soviet satellites were such, that, from the port of unloading, the distribution of food and relief was entirely in the hands of those governments. In addition to that all UNRRA missions in the Soviet zone were headed by Russians, in most cases high NKVD officials, after puppet regimes refused admission to original American appointees. As a result, UNRRA food in those countries did not go to the most needy, but to faithful servants of the government or of the communist party. Only quite recently Mr. C. S. Sulzbreger in his report from Yugoslavia in the N. Y. Times admitted plainly, that UNRRA help permitted Tito to succeed. The same is true of Poland and other countries in the Soviet zone. And according to official figures, the United States contributed 72% of all money and supplies for UNRRA and the United States, Great Britain and Canada combined, 92%.

The new international organization, as suggested by Mr. Fiorello La Guardia, UNRRA director, would be based on the same principles as UNRRA, with this difference that instead of a large administration and relief staff, a small Executive Board, appointed by the UN Assembly, would control the allocation of food. But final distribution of food would again be in the hands of the respective governments, which Mr. La Guardia considers their "sovereign" right.

It is very difficult indeed to stand up and be against such a proposal without running the risk of being accused of wrecking international collaboration and of being anti-humanitarian. The American government did take this risk. Reluctant to continue providing funds for an international institution that would subsidize communist regimes inimical to the United States, the American delegation in the Economic and Financial Committee of the UN Assembly opposed the creation of such a new international organization and suggested another plan. The American proposal, as presented by the U. S. representative, Mr. Adlai E. Stevenson, is for "direct and informative consultation between governments concerning their efforts to meet the residual relief needs in 1947" and for grants of food based on bilateral agreements between the giving and receiving countries, so that the donors would have more to say about the way their gifts are used.

A rage of accusations against the United States followed. As one UN official in a conversation with this writer furiously stated: "this is introducing politics into relief matters and is a camouflaged refusal to contribute any food relief at all." A few days ago Mr. La Guardia held a confidential conference at Lake Success with representatives of voluntary relief agencies and appealed to them for a flood of letters to US Congress and to the American delegation at the UN in support of his project and opposing the American proposal. He prophesied revolution in Europe, should the international organization be not established. When questioned about the mismanagement of UNRRA gifts in Soviet controlled countries, he evaded the issue. It seems apparent, that Mr. La Guardia does not

## Disappearing Nations\*

While the United Nations assembly is arguing about Trieste, the Dardanelles and other important controversial European subjects, three little nations that existed before the war seem to have disappeared entirely.

Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia, located on the eastern fringe of Soviet Russia, have quietly but ominously passed behind the "iron curtain."

The United Nations, pounding away at the Crimean agreements among the Big Three which permitted free elections in the smaller nations of Europe, have forgotten these small countries, or else they have deliberately ignored them, hoping thereby to prevent another impasse with Stalin.

Romania, well subjected to Russian discipline, is having an election tomorrow. Despite several notes which the American State Department has sent to the Romanian government, it is practically certain that the Communist party will win a smashing victory, partially through engineering from Moscow. But the State Department has recently made no inquiries into the present status of Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia.

It's silence implies that it is afraid to ask questions, that it is willing to forget these hapless little nations rather than bring up new topics that might send the Russian bear into a fury.

It is well understood that by this time these three little lands have fallen prey to Russian greed. In particular, such a condition must be hard for Lithuania, which has been historically opposed to many of the ideologies that dominate the Reds.

The fate of Lithuania — the cause of Lithuania — should be studied by the American State Department. Some very frank questions should be asked of the government in the Kremlin. (from the Lowell Sun).

\* (This editorial appeared in the LOWELL Sun, Lowell, Mass. on Nov. 18th through the efforts and recommendation of Rev. F. Strakauskas, pastor of St. Joseph's Lithuanian parish, Lowell editor).

## They Are Moral Lepers.....

By MILTON STARK

In my experience I have met with many absurd situations and strange faiths, but never have I met with a traitor. I saw one the other day.

He is fat with the foods of this country; he is rich with its treasures. His identity he has long ago given up for the cachinations of the mob, for the applause of the nameless. In his glory he has belittled the country to which he owes his life; he has rolled its name in the gutters of the streets. He has welcomed its extinction, and he has cheered the Caligulan measures of its oppressor.

This man is loathsome in front of his confederates. He is loathsome to all civilization. He has no place even amongst the savages of the Congo.

He jokes while thousands

of his kinsmen bleed to death. He encourages their torture! This Communist I speak of dares to call himself a Lithuanian! I call him a pig, a Communist pig! Were it in my power, I should condemn him eternally to the innermost reaches of Dante's Hell.

You who have Lithuanian blood in your veins, strive to shun such monsters of this world. They are moral lepers whose bite is poisonous. Leave them be and they will come to their own — they will die in degradation and then swelter in the heat of hell together with Judas.

He jokes while thousands from California Lithuanians consider the use of UNRRA gifts in support of communist regimes as political, although he thinks it political if the United States demand control over food offered by the American people to starving countries.

The situation is very serious indeed. It would certainly be tragic, should food, handed over to an international body be controlled by Soviet puppet regimes, thus giving them the most powerful weapon to coerce their populations. The real issue is, who will control the distribution, — the countries that give or governments that receive; the Democracies or the communist regimes. If Mr. La Guardia can appeal to Americans to use pressure against the United States proposal, it seems legitimate that honest citizens and especially Catholics be at least equally articulate and write letters supporting their governments view-point. The matter is very urgent.



# Don Varnas Post Leads in Drive To Aid Homeless Vets

By A. J. L.

The Don Varnas American Legion Post 986 has, in the cause of good Americanism and service to the veteran, joined the civic and veterans investigation committee in a drive to expose conditions now existing in the controversial issue of the airport housing project.

Past Commander Jack L. Jatis has been elected chairman of this committee which is composed of many influential civic and veterans organizations, united in an effort to bring to light the causes of and steps necessary to bring about an early remedy to this deplorable state of affairs.

The so-called squatter affair is the aftermath of nothing other than the inefficiency of the present officials involved. The so-called squatters are no other than the veterans who were homeless and who after submitting proper applications for a home to live in, spent months of fruitless waiting and shoving around by the housing officials. There were units standing idle in the housing area for eight weeks and as a result these veterans and their families were finally forced by necessity to occupy them without the express permission of the housing officials.

It should be emphasized that these veterans and their families are law abiding citizens and that they have no intentions of fomenting trouble or breaching the peace, nor is it the intention of these people to prevent deserving parties

from obtaining these apartments, nor to by pass any waiting list that is equitably kept and rightfully administered.

Now that these veterans have moved in, the housing officials have started to issue certificates and leases for these same units for immediate possession without making any repairs or changes within them. Where is the excuse for the units remaining idle for that period of eight weeks? Can the housing officials explain to all parties concerned why no certificates or leases were issued by the Chicago housing authorization? Is there an attempt being made to pit veteran against veteran? Can these officials explain why so many applications submitted by the veteran disappeared and why so many remained unaccepted?

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music, and business manager Bruno Shotas took care of details. Two new dances, Lenciugelis and Malunelis were given a U. S. A premiere presentation. The dances were lovely and much appreciated by the audience.

### Capacity Audience

Due to the tremendous overflow of people who could not be accommodated in the Auditorium, it was necessary to repeat most of the program in the rotunda of the Museum, so the Chorus repeated its song numbers with introductions by Mrs. L. Shotas. The dancers had time for only two numbers.

For Sunday afternoon, the menu of the Museum restaurant featured two Lithuanian desserts — a special cake and a Lithuanian Apple Snow.

In conjunction with the Museum program, Don McNeil's Breakfast Club (a very popular radio program broadcast over a nation-wide network) featured Loretta Brazaitis in a brief interview. Loretta was described as a lovely representative of Lithuanians, dressed in colorful Lithuanian costume. She was asked to greet the radio audience in Lithuanian, and did so by saying "Linksmų Kalėdų Visiems"!



drawn by A. D. Yeknis

**RAY APOLSKIS**, the hard-charging lineman of the Chicago Cardinals pro football team. Ray was regarded as one of the greatest football players in Marquette University's grid history. He was credited with participating in 75% of his team's tackles.

The Chicago Cards boast of another great center in **Vince Banonis**, former Detroit University and Catholic Central High stalwart.

## PLANNED ECONOMY

By PAULSON



"We don't carry passengers. Since they Socialized the railroads, we don't even have room for all the conductors!"

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## BOOK REVIEWS

### EXCELLENT PANEGYRIC ON THE FILIPINO

"UNDER THE RED SUN: A Letter From Manila," by Forbes J. Monaghan. (Declan X. McMullen Co., \$2.75).

"MOST WORTHY of ALL PRAISE," by Vincent P. McCorry, S. J. (Declan X. McMullen Co., \$2.00).

Written by a Professor of Philosophy at the Ateneo in Manila and Chairman of the National Educational Congress of the Phillipines termed by one of the leaders of the new Philippine government as one "who understands us as few Americans do", having lived in the Islands for ten years and occupying an eyewitness's grandstand seat to observe events long before Bataan until the present, this work is a gripping, stirring, exceptionally vivid portrayal of the Filipino people at its best.

In a background of events from Pearl Harbor, down through Bataan and Corregidor campaign, the Jap occupation and final liberation of Manila, there passes in review a parade of glorious men and women, boys and girls, — some in the dusk of their life, others in the blossom of their youth — who, inspired by great faith, courage and patriotism undaunted, face every sort of danger, pain, sacrifice — even death — for their national survival. And "because the Phillipines were loyal to America in the hour of supreme peril, Ame-

rica owes these sturdy, stout-hearted people a great debt."

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**UNDER THE RED SUN** is not just another war book, it is the testament of the Filipino people, a clarification of confusing statements, appearing in newspapers and scattered by people, who make inconsistent judgements with little or no knowledge of real conditions and experiences in the Phillipines and their people. The reader cannot help feeling a liking for the farmers and industrialists, truckmen and conductors, priests and students, guerillas — even a strange fascination for the traitors — who make up the amazing figures in this vibrating drama of tragedy, humour and heroism. You actually forget the leprosy of Billy Ferrer, a Filipino leper, who finds a way to sacrifice her waning years for her people.

The author not only accomplishes his two fold purpose—to set his country (America) straight, and to pay a tribute to the boys who chose the path of torture and death to show their loyalty to America — but he arouses and increases an admiration for this gallant people — the Filipinos — who, now an independent country, have proved themselves gallant and must one day reap abundant harvest from the seed, sown in blood, tears and sacrifice.

A. J. M.



This And That From

# The Lithuanian University Club

Our fall season really has gotten off to a grand start! The policy of presenting guest speakers at the meeting has been reestablished, to everyone's pleasure. Interest in meetings has increased considerably, we're glad to report.

We were honored and very happy indeed to have had **Dr. Frank Padalskis**, professor of Economics at Kaunas and Vilnius Universities, present at our November meeting. Dr. Padalskis explained the Russian rule over education in Lithuania and told of his and other educators' and students' experiences in France and Germany after escaping from the Soviets in Lithuania. At a little later date we'll tell you more about his very interesting talk. It has made us more conscious of the plight of Lithuanian youth in its struggles to continue interrupted educations.



Last Sunday really was "Lithuanian Day" at the Museum of Science and Industry when a Lithuanian program of songs and folk dances was presented as part of a two week international exhibit of folk lore, Christmas trees and dolls. Typical music was sung by the **St. Casimir's Girls' Choir** and the "Ateitinkai" offered a number of fascinating folk dances. The very interesting commentaries by **Mrs. P. Dauzvardis** made the program appealing to everyone.

It was happily noted that the unusually and typically decorated Lithuanian Christmas tree was the main attraction amongst the international trees. Those who couldn't attend the exhibit last Sunday still have until December 16th to see the trees. Admission is free of charge.



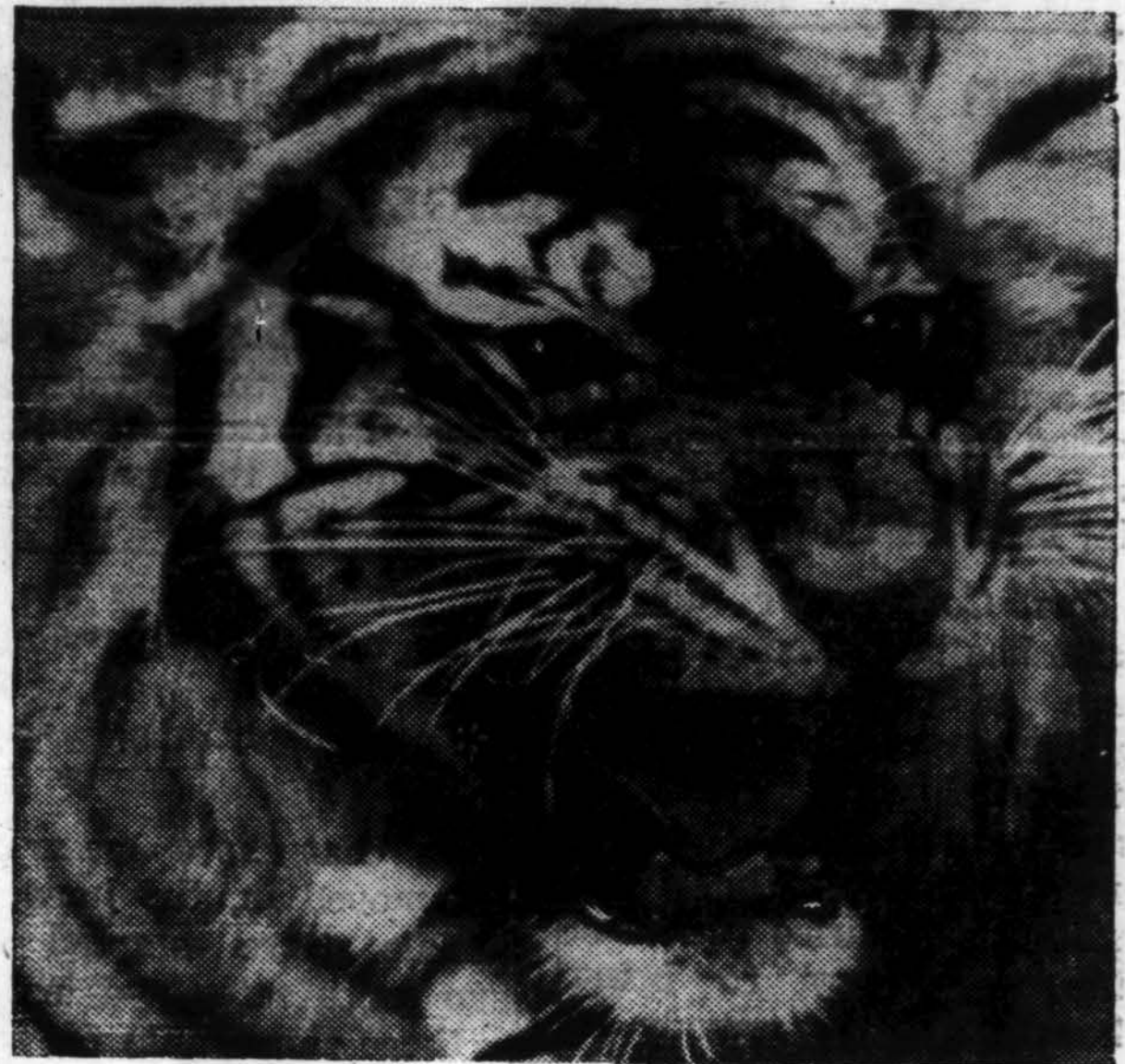
A pleasant evening was spent at **Vytaut Beliajus'** studio during the L. U. C. Installation Buffet. The new Executive Committee was formally installed, and we're happy to say already has come up with some original ideas which are beginning to shape up wonderfully. This is the time of the year when we combine plans for fun and business.



The Christmas Eve Caroling Party and the New Year's Eve Party are in the throes of being organized now, and at the same time we're plunging into plans for a spring concert. The coming year's concert will be presented for the aid of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund. All profits of the affair will go to BALF, so we mean to have a grand and most successful doing. You can see, the Lithuanian University Club has no intentions of sleeping through this busy little life of ours.

You can get more news of our plans and affairs by attending the next L. U. C. meeting at International House this Sunday, December 15th, at 3:00 P. M. A refugee student from Lithuanian will be present as our guest speaker, and, we hope, also as a prospective member.

I. C. M.



This tiger from the International Circus seems to have different ideas on the subject of men — even though he, a multitude of other animals, and the most outstanding circus performers in the nation will be featured in the International Circus which opens at the Chicago Coliseum on Christmas Day. Unless he makes a couple of New Year's resolutions, no change of attitude is expected in the unfriendly tiger by the time the circus closes on Jan. 5.

## International Circus Opens At Coliseum December 25th

The International Circus, the world's greatest indoor circus, opens at the Coliseum on Christmas Day and will run matinees and evenings until January 5.

## Varnas Post Womens' Auxiliary Launches Membership Drive

The Womens' Auxiliary Unit of the Don Varnas Post, though recently organized, is very active and boasts of a very fine group of women. A membership drive is now being held and the wives, mothers, and sisters of American Legion Post members are invited to join this organization of high ideals and fine principles.

The members of the Don Varnas Post No. 986 are putting forth all their efforts to make a dream of having permanent headquarters all their own, come true.

A banquet is to be held on Sunday, December 15th at the Syrena Cafe, 42nd and Archer Avenue at 5:30 P. M. Tickets are \$3.50 per person. Call **J. A. Shulmistras**, Lafayette 6300 for your reservation, now. Proceeds of this banquet will go to the Memorial Building Fund.

The Womens Auxiliary, too, wants to do its share in aiding the members of this American Legion Post and is sponsoring a raffle for that purpose. 1st prize will be a DeLuxe Electric Broiler, and the 2nd and 3rd prizes, Nylons.

The last meeting of the Womens Auxiliary was held Tuesday, December 10th at the home of **Mrs. Ann Jatis**, 6822 So. Rockwell St., beginning at 8:00 P. M. sharp.

A. J.

## Peace With Brotherhood

By James Patrick McGovern

Christ, the atom bomb, the wandering Jew,  
Like trumpets sounding at walled Jericho,  
Warn today of mankind's final throes,  
Save peace with brotherhood be born anew.  
Again the martyred Jew is doomed to roam —  
Now at the nadir of his destiny  
Since Christ, his kin, gave life to set man free  
Upon high quest as prophet but at home.  
International by choice and fate  
For fifty hundred years in war and peace,  
The Jew as man, not Jew; sought pain's surcease —  
The citizen where freedom ruled the state.  
Like Christ by love, or atom bomb by fire,  
Gentile and Jew will live or light earth's pyre.

Chicago's 1946 Santa Claus will scrap his reindeer for giant elephants, roaring lions and tigers and tuba-playing seals, because the "Big Top" with all the thrills and trimmings will be in town for the Christmas season.

The greatest assemblage of top acts ever before offered in one show will be presented. This is possible only because there is not another circus showing anywhere else in the country at the same time. As a result top acts from all over will head for Chicago to take part in the holiday show, according to **Ernie Young** nationally known circus producer, who is director of the International Circus.

In addition to the Illinois Chapter of the Sister Elizabeth Kenny Foundation a number of Catholic schools and B'Nai B'Rith Lodges will act as sponsors.

Advance orders for reserved seats, selling at \$2.40 and \$3.60, including tax, are now being taken. General admission tickets sell at \$1.50.

Somebody has come up with a key guard door lock designed to prevent burglary by use of a skeleton key. The gimix fits into the keyhole and only the proper door key will open it.