Lithuanians Make Plea For
Immediate Soviet Withdrawal

DENVER — Among many interesting and important articles found in the REGISTER, published here weekly, the following plea, made by the Lithuanian Christian Democratic party in exile, appeared in the December 1st issue.

"Washington. — An urgent appeal for" help, justice, and liberty for the Lithuanian people" of Lithuania has been addressed to the Christian world in a statement issued by the heads of the Lithuanian Christian Democratic party in exile.

Recalling the monstrous crime perpetrated in June, 1940, against the Lithuanian people, when the Soviet government, "violating its most solemn pledges in regard to Lithuania, occupied this country and imposed on her the Bolshevist regime", the party heads declare: "We are ready, in the name of our martyrs, to pardon the crimes of our executioners, if only...

Ex-Tank, Jeep Ols
Make Good in Cabs

WASHINGTON. — Former jeep and tank drivers are rolling to business success in a fleet of snow-white taxis in Washington D. C.

The Veterans Cab Assn. now has 120 vehicles — a Detroit manufacturer supplied 46 new ones and has more coming. More than 60 per cent of the GI cabbies are war injured; several are amputees.

Practically every member owns his own cab, most through GI loans. Cabs bear the "ruptured duck" discharge emblem.

Count Your Eggs!

WASHINGTON. — OPA-revised back prices for egg cases, last December. As a result, the production of egg cases dropped off sharply.

Now, an egg shortage in city markets is threatened by the shortage of cases in which to ship the eggs.

they let us free and allow us to be masters of our own home. We don't ask for reparation or for another people's territory. We claim only liberty."

This brief but specific plea again proves the sincerity and trust of free Lithuanians who have not, and will not give up hope, because Lithuania had been occupied before and regained her freedom. Once again, they feel she will be free to live as a small democratic country, sharing to rid the world of injustice, tyranny and hatred.

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ENGLISH SECTION

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Academy Orchestra, Chorus
To Offer Musical Pageant

CHICAGO. — The strains of Pergolesi's Christmas hymn will ring forth exultantly as the beautifully blended voices of the S. C. A. Choral club echo the song of the angels, when the Christmas concert is pre ented Dec. 22.

The orchestra members, under the direction of Mr. Guy Callow, will present modern selections by Gould, Cherwihin, and Kreisler, as well as a Bach march.

On this occasion the girls in the orchestra will honor Mr. Callow, their director for fifteen years, with a testimonial.

Another feature of the varied and interesting program will be the songs sung by the Lithuanian choristers.

Both chorale groups will unite in the singing of the traditional Christmas carols and Pietro Yon's beautiful Jesu Bambine.

The entire program will be climax ed by a tableau, The Reed of God, given by the Academy chorale, and discussed some of the future activities of the Society.

The Veterans Cab Assn.;

Baltic Scandinavian Society
Commemorates Latvian Day

The Society had its meeting on November 18, 1946 in the International Student House, 1708 N. H. Ave., N. W. in the form of a social to celebrate Latvian Day.

Among its guests were the Secretary of the Latvian Legation, Mr. Anatol Ekis, son of a former Latvian official. The latter served in the United States Army and was recently discharged. He transacted the surrender terms of Aachen when that city fell to the Americans during the war.

The guest speaker was Mrs. Ruth S. Beckmann, Assistant Director of the American Red Cross regional office in Alexandria, Va. She gave a brief historical background of Latvia and her experiences in the country right after the first world war. After the talk there was an open forum discussion on displaced persons and what could be done in their behalf.

There was a program of Latvian recordings of folk and orchestral music during which refreshments were served:

The President, Mr. L. J. Esunas, appointed the following persons to serve on the Planning and Arrangements Committee: Mrs. H. V. S.
Soviet Bloc Stymies U. N. Work

By: The Observer

This column should really bear the caption: "BATTLE OF THE UN — by your War Correspondent". Anyway such is the impression the last days of the UN Assembly debates evoked in this writer. Desperately seeking to find a formula with the Russians an essential issue, the Soviets found themselves maneuvered back and forth, tricked and pushed into blind alleys. Consequently, problems had to go back to committees and sub-committees and amendments were hurtling like the Big Four for disentanglement. In all fairness, however, it has to be stressed that this tragic picture is not the fault of UN itself, only of the false premises underlying all international debates today — the illusion that a formula of words can reconcile fire with water.

As a person close to the UN told this writer: "The very effort to reach the impossible, to please the Russianians and at the same time to save essential Democratic principles and objectives is at the core of all the weaknesses and hypocrisies of UN." It reminds one of the wartime policy of unity, which now appears as an endeavor to sacrifice everything — even peace itself for the sake of preserving this facade of unity.

Such issues as the atom bomb, disarmament and the control of armed forces are footballs used by the Soviet mindless purposes and propagandas. But these are all vital issues they do not directly affect the immediate matters of daily life as do other element.

Let us take, for instance, the questions of relief and food on which some of millions of people today depend. It is deplorable that these matters are also used as political footballs, subject to the same methods of horsetrade and compromise. A case in point is the preparatory work of the UN on the International Refugee Organization, which is as much UNRRA in the job of caring for refugees and displaced persons after June 31, 1947, and which suffered from these methods intensely.

At the time this article is written, the IRO Constitution was yet to have been accepted by the Assembly and its coming into force depended on whether the required minimum of fifteen countries will have signed it. Everything hinges here on the attitude of the United States, a country scheduled to provide 45% of all the operational funds of the new organization. It is frankly admitted at UN that should America refuse to sign or the U. S. fail to appropriate the necessary funds, other countries would probably also default and the displaced persons would find themselves cut off from further support after June 31st.

During the lengthy debates on the IRO Constitution, the Soviets stymied progress by introducing innumerable amendments that would have turned the entire organization into a network for catching refugees and handed it over to the NKVD. Most of them were vetoed down. Under these conditions the Soviets may prefer no organization at all, since in the meantime UNRRA acts like a huge fellower traveler group defying directives in the American zone in Germany. They have already gamed the deportation of several hundred children to the Soviet zone and closed all Polish schools and newspapers. In the fierce resistance to the Soviet amendments Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt played an important part as well as delegates of various democratic countries, particularly Mr. Emanuel Sassen of the Netherlands and Mr. Roland Lebeau of Belgium, both outstanding Catholics.

In a conversation with this writer, Mr. Sassen severely criticized the attempts of the Soviet bloc to place anti-communism on an equal basis with common criminals and Quislings. Referring to the age-old tradition of political and religious tolerance of the Netherlands, Mr. Sassen said: "We shall uphold this tradition as a matter of principle, because it is a great humanitarian and Christian tradition, which originated long before some of the states represented here came into existence." What Mr. Sassen probably had in mind were the newly created Soviet satellite regimes. It is only due to Mr. Sassen and Lebeau that the paragraph concerning displaced children was largely improved from its original form.

The Constitution has two chief assets: it forbids forcible settlement of those who fear to go home, as the main objective. Political and religious persecution is recognized as valid reason for such a fear. Nevertheless, certain formul

Talking It Over

Sacrifice And A Sneer

It was one of those war photographs. You'd call it a pious picture, I suppose. It had been enlarged and clearly developed, probably for scrap-book purposes. The lens of the camera looked down on the deck of a battleship and focused on a group of men and a chaplain. It was the high point in the morning's worship.

And yet since the photograph was not a painting, the plain reality and the commonplace were brought out just as clearly as the center of the scene. On both sides and in front of the kneeling men, other sailors stood around: blank-faces, bored, quisitical, and indifferent. I remember one face in particular which stood out almost as boldly as the entire picture of prayer.

The sailor was sitting on top of a pile of bags staring at the services at a distance in which he had to play the role of the whole." Psalms are revolting, Only those are recognized as refugees who fled Nazi or Fascist persecution, including Spanish republicans, but not a word is said about the new wave of people who are fleeing communism. This was a concession to Russia. Anyways should IRO enter into force, it will be the use of American influence that will finally determine its policy and application.
Taking Christ Off Christmas

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Winter scene, stage coach, snow covered bungalow, snow man, sleigh ride, scotty dog, sailboat cutting a course over the water, or... well, just what do you prefer? Your choice for a nickel, too. What under the blue skies are we talking about? Why Christmas cards, of course. It's a perennial headache, that delicate task of selecting the "proper" Christmas cards to send to our friends. Feeling may be hurt, grievances even enmities, caused. Let's make a difficult job easy, then. How, you ask? Simply by consigning the whole "Christmas card" racket to the rubbish heap. CHRISTMAS BELONGS TO CHRIST AND NO ONE ELSE.

We don't deny that those cards aren't pretty. All of us — from the smallest child to the white-haired old man lazing in his comfortable chair by the fireside — like a companionable dog. Most of us, too, enjoy winter scenes. Yet, we'll all readily admit, note of these are so lovely or attractive as the picture of a mother and her children — especially when it is known that Mother is Mary and the Child is our Divine Saviour. No one will accuse you of bad taste if your Christmas card does have a picture of Christ on it. Any person who knows art must acknowledge that masterpieces of Christ and the Madonna far outnumber classical paintings of Scotty dogs or sailboats. Christmas is Christ's birthday. Christmas cards are His birthday cards. They should be appropriate for the occasion, too. A few years, today, snowmen, cities and sailboats have driven the Babe of Bethlehem, His Mother, His Four Fathers, Father off the cards supposed to commemorate His birthday.

Why is this so? Why have the birth day cards of ordinary people remained unchanged through the years? Simply because nobody cares much whether the anniversaries of average people are remembered or not. But, there are powerful forces in this country of ours who hate the Babe of Bethlehem, who want to drive the very thought of Him from the public mind and make people forget His teachings. They have succeeded admirably. Most of His birthday cards this year will not refer to that blessed event at all.

Pernicious influences can also be seen in other phases of our life as it is connected with Christmas.

Children have been brought up on the myth of a bouncing, chubby-cheeked, bewhiskered Santa Claus who sneaks down chimneys and leaves gifts for good little tots. Children learn of David the King and his sled drawn by trained reindeer before they have mastered the nativity story.

Let's accentuate the positive by putting Christ back into Christmas. There is no better way of doing so than by putting Him back into our public and private lives. In short, let's eliminate the negative, the denials of Christ so prevalent in our lives by putting Him back on our Christmas cards, bringing Him back to our gatherings, but above all, by enshrining Him in our hearts.

GUIDED READING

Class A

(UNOBJECTIONABLE)

A Negro's Faith in America........ S. Logan
Brideshead Revisited........ Evelyn Waugh
Christmas is the..., Francis McMahons

Class B

(UNOBJECTIONABLE FOR ADULTS)

A Few Brass Tacks........ Louis Bromfield
The Unsuspected........ C. Armstrong

Class C

(WHOLLY OBJECTIONABLE)

Peace of Mind........ Joshua Liebman
I Hate Blondes........ Wolfe Kaufman
Written on the Wind........ R. Wilder

Arch of Triumph........ Eric Remarque

Metal Toys Will Make Prewar Xmas

A "real old-fashioned prewar Christmas" is forecast by manufacturers, despite shortages and strikes, with the biggest selection of metal toys the nation's youngsters have seen in a long time.

There's a new aluminum pancake turner out and running around a 2-rail instead that makes the flagjacks by of the usual 3-rail track are merely pushing the trigger, listed.
In spite of the common dislike the Lithuanians have for being called Bolsheviks, there is a small, yet disproportionately loud group who take pride in the name. They love the name just as Christians call one another brother — so this loving group can call one another Bolsheviks or Reds.

The Soviets like to be called Reds. There couldn’t be a more appropriate name. Logically, a person should be called what he really is. Our “dear Soviet friends” are red with the blood of the small countries of Europe. And if the Lithuanian Reds of the United States have not yet actually stained their hands with blood, they are doing so by the approval of the crimes of their Soviet perpetrators. This makes them as guilty as the perpetrators themselves.

Is Al Blozis greater than Tony Bimba? The Lithuanian Red agents of the Kremlin at Halsted st., have formed a veterans organization, a branch of the AVC. The irony of it all is that they name the organization The Al Blozis chapter of the AVC! Al Blozis was a great Lithuanian athlete who was killed in World War II. He attended Georgetown University, a school run by the Jesuit Fathers!... Al provided the white front, but what’s behind it?

A prominent Lithuanian business man of Chicago once told me this story. The advertising manager of V., the Communist newspaper, phoned him one day, and asked him to advertise his business in their Lithuanian Communist daily. The Lithuanian business man refused. A few days later, the same agent phoned again and again asked for the advertisement. The answer was still no. The Lithuanian Connie called a third time. This time the business man said, “I’ll put it in your newspaper, but first, do me this favor: ask my Pastor... if I should put an ad in your newspaper. If he says ‘yes’, I’ll put it in.” The agent hung up. From that day on, not a “peep” came from the Halsted st., Kremlin daily...”Kalp velnias bijosi Dievo!”

The Kremlin rewards its servant. In the Spanish Civil War, with the Lincoln Brigade, fought the “galliant” Communist English page editor of Vilnis. He fought “bravely” for Uncle Joe and his gang. He was wounded and now is a cripple. As a compensation, the Moscow boys taught him the Russian language. Later they appointed him English page editor of the Communist daily, Vilnis...

Some familiar Bolshevik miscreants: Pravda (the Truth), is the world’s most wild and dread newspaper. (Note: prints everything but the truth — ditto for Pravda.) When Joe Stalin is enslaving a country he says he is liberating — when he is murdering, he calls it liquidating... In America we have a different dictionary...

This and That. Vilnis (the Surge) is an odd name. It really lives up to that name judging from the articles and the news it publishes. Its policy is to re:volutionise, cause dissension and trouble. It’s just like a fierce wave at sea threatening to overturn the innocent fisherman and his boat on a stormy day. What the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared one day in the year of 1940 on February 10th, when Hitler was at his height: “The Soviet Union, as everybody who has the courage to face the fact knows, is run by a dictatorship absolute as any other dictatorship in the world”. Brother, if that’s the democracy of the Soviet Union, I’m a heel....

Don Herold says —

I’ve noticed that people who talk most about loving “the common man” want to run him their own way. And they don’t really trust him. In our own country, these people have treated the common man like a kindergarten child. They’ve told him what to eat, what to pay, and where to work.

Anybody who “loves the common man” usually wants to be on the committee to tell him how many baths to take each week, how to hold his knife and fork, and where to report for his music lessons.

Even in Russia, a few “sweethearts of the common man” run a party of 5 million which runs a country of 100 million “common men.”