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From Behind the Iron Curtain

Educational and Cultural Life

(The following is a part of a lengthy report emanating directly from Lithuania behind the iron curtain. For obvious reasons neither the source of the report nor the way by which it reached the outside world can be disclosed under present circumstances. It testifies to the fact that the struggle for the liberation of Lithuania from Soviet occupation, with its terrors, enslavement and indescribable suffering, is going on relentlessly despite overwhelming odds.

These facts are strongly contrary to reports now being published in this country by Lithuanian communists, who are trying to paint these conditions in glowing colors and calling it "progress", "cultural enlightenment", etc.

II. SPEECH, ASSEMBLY, and MOVEMENT

A series of newspapers exists in Lithuania to assist in the formation of public opinion. In each district the local executive committee and Comparty publish a weekly paper; in Kaunas and Vilnius, dailies are published (Tarybu Lietuva) Soviet Lithuania and Tiesa (Truth). In each case contents are made up of Stalinist five-year plan proclamations, exhortations favoring the compulsory delivery of agricultural products, editorials on the extermination of the "nationalist-bourgeois bandits" or Partisans, elections propaganda, and biographies of deputies. In the foreign news section appear articles on labor strikes in the United States and England, revolution in India, the Philippines, etc. Generally the foreign news is presented in such a way as to create the impression that nothing else is going on in America and England except strikes, famines, and revolutions.

One of the great Stalinist "freedoms" is that of speech and assembly. In the cities and towns the Comparty organizes frequent public meetings the same hack-forded to attend. At the meetings which all are neyed speeches are read by the speakers who are usually known in advance. Without NKVD permission, no one may change his residence from one district to another. Town dwellers are not allowed to visit their relatives in the country or to supply themselves with food without NKVD permits.

The radio station functioning in Vilnius provides some music and the same

type of propaganda as that published in the press. All radio receivers were seized from the inhabitants in 1944. Those desiring to procure new radio sets have to get NKVD permission, a procedure equivalent to having one's name entered into the secret files and undergoing the constant danger of being arrested for "dissemination of anti-Soviet, bourgeois propaganda," or, in other words, for listening to, and commenting on, the programs of the British Broadcasting Company and "America Calling Europe".

III. FREEDOM OF PRESS.

Even by means of such measures the NKVD cannot entirely cut off the Lithuanian people from the ideas and events of the outside world. Many radio sets are owned secretly, and numerous copies of the free press issued by the Partisans publish news of world events and print editorials which keep up the nation's morale and fighting spirit. The extent to which the Soviets consider the free press dangerous is seen from the fact that a person who is caught in possession of an Underground newspaper is executed without trial. Not only those who read and disseminate secret literature are arrested, but even those who see others doing so and fail to inform the NKVD.



Europe's Refugees Need "CARE" Blankets



THESE European children, displaced by the war and stripped of all possessions, are among the thousands of refugees who may be aided by gifts of the new CARE blanket package. Good woolen garments can be made for these undernourished bodies from the warm, closely-woven blankets in the CARE parcel.

Both the famous CARE food package containing thirty complete meals, and the new CARE blanket package, may be ordered at ten dollars each from the non-profit, government-approved Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe, at 50 Broad Street, New York.

Adler - Draper Joint Recital at Orchestra Hall Feb. 1 and 2nd

CHICAGO. — Greater Chicago music lovers will have a chance to share in another rare musical treat when Larry Adler, world's greatest harmonica virtuoso and Paul Draper, tap dancer supreme, appear in a joint recital at Orchestra Hall, Saturday Feb. 1st at 8:30 p. m., and Sunday, Feb. 2, at 3:30 p. m.

Here's a real attraction, a two-man show, providing musical entertainment of the highest order. Adler and Draper, two of the world's greatest music-makers, always come through with original, witty, ingratiating and satisfying performances.

Don't miss this show, which the New Yorker calls "A Wow". Tickets \$1.20 to \$3.60 (tax incl.).

This Chief Really Knows His Women

LOS ANGELES. — One Solomons Island native chief, says Navy Cmdr. Myron W. Graybill, is positive the Japanese force that occupied his domain had a woman with them. Graybill, a veteran of the Pacific, said he asked the chief how he could be so sure and was told: "I ate her."

Marquette Pk. K of L Plans Dance Feb. 1st

CHICAGO. — It is apparent that new and big ideas are gestating in the minds of our Lithuanian youth. Not the least of these are plans for a Winter Knights' Dance to be sponsored by the K of L Council 112, Marquette Park.

This is only the beginning. There is, in addition, the proposed establishment of a scholarship fund, a long membership drive, and deep, dark, secret plans for a Lenten presentation.

However, at this time all attention is focused on the dance. To accomodate a very, very large crowd (we hope!), Viking Temple, 6855 Emerald Avenue, has been secured. Paul Meeker and his orchestra will supply the music.

The date — February 1, 1947 — is not too far away and the dance committee, headed by Angela Vinauskas, is out "drumming up trade". Angela's eager assistants are: John B. Pocius, Sylvia Raczkus, Edward Pocius, Stanley Balzekas, Jr., Al Leberes, Josephine Zizas, Eleanor Zizas, Pauline Svagzdys and Stanley Petrosius.

The entire organization extends a cordial invitation to all Lithuanian youth to spend the evening of February 1 with Council 112.

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DRAUGAS CONCERT and DANCE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 — ST. AGNES HALL

HONESTLY, MR. SCOTT,

Is There is No God?

On Sunday, November 17, Robert Harold Scott, 59 year old atheist of Palo Alto, California, boldly broadcast over Station KQW his doctrine of disbelief in God. Mr. Scott's talk has raised a number of questions in the minds of the American people. They clamor for an answer.

1) Mr. Scott quoted Thomas Jefferson as advising a nephew of his to "question with boldness even the existence of a God." From this statement Mr. Scott concludes "that Jefferson was keenly aware that the existence of a deity is very much open to question."

First, the word "question" needs explanation. If Jefferson means by this to doubt the existence of God, we cannot agree with him. But if he merely means to try to prove God's existence by the use of man's reasoning powers without falling back on a direct revelation from God Himself, we agree.

Secondly, Jefferson's religious opinions have been greatly disputed by historians. But, no matter what his personal views may have been, when, as representative of the American people and voicing their sentiments, he wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence, he most certainly expressed belief in God. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights..." At the end of the Declaration, he wrote: "...And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence..."

2) Mr. Scott also said: "I do not throw stones at church windows. I respect everyone's right to have and to express the belief that a God exists. But I require respect for the corresponding right to express disbelief in such a being."

Does Mr. Scott have such a right?

Just what does the "freedom of speech", guaranteed by our Constitution, mean? It means at least that every man in our democratic system of government has a right and privilege to speak out his mind openly on my political issue. It does not give him the liberty to speak against our American form of government. But our government has been founded on the belief in God, by Whom "all men are created equal," and from Whom "they are endowed... with certain unalienable Rights..." Therefore anyone who tries to destroy belief in God, is really trying to destroy a basic American doctrine of the Declaration of Independence and the very foundation of our government.

Station KQW gave time to Mr. Scott "in order to determine whether there is sufficient interest in atheism in this area to justify time being devoted to future broadcasts on the subject." We can emphatically answer, together with those who have already written or phoned their protests, "We are not interested in atheism. We believe in the American form of government. We do not care to hear anyone speak against the basic principles and foundations of our government."

1) Can evolution prove that there is no God?

Mr. Scott cites a number of examples of organic evolution, "products of a blind, unconscious natural selection" and concludes: "It is, in fact, an unshakeable rock of scientific truth that man and the ape have a common origin."

This concluding statement is absolutely false. Very few scientists admit evolution as a fact. Those who do, cannot accept it as a scientifically proven fact, because of lack of sufficient evidence, but at the most only as a likely explanation. The great biologist, Yves Delage, says: "If one takes his stand upon the exclusive ground of facts, it must be acknowledged that the formation of one species from another species has not been demonstrated at all." And Reincke, another biologist: "The only statement... that science can make is to say that she knows nothing about the origin of man."

But even if evolution could be scientifically proven, it cannot prove that God did not create that first "something", whether atom or cell, from which everything else evolved. It cannot prove that an intelligent God is not needed to direct this evolution. "Blind, unconscious natural selection can never explain how the multitudinous variety of plants and animals evolved from one tiny cell."

2) Does suffering prove that there is no God?

Mr. Scott says it does. "...There is no God, all-wise and all-good who is also all-powerful, for it goes without saying that an Almighty God could have prevented all na-



Talking It Over

Won For All

The guns of war are silent. Peace reigns over the exhausted world. But behind that peace lies a bloody story, a story that will haunt the minds of men for ages to come. That story lies written in every cemetery on the blood-stained fields of France and far out on the barren Pacific islands. Row upon row of Christian crosses and Jewish stars of David tell how the peace was won.

It takes no strain on the imagination to picture khaki clad Americans pushing forward the frontiers of freedom. Even yet, in our minds, we hear the hated roar of the cannon. And there on the battlefield lie the champions of the American cause. Now there is no distinction of race, creed, or color. A bond of union ties these men together. They are Americans. They lie where they fell, together, facing the foe.

The picture was the same behind the lines. Recall the smoking factories where supplies were being made. Look along the rows of drill presses, along the assembly belts of our giant industries. It is another picture of a united front. All men were one when they were fighting for a common peace.

Day by day now, thousands of weary veterans leave their camps to return

to the enjoyment of that peace, that American freedom, which cost so much. The white man returns, the black, each to his own home. They are coming back to us with the expectation of finding more than the welcome of a family and friends. They who have fought a bitter fight look hopefully now for the fruit of their sufferings. They have won the paper peace; they look now for the deeper peace and harmony in the world which they have a right to expect.

They want to live as one. They want to be one. The white man wants it as much as the black; the Jew as much as the Christian. The white man, the negro, all equally shared the worry and weariness of the war. They share now an equal hope and an equal right to the peace which their blood and pain have won.

tural evils, great and small.. Seventeen million Americans now living will die of cancer. Do not speak to me of an Almighty God who is merciful and just!"

First, since God created the sensitive natures of men and animals, isn't it natural to expect that He could allow these natures to follow their ordinary course? A sensitive nature can receive sensations, both pleasant and painful. There is nothing "unnatural" about suffering. It would be "unnatural" if God prevented suffering.

Secondly, God has created man for a higher destiny than mere pleasure in this life. He has given him a soul

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An American's Eye - Witness Report —

TITO - Man of Mystery

(Continuation)

From 1942 up to the surrender in May 1945, Tito, while fighting Mihailovich who was on the Allied side was in constant negotiations with the German authorities in Croatia.

In the summer of '42 the partisans in a raid on Livno in Western Bosnia captured Dr. Hans Ott, manager of the bauxite works in Livno. Some months later after his exchange, Ott gave an enthusiastic report to General Glaise von Horstenau, German Commander-in-Chief in Croatia. Ott reported that Tito had a good knowledge of German and of Tito's sympathies for Germany and his hostile attitude towards the "Anglo-American capitalists."

Horstenau sent a detailed report to the Fuehrer's headquarters and requested authority for an interview with Tito. Whether this meeting ever took place is not certain, but that the German general was in more or less sympathy with Tito was manifested when he created a neutral zone near Pisarovina (about 25 km. south of Zagreb), where no Croats were allowed to enter and where negotiations were constantly carried on between the Germans and partisans and also exchange of prisoners.

In the beginning of 1943 Tito found himself in a difficult situation because of shortage of munitions, food and medicine; moreover, Tito learned that the Germans were preparing an offensive but undecided whether to attack him or Mihailovich.

Tito dispatched General Velebit to Dr. Ott at Sarajevo. Ott gave a dinner in honor of Velebit, at which Mme. Ines Rakucha acted as hostess, and at which dinner Dr. Wicht, another German official, was present.

Ott and Velebit, accompanied by Sonderfuehrer Von Eltbembere of the German Intelligence Service, motored in a Wehrmacht car to Zagreb for conferences with General Horstenau. Velebit, who spoke perfect German, pointed out Tito's German sympathies and Anglo-American phobia. Velebit also assured the nazis that the partisans would not tolerate Anglo-American intervention on the Croatian coast, and in addition had more reason for fighting against them than the Germans.

These negotiations continued for several weeks with Velebit, in civilian clothes, travelling from Tito's headquarters to Dr. Ott's offices at Sarajevo and the German headquarters at Zagreb.

dolph, and some interesting diaries were captured.

Since 1943 Dr. Hans Ott resided at Sarajevo and it was an open secret that partisan emissaries were frequent visitors at his office. After the evacuation of Sarajevo, beginning of April 1945, Dr. Ott changed his residence to Zagreb where on May 7, 1945 he and Dr.

By

Theodore Benkovic, O. F. M.

(The following revelation — the result of actual experience, observation and study — is by an American, who recently escaped from Yugoslavia after a seven year's stay there....Ed.)

Had not the British and Americans at this time begun to extend all-out support of the partisans and the BBC, eulogizing the Liberation Movement, the Germans would have come to an agreement with Tito. But Horstenau, since he was not the military but the political commander, was unable to forestall the SS parachutist raid against Tito's headquarters in July 1944 which was then at Drvar, a village in western Bosnia, 80 km. southwest of Banja-Luka. Tito managed to escape a few hours before the raid on the warning of his German friends, probably Dr. Ott, while the uniformed members of the British military mission including R. Churchill, a cousin of Ran-

Wicht remained with Tito, and today are still regarded as guests of the government.

Horstenau was captured by the Americans at Salzburg in May 1945 and is at present in Nuernberg, acting as a witness at the trial of Axis war criminals. Horstenau is not on the list of Yugoslav war criminals.

Thanks to President Roosevelt's "great design" and Churchill's empire expediency, Tito assumed control of Yugoslavia and with that began to change Yugoslavia into a dictatorship of the proletariat with a motley amoral group of lawless Greeks, Russians, Serbs, Croats, Slovenes, Albanians, Bulgarians, Italians and Germans.

I remained in Tito's Yu-

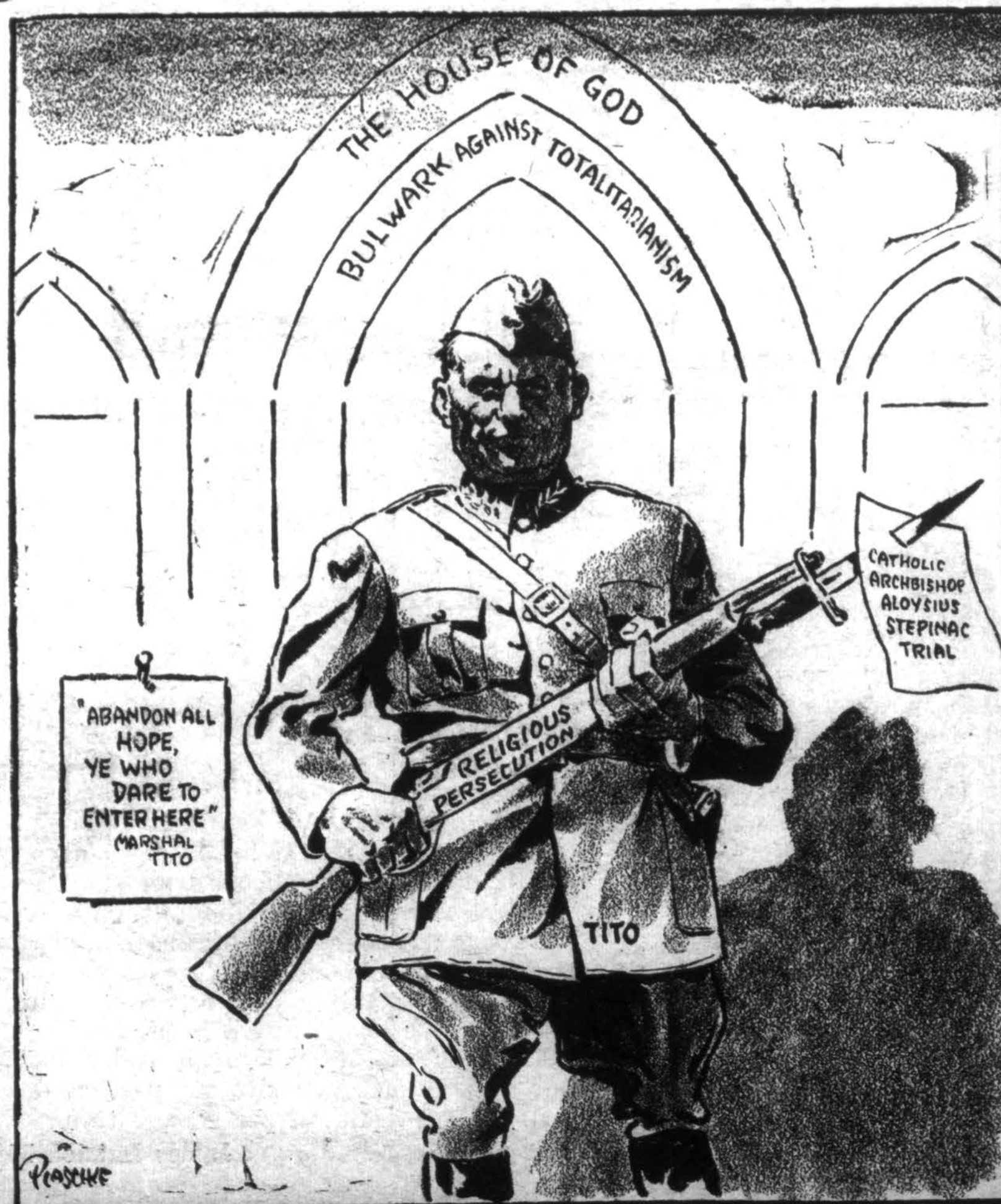
goslavia exactly seventy-five days — May 6th to July 21st of 1945, and what I shall now relate has been the unanimous impression of all my countrymen who have returned from the communist hell that is Tito's Yugoslavia.

Instead of democracy there is communism and the OZNA (secret police) terror. Every city and town is divided into wards, streets and blocks with its corresponding communist spy set-up so that every possible movement of a person is checked and daily reported to the secret police, who then enter it into their secret files.

The so-called "people's court" on any denunciation or charge of collaboration by a communist sends thousands to death or to the concentration camps. In Croatia today there are relatively more concentration camps than were in Germany, and there horror, hunger, and death stalk. In the vicinity of Zagreb alone there are over a hundred thousand imprisoned Croats.

In Dubrovnik on the Dalmatian coast, e. g., the people's court sentenced to death 200 Croat intellectuals among them 15 Catholic priests. The trial for each individual lasted one minute apiece!

(To be continued)



What Do You Say?

Many, many times your dad or mother or some elder has approached you about joining their Benefit Organization. What, join a bunch of oldsters? Not you! But, did you stop to think what a good Benefit Organization offers you or those you love for only a small payment?

Let's take the Lithuanian Citizens Workmen's Benevolent Club of Chicago, which has quite a few so called "youngsters" as members. Each year more and more are joining the Club. Why? Because, the dues are \$6.00 yearly or only 50c a month and should a deficit arise from the payment of sick and death benefits, then the deficit is pro-rated amongst the membership and paid, thus leaving the treasury intact, assuring the younger members of their benefits.

The sick benefit is \$5.00 weekly for 13 weeks and \$2.50 weekly for 26 weeks. It isn't much, but when you're sick, it's quite a help. Ditto for the Death Benefit of \$200.00 plus a floral piece or Spiritual Bouquet and pallbearers and a car. It has helped many a widow, widower, children and parents.

At six dollars, for the death benefit alone, it would take you over 33 years to pay out this amount. Your chances of getting sick during this time are fairly good, therefore you would obtain returns in sick benefits but if you do not obtain sick benefit for 10 years, (from date of joining) or for 20

years, you receive a gift (a refund) of \$10.00 each time.

Persons of both sexes, from 16 to 40 years of age, either married or single and of Lithuanian descent, who are physically fit and of good moral character are eligible for membership. Servicemen and women of World War II are exempt from paying an initiation fee. For others the initiation fee has been reduced during 1947 to a half of previous years fees. From 16 to 20 years of age-free; from 20 to 25 years of age-50c; from 25 to 30 years of age-\$1.00; from 30 to 35 years of age-\$1.50 and from 35 years to 40 years of age-\$2.50. Why not join now?

It's a benefit to you or yours. Think it over! Applications and more information can be obtained from sec. James R. Cherry 4534 So. California ave., Chicago 32, Ill. Meetings are held every 4th Sunday of the month at the West Side Hall 2242 W. 23rd Place. Think it over!

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that will live and be happy forever. But in order to deserve this real happiness, man must prove himself faithful to God by observing the law of God. At times it is necessary to suffer to lead a good life. But even if a man were to suffer most intense pain for a whole life-time, it would be nothing compared to the joy that will be his forever after this life. "I reckon that the sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come." Job, perfect example of patient suffering could say, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; as it hath pleased the Lord so is it done: blessed be the name of the Lord."

For an atheist this is no answer. But for a man who does not believe in God there can be no solution to the problem of pain.

For us, we know, and we believe, that there is a God. Evolution cannot shake our faith. Suffering will not weaken our belief. Far from proving that there is no God, both evolution and suffering prove that there IS a God. Evolution demands a Creator; suffering demands a Rewarder who will balance the scales of pain with everlasting joy.

March of Freedom

Our valor now makes live each yesterday
Of bitter struggle wreathed with heroes' deeds,
Since first our fathers blazed their dauntless way
Through virgin tracts and sowed their hearths'
new seeds.

Our homes then grew in beauty, love, and peace
Within the fortress of our fruitful land,
Which promised that our State would never cease
As long as justice ruled the heart and hand.

But freedom is an ever restless sea;
It must be always wooed and won again,
To change is life, to strive is destiny;
The rust was never deep for sword and pen.
Our future thus must give our past its due
Of victory again, of peace more true.

James Patrick McGovern

THE LITHUANIANS By A. D. Yuknis



ED KRAUSE

EDWARD (Kraučinas) KRAUSE was the first great all-around Lithuanian-American athlete. He made All-American in football and basketball at Notre Dame University in 1931, 1932, and 1933.

On the side he was a potent sandlot baseball player. In the days of "slow" basketball Krause established N. D. scoring records with his accurate hook shots. After his last cage game Krause was accorded perhaps the greatest farewell ovation any Notre Dame athlete has ever received.

At present he is the head basketball and line football coach at Nore Dame.

"Blossom Time" at Opera House Feb. 16

CHICAGO. — Gay and lilted, charmingly romantic, "Blossom Time" will take its place among the top line productions presented to world-wide theatre-goers when Messrs. Shubert unite their show-world heritage in bringing the greatest musical of them all, featuring the life of Franz Schubert — built on a foundation of Schubert's own compositions and fashioned for popular use by Sigmund Romberg, opening at the Opera House on Sunday evening February 16th for a limited engagement of three weeks.

"Blossom Time" not only gives the music lovers a comprehensive idea of the music of the great composer but an excellent picture of Schubert himself and a background of his time. "The Song of Love" — the great hit of the operetta stems from Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony" and "Lonely Heart" from the famous "Ave Maria". Then, there are such memorable tunes as "Hark, The Lark", "The Serenade", "Tell Me Daisy" and "Love Is A Riddle".

Don't miss the sweetest love story ever set to music — with the greatest cast in its glorious history and brilliant singing ensemble.

Matinees Feb. 22nd, Mar. 1st and Mar. 8th. Tickets \$1.20 to \$3.60.

CORN and STUFF

By J. A. SKELLY

The women's most popular "club" in America, I would say is the — "Rolling Pin".

Eggs are so high now, that when a hen lays one, she doesn't cackle anymore — she crows.

A camel can go without drink for seven days. But wouldn't that make one weak? (week).

"Briefsteak" is what you get at the butcher shop these days for a "long purse".

"When the hot sun causes the leaves to perspire", said a schoolboy, "we have what is called dew".

A man, whose wife brought him into court because he beat her everyday, told the judge his wife was punch drunk and didn't know what she was saying.

Lorraine Rukuza To Wed Football Star

CHICAGO. — Miss Lorraine Rukuza, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Rukuza, 6420 S. Kilpatrick Ave., and Joseph J. Lelugas, son of Bessie Lelugas, 4027 Brighton Pl., will be married Saturday, Jan. 25th, 11:00 a. m. at St. Agnes Church, 2648 W. Pershing Rd.

Miss Rukuza, a graduate of Lourdes High School, has a secretary's position with the Lapham-Hickey Steel Co. Joseph graduated high school in Scottville, Mich. where he was named center on the Michigan All-State high school football team. He also held the Michigan State sectional middle weight boxing championship in 1942. While in the navy, he held the All-Service 115 lb. Island Championship of Hawaii. He is studying journalism at the University of Michigan and also plans on playing collegiate football.

After their honeymoon in Detroit, Mich. the newly weds will make their home in Ann Arbor, Mich.