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ON FEBRUARY 9th

"Draugas" Offers Elegant Array Of Talent at Annual Concert and Dance

Concert will feature K of L Chorus, Brighton Park Sodality Glee Club, Vešota Players, Algird Brazis, baritone, Mary Puksmis, soprano, John Urban, tenor — Dance music by Mickey Prindl and his famous band.

CHICAGO. — In an effort to bring its patrons and friends the best in musical and dramatic entertainment, "Draugas" during its Feb. 9th annual concert and dance will offer select talent which takes second place to none.

On the classical side of the program, the newly organized K of L Chicago District Chorus will provide a series of touching folks songs; the up-coming Brighton Park Sodality Glee Club by musical trickery, will portray a special album of music of nations.

Three outstanding solists will be making their initial appearances at the "Draugas" concert: Algird Brazis, gifted lyric baritone of the Chicago Opera; Mary Puksmis, soprano and John

In the lighter vein, the Vešota Player group will oblige with a 3-act comical



Mickey Prindl

piece called "Blakēs Liga" (Bed Bug Fever).

Music for the dance will be provided by maestro MICKEY PRINDL and his popular orchestra. The concert will begin at 4:30 p. m., and the dance at 8:00.

So, reserve Sunday, Feb. 9th for the "Draugas" concert and dance at St. Agnes Hall, 3916 S. Archer Ave. We'll be looking for you!

Ex-Communist Budenz Exposes Underground

CHICAGO. — This Is My Story, the long-awaited life story of Louis F. Budenz, former editor of the Communist newspaper, The Daily Worker, is finally in print and will be published early next month.

The Thomas More Book Club, 220 W. Madison St., Chicago, has been chosen to distribute the book through club channels.

Mr. Budenz was reared a Catholic, but left the Church and labored for years under the delusion that Communism and Catholicism could work together in harmony. Since returning to the Faith he has been lecturing to overflow audiences in many cities. His book exposes the almost incredible ramifications of the Communist underground in the United States.



Algird Brazis

Urban, stars of concert and radio, the latter likewise of wide operatic experience.

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(American Red Cross Photo)

Artist Pte. Charles Boone gives a demonstration of his "finger painting" technique, learned from an American Red Cross arts and skills worker at Oakland Naval hospital, Calif. He completes such pictures as these in 15 minutes or less.

Critics Praise Polyna Stoska For Hit In "Street Scene"

NEW YORK. — Polyna has done it again! This time music critics are lavishing high praise for her latest splendid performance in "Street Scene," a musical which has taken Broadway by storm.

Brooks Atkinson, of the NEW YORK TIMES writes: "Not long ago local managers were complaining that they could no longer find actors who could sing. The producers of "Street Scene" had no such trouble. They have found superb singers who have helped to make this one of the memorable nights in theatre going. Polyna Stoska, who plays Mrs. Maur-

rant, has a brilliant soprano voice that contains both the sadness and sweetness of the part."

William Hawkins of the NEW YORK TELEGRAM had this to say: "Polyna Stoska literally stopped this show last night a couple of times, and well deserved to. Hers is a remarkable voice anywhere, and she has a talent for tonal characterization which is essential to the role of the cheating wife. Her nostalgic aria about her life is delivered with infinite feeling and a free soaring vocal treatment that gives it a thrilling emotional quality...Again in the tender song to her son Miss Stoska animates the whole picture of the hemmed in woman."

John Chapman, in a special story for the CHICAGO TRIBUNE states: "The burden of the story is admirably carried by Norman Coridon, late of the met... by Polyna Stoska, a soprano of unusual accomplishment...."

The NEW YORK HERALD reported: "In Polyna Stoska, who sings the role of the errant wife and mother,

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The "Family Theatre", New Radio Program, Begins Thurs, Feb. 13

LOS ANGELES. — To promote the practice of daily family prayer in America, "Family Theatre" a weekly coast-to-coast radio program, featuring the best talent of screen and radio, including outstanding stars from Hollywood, will have its premiere Thursday, Feb. 13th, at 9:00 Central Standard time.

The initial program Feb. 13th will star Loretta Young and Joseph Cotten, with James Stewart as master of ceremonies, and Meredith Wilson directing the orchestra in special music composed by him for the broadcast.

The script for the program will be "Flight From Home", written by True Boardman.

CATHOLICISM IN ACTION

By: The Observer

If there is any bright spot in the gloomy picture of uprooted and ravaged countries of the post-war world, it is the ever-widening sphere of Christian love in action. In large hatred-ridden and terror-ruled areas of Europe and Asia this is the only force which draws unhappy humanity together to find new hope. The record of the Catholic Church in this field is unique and can perhaps be compared only to the era of the first Christians. Because never yet in the two thousand years of Church history has there been so much human misery and so great a need for spiritual as well as physical help.

As an answer to the various Internationals of political regimentation and hate comes the Catholic International of brotherly love and charity. Bread given in the name of God is the powerful tool that returns life hope to those who would otherwise perish. The share of American Catholics in this monumental work of the Church is tremendous and reaches all parts of the globe.

For instance, in a desolate orphanage in Poland, what evoked the first smile of joy on the grim faces of hungry children? Packages of food, clothing and candy marked with the label: War Relief Services, N. C. W. C. Again in France in a home for exiles, where chiefly Jewish children were sheltered, there was the same picture. In a displaced persons camp in Germany, where people of various nationalities had been detained for a very long time and the boredom of an idle and hopeless life had brought them close to desperation, Catholic Relief from America was the soil in which new life was taking root. Instructors equipped with all kinds of tools were teaching these involuntary exiles new skills that not only kept their hands busy and their thoughts from crime, but gave them new bread-winning professions useful for the future.

Such examples could be cited again and again, shifting the scene from country to country, from continent to continent, for the charity work of the American Hierarchy, as one of the voluntary relief organizations, covers the area of 61 countries of Europe, Africa and Asia. Letters of gratitude coming from all parts of the world to the official Headquarters at the Empire State building in New York bear constantly growing testimony to the tremendous extent of the ground covered and the success of the efforts.

Since the establishment of the Bishops' Emergency and Relief Committee in 1940 and the War Relief Services National Catholic Welfare Conference in 1943, 90 million dollars have been spent on foreign relief and 119,884,000 pounds of supplies shipped overseas.

In 1946 alone, new relief projects in 14 countries of Europe and Asia were established by the War Relief Services N. C. W. C. and a gross weight of 55,187,224 pounds valued at 15,325,388 dollars were shipped. The work is carried on chiefly through the local Catholic Hierarchies which, in the European countries have set up their own relief organizations bearing the name "Caritas" or one very similar. These bishops committees distribute gifts from America through the channel of parishes which now form one of the few networks of fair and indiscriminatory relief. It must be remembered that none of the food, clothing, medicines or other gifts delivered are used to induce or coerce the hungry people into some kind of creed or affiliation, but in sheer Christian love are distributed without regard for race, religion or nationality.

Catholic help for the Displaced Persons and Displaced Children in Germany and Austria was organized in 1945 by War Relief Services N. C. W. C. It now serves more than 700,000 people in 252 D. P. camps. Outside of basic food and clothing supplied by UNRRA or the occupation authorities, 1,784,416 pounds of various relief goods were distributed in the three democratic zones of Germany.

Among these gifts were also religious articles, such as hundreds of mass kits for destitute priests who had nothing with which to say mass, medals, prayer books and religious literature. Leathercraft, carpentry, card weaving, woodworking, metal craft and many other sets of tools necessary for teaching the D. P.'s various professions were distributed. For children alone 1,391,491 pounds of food,

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At New York's Waldorf-Astoria

James A. Farley Opens Lithuanian Fund Drive For 1947

NEW YORK. — James A. Farley, former Postmaster General and Honorary Chairman of the 1947 Campaign of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America, officially opened the fund-raising campaign of this organizations for 1947. At a luncheon in the Waldorf-Astoria, Jan. 24, of which Gen. William N. Haskell was toastmaster, Mr. Farley urged continued American support and relief to the Lithuanian refugees and expressed a hope that immigration restrictions would be lifted to enable them and other refugees to enter this country.

The Consul General of Lithuania, Jonas Budrys, representing the Minister of Lithuania to the United States, expressed gratitude to the American people for the constant aid extended to suffering Lithuanians.

Over 1,000,000 pounds of clothing, food, medical supplies and other relief items were sent to Lithuanian DP's and to the Lithuanian war victims in their own native country, reported Rev. Dr. Joseph B. Koncius, President of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America. This relief, covering a period from 1944 to

the present, is valued at about \$2,000,000.00.

Bishops Give \$10,000

Bishop John Mark Cannon, of Erie, Pa., Treasurer of the Administrative Board of Bishops of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, presented a check of \$10,000.00 from that organization to the Lithuanian relief body. Bishop Cannon reviewed the sufferings of the Lithuanian people during the past war and deplored the action of "benevolent dictators" in oppressing the smaller nations. This address, like all the others, were carried over the municipal radio station WNYC.

The United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America, a member agency of the National War Fund, is seeking

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On Radio Hour



The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, America's number one radio orator, is the current speaker on the Catholic Hour radio program. Msgr. Sheen's series, which will extend through Easter Sunday, is entitled "Light Your Lamps", and deals with Communism. Listen to him every Sunday evening at five o'clock Central Standard Time over the National Broadcasting Company's net work.

CORN and STUFF

By J. A. SKELLY

A big Swede walked into the ticket station of an eastern railway company and asked for a ticket to Chicago.

— "Do you want to go by Buffalo?" asked the agent.

— "My gudeness no", said the big Swede. "Eef ay can't go by train, geeve me reindeer."

Dopey Ziggy was the school's official cannon polisher for eleven years. One day he approached the school's dean and said, — "I'm retiring!"

The surprised dean asked, "but why?"

Dopey Ziggy answered — "Well you see I saved two dollars a week and I'm going in business, — I bought my own cannon."

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Usually the partisans shot their victims, but there were many cases of horrible deaths, e. g., the pastor of Glamoc in Bosnia, the Rev. Borivoj Mijoch, O. F. M., was horse-shoed and died in terrible agony; Rev. Ivan Ivan Ronoc, O. F. M., pastor in Unesicicu Dalmatia, was skinned alive; and at Siroki Brijeg Hercegovina, fourteen of my confreres were saturated with benzine and burned alive.

Hunger reigns in Yugoslavia for the peasants are afraid to go to the markets. UNRRA, while it was functioning in Yugoslavia, benefited only the communists.

The Croats have been made financially poor because of Tito's exchange of his seven worthless dinars for 1,000 Croatian kunas. The most any Croatian could receive in exchange was 5,000 dinars.

The political, economical, cultural and social life has as a consequence been extinguished.

Government policies are directed entirely by the Russians. In the immediate beginning Tito concluded to the exclusion of the United States and Britain to whom, as he betrays in his radio speeches he is openly antagonistic to, a friendly pact with Russia.

Tito in his radio talks stresses that the existence of Yugoslavia depends entirely on friendship and cooperation with "Mother Russia", the "liberator of Europe". The Western Allies' part in the struggle is for the very most part silenced, and unofficially the partisans talk of war with the Western democracies, whom they claimed hate and wish no good to Yugoslavia.

Panslavism has been resurrected and given much publicity, especially in Croatia where there has existed no sympathy for "Mother Russia." Russian language and culture have been introduced into the schools. Russian books are being translated and published. Russian films are the daily movie fare. Radio and newspapers report almost exclusively from the Russ Tass news agency sources. American and British news are always that which casts both countries in a bad light.

In a secret agreement Yugoslavia has handed over to the use of the Russians Trieste, (if it ever gets it) Split and Kotor. Russia demands of Tito to seek Trieste, Styria, Carinthia,

An American's Eye - Witness Report —

TITO - Man of Mystery

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.)

and to extend Yugoslavia from Trieste to the port of Varna so Russia may have access to the Mediterranean by way of the Adriatic Sea.

Because religion is the opium of the people, there is religious persecution which is chiefly directed against the Catholic Church, the opponent of Communism.

The Croatian and Slovene Catholic Episcopacy meeting at Zagreb, September 20, '94, issued an encyclical letter openly charging Tito's regime with violations of the promise of religious freedom, which are as follows:

1) According to the Bishops' information, 243 priests killed, 169 imprisoned in concentration camps, 89 missing; total 501 priests; also, must add 19 seminarians, 3 lay brothers and 4 nuns killed.

2) People's court's farcical trials.

3) Priests subjected to sacerdotal indignities, and denied, as also the faithful, the consolations of religion even in the last moments of life.

4) Catholic Church and clergy attacked and calumniated by press without benefit of rebuttal.

5) Catholic Press with its over 100 publications confiscated, no longer allowed to exist.

6) Church property and institutions of charity, learning and mercy seized by the government.

7) No religious training permitted in the schools, while atheistic teachings are fostered.

8) Freedom of conscience merely exists in word.

9) Planned encouragement of immorality for youth.

10) Catholic marriages declared by the government to be invalid, introduction of divorce and all marital evils.

11) Graves of Croatian and German dead desecrated.

12) Teaching of materialistic communism with its consequent evils.

This courageous and fearless pastoral letter of the Croatian and Slovene Catholic bishops accusing Tito of persecuting the Catholic Church created such a

sensation that Tito himself had to come out and lyingly deny it, while all the stopgaps of communistic filth and smear were let loose.

In spite of the firm terroristic grip of Tito on Yugoslavia, resistance has not slackened but is ever on the increase. The Serbs, now with Mihailovich executed, maintain no resistance movement. Only the Croats uphold and carry on a worthwhile guerrilla warfare through the remnant of the Croatian army and those who have fled into the woods and mountains to do battle against the partisans.

In the last days of my stay in Yugoslavia, the Croat guerrillas achieved such marked success, which Tito thus far has hidden from the outside world, that it has become the hope of the enslaved Croats and has caused much consternation to the partisans who, of course, will admit nothing.

Other Croats have managed to escape the inferno that is Tito's Yugoslavia, and thus have become a living protest to the world against the crucifixion of the Croatian nation, and the constant reminder of a bitter admission: "During the war I thought I could trust Tito....but now I am well aware that I committed one of the biggest mistakes in the war." (Winston Churchill, London, January 5, 1946).

(The end)

(Extract from booklet, "The Tragedy of a Nation", by Theodore Benkovic, O.F.M.)

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D. Maynor, Soprano At Orchestra Hall Sunday, Feb. 16th

CHICAGO. — Dorothy Maynor, famous negro soprano, will make her only appearance of the season at Orchestra Hall, Sunday after noon, February 16th at 3:30 p. m.

This modest young woman who "likes to sing" is today capturing the affection and admiration of the whole century. Her joy is singing, her outpouring of love for the people who come to hear her are expressed in her mobile voice and eves that truly mirror her inmost thoughts...Her superb voice, her innate sense of musicianship, and her deep humility are warmly projected... and her soft tones are heavenly. She has virtually everything needed by a great artist. Wherever she sings, she immediately and fully enraptures her audience.

Sodality Retreat Entries Near Close

CHICAGO. — After last week's Lithuanian Sodality Union March 7 to 9 retreat announcement in the English Page, retreat chairman Louise Kairis reports she has been practically swamped with applications for reservations. Since only 45 persons can be accommodated at the Cenacle retreat quarters, the first 45 sending in their required \$5.00 deposit will be counted in and with those 45 the list will be officially closed.

For the sake of those who may not be able to make the retreat with the LSU March 7 to 9, the Cenacle announces that there will be a general retreat during the weekend of March 14 to 16, which will be open to girls and young ladies in general.

To make sure of a place for the March 7-9 retreat, Sodality members are asked to place a \$5 deposit immediately with their local prefects or E. O. L. chairman, or contact Louise Kairis, 2812 W. Marquette Rd., Grovehill 6589.

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to attain a goal of \$1,525,000 in cash and goods to continue its relief activities among Lithuanian refugees in Europe. This goal, based on the criterion that there is a continued need for this aid, would meet only the basic supplementary requirements of Lithuanian refugees, reported Lithuanian relief executives.

The American Lithuanian Society Plans Lithuanian Day Anniversary

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The American Lithuanian Society of Washington, D. C., announces that on February 16, 1947, at 10:45 a. m., a Special Anniversary Mass in commemoration of Lithuanian Day will be celebrated, as in the past, in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 8th and N Streets, N. W. Seats in the front section of the church have been reserved for members and their friends.

Luncheon will then be served at the Lafayette Hotel, 16th and I Streets, N. W., at 12 noon, at \$1.75 per person. Those planning to attend the luncheon, please notify Joseph J. Walker, President or Bertha Stann, Secretary, not later than February 9, the regular monthly meeting date, in order that reservations may be made in time.

Among the distinguished guests invited are: the Minister of Lithuania and Madame Zadeikis, the Minister of Latvia and Madame Bilmanis, Mr. Loy W. Henderson, Director, Office of Near Eastern and Afri-

can Affairs, Department of State, and other prominent persons.

An informal party will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Walker, 123 — 36th Street, N. E., Washington, D. C., in the evening, from 6 p. m. on.

The next regular meeting of the Society will take place Sunday, Feb. 9, 1947, 3:00 p. m. at the Immaculate Conception School hall, 8th and N Sts., N. W.

J. J. W.

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clothing, medicines, recreational and occupational articles valued at 484,509 dollars were sent.

In this way the joint effort of the Bishops Emergency and Relief Committee and of the War Relief Services N. C. W. C. continues, reaching ever further and spreading Christian charity in ever more remote parts of the world. Most of the funds and goods came from collections among American Catholics, the National War Fund contributing also during the war in considerable proportion.

Now, since the war ended, the entire relief work abroad of the American Catholic Hierarchy will depend exclusively on private generosity. The eyes of millions of unhappy and desperate men, women and children all over the world look with confidence and hope that this wonderful work — true Catholicism in action — will continue and will give them a new lease on life. They cannot and shall not be deceived.

This And That From

The Lithuanian University Club

Just a note to let you know that the Lithuanian University Club is really getting all hepped up about our B. A. L. F. Benefit Concert which will be presented at the Lithuanian Auditorium on Sunday, April 27th. The program promises to be of great interest to everyone, and as soon as plans become more definite we'll let you in on our list of guest stars — which, we assure you, will be quite impressive.

At the last meeting at International House we heard more about the party being planned for new prospective. If you have ever planned to sometime come down to an L. U. C. meeting, how about keeping the date of Sunday, February 23rd in mind? There will be a short L. U. C. meeting that day, at International House, as usual, and after that we'll just stay on for a good time — refreshments and all! This is your invitation to come down and join us in some fun — and we hope you bring your friends along too. More about this later, though.

Our last meeting was

GRAND RAPID'S CHOICE

Lithuanian Girl, Former Wave, Candidate For "Miss CWV"

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. — Lithuanian Catholic War Veterans, of Grand Rapids and surroundings, especially members of the Kent County Chapter of the CWV are going all out for and are sure they have picked a winner for Miss CWV of 1947 in their selection of Miss Frances Theresa Sevec, a member of Gerald A. Barto Post, No. 501, Grand Rapids. According to chapter commander Thomas Gelwich, Miss Sevec is sure to win because she has exactly what it takes — beauty, charms and smiles.

Frances is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Sevec, 1313 Hamilton Ave., N. W. Grand Rapids. She was born in Chicago 24

years ago and came with her parents to Grand Rapids when she was two years of age. She is a member of St. Peter and Paul's parish, Grand Rapids, where Rev. Joseph Lipkus is pastor.

Miss Sevec enlisted in the Waves April 6, 1944 and was discharged as seamen first



Miss Frances Sevec

(Photo courtesy the Grand Rapids Herald)

class Feb. 14, 1944. She is a charter member of the Barto Post No. 501.

Kent chapter is composed of seven CWV posts. It has sent Miss Sevec's photograph to the National Department at New York. If Miss Sevec wins she will be the guest of the National Convention at Cleveland, next June. She will have all her expenses paid from the time she leaves her home until she returns.

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(In conjunction with this story, we have learned that Father A. Miciunas, M. I. C., general manager of "Draugas", had the honor of blessing the Barto Post colors in Oct., 1945 while conducting a triduum at St. Peter and Paul church in Grand Rapids...Ed.)

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they have discovered a rare artist for the theatre. Her voice is controlled and infinitely appealing. Her acting lacks nothing."

Robert Coleman, in his review of the play, declares: "Outstanding is Polyna Stoska, as Anna Maurrant. Remember her in the City Opera Company's "Ariadne" last season? She has one of the finest natural voices we've heard in a long while and, when she has learned to use it perfectly definitely will be a Metopera bet."

highlighted by a very interesting talk given by George Savaitis, an LUC prospective member who lived through a year of the Russian occupation of Lithuania. His first-hand information about the Communist system of occupation was enlightening and irrefutable. We appreciated his concise and intelligent presentation of a much discussed topic.

Algird Mickevicius was appointed Chairman of the Educational Committee at the last meeting, so evidently from now on we'll conscientiously see to it that a speaker will appear at every meeting.

I. C. M.

Quigley Quadrangle Pre-Lenten Dance Sat. Eve., Feb. 8th

CHICAGO. — The Archbishop Quigley K of C Quadrangle club extends a cordial invitation to their friends to attend their Pre-Lenten Dance, Sat. evening, Feb. 8th, at their clubhouse, 1935 W. 31st St. Paul Benny and his Orchestra will furnish the music.

Plans for the affair are being completed by the arrangements committee consisting of: Anthony Gedville, chairman, Frank Gudjones, John Helka, Stanley Papiernik, John Janeczko Sr., Joseph Szczecinski, Frank Kaszewski and Max Przkwas. Tickets are only 75c., tax included. Make it a date and you're sure to have a joyful evening.

The present officers of the Quadrangle Club are: James R. Cherry, pres.; Anthony Gedville, vice-pres.; John McDonald, rec. sec'y.; Frank Metke, fin. sec.; Stanley Paluch, treas.; Jos. Szczecinski, sgt.-at-arms; Kasper Knasiak, marshal; Leo Mielcarek, Jos. Simikowski and John Parchem, trustees.

The Club will be on hand to see you at the DRAUGAS Concert and Dance, Sunday, Feb. 9th at St. Agnes Hall, 3916 S. Archer Ave., near Rockwell St.

J. R. C.