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### Chicago Plans Gala Commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day

Amalgamated Hall, Ashland and Van Buren, to be scene of celebration — Program, featuring concert and guests speakers, beginning 2:00 p. m. — Dancing to Buddy Baron's orchestra starting at 7:00 p. m. — Refreshments to be served, too.

Time to go dancing, folks! The melodies of Arthur "Buddy" Baron's nine piece orchestra, the songs of two vocalists, and the modern setting of the Amalgamated Center at Ashland and Van Buren, are made to order for one heap of a good time for this Sunday night. Instead of trekking off to the Trianon or Aragon, how about joining the rest of the crowd at the big Independence Day Commemoration Dance being sponsored by the Chicago Branch of the Lithuanian American Council, hmmm?

If you'll be free in the afternoon too, there's a pretty good concert program you can attend to round out a good Sunday. Starting at 2:00 P. M. there will be songs, folk-dances, and speeches for all tastes. The speakers to appear are Mr. R. Skipitis, lawyer, and Dr. Kiras, both having arrived in America just a short time ago from Europe. Our Consul, Mr. P. Dauzvardis, and Mr. L. Simutis also will add their well-chosen words in Lithuanian Independence Day messages.

A rich musical program will feature Algird Brazis, our Civic Opera star, and Mrs. A. Pieza as soloists. The "Birutes" and K of L Choruses will provide much harmony; the St. Casimir Academy Dance Group will

feature folk dances; and the Darius-Girenas American Legion Post will present the colors.

See! You can't miss by coming down early for the program. At that time the ticket price will be but 50c! The tickets will remain 50c until 4:00 P. M. — after that time dance tickets will cost 75c, tax included. If you already have a 50c ticket and have to come in late, it will cost you a quarter more, so why not join us earlier?

You can see you're due for a good time whether you come in the afternoon and stay for dinner and dancing, plus other refreshments, of course, or if you have to get in later for the dance at 7:00 P. M. No doubt about it — the gang will be there. It's too big to miss, so come on down and help us have a good time this Sunday, February 16th. The address is 333 S. Ashland Blvd. — the time 2:00 or 7:00 P. M. (7 o'clock for sure for dancing!!).

We hope to see you a swinging and a-swaying right with us; and don't forget to bring the boy friends and girl friends. Let them in on the good things too!

i c. m.

### Star Gazing



KATHARINE HEPBURN looks a little like the cat that swallowed the canary—and indeed she did, one of the choicest roles of the year in M-G-M's Western saga, "The Sea of Grass."



Courtesy, Applegate America, Inc.

### Attention Chicago District K. of L'ers

We want your attention for just a few moments.

Dear Knights and Ladies, do you know that we have a chorus which is sponsored by the Chicago District? you don't!! Well you should. This is your chorus, therefore it is your duty to make it one of the best, just as in the past it was one of the top ranking choruses in Chicago.

Your excuse of not having enough time is a poor one,

### Nativity Mothers' Club Plans Socials

CHICAGO — The Nativity Mothers' Club is making elaborate arrangements for a Valentine Party and Guest Night, following a brief business meeting at the parish hall, at 8:00 p. m., Monday February 17, 6820 S. Washtenaw ave.

The Program Committee consisting of Mrs. Helen Pahnke and Mrs. Barbara Zay have many surprises in store for all.

In connection with the party for members and guests, the club is sponsoring a Pantry Shower for the local Sisters of the school.

On February 19, at 7:30 p. m., a Card and Bunco Party is being arranged at the Bowman Dairy at 42nd and S. Halsted Sts.

Mrs. Julia Urba chairman of the committee is endeavoring to afford a pleasant and enjoyable evening for all, hoping to have prizes for everyone.

D. K.

because you only give up four evenings out of every month, and that time spent is to your credit. If another of your excuses for not joining is not being able to speak good Lithuanian that's no reason, either, because one of our Chorus members is not of our nationality and she does very well reading Lithuanian. To top it all an excuse like that should make you blush, not being able to speak and read our mother tongue.

We stand in a good position under the capable leadership of our director, L. Simutis Jr.; but we are always on the lookout for more members, especially MEN — now girls we also need you, too.

We have a concert coming up in May — so — how about some cooperation from our own council members?

Rehearsals are every Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock, at the K. of L. Youth Center, 2453 W. 47th St. So here's hoping to seeing you and you-or yes, and you too, down some Tuesday evening.

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### Is Education the Answer?

The G-I Bill of Rights is, indeed, a wonderful thing. It has brought to millions of veterans something which they never could have obtained otherwise — a college education. Many arm-chair philosophers acclaim, that this universal college-training brought about by the G-I bill, is a boon to mankind. They are convinced that such an education is the "cure-all" for the evils of the world, the only practical way to a secure world peace. Consequently, the more of it our young men get the better off they will be.

But is class-room education a "cure-all?" Does the fact that American colleges are filled to the doors insure world peace and international justice? Not at all. College education alone is not enough to keep the world at peace. It is not the kind of education that is learned from books, but rather that training which is inculcated through example at home that will help make our world better. No amount of "book larnin'" can make a man respect the rights of his fellow men. The kind of learning that will achieve this end starts right in the home. The moment a baby is born into the world his education begins, for better or for worse. At his entrance into high school the most important part of a boy's training is already nearing completion. It is in the home that the greatest educators of America reside, not in the lecture halls of our universities. Hence, although we admit that the G-I Bill of Rights is a great opportunity for the soldier to improve himself intellectually, it can never supply the character-training which should have been taught in the home.

Properly educated men can insure the future peace of the world. But such an education must include an education in Christian principles of living, a training that begins at home. Inspired by the ideals of Christ, a Mother by her care, her words, and wise chastisements; a Father by his example and gentle discipline, can be and should be the principal teachers in a child's development. The lecturer in the classroom is only a limited guide. He can guide and direct in the subject which he has been trained to teach, only that and nothing more. He is associated with his pupil on an intellectual basis only a few hours a day for five days a week, whereas the character educators, the parents, have or should have their child under their guidance for a large part of the day, seven days a week.

If, as is the case in many of our American families, homelife is all but extinct, this all important home-training will be replaced by corner-drug-store training or pool hall training. In dealing with youths from such homes, school teachers are all but helpless.

In conclusion, we may admit that education is the way to peace and security, but it must be the education that begins in the home; it must needs be more than classroom learning; it must be a training based on solid Christian principles and parental example.

### Every Communist a Potential Enemy

Several months ago Francis Cardinal Spellman wrote a magazine article entitled "Do We Want A Soviet Peace?" in which he declared:

"Every Communist is a potential enemy of the United States and only the bat-blind can fail to be aware of the Communist invasion of our country."

Now comes Bernard M. Baruch, America's elder statesman who testified before the joint Congressional Atomic Energy Commission that he was certain Soviet Russia had obtained some highly secret information concerning our atom bomb.

Pointing up Cardinal Spellman's warning and Mr. Baruch's testimony are the disclosures by Igor Gouzenko, former cipher clerk in the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa, of actual efforts on the part of Russia to obtain, through an espionage network in the western hemisphere, infor-

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## Hollywood Tripe

Recently an article on acting appeared in this column the sum and theme of which was that, in life as on the stage a good actor really lives his part. He is true to life.

Most of the movies that emanate from Hollywood follow a very trite, stereotyped pattern. They often tend to the artificial, the untrue to life for that very reason. The fault lies not with the actors, who for the most part are capable and skillful in their roles, but with the hackneyed scenarios and stock characters that the producers continually foist on the public.

The movie producer, with both eyes on the box office receipts, tries to appeal to the largest number of movie-goers as possible in each movie. He strives to please ten year old Jack with the gun and fist fights of the West, as well as Sister Sue who loves tender episodes of romance. As a result, when he serves the public a watered-down film designed to appeal to young and old, he often pleases no one.

Let us take one example of a stock type of character that keeps recurring. Consider the hero of the an adventure story-say a story of the sea. A la Hollywood he is always big and handsome. Immaculately groomed, each lock of his hair falls gracefully into place. Never a speck of dandruff is to be seen on his brawny shoulder. Even when this hero finds himself in the most trying circumstances, the victim of a ship wreck and marooned on a desert isle for three months, to take a rather common example, his ragged clothes and bristling beard are noticeably planned and studied.

Whether the theme of the movie be medicine's discovery of an antitoxin for a deadly bacteria, or the discovery of the North Pole, Hollywood insists that there be a love interest. Even in the most desperate situations, a life or death struggle with fierce jungle beasts, or a daring escape from blood-thirsty pirates, the hero must take time out from his perils to court a fair young lady. If the setting of a movie were to show us a bewiskered scientist exploring the vast, barren wastes of Mars, Hollywood would so arrange it that there would be some romantic encroachments on his time.

We will not mention the intellectual content of most movies except to say that it is an established fact that Hollywood gears its productions to the average intellectual capacity of a twelve-year old.

Considering the tremendous and varied types of audience to which Hollywood must appeal, we acknowledge that their problem is difficult. But we do wish that they would not keep trotting out the same old plots, the same old characters and trying to disguise them in a wealth of unusual and picturesque settings, whether they be in the North Woods in winter or a South Sea island. We would appreciate something a bit more original.





## Baltic Scandinavian Society Elects New Officers

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Lithuanian Section of The Baltic Scandinavian Society of Washington, D. C. elected officers at its first meeting of the season on Sunday, January 19, 1947 at the home of Mrs. Helen V. Sinclair, 1916 T St., E. E.

Officers of the Section are: Anthony Rutkas of Chicago, Ill., chairman; Albert Deres of Worcester, Mass., first vice-chairman; L. J. Esunas of Washington, D. C., second vice-chairman; Miss Adela Bociulis of Burlington, N. J., treasurer; Mrs. Helen V. Sinclair of Washington, D. C., secretary.

Revised constitution and by-laws for the Section were read and adopted at this meeting. Policies likewise were proposed and adopted.

The Society held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 1947 in the lounge of the Y. W. C. A., 614 E Street, N. W.

There was a business meeting at which the Constitution of the Lithuanian Section was read and approved by the general membership. Motion was made and adopted to hold a banquet on Feb. 22, 1947 in celebration of George Washington's Birthday and in joint commemoration of Lithuanian and Estonian National Days which fall on Feb. 16 and Feb. 24 respectively.

A committee was appointed and has already selected the El Patio Restaurant, 711 13th St., N. W. as the place for the affair. Price for the banquet is \$2.50 per plate. Congressman Alvin E. O'Konski of Wisc., congressman Harold Hagan of Minn. and Mr. William Laukaitis, President of the Lithuanian National Alliance have accepted the invita-

tions to speak. An invitation has also been extended to Rev. Dr. Joseph B. Koncius to speak on displaced Baltic persons. Ministers from the Baltic Legations are expected to be present and will be called upon to make a few remarks. A program of entertainment and dancing will follow. Persons in Washington, D. C. and in other cities, who would want to attend, should get in touch with Mr. L. J. Esunas, 410 East Capitol St., Washington 2, D. C.

The Society had, as the speaker for its January meeting, Miss Margaret Bendix who was born in Denmark but came over when she was a small girl and settled in South Dakota. She attended the University of South Dakota and taught school in that state. At present, she is employed in one of the federal departments. She gave an interesting account about the country as she had visited Denmark during the past summer. Photographs of the country were passed around during the general discussion about that country.

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mation concerning not only the atom bomb but also defense plans of the United States and Canada against attack from the polar regions.

"Yesterday our allies, today our neighbors, tomorrow our enemies." That was the toast directed specifically at the United States, proposed by Colonel Zabotin, then chief of Soviet military intelligence forces in Canada at an embassy celebration on V-J Day, according to an article in the February issue of Cosmopolitan magazine by Gouzenko, whose disclosures of Soviet espionage in the western hemisphere rocked the diplomatic world.

Relating Russia's efforts to obtain the secrets of the atom bomb, Gouzenko declares:

"I heard no mention of the hope of international control of the atom bomb. All the higher ranking officers said the same thing: 'Now that the Americans have invented it, we must steal it.'"

Soviet Russia has shown a definitely intransigent attitude in the United Nations organization toward any proposals to control the use of atom bombs.

In view of Mr. Baruch's testimony before the Congressional Committee, considered in the light of the Gouzenko disclosures which have already resulted in the conviction and imprisonment of nine persons, with more to come, isn't it high time we stop coddling the apologists for Russia, look the facts squarely in the face so we can act accordingly, and realize the truth of Cardinal Spellman's forthright statement that:

"Every Communist is a potential enemy of the United States, and only the bat-blind can fail to be aware of the Communist invasion of our country."

### THE LITHUANIANS

by A. D. Yuknis



**JOE PLATAK**

domination ended abruptly in 1942 when he joined the United States Navy.

**JOE (Platakis) PLATAK** was National A. A. U. handball champion for seven consecutive years (1935-1941). He was the first handball player to develop a style whereby he was able to play as well with his left hand as well as with his right. He was to handball what Bobby Jones was to golf — or what Ty Cobb was to baseball. Platak's

### New Engineer

CHICAGO. — Illinois Tech held its mid-year commencement exercises Jan. 29 at the Museum of Industry and Science and among those receiving diplomas was a Chicagoan, Joseph Banky-Bankevičius, who received a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering.

This degree is a result of a special fellowship given Mr. Banky by the Allis-Chalmers Co. of West Allis, Wis., where Joe has been employed since 1943. This fellowship was the first of its kind offered by the company. Mr. Banky, who received his B. S. from Ill. Tech in 1943, as part of his graduate work, specialized in the operation of the A-C Network Calculator at which he is now considered a specialist.

Mr. Banky was born in Chicago and received his education at Providence of God parochial school, Quigley prep and Ill. Tech. He is an active member of the parish choir and finds considerable time for Lith. activities. He is also a member of the following organizations: Eta Kappa Nu (Honorary Electrical Fraternity); American Electrical Society of Engineers, Allis-Chalmers Engineering



**Joseph Banky**

Society, Milwaukee Engineers' Society, is a Registered Engineer of the State of Illinois. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bankevičius, are members of Providence of God parish. He also has another brother John Banky and a sister Anne (Mrs. M. Bludgen), both residing in Chicago.

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## New Mundelein K of C Council Launches Membership Drive

CHICAGO. — As previously announced, a new Knights of Columbus council has been formed in the Marquette Park district. It has been formally approved and named the Cardinal Mundelein Council. The last meeting, held at the Nativity of B. V. M. parish hall, was addressed by the Honourable Michael J. Howlett, Supreme Director; Frank J. Small, District Deputy and Richard Phillips, K of C Athletic Com. Director.

The acting organizing committee consists of: Rev. S. Petrauskas, honorary chairman; attorney Joseph Grish, temporary chairman; Bruno Razminas, temporary secretary; Dr. J. Simonaitis, Felix Waisnoras, Anthony Petkus, John Evans, Gus King, Joseph Mozeris, Lt. Wm. Balzwick, Dr. Ray Bartz, Anthony Lapinskas, Anthony Paukstis and John A. Skelly, organizers.

These officers, organizers and their associates are doing there utmost to make this new council one of the strongest and outstanding. A special effort is being made to attract Lithuanian K of C members, although persons of all nationalities are most welcome, too. Plans are now being made to inaugurate a so-called "Charter Class", which will receive degrees on March 15th at the Father Perez Council. In order to make this "charter class" applications must be in before Feb. 16th. Applications may be made at council headquarters: 6820 S. Washtenaw ave., or with any of the above-mentioned organizers.

The Knights of Columbus are a mighty organization of Catholic laymen which has greatly influenced and revitalized Catholic way of life throughout the Western hemisphere. Today, almost 700,000 Knights of Columbus in over 2,500 councils in the United States, Canada, Newfoundland,

Alaska, Mexico, Cuba and Puerto Rico are carrying on the ideals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Membership in the K of C's gives one a most opportune chance to think, will and work for the cause so dear to our Holy Father: to restore all things in Christ. They are known throughout the world for their countless good works, always quick and generous in their response to appeals for assistance in the alleviation of human suffering. They are ever responsive in the support of every worthy charitable and humanitarian cause. The Knights of Columbus have already spent over one hundred million dollars in furthering Catholic education, endowing Catholic institutions and promoting and zealously defending the cause of God and country. This is in addition to the many millions of dollars paid to the needy families of deceased members.

Every Catholic should avail himself of every opportunity to become a Knight of Columbus. Entering the ranks of this organization will be one of the most inspiring experiences of a lifetime. Join the Cardinal Mundelein Council. You still have time to make the "Charter Class". Send in your application to: 6820 S. Washtenaw Ave. or any of the above-mentioned organizing members.

John A. Skelly.

## Gov. Dwight Green Endorses Brotherhood Week, Feb. 16 to 23

The annual nationwide observance of Brotherhood Week, sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, will take place this year February 16 to 23. The slogan for this occasion is "Brotherhood-Pattern for Peace".

The peoples of many nations, struggling to win justice, equality, and invidual liberty around the conference tables of the world, look to America for leadership and guidance.

We can furnish no better example for them than the establishment of brotherhood among the people of the various religious faiths and racial heritages in our own country.

Americans of all faiths and races fought shoulder to shoulder to win the war. The problems of peace call for the same teamwork.

Now, therefore, I, Dwight H. Green, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim February 16 to 23 of the present year as Brotherhood Week throughout Illinois and warmly commend the appropriate observance of the occasion.

## RED ROASTERS

By Robert Ball

The two biggest enemies of humanity are: 1) Bolsheviks, who gang up to mobilize criminal elements in order to rob, to enslave and murder millions of decent people, and 2) Anti-vivisectionists, who protect dogs from medical laboratories so, that millions of babies would die. Both are fanatical perverts, and both are dangerous.

There are no Labor Union bosses and there are no strikes in red Russia. But there are 30 million slaves, actually kept under guards in Russian labor camps. Those slaves are starved, and beaten to work, and treated worse than dogs until they die from exhaustion.

Some "friends" of the working class are those bolsheviks, eh?

Abraham Lincoln, the Great President of the United States, abolished slavery in America in 1864. Since then, freedom reigns in our blessed America.

And in Russia, bloody bolsheviks established slavery. Freedom of press, freedom of speech, freedom of worshipping God, and all freedoms are abolished there. Eternal fear, starvation and despair is blooming in "pinko's paradise."

Would you like to exchange American life for Russian "paradise"? How about it, Joe Sacal?

Bolsheviks have no atomic bomb in their hands. That is just too bad, comrade Sacal. And I wonder why many Lithuanian communists like to live and roam around the vicinities where atomic bombs are hatching?..

Well, Uncle Sam is detaining comrade Gerhard Eisler, alias Hans Berger, alias "Edwards" for sniffing too much about atomic bomb matters. Do you think there are no "Eislers" amongst those that call themselves "Lithuanian communists"? Yes, every communist has a peculiar proboscis, that will curve in any direction and sniffle anything that Moscow desires...

## Catholic U. Commended For Stand Against Sports Subsidies

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Under the caption "Morals vs Football" the Philadelphia Record, one of the leading secular newspapers of the East, in an editorial commended The Catholic University of America for its decision to hold staunchly to the amateur character of college football and not subsidize players.

Athletic Director Edmund LaFond of Catholic University recently announced that football will be resumed at the University next year, but only teams of the Mason-Dixon conference colleges and universities will be scheduled for games. More than 85 candidates for football already have registered with Director LaFond for next year's team.

The text of the Record editorial follows: —

"Our congratulations to Catholic University, of Washington, D. C., for its declaration that it will not subsidize football players.

Sooner or later there must be an end to the practice of camouflaging professional football as an amateur college sport.

We send our sons and daughters to universities and colleges for something more than book learning. We want to develop their characters, a keen appreciation of truth, honor and justice.

The university puts on its

most dramatic show, the big football game, with players who are paid by subterfuge, in plain contradiction of the high principles which we want our youth to believe are fundamental to right living.

We refuse to accept this dishonest system as a tradition hallowed by years of practice.

Nothing which is morally wrong can ever be practically right.

Of course it is great fun for the American public to go to football games. The present dramatic spectacles put on by the big teams could not be performed by amateurs. But the crowds can enjoy professional football as they do professional baseball.

The money raised by big football games is useful to the universities in supporting their less profitable sports.

May Catholic U., set the standard for ALL American universities."