Chicago Plans Gala Commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day

Amalgamated Hall, Ashland and Van Buren, to be scene of celebration — Program, featuring concert and guest 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, hmm?

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 Algirdas Drausis our Civic Opera star, and Mrs. A. Pienas as soloists. The "Birutës" 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 at a swinging and sauntering right with us; and don’t forget to bring the boy friends and girl friends. Let them in on the good things too!

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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 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, Mr. Simutis Jr.; but we are always on the lookout for more members, especially MEN — now girls we also need you, too.

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Rehearsals are every Tuesday evening at 8:00 o’clock, at the K. of L. Youth Center, 2438 W. 47th St. So here’s hoping to seeing you and you-or yes, and you too, down some Tuesday evening.
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 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 classroom education a "cure-all"? Does the fact that American college, 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 learnin'" can make a man respect the rights of his fellow men. The kind of learning that will achieve this end is training 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, 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 over 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, inform..
Friday, February 14, 1947

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'Konsky of Wisc., congressman Harold Hagan of Minn. and Mr. William Lautukaitis, President of the Lithuanian National Alliance have accepted the invitation.

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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. Platakis when he joined the United States Navy.

New Engineer

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

This degree is a result of a 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 Corporation; 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.

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Society, Milwaukee Engineers' Society, is a Registered Engineer of the State of Illinois. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bankevicius, 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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HINSDALE, ILL.
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 Supreme Knight, Michael J. Hewlett, Supreme Director; Frank J. Small, District Deputy and Richard Phillips, K of C Athletic Com. Director.

The acting organizing committee consists of: Rev. S. Petruna, honorary chairman; attorney Joseph Grish, temporary chairman; Bruno Rzazma, temporary secretary; Dr. J. Simonaitis, Felix Wainoras, Anthony Petkus, John Evans, Gus King, Joseph Mozeris, Lt. Wm. Balswick, Dr. Ray Hartz, Anthony Lapinakas, Anthony Paukaitis and John A. Skelley, 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. 15th. Applications may be made at council headquarters 6820 S. Washington Ave., or within any of the above-mentioned organizers.

The Knights of Columbus are a mighty organization of Catholic laymen which has greatly influenced and revitalized Catholic life throughout the Western Hemisphere. Today, almost 7,000,000 Knights of Columbus are in over 2,500 councils in the United States, Canada, Newfoundland, Alaska, Mexico, Cuba and Puerto Rico.

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 individual 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.