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FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 1946

AN OPEN LETTER

To All Stout-Hearted Lithuanians

(This letter was sent to one of our contributors Miss Frances M. Siedlik, Shenandoah, Pa., but since it is addressed to all AMERICAN-LITHUANIAN minded persons, we think it can bear public print. Editor).

Dear Miss Siedlik,

Today I am celebrating the fifth anniversary of my entry to the United States, by writing to you, one of the few youthful fighters for a just and true peace not only for the land of your birth, America, but also for the land of your forefathers, LITHUANIA.

I hope GOD will help me be a good citizen here in the United States and also enable me to help Lithuania which along with other nations has given many good citizens to the U. S. A. Citizens and patriots who helped build this country of freedom. The Lithuanians' love of freedom and hate of tyranny, and their searching for justice, brought them to America. They fought with the Poles, French and others aside of General George Washington, General Kosciuszko, and General Pulaski. They all fought for the same, **FREEDOM AND JUSTICE!**

Speaking of past history, let us remember the first Latin professor in New York, Professor Curtius, who helped form the minds of the future scholars and scientists of the U. S. A. Among the builders of the American democracy let us remember the miners, ship and railway builders and workers, the sweating people in the stock yards and forests. You will not find their names in "WHO'S WHO", or in the BLUE BOOKS of society, but one cannot deny that without their efforts, progress of a great land as this of AMERICA, could not have been realized!

It is because of the weakness of some of the foreigners, who came and wished to forget their parentage that they began to avoid mentioning their fatherlands and changed their names, forgetting all the traditions and cultural background of their forefathers.

In church today, while seeing the Lithuanian flag aside of that of the Church, I realised that not many young people of Lithuanian descent know the hardships their ancestors encountered to keep those colors alive and flying.

It was about 105 years before Columbus discovered America, that Lithuania accepted Christianity. VYTAUTAS, the GREAT, who

died in 1430, himself translated the PATER NOSTER into the Lithuanian language. Seeing that flag should remind the youth as well as their elders that like the flag of Poland it should recall to them how many people died for freedom and religion because of modern barbarian neighbors. How people were sent into exile thousands of miles from home because they preached from Lithuanian prayer books! That was during prohibition of the Lithuanian press, 1863 to 1905.

Prayer books were printed elsewhere and brought to Lithuania by the BOOK-CARRIERS, and this name among the Lithuanians was considered an honor. They brought the books secretly because if caught by the Russian police, the book-carriers suffered great punishment. An underground school kept and revived the Lithuanian spirit and they never gave up hope.

During the time of the prohibition of books many Lithuanians went to Poland to study and write, fearing to be Lithuanians because if caught by the KOZAKS they would be punished; so they claimed to be Polish. Thus today, many quarrel about the outstanding men which both countries claim to be of their own descent. This is because as now Russia invaded Lithuania and those people escaping studied elsewhere, such as Poland, wrote in that language and fought for the Polish cause similar to their own, and thus became considered Poles, although they actually were Lithuanian.

Therefore, we should study the History of Lithuania and find the reasons for doubts in the minds of the Lithuanians and Poles. Today, many colleges teaching Lithuanian are finding that it is one of the oldest living languages in the world. As in the past, they are teach-

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JUNE WEDDING



Chicago Doctor Becomes a Priest

By Stanley Pieza
(Chicago Herald - American
Religious Editor)

He served his fellowmen as a physician, now he will serve their spiritual needs.

That's the career of Dr. Anthony G. Rakauskas of Chicago, who gave up his profession of a doctor to become a Roman Catholic priest.

Rare in the Church's history, the formerly well-known physician and a graduate of Northwestern University, was ordained for the Pittsburgh diocese by



Rev. A. G. Rakauskas

Bishop Hugh Boyle last Sunday.

He will say his first solemn Mass Sunday morning, June 23, at the Nativity of B. V. M. church, 68th St. and Washtenaw Ave., and on the following day he will celebrate Mass in the Holy

Cross chapel, 69th and California Ave. He was a staff physician of Holy Cross Hospital for many years.

Rarer still in the Church's history is the fact that he was a married man. His wife, a noted singer of Chicago, died in 1938. There were no children.

He was born in Lithuania and came to the United States in 1914.

Karwales Joins Up With Chicago Bears

Jack Karwales, former University of Michigan end, has signed to play with the Chicago Bears of the National Football League, Owner-Coach George Halas announced last night.

Karwales, who served nearly four years in the Army Air Forces, played with the 3rd Air Force eleven in 1944.

Jack is a Chicagoan and hails from W. Side, where he is a member of Our Lady of Vilna Lithuanian parish.

J. Sharkey Rescues Family From Fire

NEWTON, MASS. — Jack Sharkey, a Lithuanian, and former heavyweight boxing champ of the world, rescued a family of four from a burning building here on June 11th.

LITHUANIA UNDER SOVIET RULE

By: The Observer

For the first time in a long while the truth was told about the Baltic countries in a public utterance when on June 5th Mr. Winston Churchill addressed the British House of Commons. This is something quite new, especially for Mr. Churchill who was the chief actor in sentencing these nations to death, and only on March 15th in his speech at the Waldorf Astoria in New York he stressed that the Baltic republics "have been reintegrated in Russia" as a legitimate Soviet war booty. Could it be that suddenly bad conscience is haunting the wartime British Prime Minister? This is hard to guess. It seems more probable however, that in this as in many other problems he is belatedly realizing the tragic mistakes of his past policy, and as a man seeking to assure his place in history, he tries now to extricate himself from responsibility for old plunders.

It is not only the Russian "iron curtain" that covers up to-day the Baltic countries from an outside world. An international conspiracy of silence conceals from democratic public opinion the true fate of these once free and now rapidly sovietized small nations.

Let us take for instance Lithuania, almost a hundred per cent Catholic country living now for six years alternately under a Nazi and Soviet godless yoke. Well informed Lith. sources assert that until today 20% of the 2.8 million prewar population of Lithuania has perished. This is quite a serious proportion considering that Lithuania was neutral in the war and was simply invaded and exterminated by her two powerful neighbors. Just since the "liberation" by the Red Army in the summer of 1944, 50,000 Lithuanians have been forcibly deported to Siberia. Many Americans of Lithuanian origin are receiving messages about their families performing slave labor somewhere in Archangielsk, Vokuta or other parts of Asiatic Russia. People disappear and after some time in prison are deported eastward.

There is scarce information coming from Lithuania today. Considered a Soviet republic and a part of the Soviet Union, it is cut off from outside world and sovietized according to the general communist pattern. Even communist papers from abroad are forbidden in Lithuania, lest some outside information should penetrate into the country. The so-called government of Soviet Lithuania is of course one hundred per cent communist and many of its members are Russians who assumed Lithuanian names. An interesting example is that the foreign minister of that regime is a former official of the Soviet consulate in New York, Paul Rotomskis.

As in all countries under Russian control, the regime claims that there is no persecution of religion. Nevertheless, teaching of religion in schools is forbidden and is conducted underground. Priests are being imprisoned and reported under the charge of collaboration with the anti-communist Partisans. Churches are open, always crowded, and religious life is very intense.

The real rulers of the country are the Red Army and the NKVD security police. Opposition among the population against its communist masters is so strong, however, that NKVD patrols are afraid to stay in isolated villages lest they be assassinated. Many city and village officials have resigned their posts fearing popular resentment. An accepted method of uncovering the Lithuanian Partisans is that the body of an executed patriot is exposed for a few days in a public square or church yard until the family recognizes and mourns the dead hero. Members of the family are subsequently arrested and confessions about other accomplices extorted.

Lithuania is very intensely russified and the Russian language is obligatory in all schools. Over one hundred thousand Russians from far away Soviet provinces have been brought into the country to assure a quicker merger with the rest of the Soviet Union. All young men have been forced into the Red Army, so that Lithuania is today a country of old men, women and children. The nation is heavily garrisoned with Red troops, some of the divisions being called Lithuanian. In these divisions only enlisted men and noncommissioned officers are Lithuanians, from second lieutenant up everybody is Russian.

REAL UNIONS — OR SLAVERY

It is just and proper that the laboring man would be protected from the power of money that in many cases makes the laborer a slave. In our day it seems that the Unions are the best means of granting this protection, for in the Unions the shop worker and truck driver gain the means to bargain and a power for action they never had before.



Yet it is not proper that these Unions being good in themselves, should fall under the rule of un-American and un-Christian men, that is men who are not willing to look at both sides of a question and try to render justice to both parties, but rather men who desire to control the working man himself and the whole country also.

In other words, they do not want the Unions to help the individual man as the Union was intended to do in its formation, but they want the Union to be master of the laborer and the laborer the slave of the Union regardless of any question of justice or any other moral question. This is the case, however, of not all but many of the Unions today. And this is so because these Unions are controlled by un-American, un-Christian men.

Unions thus controlled lose their real purpose because they have cast their lot with a foreign power that is opposed to everything American and Christian. And this power is Communist Russia. Has Russia helped her own laborers and shown them their dignity as Christ intended laborers should be dignified? Ask some of our brothers and friends that have met the Russian soldiers and workers in Ger-

many and Poland. They will tell you what Communism has done for these men. The Russian soldiers may have won battles but they could not do it with their weapons. They needed our help. The Russian soldiers may have liberated parts of Germany from the Nazis, but they have filled the land with theft and injustice. Russian soldiers were separated from our men because our brothers and friends were so much better off that Russia feared and still fears that those who lived under the Communist rule would become dissatisfied with their slavery and their lot which is almost barbaric. This is not just talk. It is the story our men tell who have seen the product of Communism, the product of those men who want to run our Unions.

Are we then going to let our Unions that are for the good of the worker fall into the hands of these Communists who have not been able to help themselves and are now foolish enough to try to bring their folly upon us? Or are we, as good Americans and God fearing people, going to take in hand our own problem and make and keep our Unions the truly American thing they started out to be? It is the task of the individual worker and he must not fail.

FRIENDSHIP

Author unknown

I would rather have one Little Flower
From the garden of My Friend,
Than have the choicest blossoms
When my stay on earth must end.

I would rather have a few kind words
That may now be said to me,
Than tears shed around my casket
When life has ceased to be.

I would rather have one Loving Smile
From Friends I know are true,
Than flowers laid around my chapel
When I bid this earth adieu.

So give me all your flowers today,
Whether pink or white or red.
I would rather have one blossom now,
Than a truckload, after I'm dead.

Such is the fate of a Catholic country that was not long ago free and proud of its achievements in national rebirth. Today as in the past the Lithuanian priests are the true spiritual and patriotic leaders of the nation. Thus once again the Catholic church keeps the spirit of an enslaved nation alive and is its sole hope of rescue after mistakes of statesmen condemned it to death.

IN AND AROUND

K of L CIRCLES

K of L'ERS PLAN FOR RECORD OUTING

The Committee on Arrangements is leaving no stones unturned to make this year's traditional K of L Day on July 4th at Vytautas Park the greatest ever.

Besides the scrupulous attention being given to provide sufficient and the best in the way of food and refreshments, special efforts are being spent to provide oncomers with interesting entertainment.

The main attraction will be the K of L Chorus, which will render new and popular Lithuanian folk songs. For the sport minded, there will be a tussling softball game between the stalwarts of Cicero's council and the huskies from out Marquette Park way. For those wishing to swing and sway to the tunes of heavenly music, there will be on hand a first rate orchestra to do the honors. We promise dance lovers a real treat.

The King of Pranks and his "100 imps" have given warning that they'll be in there pitching to make things gay and lively for all — young and old. And who doesn't enjoy a manly tug-o-war, or a potato sack race? Did you say you'd rather bowl? There'll be just the spot for you at the modern bowling pavilion.

And for the grand finale — six grand prizes to six lucky winners: \$100 in silver, an eye-catching gold wrist watch, a Rogers silverware set, a Parker "51" pen and pencil set, \$15 and \$10 in cash.

For the time of your life, mark your calendar for the ANNUAL K OF L DAY, JULY 4th, at VYTAUTAS PARK, 115th and Crawford Avenue.

THIS AND THAT FROM THE

The Lithuanian University Club

It's initiation time again in the Lithuanian University Club. Things are all set to "give the works" to eight unsuspecting new members at the **Initiation Banquet and Ceremony** to be held at **Roberts' Farm on June 29th.**

Members have already gotten all details, but if any non-members wish to join in the fun, contact **Ellen Skirmont, 5493 S. Cornell, Fairfax 1247** not later than Saturday, June 22nd, to make your reservation. The ceremony itself can be witnessed only by regular members, but anyone else is welcome to partake of the dinner and of the after-math of dancing, hilarity, etc.

At Wednesday's meeting at International House, members pledged themselves to have a little inter-club drive for canned food, so badly needed by Lithuanian refugees in Europe. Members are urged to bring their contributions on the night of the Banquet.

The Club has received a very interesting letter from **Mr. Robert Riggle, UNRRA** Director of the Baltic University which minutely explains the organization and operation of the University in Hamturg. The problems of refugee students can really be appreciated after reading Mr. Riggle's story. More about that next week.

Now that definite contact has been established with the Universtiy, books collected within the last two

months will be forwarded. A special thanks to our largest contributors: **Mrs. N. Gugis, Messrs. C. A. Janish, Arthur Tumosa, K. Liutkus, W. V. Mankus.**

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Congressman Cannon bawled. That's a joke, son!"—*Senator Claghorn.*

"Fill up the back, folks. Act like you're in church!"—*Chattanooga, Tenn., bus driver to crowding passengers.*

"You might consider I'm from both Wisconsin and Tennessee."—*New Secy. of Interior J. A. Krug, asked for his "home State."*

"Both production and employment must be retarded while the OPA fiddles with prices."—*Pres. Robert R. Wason, Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers.*

"We are sick and tired of government of the CIO, by the CIO, for the CIO."—*Three members of Clarkesville, Ga., OPA price panel, resigning.*

"Things are hot enough in Washington—without going any farther South."—*President Truman, postponing Florida vacation.*

PRAYER TO A "LITTLE NUN"



In the chapel of the Mother Cabrini High School, in New York, where this picture was made, a little girl prays before the statue of the "Little Nun" Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini, who will become the first U. C. citizen-saint, on July 7, when she will be canonized at St. Peter's Basilica. Three other persons will be raised to the altar of sainthood at the same ceremony. Mother Cabrini, who died in Chicago in 1917 is buried in New York, and was beatified in 1938. She was the foundress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. INP-(NC Photos)

Local Delegates To Attend Mother Cabrini Ceremonies

Six priests from the Chicago area will participate officially in the sanctification ceremonies of Mother Cabrini in Rome on July 7.

Three will leave Municipal Airport today as representatives of Cardinal Stritch and the Catholic Church of the Chicago archdiocese.

They are the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George J. Casey, vicar-general of the archdiocese; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Frederick E. Hillenbrand, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Evanston; the Rev. Donald Masterson, assistant at Holy Name Cathedral.

One week later they will be followed by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William A. O'Connor, director of the Catholic Charities of the archdiocese; the Rev. Harold Sieger,

professor of Quigley Preparatory Seminary, and the Rev. Ernest J. Primeau, assistant at Our Lady of Grace Church.

Father Primeau will remain in Rome as the new rector of the College of St. Mary of the Lake there.

Other groups attending the ceremonies will include clergy, nuns and members of the laity.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Aristeo V. Simoni, vice-postulator of the sanctification of Mother Cabrini, will leave for Rome today.

Msgr. Simoni served as an Army chaplain during World Wars I and II and was decorated for extraordinary valor.

The Rev. Thomas Ferrazi, O. S. M., pastor of the Assumption Church, Orleans and Franklin sts., where Mother Cabrini worshipped and worked, will also attend the ceremonies.

A number of nuns of her order, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, will be present.

DID YOU KNOW -

Did You Know, that Comiskey Park is absolutely ideal, and puts left handed and right handed batters on parity, because it is the only symmetrical park in the American League.

Did You Know, that the largest crowd ever to attend a regular A. L. Championship afternoon game at Comiskey Park was during the double-header with New York on June 18, 1933. The attendance was 52,494.

Talking It Over

Blood of Sacrifice

Life is a man's most cherished, most personal possession. That is why the severest penalty that a human court of justice can inflict upon a man is to deprive him of that human life of his. That is why the freely-offered sacrifice of a man's life to save another has always been a mark of the deepest friendship. "Greater love than this no man hath, that a man lay down his life for his friend".

That is why blood, coursing impetuously through the veins, or flowing extravagantly from a wound, — blood, that means the difference between a cold, stiff corpse and a living, breathing man has always symbolized human life.

On a Friday afternoon over nineteen hundred years ago a Man was dying a criminal's torturous death by crucifixion. The ground all around was splattered with His blood. Death had hardly closed His eyes when a soldier jabbed a lance into His side to draw from His heart the last drop of His life-giving blood.

Some people think that execution on Calvary was just another event in the history of the Roman Empire, another criminal made to pay the price of his crimes by giving his life. We know that Man on the cross was the world's Redeemer, freely pouring out His blood to make up to God for the crimes of men, His brothers, and to win for them peace. "Greater love than this..."

Not long ago throughout the world a fierce war raged, brought on by the crimes of men. Even as we prayed God for victory we knew that as individuals and as a nation we ourselves were not entirely without blame. We had to offer God a sacrifice of blood as punishment for the crimes of men, with a prayer that He in return would be merciful, accept our sacrifice, and give us lasting peace.

War means blood — the sacrifice of human lives! In this war everyone has had in some way to give his blood to be poured onto the altar of sacrifice for the world's salvation and peace. The wounded and dying soldier literally gave his precious life-blood. The soldier who braved the dangers and horrors of the battlefield, ready if need be to shed his

blood, gave the blood of his labors, fatigue, and hardships. Those of us not privileged actually to fight and shed our blood in battle could give some of it to save the life of a soldier. Everyone offered the blood of sweat and tears by accepting the inconveniences, privations, heartbreaks, and sorrows that accompany war, in the spirit of generous sacrifice.

The war is over now, but peace has not yet come. How tragic it would be if all the blood that has been spilled were to be shed only to sate the false gods of War, Greed, and Hate. Then all that blood would be shed in vain — and we who did it would be murderers.

But it need not be in vain. For most of us the sacrifice of blood continues in the scars and wounds of the battlefield, in the heartaches and loss of those who will never return. This prolonged agony we can accept with a prayer on our lips that God will wipe all blood from the earth and bless it with true peace.

For it is not the mere blood of the sacrifice that counts — it is the desire to give what that blood means, to give our lives for our friends, our fellow-men, — to make up to God for the crimes of men, to win for all forgiveness and a lasting peace of justice and charity among all men of all nations.

(OPEN LETTER from p. 1) ing languages, history and economics in addition to the professional branches. Taking the lead to save the world, America has to have educated people interested in world wide affairs and broad thinking minds, to come to any sort of final peace agreements.

I am writing this, not having met you but only knowing your brave stand for a just peace through your writings in the papers. I wish that you yourself would keep up this wonderful work and encourage others to do the same, for it is through young, and active minds, full of bravery and courage, that we can hope for any sort of freedom for Lithuania, the land of our forefathers.

I wish to thank not only you in this letter, but all the other American-Lithuanian youth who are seeking to



PLANTING OF THE CLASS TREE on the grounds was completed at the College of St. Francis, Joliet, by officers of the senior class, as Peggy Fitzgerald (l.), vicepresident, placed the plaque. Looking on are (l. to r.) Lucille Augulis, treasurer; Enna Louise Louis, secretary, and Helena Weigand, president. His Eminence, Samuel Cardinal A. Stsitch, Archbishop of Chicago conferred degrees. (New World Photo).

RUSSIA'S CONVERSION SEEN

AS ONLY HOPE FOR PEACE

LONDON. — The Bishops of Scotland have issued a statement in which they described the persecution in East Europe as "perhaps surpassing in ferocity anything known in the days of Nero", and declared that no lasting peace was possible without Russia's conversion.

"As members of Christ's mystical Body, the faithful in those regions brave the right to look to us for aid and above all for the assistance of our prayers," the Bishops declared. "The prayers directed by Leo XIII to be said after Low Masses are being offered for the conversion of Russia.

"Without the conversion of Russia, no lasting peace is possible. The establishment of peace is further affected by the immense danger of world famine. If this year's crop fails, the condi-

help their land and that of their ancestors. Along with myself are also other refugees for whom I am writing this letter. Accept our heart-filled gratitude!

I wish you all the success in your undertakings and all the other American-Lithuanian youth working for the same Cause!

I remain,
Gratefully yours,
An American-Lithuanian
Patriot

tions of the displaced peoples in Europe, who are already suffering acutely, become positively tragic. Much depends on the next few months".

The Bishops have ordered special prayers after every Low Mass to implore peace for the world.

Lith. Consul's Wife
Addresses Women

CHICAGO. — Mrs. Peter Dauzvardis, wife of the Lithuanian consul in Chicago, spoke on, "Lithuanian Lore", at 11 a. m. June 19 before the Chicago Woman's club in the Fine Arts building.

Mrs. Dauzvardis, who was a member of the Red Cross Speakers' bureau for five years, appeared in costume. Following the program there was an afternoon of cards in the lounge. Mrs. Charles J. Farwell, chairman of summer activities, was in charge of arrangements.

'Taint Funny! McE.

DETROIT. — The AFL Painters Union demanded that Alfred J. McEnhill, 65, who was painting his own home here, either join the union or hire a union painter. McEnhill refused, and the union began picketing his house.

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