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## WHAT DOES HAVING "ROOTS" MEAN?

"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses  
Yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of  
Your teeming shore."

*From an inscription on the Statue of Liberty*

What do you mean wretched refuse? You can't talk about my grandparents that way!

With the current interest in family roots, the answer to the above lines seems quite reasonable. No one likes to have one's ancestral lines described as refuse. Your name is as important to you as your extremities. It serves to identify you as an individual, different from the rest of the world. It gives you a sense of security. Let us suppose you have decided to trace your roots. You have contacted all your known living relatives, visited and/or corresponded with various Lithuanian fraternal groups and immigration authorities. Any further checking can be done only in Lithuania. Since the total Lithuanian population of the world is small, you should be able to trace yourself back quite far. You may or may not be lucky. Many records were destroyed by the conflicts throughout Europe in which Lithuania, unfortunately, always played a role. Yet, most church records are still intact.

So, now you know that you belong to part of the nobility or, perhaps, to peasant stock (it is possible, you know). Now what? What do all those names mean? Unless you have taken an interest in their lives, all you have is a long list of names. Does that help to identify you? Of course not! Only by delving into their heritage, seeing what kind of lives they led, what roles they played in history, can you put yourself into proper perspective. In part, you can understand it all better by visiting Lithuania, and seeing, tasting the flavor of life there. However, a few days or weeks cannot impart a full picture. Among other things, movement in Lithuania is restricted, it is not independent, it is an occupied country. So, can you get a true life picture? Besides, you will have to leave sooner or later. All those feelings and moments with which you begin to identify (understand your make-up) will become distant memory, unless you decide to become an "ethnic" back home.

What for? — you may ask. I don't have to reaffirm constantly what kind of person I am! Why should I belong to the Lithuanian community? Ah, the sad fact is, that we all, in one shape or form, belong to groups or affiliations, whether we realize it or not. We are college students, engineers, artists; we belong to a certain section of town; we are male or female; we are vanilla ice-cream lovers, etc.... Being a member of a group we take on the aspects of that particular group. We are sometimes forced to conform with others: the nine-to-five job, mode of dress, regulations, etc. We fulfill our given functions better that way. Yet, we can enjoy the benefits derived from belonging to groups: a college degree, a weekly paycheck, your candidate winning the election. We can also use group strength in obtaining things that we personally need: striking with others for better conditions or higher pay, group dis-

counts on products, services, or travel.

However, such affiliations are not necessarily what we are seeking, nor self-rewarding. Therefore, we seek to find ourselves through relaxation or self-induced projects. Here is where being "ethnic" and understanding one's self can really come into play. I'm not saying participation in a Lithuanian community can equal living in Lithuania as our forefathers did. But the **flavor** is there. Flavoring enough to make you understand what it is to be Lithuanian. What does it mean to come from Lithuanian stock? This question is answered in part. Participation also does not mean it has to be dry and superficial. True, if you want to know more about Lithuania, be it history, language, literature, art, etc., you can buy the many books that have been written. But, much of the reasoning behind an idea lies with the interaction of the thinker, his environment, and his **contact** with it. Unless you have contact with Lithuanians, your perspectives won't be Lithuanian.

Lithuanians, never being numerous, maintained close ties; thus, the feeling of family can and does go beyond blood relations. In a sense, the Lithuanian community acts like a large family. To be sure, there are good and bad "relatives," but one can always sort of "feel at home" among other Lithuanians. There are the advantages that come with belonging to the community as well. Travel to any part of the country, and you can fit right into the style of life there by contacting your Lithuanian "brother" who lives there. You can meet many different types of people. The larger Lithuanian functions attract people from all the professions. You can meet a doctor one minute and a laborer the next. Or, if you have a special interest or hobby, there are all sorts of clubs and groups that will cater to your needs. All in all, participate, and you will come away with a Lithuanian view. That view can help you to understand your ancestors — and yourself.

If any reader needs assistance in contacting a group, please write the editors of BRIDGES. We will furnish the information needed.

VYTAUTAS JURGĖLA

### THE CAUSE OF LIBERTY

According to UPI and AFP communiques, on April 12 firebombs were thrown at offices of two Franco-Soviet organizations, less than 24 hours after the Soviet Foreign Minister protested to France over such "piratical acts." The front door of the France-USSR Friendship Association offices near the Palais Royal gardens was slightly damaged while extensive damage was caused in the blast at the Editions de Moscou publishing house. The **firebombs** caused damage but no injuries. The Paris police said anonymous telephone calls shortly after the attacks said they had been carried out by the **Action Front for the Liberation of Baltic Countries**. The callers warned that "other attacks would follow." In all probability, the bombings were either Soviet provocations or the work of extreme groups. A.M.B.

### POLITICAL ACTIONS

The **Lithuanian American Council (ALT)** recently formed a number of **working committees** to prepare long-

range and short-range plans for its various political functions. The following officers of ALT were designated to head these special committees: Political Affairs — Dr. K. Šidlauskas; Public Affairs — T. Blinstrubas; Local Chapters — J. Talandis; Finances — J. Skorubskas; Youth — Miss O. Barškietis, Legal — Dr. V. Šimaitis; Information — Rev. J. Prunskis; Secretariat — Rev. A. Stašys; and Headquarters Administration — J. Talandis. The Chief Coordinator of these special committees, as well as chairman of the Committee on Governmental Relations is Dr. Kazys Bobelis. A.M.B.

Anthony Mažeika of the Public Affairs Council of Bendruomenė recently took the **National Geographic Society** to task concerning the advertisement of the special publication **Journey Across Russia: The Soviet Union Today**. Mr. Mažeika admonished: "We firmly suggest that National Geographic carefully address itself in this special edition to current critical questions regarding human rights and self-determination issues in the Baltic States." Bart McDowell, Assistant Editor of the **National Geographical Magazine** in his April 25 reply, disclosed among other things, the following information: "The book makes quite clear the conditions under which we worked, the surveillance,

the inhibiting presence of official guides, the lack of access to some people and subjects, the contrivances of being shown Potemkin villages. . . . I have even quoted this frank admission from the Communist Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic, Vytautas Zenkevičius: 'Naturally we shall show you the best we have, just as you would do for us in the U.S.A.' . . . We have also specifically pointed out that the U.S.A. does not recognize the Soviet annexation of Lithuania.'

Members of the **Lithuanian-American Democratic Organization** for the State of Illinois endorsed Chicago's Acting Mayor Michael Bilandic for mayor. Stanley Balzekas Jr. is the president of the Organization.

The **Chicago Chapter** of the **U.S. Lithuanian Youth Association** sent 375 telegrams to President Jimmy Carter. The telegrams congratulated the President on his comments regarding Soviet violation of human rights in Eastern Europe and Lithuania.

### THE HOMETLAND

In 1811, **Vilnius**, the capital of Lithuania, had 56,000 inhabitants and, after St. Petersburg and Moscow, was the third largest city of the Russian Empire. Having suffered heavily during the Napoleonic invasion of 1812, Vilnius recovered slowly. In 1860 it reached a population of 60,000 people. The 1897 census showed that Vilnius, excluding Russian soldiers and their families, had 136,000 people. In 1910 Vilnius had a population of 181,400; in 1919, just after the First World War — 123,700; in 1931 — 195,100; in 1940 — 209,400. At the end of World War II the population shrank to 110,000. In 1950 it reached 176,300; by 1959 there were 236,100 inhabitants and in 1970 — 372,100. There were 447,000 inhabitants in 1976. Vilnius is the 52nd largest city in the Soviet Empire. The population is expected to exceed half a million by 1980. In 1970, the ethnic Lithuanians made up 42.8% of the population of Vilnius, constituting a plurality. According to Soviet statistics, after the Russian colonists (24.5%), the remainder of the populace are Poles (18.3%), Jews (4.4%), Belorussians (2.9%), and Ukrainians (2.5%).  
**S. G.**

On April 14, **THE U.S. Coast Guard** seized and brought into Boston two Soviet fishing ships, the **Lithuanian factory refrigerator ship Antanas Sniečkus** (referred to in the American press as "Antanas Snechkus") and the trawler **Taras Shevchenko** for fishing within the 200-mile limit and taking illegal fish. The **Antanas Sniečkus** was released after a few days after 16 tons of fish were removed as evidence and transferred to a Boston warehouse. The captain was fined \$25,000. The **Antanas Sniečkus** contained river herring, cod and ocean perch in its holds. The State

Department signaled the release, rationalizing, that the cod and ocean perch could have been transferred from other Soviet trawlers at sea. The **Antanas Sniečkus**, named after the late Lithuanian Communist party chief, is 503 feet long and carries a crew of 63, most of whom are thought to be Lithuanians. It was built in 1974 in Gdansk, Poland (the Soviet Union does not manufacture refrigerator ships). Its home port is Klaipėda, Lithuania. The **Taras Shevchenko**, named for a Ukrainian writer of the 1800's, is part of the Soviet fleet from Kaliningrad Oblast (formerly East Prussia). On April 30, four persons, led by builder **Arthur Stivaletta**, approached the **Shevchenko**, moored in Boston harbor, and using a bull-horn from a motorboat, encouraged the crew in Lithuanian to defect. The demonstration had no apparent effect and later one of the demonstrators complained that noise from a Coast Guard vessel hindered the demonstration. **S. G.**



Tug pulls back after nudging bow of **Antanas Snechkus** toward pier at Coast Guard base in Boston's North End. Soviet refrigerator ship joins Soviet trawler **Taras Shevchenko**.

### EVENTS

Two hundred actors swarmed into Portsmouth, N.H. on May 2 trying for 40 parts in a new **CBS-TV** movie: "The Defection of Simas Kudirka." Filming began on May 9, starring **Alan Arkin** as the real life Lithuanian sailor who defected to America from a Soviet ship and caused a worldwide furor. This was a change of role and mood for comedian Alan Arkin who played Soviet submarine lieutenant Rozanov in "The Russians Are Coming, The Russians Are Coming" (1966). Mrs. Ryma Mironas served as interpreter for **Simas Kudirka**. Lynn Stalmeister, who did "Bound for Glory," was casting director. The two hour special probably will be aired in the fall. **A.M.B.**

It has become a tradition in the Worcester area for the local chapter of the **Lithuanian American Community, Inc.** to sponsor the observance of **Mother's Day**, on May 8. This year the day began with a concelebrated Lithuanian Mass in St. Casimir's Church. The Men's Choir of this Lithuanian parish provided appropriate hymns. After the well-attended Mass, a free Communion Breakfast was served for all. The expenses were covered by the Worcester Chapter of the Lithuanian American Community. After the breakfast, the children of the Lithuanian Saturday School put on a special Mother's Day montage. Mother's Day in Lithuania used to be observed on the first Sunday of May. Lithuanians have adopted the American date in this country. **EVM.**

Lithuanianism dead in the **Pennsylvania anthracite region**? No, not by a long shot! Two years ago, a dream was born at St. Casimir Church, St. Clair, Pa., when a handful of second and first generation Lithuanian-Americans gathered for a Lithuanian Mass. They felt that their proud Lithuanian heritage was dying in Schuylkill County and something had to be done. Something was done. Activists like Anna Klizas Wargo, Bernice Mikatavage, Nell Klizas, Joseph Seltzer, Natalie Yurickones and Rev. Al Bartkus banded together as the **Lithuanian ethnic group**. They entered a beautiful Lithuanian float in the Greater Pottsville Winter Carnival Parade, drawing local praise and winning the Queen's Trophy. The St. Clair Lithuanian ethnic group next sponsored a program by the "Malūnas" Folk Dancers and introduced the dancers to the Annual Lithuanian Day at Lakewood Park. In 1976 the group reemerged as the Schuylkill County Lithuanian Bicentennial Group. Its displays, presentations, and colorful floats impressed both Lithuanians and non-Lithuanians. As an observer noted: "At last Schuylkill County was beginning to really know what a Lithuanian is and what a proud heritage we have." Assisted by Joe Yanulaitis of Philadelphia, this group which had grown to 53 active members joined the Knights of Lithuania as **Anthracite Council 144**. The Lithuanian spirit is truly alive in St. Clair.

The **Lithuanian Craftsmen Club** held its 25th anniversary banquet at the Lithuanian National Hall, Chicago on March 12. **Vyto Uznys** opened the affair and called upon **Dr. Vytautas Dargis** to act as master of ceremonies. The first club president Mr. Matt Batus-Batutis delivered a talk, expounding on the past of this Masonic group. Rev. S. Neimanas delivered an appropriate prayer at the closing. The current president of the Craftsmen Club is **Algis Modestas**.

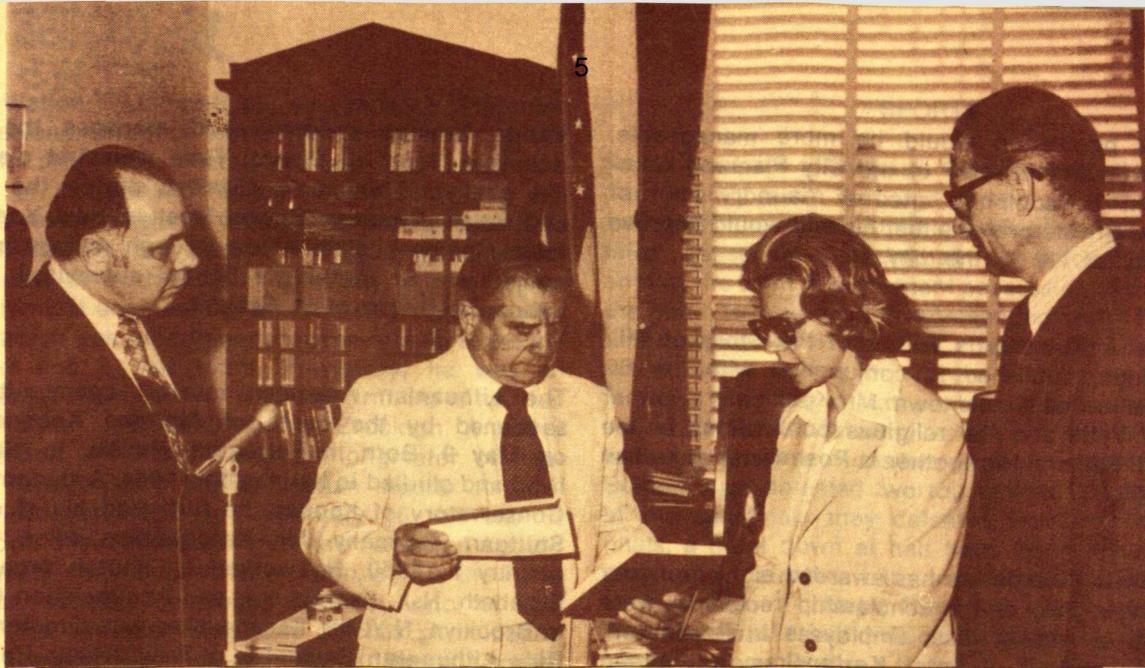
The **Lithuanian Radio Hour of Worcester** held its second annual benefit dinner dance on Saturday, May 21 in Maironis Park, Shrewsbury. Listeners from a five-

state region who hear the biweekly program broadcasts on WICN (90.5 FM), filled the main ballroom to capacity seating. The program featured Lithuanian folk-songs and works by Lithuanian composers. The songs were sung by the young soprano soloist Marytė Bizinkauskas of Brockton, Mass. She was accompanied by her father, Dr. Peter Bizinkauskas. The performance was warmly received. A traditional buffet of Lithuanian foods and dancing to the sounds of the Lithuanian Polka Giants rounded out this truly Lithuanian "subatvakaris." **EVM**

During the Memorial Day weekend the **Dr. Vincas Kudirka Post** of the **Lithuanian National Guard in Exile** (Lietuvos Šaulių Sąjunga), based in Worcester, holds an annual cultural event. This year the Worcester Post invited the Lithuanian Mixed Choir of Our Lady of Vilnius Church, Montreal as well as the men's octet under the direction of Madeline Roach to perform on May 28th. The choir presented an interesting and varied program of Lithuanian music, which delighted the audience in Maironis Park. A dinner and dance followed the concert with cuisine by the talented women's auxiliary of the Post. In prior years the Post featured the Perkūnas Men's Choir of New York and soloist Gina Čapkauskas of Montreal. **EVM**

The Atlantic Region of the **Lithuanian Boy Scouts and Girl Guides** will hold its 21st **Annual Sports Festival** on June 25 - 26 in Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass. Every year since 1955 hundreds of scouting sportsmen from Boston, Brockton, Hartford, New Haven, New Britain, Waterbury, New York, Elizabeth, N.J., Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. flocked to Worcester - Shrewsbury to participate in two days of stiff team competitions, including basketball, volleyball and other group contests. Track and field and table tennis matches were held for individual contenders. The yearly festival is held on the weekend nearest June 24, the Eve of St. John (**Joninės**). This Saint's day was traditionally celebrated by Lithuania's youth. There was no festival in 1975 due to the tragic Christmas Eve fire that left the lavish Maironis Park a pile of rubble. **EVM**

The **Worcester Area Council of Lithuanian Organizations** and the Outlet Store cosponsored "**Lithuanian Festival Week**" at the Auburn Mall, Auburn, Mass. in April. The week-long event was a complete success. Area Lithuanians and non-Lithuanians flocked to the events by the thousands. During the week of April 11 - 16, visitors marvelled at the evening cultural programs of folk dances and folksinging, colorful pageants, displays of Lithuanian artifacts and folk handicrafts. Visitors consumed Lithuanian dishes and snacks. Free literature about Lithuania was distributed



On April 20 representatives of the Lithuanian American Community of the US, Inc. were received by Representative Dante B. Fascell. Rep. Fascell is chairman of the U.S. Joint Congressional Committee charged with the monitoring of the Helsinki Accord. Rep. Fascell was presented with a memorandum and a copy of the latest Bendruomenė publication concerning violation of human rights in Lithuania. Form left to right: Algimantas S. Gečys, national president of the Lithuanian American Community, Congressman Fascell, Mrs. Aušra Zerr, chairman of the Public Affairs Council of Bendruomenė, and Algimantas Gureckas, Washington liaison man of Bendruomenė. Photo by K. Čikotas

daily by Lithuanian girls clad in the national folk costumes. The Lithuanian Festival Week served a useful cultural function because it presented Lithuanian history, art, literature, music, folk dance, and cookery to the general public. It was an event long to be remembered by Worcester residents. **EVM**

The **24th European Lithuanian Studies Week** will take place from July 31 through August 6 in Great Britain. It is expected that over 100 people from Europe and other parts of the world will attend. The program is planned to include 12 lectures on diverse topics, discussions, a literary evening, social evenings, and excursions to London. Accommodations for the week will be provided at the Royal Holloway College, University of London.

The **63rd Annual Lithuanian Day** will be held on Sunday, August 14 at **Lakewood Park**, Barnesville, Pa. This event is the oldest continuous ethnic day in Pennsylvania, drawing an average of 15,000 Lithuanian-Americans and friends each year. Since its inception on Aug. 15, 1914 the Lithuanian Day has featured cultural programs. This year the program will present the "Vilija" Quartet from New Jersey and the "Aušrinė" dance group of Philadelphia. This year's sponsor is Anthracite Council 144, Knights of Lithuania. **Anna Klizas Wargo**

The **Sixth Conference on Baltic Studies** sponsored by the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies (AABS) will take place at the University of Toronto, May 18-21, 1978. All activities will be housed in the University College, and participants will be housed in the adjoining University College Residence.

**PERSONALITIES**

The problems of Philadelphia have caused realtors, builders, mortgage bankers, commercial bankers savings and loan executives, housing specialists, and government officials to participate in a public forum in April. Lithuanian-American **John C. Mitkus**, the young man responsible for long-range citywide planning in Philadelphia, is optimistic about the future of his city. Mr. Mitkus suggested to some 300 members of the North Philadelphia Realty Board and municipal, state and federal officers participating in the boards forum on "Philadelphia: Its Future and You" that despite obvious problems of crime, a shortage of housing, and continued unemployment, conditions have improved and will continue to improve. He even discounted current fears of a population drain from the city to the Sunbelt. He claimed, instead, that the loss of population "might be a healthy thing" because

a smaller population would be more manageable. Mitkus, executive director of the City Planning Commission in Philadelphia, cited a "laundry list" of public and private projects that he said would improve the quality of life in the city.

**Edvardas J. Kubaitis** is author of the **Story of Willow Springs**, published in conjunction with the Bicentennial in that Illinois town. Mr. Kubaitis is a former editor of **Vytis** and the religious publications of the Marianhill Fathers. His brother is Postmaster at Willow Springs. **V. Š.**

**Quaker Oats Foundation** has awarded eight four-year scholarships. Two of the scholarship recipients were daughters of Quaker Oats employees in Barrington, Ill. **Vida**, daughter of **Peter Kazlauskas**, will attend De Paul University as a music major. She plays the piano and violin. The other recipient is **Ann Lusas**, who plans to go to Augustana College as a pre-med student. She works on the local newspaper staff and writes poems. **J. B.**

**Vanda Kaunas** sponsors and manages the Vėtra Volleyball Team of Cicero. Vėtra won first places in the girls' and women's divisions during the recent Lithuanian American Sports Meet in New York. The team members, sixth grade through college age, all come from St. Anthony's School supervised by the Lithuanian Sisters of St. Casimir.

The Lithuanian-American musical community was saddened by the death of **Algirdas Kačanauskas** on May 9. Born in Petrograd, Russia, in 1917, he lived and studied in Kaunas until 1944. A student at the Conservatory of Kaunas, he furthered his studies in Stuttgart, Germany. Mr. Kačanauskas came to this country in 1950. He worked as church organist in Elizabeth, N.J., Kearny, N.J. and Annunciation Church in Brooklyn, N.Y. Mr. Kačanauskas was director of the **Rūta Lithuanian Ensemble** of New Jersey. He was a long-time radio announcer on New York's "Memories of Lithuania," and a member of the executive board of the Lithuanian-American Organists League. He belonged to a number of civic and cultural organizations in the New York - New Jersey area. **Marian Skabelkis**



While official Washington feared to mention Soviet violations of human rights in public, Congresswoman Millicent Fenwick spoke up and was a "voice in the wilderness." Representatives of the Lithuanian American Community of the U.S., Inc. recently called upon the outspoken congresswoman to express long-overdue thanks. Seated from left to right: Mrs. Aušra Zerr, Congresswoman Fenwick, Algimantas Gureckas, and Algimantas S. Gečys, national president of the Lithuanian-American Community. Photo by K. Čikotas

**Frank Wallen** (Volungevičius) was recently appointed commissioner of public works for the city of Brockton, Mass. In the newly created position, the first in the history of the 100,000 resident city, Mr. Wallen will oversee seven divisions, which were consolidated into the Public Works Department employing 425 persons. A graduate of Northeastern University with a degree in mechanical engineering, Mr. Wallen before his new appointment was superintendent of sewers for Brockton for four and a half years. Previously, he was an engineering supervisor for a private firm. He is married to the former **Jean Melevsky** of Brockton. A native of Brockton, Mr. Wallen was the originator of flag-raising ceremonies of the Lithuanian tricolor on Lithuanian Independence Day, February 16, on one of Brockton's main thoroughfares, the American Legion Parkway. In commemoration of February 16, the Parkway was renamed Mindaugas Gatvė in honor of Lithuania's first Christian king. City officials participating in the ceremonies included Mayor **David Crosby**, who proclaimed the week of Feb. 12-19 as Lithuanian Independence Week. Mayor Crosby, whose mother is Lithuanian, keeps a miniature Lithuanian flag and a piece of amber on his desk in city hall. **A.M.**

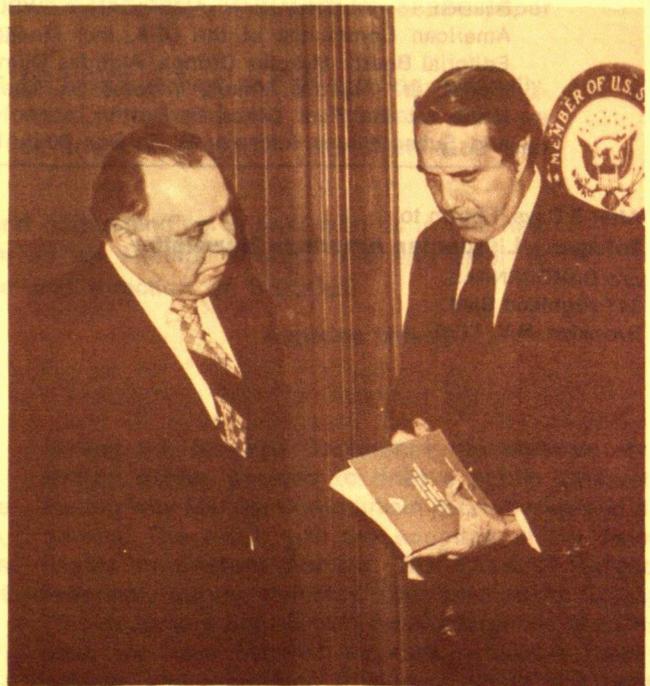
**The Mid-Atlantic District of the Knights of Lithuania held a testimonial dinner-dance honoring Mrs. Loretta Stukas** on May 21. Held in the Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J., the testimonial was well attended because Loretta Stukas has been very active in the Knights of Lithuania, both on a local as well as national level. She is an honorary member of Council 29, Newark. But perhaps she is best known among the members nationwide as the editor of **Vytis**, the organization's monthly magazine. She is married to Professor **Jack J. Stukas**, prominent Lithuanian-American cultural leader in the New York - New Jersey area and director of the "Memories of Lithuania" radio (WEZB).

#### THE SCIENCES

"Physical inactivity should be fought as much as crime in the streets, and as a disease as serious as cancer and tuberculosis," says Dr. **Zenonas Danielevičius** in the recent editorial in the **Journal of the American Medical Association**. "Exercise burns calories, while less physical activity means spending fewer of them, 'banking' them as fat. Overweight is not considered healthy for the heart or body in general," says the doctor. **J. B.**

**The Preliminary Program for the Ninth National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies**, to be held at Washington, D.C. on October 13 - 16, 1977, lists only one Lithuanian scholar, **Romuald Misiūnas** of Williams College, Mass., who will read a paper on "Peter I's Policies in the Baltic Territories." **V.Š.**

**South Boston's Lithuanian Club basketball team** will permanently retain the large silver trophy of the North American Lithuanian Athletic Federation. Winning its third consecutive basketball championship, which entitles the team to permanent possession of the trophy, the South Boston quintet, representing one of the oldest Lithuanian clubs in America, continued its dominance in basketball during the recent 27th annual tourney in New York City of Lithuanian club basketball and volleyball teams. Drawing a bye on the first round because of their previous two championships, the South Boston team defeated two top ranked Chicago teams. In the semifinals they defeated Neris, 82-69. In the finals, a point down at half time, 55-54, they stormed back and defeated Lithuanica, 101-93. This year's tourney drew 14 clubs from the USA and Canada. The men's basketball division was made up of regional winners from Boston, Chicago, Toronto, Hamilton, and New York City. — **Grandis**, Boston's volleyball team, won the tournament's volleyball championship, defeating Baltimore, 2:0. — **Mike Baskauskas** of Brockton, a forward for the South Boston team with 30 points, received the Most Valuable Player Award in the tournament. Mr. Baskauskas, a former Yale University basketball player, is assistant basketball coach at Yale. The South Boston team is coached by **Al Skabeikis** of Randolph. Co-managers are **Al Šmidtas** of Dorchester and **Vyto Ivaška** of South Boston. **A.M.**



**A. S. Gečys informs Sen. Robert Dole about the violations of basic rights in Lithuania.**

## LITHUANIAN CALENDAR

Following the solemn observances of the "Terrible June Days" the Lithuanian Americans leave the parish halls and citizens clubs behind them. Meetings — *posėdžiai* — come to an abrupt end and the "summer season" begins. This summer season is by no means a period of langour and nonactivity. Conventions, seminars, study days and camps are on the agenda. Below BRIDGES proffers a sampling of Lithuanian summer activities. The Calendar is by no means exhaustive. Please excuse us for unintentional omissions.

**June 18 - 19** the Second Session of the VIII Council of the Lithuanian American Community of the US, Inc. will meet at the Charter House Motor Hotel, 24800 Euclid Ave., Euclid, Ohio.

**June 24 - 26** annual retreat of the New England District, Knights of Lithuania at the Lithuanian Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunkport, Maine.

**June 26 - July 9** Camp Neringa for Boys (ages 7-14) at West Brattleboro, Vermont. Sponsored by the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception.

**July 2 - 4** Cultural Weekend Camp sponsored by the Lithuanian National Guard in Exile in Union Pier, Mich.

**July 4** Annual Illinois District Knights of Lithuania Picnic at the K. Of L. Building, Chicago, Ill.

**July 10 - 30** Camp Neringa for Girls (ages 7-16) at West Brattleboro, Vermont.

**July 14** New England District, Knights of Lithuania Picnic, in Gardiner, Mass.

**July 3 - Sept. 5** The Lithuanian Franciscan Fathers sponsor a vacation season for all Lithuanians at their scenic facilities in Kennebunkport, Maine. For information write to: Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunkport, Maine 04046. Telephone: 207-967-2011.

**July 24** Lithuanian Day at the Convent of the Immaculate Conception, Putnam, Conn. A traditional event with folk dances.

**July 31 - August 13** Camp Neringa for boys and girls (program in English) at Brattleboro, Vermont.

**Aug. 14** Traditional Radio Picnic of the Minkus' Radio Hour at Romuva Park, Brockton, Mass. with Massachusetts Lithuanian Beauty Contest and dance contests.

**Aug. 14** the 63rd Annual Lithuanian Day, Lakewood Park, Barnesville, Pa.

**Aug. 14 - 21** Special Lithuanian School Teachers Courses, Camp Dainava, Michigan.

**Aug. 14 - 27** Atlantic Regional Camp for Ateitininkai at Camp Neringa, Brattleboro, Vermont.

**Aug. 17 - 21** the 64th National Convention of the Knights of Lithuania, Marriott Inn, Providence, R.I.

**Aug. 20 - 28** Camp Puntukas, sponsored by the Atlantic Region of the Lithuanian Boy and Girl Scouts at Camp Resolute, Bolton, Mass.

**Sept. 1 - 4** Ninth Congress of the Ateitis Federation (Ateitininkai) Bond Court Hotel, 777 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

**Sept. 24** Baltic Human Rights Rally will be staged at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C.

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