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30 YEARS

This year, the Lithuanian - American Community is celebrating its 30th anniversary. On November 18, 1951, in New York, the Lithuanian - American Community's charter was formulated. On February 14, 1952, the Lithuanian - American Community was incorporated in the State of Connecticut.

The Lithuanian Charter states: "The Lithuanians scattered throughout the world make up a unified Lithuanian World Community," and the Lithuanians residing in the United States make up a unified Lithuanian - American Community. "All Lithuanians are equal as offsprings of the same nation and brothers amongst themselves."

The main objectives of the Lithuanian - American Community are: to preserve its national heritage, foster, as well as be representatives of Lithuanian culture, help the Lithuanian nation in regaining its freedom and independent government.

In order to achieve these goals, the Lithuanian - American Community organized national rearing cultural, political and social institutions. Therefore, it has established the Lithuanian American Community's Cultural Council, Educational Council, Human Services Council and the Public Affairs Council.

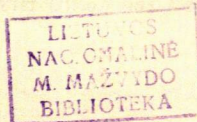
The Educational Council of the Lithuanian - American Community is active in organizing and managing the education of national-awareness rearing of Lithuanians residing in the United States. The Educational Council concerns itself with: the Lithuanian Saturday school and its curricular programs; the preparation and publication of textbooks as well as educational aids; the preparation of new teachers. Its main objective is that all Lithuanian children should be able to speak, read and write in the Lithuanian language and to be familiar with Lithuania's history and geography.

The Cultural Council plans the scope of cultural, educational and the creative arts activities, encourages the creating and cultivation of Lithuanian cultural traits; concerns itself with the publication of representative publications of Lithuanian philology, education, fiction, literature, fine arts, theatre, music, bibliography and Lithuanian culture. Among them are: the Symposium on the Arts and Sciences, Lithuanian Song and Dance Festivals, theatre festivals, conferences on education and the arts, and the awarding of prizes to various deserving laureates.

The Public Affairs Council of the Lithuanian - American Community plans and acts upon the public and political action for the Lithuanian - American Community in the United States; aids in the preservation of the Lithuanian Legation in Washington, D.C. It keeps in close contact with the White House, State Department, the Congress, the United Nations and other organizations. Another of its functions is the procuring of diplomatic status for new delegates who represent Lithuania.

The newly - born Human Services Council sees to the material and moral support of the Lithuanian brethren in need; that the Lithuanian parishes remain not only religious places of worship, but also the beacons of a Lithuanian way-of-life. As a consequence, the Lithuanian - American Community together with the Lithuanian Priests' League and other Lithuanian organizations, proclaimed 1982 as the Year of the Lithuanian parishes.

BRIDGES IS PUBLISHED BY THE LITHUANIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY OF THE U.S.A., INC. THROUGH THIS NEWSLETTER, THE PUBLISHERS HOPE TO RE-ESTABLISH TIES BETWEEN THE DETACHED, MOBILE LITHUANIAN-AMERICANS AND THEIR LITHUANIAN HERITAGE BY PRESENTING ITEMS ON LITHUANIAN CULTURE, CONDITIONS IN THE HOMETLAND EVENTS AND PERSONALITIES IN AMERICA, AND THE ASPIRATIONS OF ALL WHO SUBSCRIBE TO THE IDEA THAT LITHUANIA DESIRES TO BE AN INDEPENDENT AND FREE NATION AGAIN.



Lithuanian - American Community² News

The Lithuanian - American Community was founded on democratic principles. Its Executive Committee is elected by its membership every three years. This year, May 8-17, the elections for the X National Council of the Lithuanian - American Community will take place. All Lithuanians residing within the United States, who have reached the age of 18 are eligible to vote. The same may nominate and be nominated for the various offices.

Today, the Lithuanian - American Community is the hope and the foundation of Lithuania. Many young Lithuanians are working on the executive level in this organization. Let us all, with a united effort, strengthen it and assist it in any way that we are able—because, the Lithuanian Community is made up of all of us.

Vytautas Kutkus
President
Lithuanian - American Community, Inc.

THE LITHUANIAN — AMERICAN COMMUNITY'S ELECTIONS May 7 - 16, 1982

The elections for the National Council of the American-Lithuanian Community and the 6th Lithuanian World Community Congress will take place on May 7-16, 1982.

The United States is divided into 10 Lithuanian - American Community regions. The number of delegates or representatives is determined by the number of Lithuanians residing in that region.

Following is the list of candidates by regions. Each region has two lists, one for the Xth Council of the Lithuanian-American Community and for the VIth Congress of the Lithuanian World Community. For more information as to where you should vote the regional chairman, his address and phone numbers are given for each region.

The Lithuanian - American Community's . . .

Western Region encompasses: The States of: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

At press time the lists of the Council and Congress candidates were not available at press time.

Regional chairman: Irena Tamošaitienė, 4221 New Dale Dr., Los Angeles, Calif. 90027. T. 213 662-0791.

Mid-Western Region: Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wisconsin. This region is divided into three districts.

Candidates for Nat. Council: 1st District: Jonas Borevičius, Mykolas Drunga, Viktoras Garbonkus, Modestas Jakaitis, Birutė Jasaitienė, Stasys Jokubauskas, Bronius Juodelis, Anatolijus Kairys, Ferdinandas Kaunas, Petras Kisielius, Aleksandra Likanderienė, Laima Rastenytė-Lapinskienė, Antanas Razma, Marija Remienė, Emilija Sakadolskienė, Loreta Stončiūtė, Kęstutis Sušinskas, Jurgis Šarauskas, Rasa Šoliūnaitė, Danguolė Valentinaite, Birutė Vindašienė, II D. Kazys Ambro-

zaitis, Kazys Domarkas, Vytautas Janušonis, Ramutis Pliura, Birutė Vilutienė, III D. Algimantas Antanėlis, Albinas Reškevičius.

World Congress' candidates: I D. Jonas Borevičius, Kostas Dočkus, Mykolas Drunga, Modestas Jakaitis, Birutė Jasaitienė, Jurgis Janušaitis, Stasys Jokubauskas, Bronius Juodelis, Anatolijus Kairys, Ferdinandas Kaunas, Petras Kisielius, Kazys Laukaitis, Jonas Račkauskas, Antanas Razma, Tomas Remeikis, Marija Remienė, Kęstutis Sušinskas, Jurgis Šarauskas, Juozas Šlajus, Jonas Šoliūnas, Danguolė Valentinaite, Birutė Vindašienė, II D. Kazys Ambrozaitis, Kazys Domarkas, Romualdas Nemickas, Ramutis Pliura, Birutė Vilutienė; III D. Petras Balčiūnas, Jurgis Šklerys.

Chairman: Izabelė Stončienė, 7143 So. Hamlin. Chicago, Ill., 60629. T. 312 284-7251.

Michigan Region: The State of Michigan.

Council: Saulius Anužis, Vytautas Kutkus, Algis Rugienius, Jonas Urbonas.

Congress: Adolfas Damušis, Vytautas Kutkus, Algis Rugienius, Vytautas Petrusis, Jonas Urbonas.

Chairman: Česlovas Staniulis, 1540 Ledbury Dr., Bloomfield Hills, Mich. 48013. T. 313 852-7684.

Ohio Region: Kentucky, Ohio and the cities of Buffalo, Pittsburgh and Rochester.

Council: Vincas Akelaitis, Juozas Ardys, Romualdas Bublys, Zita Kripavičiūtė, Bronius Krokys, Raimundas Kudukis, Kazys Žiedonis.

Congress: Vincas Akelaitis, Juozas Ardys, Romualdas Bublys, Zita Kripavičiūtė, Bronius Krokys, Raimundas Kudukis, Edmundas Lankauskas, Kazys Žiedonis.

Chairman: Antanas Rukšėnas, 5682 French Blvd., Mentor, Ohio 44060. T. 216 257-4109.

Boston Region: Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Council: Vytautas Izbickas, Aldona Kairienė, Almis J. Kuolas, Edvardas V. Meilus, Jr., Česlovas Mickūnas.

Congress: Vytautas Izbickas, Almis J. Kuolas, Edvardas V. Meilus, Jr., Česlovas Mickūnas, Stasys Rudys.

Chairman: Eligijus Sužiedėlis, 30 Upton St., Brockton, Mass. 02402. T. 617 588-3364.

Connecticut Region: The State of Connecticut

Council: Linas Balsys, Ignas Budrys, Alfonsas Dzikas, Jurgis Kisielius, Juozas Kriaučiūnas, Albina Lipčienė, Česlovas Masaitis, Jūratė Vaitkutė, Vaiva Vėbraitė-Gustienė, Petras Vileišis, Steponas Zabulis.

Congress: Vytautas Balčiūnas, Ignas Budrys, Albina Lipčienė, Viktoras Vaitkus, Vaiva Vėbraitė-Gustienė, Petras Vileišis.

Chairman: Jonas Šakalys, 22 Frank St., Branford, Conn. 06405. T. 203 488-3425.

New York Region: All of New York State, except Buffalo and Rochester councils.

Council: Jonas Adomėnas, Vytautas Alksninis, Aloyzas Balsys, Kornelijus Bučmys, Romas Kezys, Kęstutis Miklas, Kazimieras Pugevičius, Regina Ridikienė, Aleksandras Vakselis.

Congress: Jonas Adomėnas, Aloyzas Balsys, Kornelijus Bučmys, Kęstutis Miklas, Kazimieras Pugevičius, Algirdas Šilbajoris, Aleksandras Vakselis.

Chairman: Apolinaras Vebeliūnas, 86-08 110th St., Richmond Hill, N.Y. 11418. T. 212 847-8063.

New Jersey Region: All of State of New Jersey except Southern New Jersey Council.

Council: Algis Alinskas, Rasa Ardytė-Juškienė, Rimantas Bitėnas, Danguolė Didžbalienė, Valentinas Mėlinis, Julius Veblaitis.

Congress: Rimantas Bitėnas, Algis Brazinskas, Antanas Mašionis, Valentinas Melinis, Valentinas Šernas, Julius Veblaitis.

Chairman: Alfonsas Jarmas, 249 Ripley Pl., Elizabeth N.J. 07206.

Southeastern Region: Includes the States of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Washington, D.C. and Southern New Jersey Council, except Pittsburgh Council.

Council: Juozas Gaila, Algimantas Gečys, Gabrielius Mironas, Rimantas Stirbys.

Congress: Feliksas Andriūnas, Juozas Gaila, Teresė Gečienė, Linas Kojelis, Gabrielius Mironas, Jonas Stelmokas.

Chairman: Aleksandras Radžius, 1339 James St., Baltimore, Md., 21223. T. 301 727-1935.

Florida Region: The States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico.

Council: Antanas Gudonis, Angelė Karnienė, Henrikas Lukaševičius, Mečys Šilkaitis, Zigmąs Strazdas

Congress: Kazys Gimžauskas, Henrikas Lukaševičius, Simas Velbasis.

Chairman: Stasys Vaškys, 236 40th Ave., St. Petersburg Beach, Fla. 33706. T. 813 360-8882.

Lithuanians in the News

U.S. CONGRESS ON DR. THOMAS REMEIKIS' BOOK

Sponsored by the Lithuanian American Community and edited by Professor Thomas Remeikis, the most recent issue of *The Violations of Human Rights in Soviet Occupied Lithuania, A Report for 1979/80*, has been highly recommended by some members of the Congress of the United States. Senator Alfonse D'Amato, (Republican from New York) in a letter to a colleague states:

During the first phase of the second conference on the Helsinki Agreements of 1975 the Deputy Chairman of the U.S. Delegation, Mr. Warren Zimmerman, pointed out the violations of right to self-determination for Lithuania and other Baltic States. The Violations of Human Rights in Soviet Occupied Lithuania, clearly illustrates the abuses of the Soviet Union in this most important humanitarian area.

I know that the 1979-80 Report will offer some helpful insights and documentation on the struggle for freedom in Lithuania.

A similar recommendation

is made by the U.S. Senator from Michigan, Carl Levin, (D.), who clearly states that:

This volume is the 9th in a series which has been published by the Lithuanian Community since 1971.

And he concludes:

Provided by this two year survey are valuable insights into the status of human rights in Lithuania. The material has been drawn from the underground press and confirms many of our worst suspicions about continued Soviet transgressions of international human rights agreements.

For their part, Lithuanian dissidents centered their struggle around the denial of traditional human rights, particularly religious freedom, and the denial of national rights and the obliteration of Lithuanian heritage.

I recommend this document to you and your staff.

The Democratic Congressman from Illinois, who after bringing to the attention of his colleagues this publication, states:

In recent years, the Soviets have intensified their brutal treatment of Lithuanian dissidents whom they have jailed, tortured, and sentenced to Soviet labor camps or psychiatric wards. Far from complying with the Helsinki Accords, the Soviet Union has flagrantly

violated its pledge to respect freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief.

Finally, the Republican Representative of Illinois, Henry J. Hyde, a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee concludes that:

Because there are so many parallels that can be drawn between Lithuania and Poland, I cannot help but think that Polish-Ambassador Romuald Spasowski was speaking for the populations of so many nations under Soviet domination when he described the "evil forces" crashing on Poland, and so poignantly stated that: "There is only one morality in the human family, the morality of people who live according to the principles of truth and justice. It is this morality which shall prevail."

When we hear and read of the current tragic situation in Poland, we must remember too that the fight for independence and human dignity also is waged daily in Lithuania, and many other countries as well.

(The Violations of Human Rights in Soviet Lithuania 1979/80 and the previously published *The Violations of Human Rights in Soviet Occupied Lithuania, A Report for 1977* is available at \$10.00 for the set. Write to: Bridges, 341 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11207)

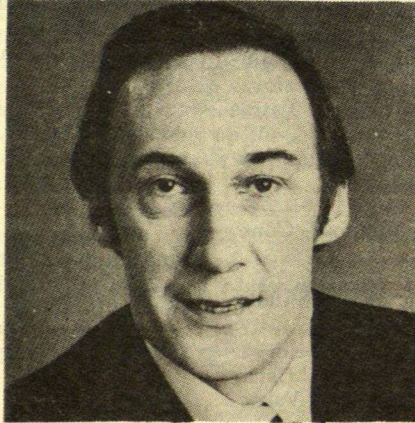
Lithuanians in the News

The recent decision to establish a LITHUANIAN CHAIR in the University of Illinois has started a flood of enthusiastic responses from all over the country. In the past few months commitments of \$1,000 were made by: Nijolė and Tomas Remeikis, Laima and Algirdas Stepaičiai, Uosis Juodvalkis, Kęstutis Skrupskelis, Algimantas Cleveckas, Birutė Ciplijauskaitė, Joseph Martin, Antanas Razma, Rimvydas and Genė Bartkai, Kazys Rimkus, Kazys Ambrozaitis and many others. We will keep you informed on the progress of this venture. Tax deductible donations may be sent to: Lithuanian World Community Foundation, 5620 S. Claremont Ave., Chicago, IL. 60636



A vice president of the Lithuanian-American Community and member of the Republican Party, Jonas Urbonas at a February 12, Lincoln Day dinner in Pontiac, Michigan. With him is Peace Corps director, Lorett Ruppe.

ARŪNAS ČIUBERKIS, a young actor from Cleveland, has "made it" in New York. In a play from the Italian Renaissance period *commedia dell' arte*, Arūnas plays the role of Harlequin. The play *The Tree Cuckolds*, was staged by the New Conservatory Theater of New York, with grants from the New York State for the Arts. It was presented from February 19 to the 21st, at Lehman College, Bronx Municipal Hospital and at Mt. St. Vincent's College.



Arnoldas Voketaitis

A SOUGHT-AFTER ARTIST

'From every point of view — vocalism, musicianship, intelligence, personal qualities—he is certainly a major musical asset.' So wrote Leonard Bernstein about bass-baritone Arnold Voketaitis. One of the truly 'versatile acting singers' on stage today, this formidable singer is one of the most sought-after operatic and concert artists in the world. With over 130 roles in his repertoire, Voketaitis has sung with nearly every major opera company in the United States and Europe. His operatic debut was with the New York City Opera Company in Strauss's *The Silent Woman*; and he was in the first National Tour with the Metropolitan Opera Company. A popular concert singer as well, he appears regularly throughout the season with major orchestras and conductors.

The above excerpt is taken from the record jacket of Sergei Prokofiev's *Music From the Films* (a 3 record set). On it Arnold Voketaitis is the narrator and sings the Basso parts. The recording is available at all music stores. VCL 9004X A VOX CUM LAUDE recording.

THE BALTIC FREEDOM DAY RESOLUTION REACHES THE U. S. SENATE

On March 22, 1982, Senator Jesse A. Helms (R.-NC) introduced Resolution No. S.J. Res. 172 into the U.S. Senate. This resolution, if passed would, according to a presidential proclamation make June 14 of every year **Baltic Freedom Day**. The first co-sponsors of this resolution were Senator Pete V. Domenici (R.—NM) and Senator Carl Levin (D-MI).

A similar resolution (H.J. Res. 386) is already in the House of Representatives. It was introduced by Congressman Henry J. Hyde and already has 50 co-sponsors.

It is up to the Balts to see that these resolutions become the law of our country. We must get involved. Write to your local district congressman and State senator. The President of Public Relations of the Lithuanian Community Aušra Zerr among others, is actively involved in the passage of these resolutions.

MINKAI AWARD PRIZES

The oldest Lithuanian Radio program, based in Boston, last summer sponsored an essay contest. The three prizes for the essay *Why it is an honor to be Lithuanian*, were awarded to: Gražina Kriaučiūnienė, Michigan; Aras Sužiedelis, Brockton; and Perkūnas Krukonis, Boston. Congratulations to a new crop of budding authors!



Jūratė Nausėdaitė-Ann Jillian demonstrates a Lithuanian recipe on the TV show "Hour Magazine". Next to her is the host of the program Gary Collins. Ann Jillian was recently seen on a Bob Hope TV Special and is presently completing the filming of *The Mae West Story* for TV. She is seen on the weekly series "It's a Living".

Lithuanian Personalities in the Arts

4TH AWARD



BIRUTĖ PUKELEVIČIŪTĖ has for the fourth time won the literary prize for a novel awarded annually for 31 years by the Lithuanian Daily *Draugas*. This year's prize was a grant from Raimonda and Ričardas Kontrimas. The award, for Miss Pukelevičiūtės work *Devintas lapas* (The Ninth Page) was awarded on March 20th in Cleveland.

FROM KAUNAS TO BROADWAY

Jonas Jurašas is already well-known to our readers and also to the American public, who has seen him in such productions on Broadway as *The Suicide* and the off-Broadway productions of *A Walk in the Moonlight* and *Macbeth*. His most recent effort for the Theater for the New City is a play by Maria A. Rasa (Mrs. Jurašas), titled *Zeks, an Oratorio for Seven Voices and Solo Madman*.... "Zeks is slang for political prisoners in the Soviet Union. The play deals with a particular moment in the life of one of the best known prisoners — Alexander Ginzberg. The play's program notes state that: "The initial idea of the play originated with an actual incident from Alexander Ginzberg's life, during his

imprisonment in a Mordavian labor camp. Authentic prison songs and poems are used in the play."

Without dwelling too much on the script, the production of Jurašas was outstanding, and as such, recognized by the leading theater critics of New York, who are not easily excited by newcomers. *The New York Times* (Jan. 6, 1982) critic, John Corry writes:

Miss Rasa, Mr. Jurašas and Alex Okun, the set designer, are Soviet emigres, dealing with a subject that is obviously of great importance to them. The gravity of their feelings sometimes overwhelms the production. Mr. Okun's set runs the length of the theater—an enclosed area where the prisoners work at sewing machines at one end of the theater, bleachers where they sit and stare at the other—and Mr. Jurašas uses all of it. It is not always enough however, to compensate for the static quality of some of Miss Rasa's writing. Passion no matter how deep, is not necessarily dramatic.

The title of the review "Bureaucratic Idiocy" and the subtitle "Starvation by Petition" best summarize the meaning of this strange play of contemporary value.

Michael Feingold, in *The Village Voice* of January 12, 1982

is more generous to the virtues of the production:

Zeks is authentic, it is honest; perhaps it is a little schematic, a little too arranged for effect, but the parts of the shema are all true, and the effects all have their point in the total picture.

Finally, *Newsweek* (January 25, 1982) includes *Zeks* in its review of "The Best Off-Broadway". Critic, Jack Kroll, summarizes the review in one paragraph:

You would expect George Barteneff and Crystal Field to put on a play like Maria A. Rasa's Zeks in their Theater for the New City, a bastion of integrity and innovation now in its twelfth year. "Zeks" are Soviet political prisoners; this play, based on the experience of writer Aleksandr Ginzberg, deals with a hunger strike by the inmates of a Soviet labor camp. Rasa is a Russian emigre, as is the brilliant director Jonas Jurašas and set designer Alex Okun, who've transformed the theater into a grim prison. Zeks is a document of absolute honor and probity, but as art it seems locked in its own righteousness, and it does not move us as we are moved by the news of Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov's real hunger strike.

Incidentally, we beg to differ with *Newsweek* that "Rasa is a Russian emigre, as is the brilliant director Jonas Jurašas." Both are Lithuanians. The occupation of Lithuania by the Soviet Union was never recognized by the United States government. — Editor



Jonas Jurašas (left) during a rehearsal of his play "Zeks" at the Theatre For The New City in New York. Photo by G. Penikas

Lithuanian Life - Styles

THE FOLK COSTUME OF DZŪKĪJA

The province of Dzūkija, while endowed with its share of hills, lakes, valleys, streams, and pine forests, is largely sandy and not very fertile. Reaping a meagre harvest, the peasants often gathered mushrooms and berries. Their farmhouses were small and usually built on hills.

The inhabitants of Dzūkija, however, were an easy-going merry people, renowned storytellers and singers, the source of their inspiration being the old castle mounds (*piliakalniiai*), heroic events, and legends of the past. The entire area was commonly referred to as the land of song and legend. The peasants were creative and inventive. They made musical instruments and other handicrafts from wood and birch bark. Even though their land was not fertile, yellow flax grew well, and the women were deft spinners and weavers.

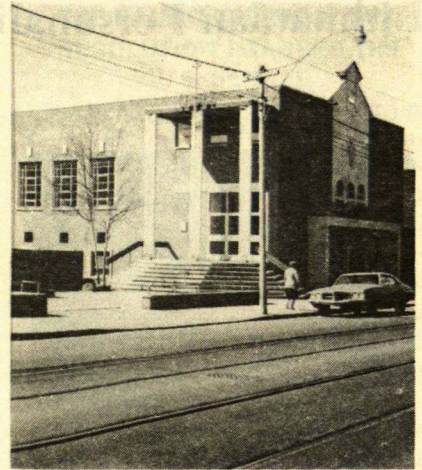
Strikingly beautiful cloths, noted for the delicacy of their patterns and the diversity of their stripes, were woven from linen fibers and homespun wool. The weavers were not prosperous and therefore had to be thrifty. They wove the cloth narrow and cut their everyday

clothes short. Nevertheless the holiday clothes with their overlay patterns were ornate and festidiously woven.

Four-shaft, diminutive overshot, eight-shaft float, twill diaper, stick-weave, and overlay technique cloths were characterized by a solid weave, inventive and original colour combinations, and diverse patterns. Every stripe, check, and design was of differently coloured yarn. Reflecting the province itself, the holiday clothes were of variegated and diminutive patterns. The peasants wore sashes with wide pick-up, overlay or overshot patterns; checked kerchiefs for the head; and white or horizontally striped stoles and checked shawls. For the feet there were *čempės* and fancy, soleless leather shoes (*nazi-nės*). The people of Dzūkija respected and upheld tradition; indeed, their cloths retained the main features of pre-historic styles the longest. The folk costume of Dzūkija artistically reflects the region's natural colourfulness, adding to the region's already rich folklore custom. To paraphrase an old folk saying: a woodpecker is colourful, but the clothes of Dzūkija are even more so.



Girl's festive dress. Merkinė, county of Alytus; Girl's Sunday dress. Punia near Alytus; Man's festive dress. Varena, county of Alytus; Woman's holiday dress. Mikižiai, township of Šventežeris; Girls wedding costume. Lazdijai, county of Seinai.



Resurrection Parish
Toronto, Canada

AS IF A MAGNET

The Editorial Commission in its "Preface" to the *25th Anniversary (1953-1978) Journal of Resurrection Parish* writes:

"As if a magnet, which has the power to attract metal particles, so also the Lithuanian Franciscans were able to unite the Lithuanians of Toronto, Canada under the roof of their Resurrection parish." As with many Lithuanian parishes in the free world, the beginnings were difficult, but under the able leadership of its three pastors (Rev. Bernardinas Grauslys, OFM 1953-57; Rev. Placidus Barius, OFM 1957-73 and the present pastor Rev. Augustinas Simanavičius, OFM), the parish is thriving. The Friars and their parishioners "... have built well and established a permanent foundation in the country of (their) adoption." (Archbishop Philip F. Pocock, Archbishop of Toronto)

We wish Resurrection parish a happy 30th Anniversary next year and its pastor Father Augustine a happy 50th birthday this April. *Abiem — Ilgiausią Metų!*

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Lithuanians getting involved

THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS INFORMATION BULLETIN, in its January 15th issue section "Staff Activities" published a review of the Fourth Lithuanian Symposium on Arts and Sciences. It reports on Elena Bradūnaitė's lecture: "First Lithuanian Recordings in America." The Bulletin also gives further information on the event, its lectures and the art and book exhibits.

THE NEW YORK TIMES (February 11, 1981) in a dispatch by the Associated Press, published a item on the Department of State's condemnation of the detention of several dissidents in the Soviet Union. After condemning the continued imprisonment of Yuri F. Orlov, write the *Times*, Dean Fisher, a spokesman of the State Department stated:

The efforts of the courageous Soviet citizens of the Moscow Helsinki Watch Group and other groups formed in the Soviet Union to monitor human rights conditions are a testament to the universal desire for freedom. Like Orlov, many Helsinki monitors, such as Anatoly Shcharansky, Mykola Rudenko and Viktoras Petkus remain locked up in the vast Soviet system of prisons and forced labor camps. But their ideas cannot be extinguished.

LIETUVIŲ ENCIKLOPEDIJA (Lithuanian Encyclopedia) based in Boston, is planning to publish a supplementary volume. The last supplementary volume was published 12 years ago. This latest volume will contain updated achievements, projects and names which have recently come to the forefront in the Lithuanian communities throughout the world. The publisher, Juozas Kapočius, is receiving orders for the new volume. Write to: Lithuanian Encyclopedia, 395 West Broadway, So. Boston, Mass. 02127

THE 8TH CONFERENCE ON BALTIC STUDIES will be held June 17-19, 1982 in the Twin Citis. The main theme will be "Baltic-Scandinavian Relationships over the Centuries." A highlight of the conference will be a poetry reading by Czeslaw Milosz, who recently has been voted First-Honorary Fellow of the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies.



Aldona Ryan

WELCOME

Since Loretta Stukas, last year was elected President of the Knights of Lithuania, her position as editor and chief of *The Vytis*, the official organ of the Knights, has been delegated to Aldona Ryan. Mrs. Ryan, since 1980 has been the associate editor of this monthly publication. She hails from Dayton, Ohio and is a graduate of the Miami Jacobs College of Business. She majored in communication at the University of Dayton and continues to take courses in creative writing and journalism to keep up with modern techniques and phraseology. A past president of the Mid-Central District, Aldona is currently writing feature stories for the *Dayton Daily News*.

We welcome a fellow-colleague and wish her success.

BALTIC YOUTH CONGRESS

The Baltic Youth Congress which is the organization of Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian youth will take place August 19-22, 1982, at the Estonian scouts' Camp in Long Island, N.Y. The purpose of this event is to bring the Baltic youth into closer contact in order to have a better understanding of each others traditions. The event is open to all those having reached their 18th birthday. The camp will be geared for this age group. All lectures will be in English. For further information contact: Vidmantas Rukšius, 305 Arch St., Delran, NJ 08075. Telephone 609 461-3482.

CHRONICLE NO. 50 REACHES WEST

On the eve of the 10th Anniversary of the *Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania*, issue No. 50, dated December 8, 1981, has reached the West, according to the Lithuanian Information Center. To date, 50 consecutive issues of this, the oldest and most authoritative underground publication in Lithuania, have thus far been smuggled out of the country

AČIŪ LABAI!

The following, together with their subscription payment have included a donation towards the publication of *Bridges*: \$5.00: G. Kenter, Danbury, CT; J. Benusis, Danbury, CT; J. Urbonas, Clawson, MI; V. Adomaitis, Jamestown, ND.; Joseph W. Allen, Whippany, NJ has paid up his subscription for five years. The readers of *Bridges* are kindly requested to assist the publication of this newsletter either by new subscribers of a donation. Write to: *Bridges*, 341 Highland Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11207

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GERA ŠEIMININKĖ COOKING LITHUANIAN STYLE

We end our series of favorite Lithuanian potato recipes with the ever-popular *kugelis*. (Two versions.) Any suggestions or advice from our readers as to further inclusions in the Lithuanian Life-Style or Gera Šeiminkė would be most welcome. Write to Dalia Bulvicius, c/o *Bridges*

POTATO PUDDING I I BULVIŲ APKEPAS (KUGELIS)

Ingredients

4 lbs. potatoes
2 cups milk
4 eggs
1 onion
4 oz. bacon
Salt, pepper

Peel and grate potatoes, drain off liquid. Pour scalded milk over the potatoes, add pepper, salt, chopped onion sauteed with chopped bacon, egg yolks and mix well. Fold in beaten egg whites. Pour into a greased roasting pan. Bake in the oven. When done, slice into oblong pieces; serve with sauteed chopped bacon, sour cream or cranberry sauce.

POTATO PUDDING II II. BULVIŲ APKEPAS (KUGELIS)

Ingredients

3 lbs. potatoes
1 lb. cooked potatoes
1 egg
1/2 cup milk
1 tablespoon flour or farina
1 teaspoon baking power
1/2 cup fat
salt, pepper

Grate raw and boiled potatoes, add other ingredients and mix well. Pour into greased roasting pan and bake in the oven. At first the heat should be 450 degrees, then lower it. Serve hot with sour cream or cranberry sauce.

MAD INVITES US TO ITS FAIR

Once again we ask our readers to come to the fair! This time the fair will be sponsored by the Mid Atlantic District of the Knights of Lithuania. It will take place on Sunday, April 25, at Transfiguration Church Hall, 64-14 56th Road, Maspeth, New York. Admission is free. There will be displays, craft demonstrations and items for sale. Available will be Lithuanian books, records, wood crafts so you may do your Christmas shopping early. For the

hungry there will be a Lithuanian kitchen with all kinds of goodies. For entertainment, the Lithuanian Folk Dance group *Tryptinis* will perform at 3 p.m. Its leader is Jadvyga Matulaitis. For those "Willing to take chances" will be a raffle. *Todel, prasome ateiti!*

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