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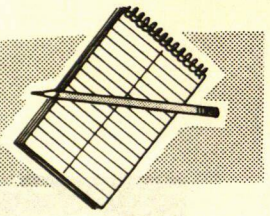


The Battle of Žalgiris lead by Vytautas the Great.

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# From the Desk of the Managing Editor



September... For many, the school year begins after a summer hiatus. For others, it means getting the boat out of the water, hanging up the swimsuits, closing down the summer cottage and getting down to the work of fall and the quickly approaching winter. The bye-gone days of summer are quickly falling into fond memory.

The long, hot summer though, was not a time for rest and relaxation for our brother and sister Lithuanians. An economic blockade had been imposed by the USSR in retaliation for Lithuania's drive toward true independence. Since lifted, this blockade exacerbated an already tense situation. Lithuania acquiesced to a moratorium on future implementation of independence legislation, while not rescinding the historical March 11, 1990 Declaration of the Restoration of Lithuanian Independence and the re-establishment of the Republic of Lithuania. Negotiations between Lithuania and what remains of Gorbachev's Soviet Union are being set up to continue the independence process. We must be ever-vigilant to changing conditions and events.

On October 5-7, 1990, the Lithuanian-American Community National Executive Committee and the National Board of Directors will be meeting in Detroit for their annual plenary session to set the agenda of Lithuanian-American activity for the coming year. I, as a member of the Board of Directors will be attending these meetings and will report on the status of *Bridges* — your Lithuanian-American News Journal, in addition to my other duties. A summary of what happened at the plenary session will be published in our next issue, while future issues will continue to inform you of the status of various projects.

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*Eduardas V. Meilus, Jr.*

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## Lithuania and the Bush Administration

by Joseph Arlauskas

The August 2, 1990 edition of *The Wall Street Journal* has an article about President Bush's close relationship with Gorbachev, i.e., how they've come to establish the rapport they have, etc. In that article, President Bush repeats comments made to him, by Gorbachev. President Bush says, in effect, that Gorbachev told him that Gorbachev is not opposed to independence for the Baltic States; but that the Baltic States have to follow the "constitutional laws" for secession. The way in which President Bush recounts that conversation (which apparently took place at Camp David, during the April 1990 Summit), one can't help but infer that President Bush accepts Gorbachev's statements at face value. President Bush does not challenge the sham, travesty, joke which the Soviets have enacted; and which they call a "secession law." Our President appears to accept Gorbachev's statements, without comment, in spite of the fact that just about every single prominent newspaper columnist/TV commentator in America has written, or talked, about this "law"; and all of them have clearly pointed out that this "law" is in fact a sham. President Bush doesn't seem to skip a beat while he, in effect, appears to endorse Gorbachev's efforts to force the Baltic States to comply with a sham "law." (Don't bother to ask/comment: Why should the Baltic States even be concerned with a "secession law"; because the United States, as a matter of official, historic, written policy, has never recognized the illegal incorporation of the Baltic States into the Soviet Union; and because even Gorbachev has admitted that the Baltic States were illegally, immorally incorporated into the Soviet Union. Our President apparently doesn't pause long enough to consider such light issues; because Gorbachev is apparently more important than is law, honesty, truth and history!)

While reading a book entitled the *1990 Media Guide*, edited by Jude Wanniski, I came across a reference to an Evans/Novak column of September 28, 1989 (in *The Washington Post*) (It may have appeared in other newspapers on different dates). I took the time to go to a local library and get a copy of that column. Very interesting, indeed. In this column, Evans/Novak clearly point out, back in September of 1989:, that both President Bush and Secretary of State Baker had no intention of supporting independence for the Baltic States; because they were more interested in supporting Gorbachev. I quote from the column: "*Sustaining Gorbachev is more important than Baltic independence.*" The column goes on to recount an appearance by Secretary of State Baker, on *Face the Nation*, in September 1989, during which Mr. Baker was asked whether it is United States Government policy to support Baltic independence. Mr. Baker's reply: "*I don't know that I would put it that way.*"

Before this trip to the library, I had never seen this particular article. If I'd seen it back in September of last year, I guess that I would have been far less incredulous of President Bush's actions, since then, in regards of Lithuania. He, in effect, told us last September, that he wasn't going to support Lithuania/that he had abandoned the captive nations policy!

During the latter part of July, this year, on *C-Span*, I saw just part of a ceremony being conducted at the White House, by President Bush, "in honor" of Captive Nations. I don't know who was present at same, but I hope that there were no Lithuanian-Americans present! We should not have added dignity to that obviously false, hollow, heretical exercise. President Bush has abandoned — in an active way — the Captive Nations Policy; and we shouldn't participate in/acknowledge the existence of any remaining illusions.

With great fanfare, during a commencement address at the University of South Carolina, early this summer, President Bush announced the formation of a Citizens Democracy Corps; which would be comprised of United States citizens, acting individually, outside of government (with some government coordinating effort), to assist the emerging nations of Eastern Europe. I requested, and recently received, a copy of the State Department document which amplified on this Citizens Democracy Corps. As usual, conspicuously absent, in a listing of nations that this Citizens Democracy Corps was targeting, were all the Baltic Nations!!! Our government appears to be telling us that it's not acceptable to support the Baltic Nations with even individual, private initiatives.

Do you, like I, ever get the feeling that our Executive Branch (i.e., the President, the State Department, etc.) think that Lithuania harbors a contagious, fatal, incurable disease? It's okay to help (with literally billions of dollars in foreign aid, technical assistance, etc.) Hungary, Romania, Poland, Czechoslovakia, East Germany (GDR), etc. — even Albania (now); but it is absolutely not okay to even consider helping the Baltic Nations.

We should be telling every single Republican Party affiliated candidate for office or incumbent seeking re-election, what we think of the Republican Administration's policy towards Lithuania. We should be asking every single one of these people, in public (i.e., in Letters to the Editor; in person, at rallies; during "call in" radio or television programs), whether they agree or disagree with President Bush's policy towards Lithuania. If they say, publicly, that they agree, then we should tell them, publicly, that we have no intention of voting for them. And, if they say that they disagree with President Bush's policy in regard to Lithuania, then we should be asking them to publicly, in the Senate or House of Representatives, do something which will demonstrate that disagreement! Actions speak louder than words, we should be telling them; and that we cherish our vote/that we cast our vote for people who act in a manner consistent with our views and beliefs. (We want to make it perfectly clear to them, as well, that we don't want just talk from them — that we want to see real action; where it counts.)

*The Wall Street Journal*, in a feature story which appeared this past spring, noted that there are one million Lithuanian-American voters. One million voters make a difference. One million voters can determine who gets elected to Senate and



House seats from several states and Congressional Districts. We should be exercising the power that we have. Politicians understand the power of votes. Politicians understand the need to be responsive to issues which voters who are going to elect, or re-elect them, hold dear. The most powerful instrument we Lithuanian-Americans hold, is our vote. We need to make it perfectly clear to those who want our vote, that we are going to cast that vote for those who actively support the issue we hold dear — Lithuania. If they won't support Lithuania, IN WORD AND DEED, then we need to tell them, publicly, that we will cast our vote for someone else. Remember — and this is the way it really is — if we cast a vote for a candidate, or incumbent, then we are supporting that person's record in regards to Lithuania. And, of course, if this person has done NOTHING for Lithuania, then we are telling him or her that it's "okay" to do nothing for Lithuania!

Finally, when evaluating an incumbent, to determine whether or not he or she deserves our vote, let's not fall into the trap of believing that the incumbent is doing/has done something POSITIVE for Lithuania; just because that incumbent has sent us a letter telling us that they "support the Captive Nations Policy, etc." Let's make sure that the incumbent HAS REALLY DONE SOMETHING with his or her vote. Politicians tell us what we want to hear. Let's make sure that we are really hearing what the politicians are telling us. We don't want to elect people who are "going through the motions" for Lithuania. We want to elect people who are going to ACTIVELY SUPPORT Lithuania's freedom and economic prosperity. They're either FOR Lithuania or AGAINST Lithuania. There is no middle ground.



Vytautas IGNAS

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*The scene in Washington, D.C. — June 1, 1990. Photo by Stanley Valatka.*





## The Lithuanian Cause at the CSCE in Copenhagen

A continuation of the Helsinki Accords of 15 years ago, the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) was held in Copenhagen, Denmark, June 5-29, 1990. The theme "The Human Dimension" drew delegations from 35 countries, including the USA and Canada. The Balts, led by the World Baltic Council, lobbied as a non-governmental organization (NGO), an innovation which was introduced during the CSCE Conference in Vienna. The Lithuanians were well represented. World Baltic Council Vice-President and President of the Supreme Committee for Liberation of Lithuania (VLIK) Dr. Kazys Bobelis, and Dr. Algirdas Budreckis of VLIK were the official Lithuanian observers. They were assisted by Dalia Bobelis and Arvydas Budreckis. Other Lithuanian participants were Ginte Damusis of the Lithuanian Information Center, Romas Kinka of Great Britain, and Gabija Petrauskas (World Bendruomene). Two representatives from Lithuania also joined them: Lithuanian foreign minister Algirdas Saudargas and Parliament deputy Virgilijus Cepaitis. The Conference was also attended by the foreign ministers of Estonia and Latvia — Lennart Mari and Janis Jurkans respectively.




The Balts formed delegations which visited with diplomats and delegation spokesmen from 29 countries attending the Conference. The Baltic petition consisted of three points: de

facto recognition of the governments of the three Baltic States, intervention to lift the economic blockade of Lithuania, and admittance of the three Baltic Republics to the CSCE Conferences as official observers (such status surprisingly was granted to Communist Albania at this Conference).

The Balts (both from the Soviet occupied countries and the West) participated in important side conferences: they spoke at the convention of the Christian and Conservative Parties of the European Parliament, the Conference on Soviet Jewry, the Baltic Press Conference at CSCE, meeting of American sponsored NGO's, meetings with the Norwegian and Danish foreign ministers in Oslo and Copenhagen.

During the CSCE Conference, the foreign ministers of Ireland, Denmark, Norway, Iceland were approached by the Lithuanians on their own. The most encouraging reports on behalf of the Balts were made by delegates from the USA, Great Britain, Ireland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, and the Netherlands. The positive results of the Baltic lobbying were: good press and wire service coverage, promises to support the admittance of the Baltic delegates as official observers during the November, 1990 Paris Summit meeting, and most important victory: the Danish Red Cross finally decided to send 3.8 million kroner worth of insulin to the Baltic States as a humanitarian gesture.

**Dr. Algirdas Budreckis**

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## “Grass Roots” Activists Meet In Philadelphia

Lithuanian-American “grass roots” activists from Florida, Virginia, New Jersey, Washington, D.C., Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maryland and Pennsylvania participated in a day-long seminar, on July 21, 1990, at the Lithuanian Music Hall in Philadelphia.

Organized and hosted by the **Lithuanian Communications Center** (of the Lithuanian-American Community, Inc. / National Executive Committee), the seminar goals were to:

- Share each participant group’s activities regarding the support and facilitation of The Republic of Lithuania’s drive for full independence.
- Identify areas where efforts could be coordinated and/or consolidated to avoid duplication and resource waste.
- Develop ideas for future activities.

**Mr. Vytautas Maciunas**, of the Lithuanian Communications Center welcomed all participants; and introduced the many, varied presentations. A summary of those presentations, and discussions about same, follows:

**Mr. Viktoras Nakas** of the Washington, D.C. office of **The Lithuanian Information Center (LIC)** gave an historical overview of the ten years of existence of LIC as an offshoot of Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid. Though the original mission of the LIC was to collect and disseminate religious-oriented information about/from Lithuania, the scope is now broadened to include all news from Lithuania. LIC has a good relationship with the information bureau of the Parliament of Lithuania; and communicates via telex/telefax at least several times weekly. Information is sent to Lithuania from LIC in order to keep Lithuanians abreast of current issues and attitudes in the US Government, as well as among the general US public. Such information assists Lithuanians in developing policies and strategies. LIC provides regular information to the American and international media (to include Voice of America, Radio Free Europe, etc.); as well as to other organizations. The information service of LIC can be subscribed to, for a nominal annual fee. LIC is occasionally consulted by representatives from Capitol Hill regarding specific issues; but the LIC does not involve itself with actual lobbying. Such a stance helps to maintain LIC’s reputation as a credible, i.e., impartial, news source. Mr. Nakas’ opinion is that the media has been generally positive towards Lithuania; but some polls have effectively distorted the view of American opinion regarding Lithuania. LIC’s priority is to cover events in Lithuania; and to share information with the public. Although LIC already scans major US city newspapers and prominent periodicals and journals, for dispatch of pertinent information to Lithuania, Mr. Nakas indicated that it would be helpful if others were to scan local or limited interest publications to which they have access; so that pertinent “op-ed” articles and other pieces pertaining to Lithuania, not otherwise readily available, could be furnished to LIC, for possible, eventual dispatch to Lithuania. Mr. Nakas discouraged local groups and individuals from sending information directly to Lithuania, via telefax; because such actions cause duplication and tie up limited fax capability; while using precious fax paper not readily available in Lithuania.

**Ms. Rūta Smulkstienė** of the **Americans for Lithuanian Freedom Committee (ALFC)**, Chicago, told participants about the formation of her group; which was originally an offshoot of the Lithuanian-American Community (LAC), but which now exists as a semi-independent organization. Although the ALFC continues to utilize telephones and fax machines of the LAC, members now initiate, fund and follow through on projects independently. ALFC members consider themselves to be an “action” committee — not a “hotline”; and recent projects demonstrate the varied scope of their activities. Over the past several months, the AFLC has:

- Purchased advertising space in the Washington, D.C. metro for the purpose of placing, in EVERY OTHER subway car, a poster which reads, “*Don’t Close the Door on Democracy in Lithuania — Let President Bush Know!*” On those posters, is a unique, very attractive logo showing a yellow, green and red bird attempting to fly out of a birdcage. The metro was selected for placement of these posters because many Congressmen, Senators and other influential Washington policymakers regularly use the metro. (Project coordinator: Jolita Narutis — 708-447-8568.)
- Mailed copies of the above noted poster to all members of the US Congress.
- Initiated a “chain letter” campaign throughout the United States. (Project coordinator: Rūta Smulkstienė — 708-394-0089)
- Rented commercial billboard space along several major highways in the Chicago metro area; for the purpose of posting the same, above noted posters. (Project coordinator: Austė Vygantienė — 708-446-5392)
- Developed and sold/presently selling posters, tee-shirts, buttons; all with the previously mentioned logo/words. (Project coordinators: Indre Tijunelis — 708-537-7949 and Marytė Utz — 708-423-0307)
- Initiated an “Adopt a Prisoner” project. Participants write letters to Lithuanian prisoners whom the USSR has arrested as “army deserters.” (Project coordinator: Danguolė Kviklytė — 312-434-4731)
- Organized a series of “cocktail parties” and lectures for various influential Americans.
- Appeared on several local radio and television talk shows; during which participants have promoted the cause of Lithuania.
- Placed newspaper advertisements.
- Conducted an “op-ed” newspaper letter writing campaign. (Project coordinator: Arūnas Liulevičius — 312-434-9120)

Ms. Smulkstienė, during her presentation, advised that copies of their logo can be made available for other groups to use in their own campaigns.



**Ms. Zina Dresliutė** and **Mr. Tomas Nenortas** of the **Lithuanian Resource Center (LRC)**, Hartford, described the effort involved in, and the success of, the recently completed "mass petition drive." The LRC obtained signatures from more than 100,000 residents of 49 states and 30 other countries. Although bound copies of the petition (in several volumes) have been presented to several Members of The Congress, House Speaker Tom Foley has refused to arrange for a time to accept a copy designated for him. (Mr. Algimantas Gečys — a seminar participant — suggested that the LRC consider contacting the Democratic National Committee; and try to enlist assistance in this matter.)

The Lithuanian Resource Center has completed/is continuing other activities, including the following:

- Conduct of a half hour, weekly radio program covering events in Lithuania.
- Sale of a videotape, "Hands Across Lithuania"; and which serves as a fundraiser.
- Establishment of a clearinghouse which keeps track of/advises on activities related to Lithuania.
- Conduct of various fundraising efforts, including one for the Lemont Mercy Lift and one for Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid — Life for Lithuania.
- Lobbying activities in Washington, D.C. (6 separate trips to date.)

Some seminar participants asked about the possibility of obtaining the names of those who signed the above noted petitions; so that those names could be entered into databases; for possible future use, in other ways. It was decided that these names should not be released for such use, because people signed the petitions as a "one-time show of support"; and didn't give, in any way, permission for use of their names for other programs.

In her capacity as Subscriptions Director for **Bridges — the Lithuanian-American News Journal**, Ms. Dresliutė answered questions raised in relation to that publication. Seminar participants were urged to submit articles for publication. It should be noted that "helping hands" are always welcome to **Bridges** ever-expanding contributors' base. **Bridges** Managing Editor, **Mr. Eduardas V. Meilus, Jr.**, as a result of conversations with Mr. Vytautas Maciunas, established the Lithuanian Communications Center feature in the news journal. The continuation of this new monthly feature will facilitate the provision of timely information to **Bridges** readers, relating to the ongoing political activities in support of Lithuania.

**Ms. Rasa Juškienė**, **Ms. Loretta Stukas** and **Mr. David Dutkus** of **Americans for an Independent Lithuania (AIL)**, Northern New Jersey (Ms. Stukas also represented **The Knights of Lithuania — Northern New Jersey**), discussed activities undertaken by their group(s). The AIL, they noted, was established in late March, this year; in connection with the organization of a demonstration in Washington, D.C. The principal focus of current activities includes lobbying efforts among New Jersey state and national office holders; arranging of speakers for local requirements; conduct of weekly political action meetings; and several programs designed to inform the public on Lithuanian issues. The AIL also publishes a bulletin which is released every 2-3 weeks; and the contents of which offers suggestions on actions people can take in order to promote the cause of Lithuania. With establishment of an effective "phone chain," the AIL can now respond virtually immediately, in significant numbers, on an issue of concern to Lithuania and Lithuanian-Americans. A unique program of the AIL is the presentation of books related

to Lithuania, to Congressmen, Senators and city Mayors. The AIL has also been successful in promoting a program which convinces Counties to introduce Resolutions supporting the recognition of Lithuania's independence.

**Ms. Sigita Ramanauskiene** operates the **Lithuanian Network (LN)**, from Florida. The LN serves as a resource and coordinating point for letter-writing campaigns. Additionally, Ms. Ramanauskiene has helped organize demonstrations in Orlando and other central Florida locations. A newsletter, produced by Ms. Ramanauskiene, the **Lithuanian Network**, is circulated nationwide; and offers suggestions for contents of letters, addresses to which letters should be sent, and other tips for use in promoting the cause of Lithuania. The LN has also been successful in hosting events at which prominent speakers (including nationally syndicated newspaper columnists — one example: Mr. Charlie Reece) have participated in support of Lithuanian issues.

**Ms. Gailė Rastonytė** represented **The Boston Lithuanian Information Center (BLIC)**, of Boston (of course!). The BLIC serves as an umbrella organization for several committees which promote/support and host a variety of activities. Examples described by Ms. Rastonyte included the following:

- Outreach activities — eliciting assistance and collaboration in support of Lithuania from various community organizations.
- Media contacts — including the establishment of permanent, productive relationships with several newspaper, radio and television reporters and "personalities."
- Publication of an "update sheet" — which provides current information of interest to Lithuanian-Americans, and others.
- Organization of demonstrations — including those in Boston, Kennebunkport, ME and at various colleges and universities.
- Lobbying activities — in Washington, D.C.; as well as one which resulted in declaration of a Freedom Week by Boston's Mayor Fine.

**Ms. Rose Dragunas** talked about activities of **The Free Lithuania Committee (FLC)** of Baltimore. Each of the ten members of this committee has a specific, assigned task. The scope of these tasks includes the lobbying of their Senators and Congressmen on a monthly basis; and the organization of specific, time sensitive efforts, such as the recent, successful action to obtain medical supplies for Lithuania — during which the FLC was able to gain the participation of several area school. The FLC, among other things, has participated/continues to participate in the "Adopt a Prisoner" program; publishes a weekly bulletin which is disseminated to people with an interest in Lithuania/people who should have an interest in Lithuania; and conducts a college speaking program.

**Mr. Joseph Arlauskas** provided information on the **Lithuania advocate Computer Bulletin Board System (BBS)**, based in Gloucester, Virginia. He noted that the BBS was established in order to quickly disseminate/share information among members of the Lithuanian-American community; to facilitate the successful movement of Lithuania into the world community and marketplace. Mr. Arlauskas expressed hope that more people would "sign on" to this system, use it on a regular basis, by posting information on/retrieving information from, this system; because its effectiveness depended on the sharing of useful, timely information. He went on to stress the usefulness



of computers in virtually all efforts to promote Lithuania/Lithuania's cause. On a separate note, Mr. Arlauskas encouraged the establishment of "personal" relationships with newspaper columnists and other news media professionals. He noted that correspondence with these people may not gain immediate, positive responses; but that, in the long run, such efforts will have a favorable "payoff" for Lithuania's cause. Finally, he offered insights, based on his experiences, about the effectiveness of various letter-writing techniques; and on the need to "broaden" our efforts beyond Congressmen and Senators, to business leaders, institutions, foundations and associations; all of which could do something positive for the various needs that Lithuania has. (BBS Telephone number is: 804-693-6571).

**Mr. Vytautas Maciunas** and **Mr. Virgus Volertas** described the evolution of and current activities of **The Lithuanian Communications Center** (LCC), based in Philadelphia (and the host organization for this seminar). The LCC was formed when it became clear that there needed to be a central point from which to disseminate information on issues relating to Lithuania. By combining human resources and available technology, the LCC has worked to keep all Lithuanian-American Community (LAC) chapters, as well as isolated individuals (those who do not live in an area serviced by an LAC chapter) informed about political activity related to Lithuania's independence drive. The LCC is currently developing a database which will match the names of Lithuanian-Americans with the Congressional Districts in which they live.

Seminar participants affirmed the need for a facility like the LCC; and pledged support to the LCC's efforts. **Dr. Tomas Remeikis** advised that he will take necessary action to ensure that the LCC is provided with all available information from the **Government Affairs Office**, in Washington, D.C.; so that the information can receive the widest possible dissemination.

It was agreed that information from Lithuania is far too limited; and that there needs to be additional effort in order to improve this flow of information.

**Dr. Tomas Remeikis**, representing the **Lithuanian-American Community, Inc., National Executive Committee**, Chicago, discussed the newly formed **Political Action Coordinating Committee**; which he heads. He noted that this special committee was created in order to intensify political activities of the LAC; by acting as a decision-making body; and by coordinating, to varying degrees, actions of LAC chapters and any participating "grass roots" activist groups.

Dr. Remeikis reviewed the activities of the Washington, D.C. based Government Affairs Office; and emphasized that that office's director, **Ms. Asta Banionytė**, works principally in the legislative field. He also noted that the lack of human resources has limited that office's ability to complete certain, envisioned, tasks.

He noted that the declaration of the impending moratorium on independence, along with the concurrent lifting of the economic blockade, has dampened the interest and enthusiasm of The Congress relative to issues on Lithuania. Dr. Remeikis went on to review current and upcoming legislation of importance to Lithuania, including the Democracy Seed II Bill.

Dr. Remeikis noted that long-term political activity must include:

- The creation of a stable LAC infrastructure which will survive even beyond times of high activity and crisis. (He noted that many of the current, ad hoc groups will not continue indefinitely.)

- Financial support for necessary activities. (Recent crises have resulted in the generation of considerable generosity; but such levels of giving cannot be expected to be sustained.)
- Mobilization of intellectual capabilities.

Dr. Remeikis expressed the hope that all Lithuanian organizations will interface for the common cause.

He concluded by telling of a recent meeting with the Lithuanian Foreign Minister; who talked about the upcoming moratorium. He noted that it is unclear how the Soviets will interpret Lithuania's planned moratorium; and that the moratorium is expected to begin once a protocol for negotiations is signed. As enacted, the moratorium will continue for 100 days; unless negotiations cease/at which time the moratorium will no longer be in effect. He reported that there are conflicting reports on how soon negotiations can begin.

Although representatives from three other groups were unable to be present for the seminar, they did furnish materials which outlined the scope of their activities:

**Ms. Alma Ericson**, of the **Rockford Lithuanian Network** (RLN), Rockford, IL, advised, in writing, that the RLN meets twice monthly to discuss and plan upcoming actions in support of Lithuania. Some recently accomplished activities include the following:

- Success in getting the Rockford City Council to adopt a Resolution recognizing Lithuania's independence.
- A meeting with Congresswoman Lynn Martin; during which ten Lithuanian-Americans discussed Lithuania's situation.
- A well-publicized demonstration at the Illinois Republican Convention.
- Signs of success in contacting the Olympic Committee; and pushing for admission of Lithuania as an independent nation.
- Participation (with a folk dance group) in an upcoming festival, where attendance is expected to be more than 250,000 people.

**Ms. Rasa Lakas** of the **Lithuanian "Hotline"** (LH), in Lemont, IL, advised of this independent organizations varied activities. (This writer has seen Lithuanian "Hotline" activities on national television!) The "Hotline's" 15 members have organized demonstrations, rallies, mercy lifts and other activities. They have served as a source of information for literally thousands of Lithuanian-Americans (and were the inspiration for several other "hotlines" throughout the US). A recent highlight was the organization of a conference and reception for Mr. Algirdas Brazauskas. Future plans call for a complete re-evaluation of goals and activities; in view of the changing environment, and new requirements.

**Ms. Tina Petrušytė** of the **Lithuanian Action Center** (LAC), Santa Monica, CA, writes that the LAC's mission is to support all activities associated with the restoration of full independence for Lithuania. The organization's basic purpose, at this time, is to disseminate timely information, on Lithuanian issues, to residents of California. The LAC has developed an extensive network in order to gain this required information.



Upon completion of presentations by participants, Mr. Maciunas moderated a summary discussion; which touched on various topics, as follows:

- Most participants agreed that there was a need for coordination of activities in some areas; but that it was not necessary to "centralize" activities of various groups. No definition of, or consensus on, exactly what form this coordination should take, was reached.
- The LAC is preparing a reference guide on Lithuania; and expect to have it updated on an annual basis.
- The Government Affairs Office will soon initiate a weekly newsletter for members of The Congress.
- The Communications Center will coordinate input for/will compile a monthly "update sheet"; which will consist of information furnished by the various "grass roots" activist centers.

Throughout the day, during the several discussions, a variety of ideas and suggestions were offered and examined. Just some of those are noted below:

- Instead of asking for donations in advertisements, groups may achieve a dual return by saying something like, "Join the effort"; and listing an address or telephone number.
- Send regularly scheduled newsletters to members of The Congress.
- Develop "thank you" cards in Lithuanian-English, in postcard form; and send these, as appropriate, to politicians, supporters and others.
- Organize community efforts to donate textbooks to Lithuania. (Mr. Nakas advised of a program coordinated by Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, in Brooklyn.)
- Organize "Adopt a . . ." (library or hospital or school), in Lithuania, program; in order to provide more focused assistance to Lithuania.
- When making presentations, or preparing materials for distribution, keep in mind that attractive, meaningful visual depictions will better serve the overall purpose.
- Prepare, and furnish, to members of The Congress, "report cards" on how they have acted on issues pertinent to Lithuania.
- When asking others to undertake an action, assign a completion time.
- Telephone networks ("trees") are vital tools for rapid action/mobilization requirements.
- Fax machines (and personal computers) are ESSENTIAL tools for achieving full effectiveness for expended effort.
- Assign one local person to be a contact person for each local journalist/broadcaster.
- With letters/through contacts, encourage various international organizations (Red Cross, Olympic Committee, Telecommunications Union, etc.) to admit Lithuania for membership. (Note that some of these actions MUST be coordinated with appropriate agencies in Lithuania.)



- Support/develop exchange programs (students, teachers, scientists, etc.).
- Develop "Position Papers" on various issues (in areas where you have expertise, or interest); and distribute same throughout the Lithuanian-American community.
- Force politicians up for (re)election to verbalize their position on Lithuanian independence.
- Organize locally-based political conferences, i.e., turn those around you into activists.
- Organize conferences on various issues; have papers presented, published.
- Encourage local community activity towards recognition of Lithuania's independence.
- Push for award of the Nobel Peace Prize to President Landsbergis.

*Note: It is recognized that participants at this seminar were just **some** of the many "grass roots" activists promoting Lithuania's independence, throughout America. The LCC seeks to establish contact with other groups; and will share their activities with others. Please contact the LCC at: 215-739-9353.*



## Community with a Capital "C"

### Switzerland

The 37th European-Lithuanian week took place in Einsiedeln, Switzerland, August 5-12. Einsiedeln is a famous pilgrimage site in Switzerland, and its large Baroque church, houses the Black Virgin. About 150 Lithuanians from Lithuania, Europe, and North America gathered for a traditional week of lectures, discussions and cultural programs, a week made especially interesting in recent years because of events in Lithuania. A number of Lithuanian Community presidents were there, including the Lithuanian World Community President, Professor Vytautas Bieliauskas, the president of the Lithuanian-American Community, Inc., Dr. Antanas Razma, and the presidents of, or representatives of Switzerland's, France's, England's, Belgium's, Holland's, West Germany's, Italy's, and Austria's Lithuanian Communities. (Also spending part of their personal vacations at the Conference were Lithuanian-American Community, Inc. National Executive Committee members, Professor Tomas Remeikis and Ramunė Kubilius, and office manager Danutė Korzonas.)

Other important visitors and participants at the conference were members of the Republic of Lithuania's government — Professor Vytautas Landsbergis, (President of Lithuania), Kazimieras Motieka (Vice-President), as well as deputies of the Supreme Council. Stasys Lozoraitis, Charge d'Affaires came to the conference. Also in attendance were the rector of the

Vilnius Pedagogical Institute, Professor Saulius Razma, the vice-rector of the University of Vilnius, Professor Rolandas Pavilionis, and the assistant director of the University's library — Algirdas Čaplikas. Other visitors at the conference included the president of the Switzerland-Lithuania Association, Aime Cantain, and the president of the Swiss Human Rights Commission, Rudolph Friedrich, as well as local Einsiedeln officials.

In a series of almost a dozen lectures on a variety of topics, as well as during private discussions, the participants were able to enlighten and discuss with each other the events in Lithuania. It should be mentioned that a variety of memoranda resulted, including one from the presidents of the Lithuanian Communities, and one signed by all of the participants. The concerns expressed in one: that the annexation policies of 1940 be abolished, that Lithuania wants to be a participant among the democracies of Europe by guaranteeing its citizens their rights, that the Soviet Union has no legal standing to stand in the way of Lithuania's and its people's relationships with other nations. The other expresses support for the elected government of the Republic of Lithuania and urges Lithuania's people, no matter where they live, to come together, cooperate and protect Lithuania's united efforts (especially in light of some rather critical letters which have been published in Lithuania's newspapers calling for new elections, etc.) 1980's conference in Gotland, Sweden may have been closer geographically to Lithuania, but the small nation of Switzerland, so close in geographic size to Lithuania was a beautiful backdrop for the week.

*Mt. Rigi, Switzerland could be seen from Lucerne, where the 37th European-Lithuanian Week participants had an excursion.*

*Photo by Ramunė Kubilius.*





## Lithuanian Music Festival

The Lithuanian Music Festival committee has already begun publicizing cultural activities scheduled to take place in Chicago and environs from May 18 - May 26th, 1991. The festival, sponsored by the Lithuanian-American and Canadian Lithuanian Communities will consist of the Lithuanian Song Festival, Ponchieli's opera "I Lituani," a religious concert, various art fairs and other events. The Lithuanian Music Festival chairman is Stasys Baras. The address and phone number are: Lithuanian Music Festival, 3001 West 59th Street, Chicago, IL 60629, (312) 471-3900.

The schedule of events which has already been released:

**May 18th** — Lithuanian-American Community, Inc. Cultural Council awards ceremonies, Lithuanian Youth Center, Chicago.

**May 19th** — "I Lituani" at the Morton East High School Auditorium, Cicero, IL. Participating will be members of the Lithuanian Opera Company (of Chicago) and the Republic of Lithuania Opera Company's soloists, orchestra, and ballet troupe.

**May 22nd** — A religious concert to commemorate the 50 year anniversary of deportations to Siberia. The concert will be at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Chicago.

**May 24th** — The second performance of "I Lituani."

**May 25th** — Song Festival rehearsal, University of Illinois at Chicago Pavilion in the morning; get-together and dance for young people at the Lithuanian Youth Center in Chicago in the evening.

**May 26th** — High Mass at Nativity B.V.M. parish church in Chicago (10:30 a.m.); Lithuanian Song Festival (2:00 p.m.) at the UIC Pavilion; banquet and dance at the Condesa del Mar Restaurant, Alsip, IL (7:00 p.m.).

## Lithuanian Freedom Forum

The Lithuanian-American Community will sponsor a Lithuanian Freedom Forum in Washington, D.C., September 27-30, 1990. Invited are the Chapters of the Community and all Lithuanian organizations, as well as the interested public. The goals of the seminar include: (1) Update our information on the situation in Lithuania and U.S. policy; (2) To inform Congress of current and future concerns; to strengthen our ties with core supporters in Congress and generate additional support; (3) To upgrade our political competence; (4) To develop and expand our communication networking capabilities; (5) To acknowledge Lithuanian activists' groups and individuals for their contribution to the Lithuanian cause; (6) To identify and launch new initiatives and programs on behalf of Lithuania. The Chairperson of the seminar organizing committee is Regina Narusis, president of the Waukegan/Lake County (IL) chapter of the Lithuanian-American Community, Inc. The seminar will take place at the Sheridan National Hotel, Arlington, VA, tel. (703) 521-1900. Registration is being handled by the National Executive Committee office, Lithuanian-American Community, Inc., 2713 West 71st Street, Chicago, IL 60629.

**(Items were compiled by Ramunė Kubilius of the Lithuanian-American Community, Inc. National Executive Committee, 2713 West 71st Street, Chicago, IL 60629.)**

*Participants of the European-Lithuanian Week are saluted by Alpine Horns. Photo by Ramunė Kubilius.*





# Atlaidai/Lithuanian Pilgrimages

## Book Review by Victoria Matranga

**Atlaidai/Lithuanian Pilgrimages** presents a startling, yet soothing, glimpse of present-day religious practice in rural Lithuania. **Atlaidai** depicts the solemn rituals associated with the public veneration of Mary and patron saints that merit the granting of indulgences, as well as the festive country holiday accompanying these annual pilgrimages. This album of photographs taken during the 1970's and 1980's by Romualdas Pozerkis, recently published by Loyola University Press, shows a religious fervor and social structure unlike anything in the mainstream American experience. In these photographs, we see our own contemporaries living beliefs we have only seen portrayed by medieval mendicants in films and historical reenactments.

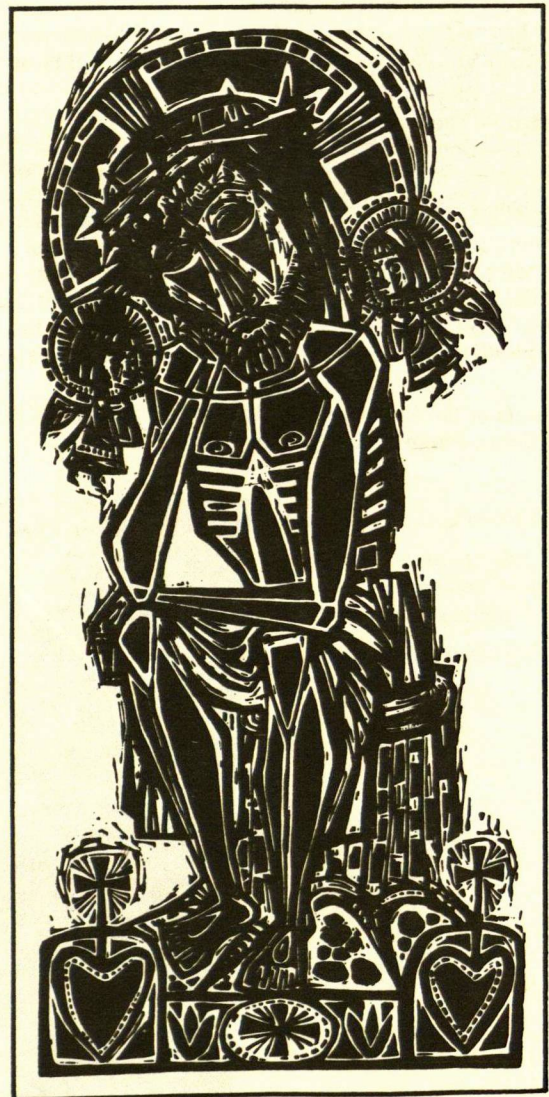
From the dramatic opening photograph in which the sky is a participant in the spectacle of the crowd surging towards a country steeple, these photographs capture details of humanity in harmony with nature. Scenes of broad sandalled feet treading dirt paths, worn faces and bescarved heads silhouetted by graceful arching trees, and young girls relaxing in horsedrawn wagons lined with straw and beautiful homewoven blankets offer a way of life where partnership with the natural surroundings adds depth and dignity to the harshness of daily life. Here, rustic wooden chapels, weathered crosses and open air pulpits are the simple architecture for the noble spirit.

Lithuania's unique brand of Christianity is shaped by its pagan traditions and respect for nature overlaid by fifty years of Communist repression. Lithuania was a late arrival to Western Christendom, joining the Church only in 1387, by which time the great Romanesque and Gothic cathedrals of Europe had long since been established. **Atlaidai** includes four introductory essays, which provide historical and aesthetic background to Pozerskis' work and are integral to the complete understanding of the photodocumentary. Mykolas Drunga provides the anthropological context for the **atlaidai** and commentary on the current political and social evolution in the USSR. With a journalist's eye and ear, Drunga makes the **atlaidai** festivals come alive. We can see and hear the "operatic glitter" of the clergy, faithful, children, beggars and fortunetellers with their vestments, wreaths, banners, incense, chimes and rums of the processions and later merry-making. For the bilingual American reader, Ceslovas Grincevicius' memories of pre-World War II **atlaidai** will add flavor to the visuals. Additional narrative information is imparted through the device of dual language captions, which are often not equivalent translations, and unfortunately sometimes redundant or trite in English.

Editor, **Algimantas Kezys** discusses the emotional content and the photographer's objectivity in framing the photodocumentary. He adds his bittersweet remarks on the passing of the **atlaidai** Pozerskis memorializes here, now that the automobile has intruded on the rhythms of pedestrian and farmwagon. Kezys, a well-known photographer in the West, chose to speak directly to his Lithuanian countrymen by electing to publish his essay in the Lithuanian language. By contrast, the art critic from Lithuania, Laima Skeivienė, had her essay printed in English. She carefully avoids any reference to the religious content of the series and summarizes Pozerskis' career.

**Atlaidai** is an important publishing venture, not only because it introduces a photographer whose extraordinary work was allowed legitimate passage to the West, but because the book was planned for marketing to the Soviet audience — something that would not have been possible only a short time ago. An album of this quality and frankness will be heartily appreciated in the USSR. In the U.S., a public accustomed to carphones, headphones and fax machines will find spiritual refreshment in the images of prostrate worshippers and frequent pairs of aged grandparents and young children that Pozerskis has given us.

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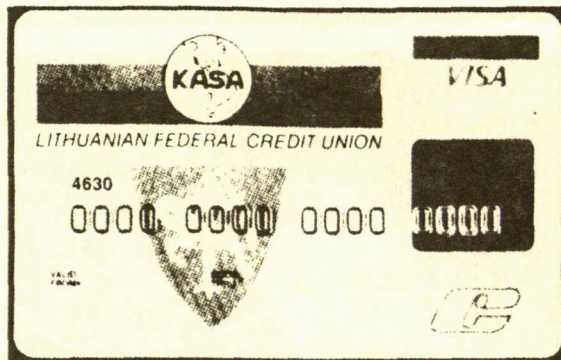
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## Lithuanian-Americans in the News



Dr. Edvardas L. Bubnys. Photo by EVM.

**Lithuanian-Americans in the News** spotlights **Dr. Edvardas L. Bubnys**, originally from Chicago, Illinois, and most recently of Brookline, Massachusetts, on his being awarded a Fulbright Lecturing Awards' Scholarship for the Academic Year 1990-1991. Dr. Bubnys will be lecturing in Business Administration—Business and Personal Finance at the University of Vilnius, in Lithuania, beginning this September.

Born in 1951, to a Lithuanian-American family in Chicago, Illinois, Ed Bubnys, while completing his primary and secondary education, also attended the Lithuanistic School at the Jesuit Lithuanian Youth Center in Chicago. He graduated with a B.S.L.A. in Mathematics from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 1973. Continuing his education at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, he earned an M.S. in Economics in 1976 and in 1978, he successfully defended his dissertation in History of Economics entitled "*Chicago — 1870 and 1900: Wealth, Occupation and Education*," for which he was awarded his Ph.D. From 1978-1984, he was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Finance and Law at Illinois State University, his alma mater, where he also completed Post-Doctoral work in

Finance. From 1985-1988, he was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Finance, Insurance and Real Estate in Memphis (TN) State University. Since the fall of 1988, he has been an Assistant Professor in the Department of Finance at Suffolk University in Boston, Massachusetts.

Since 1982 leading professional journals such as: *Explorations in Economic History*; *Review of Social Economy*; *The Energy Journal*; *Managerial and Decision Economics*; *Advances in Financial Planning and Forecasting*; *Advances in Futures and Options Research*; *The Financial Review*; *Quarterly Review of Economics and Business*; *Journal of Economics and Business*; have published Dr. Bubnys' work. Thirteen articles have been published, while 8 are currently in the review process.

His professional society memberships include: American Finance Association; Financial Management Association; Academy of Financial Services; North American Economics and Finance Association; Regional Finance Associations (Eastern, Western Northern, Southern, Midwest).

In his "spare time," when he can find it, Ed serves as a consultant to the Taupa Lithuanian Federal Credit Union, headquartered in South Boston, MA. It was here, that I had the privilege to first meet Ed. He also consulted to a study, which documents the financial toll on the Lithuanian Nation as a result of 50 years of Soviet Domination. This data was used extensively in the meetings held in July in Copenhagen, Denmark of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

*Bridges* salutes Dr. Edvardas L. Bubnys, on his achievements and wishes him well in his year of Professorship at the University of Vilnius. What is our temporary loss, is truly Lithuania's gain. **EVM**



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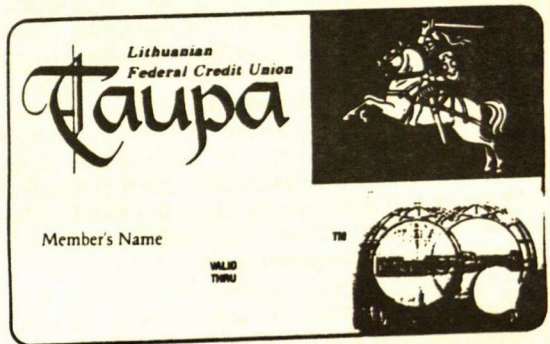
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# Serving Lithuania Through the Lithuanian Foundation

by Ramona Steponavičius-Stephens

There are basically two types of organizations. The first is inflexible: deaf to the herald of modern developments and limited to reiterating its pride in past accomplishments. The second, never content with its past record, not only accepts change as a constant, but initiates it as well. The prospects of the first organization are dimmed by outdated methods, a mounting apprehension of the future, and a stingy, egocentric approach toward "outsiders." The horizon of the second organization-type is in steady expansion. Since future-orientation is considered a necessity, its non-elitist "inner circle" embraces new concepts and members. The first, constructed on and of sand, is eroded away by the winds of time, while the second erects ever taller towers on a solid stone base.

Fortunately, the Lithuanian Foundation exemplifies the second, more desirable type of organization. Its leadership enters a new decade prepared, to the best of its ability and in adherence to Foundation By-Laws, to extend a hand to the reborn Lithuanian nation. This verbal promise has already manifested itself in concrete ways.

Late spring and early summer are invariably hectic at the Lithuanian Foundation. For several weeks, each Grants Committee member is perched on the edge of his/her seat in anticipation of scooping up a personalized mountain of Xeroxed grant applications. The metaphor is not pure exaggeration: this year the Foundation received 122 annotated and annexed requests for aid from both individuals and organizations — a sum in excess of \$1 million. Diligent and time-consuming home-study of this documentation assures that limited funds are properly allocated. This year, this monumental task was undertaken by Grants Committee chairman Povilas Kilius, Lithuanian Community of the USA delegates Dr. Petras Kisielius, Sr. (secretary), Aušrelė Liulevičiūtė, Robert Vitas, and Arvydas Tamulis (substitute), and Lithuanian Foundation Board of Directors' appointees Dr. Gediminas Balukas, Marija Remys, and Daina Kojelis (substitute).

One million dollars in project proposals and scholarship requests had to be whittled down to a mere \$250,000 (Foundation annual profits approved for allocation by the Board), with the addition of \$15,955 in undistributed past funds. The harsh reality of the situation provokes nightmares even months later. The burden of the Grants Committee, however, was decreased somewhat by the Scholarships Subcommittee: Povilas Kilius (in the chairman's dual role), Vytenis Kirvelaitis, Diana Kojelis, Robert Vitas, and Ramona Steponavičiūtė. The Subcommittee is authorized to make recommendations to the Grants Committee which shoulders the responsibility for the ultimate resolutions.

Scholarship applications must meet certain criteria. The student should exhibit an interest in his/her heritage through participation in Lithuanian activities or organizations. Academic achievement, extracurricular work, good recommendations, and financial need also receive primary consideration. Although the final decision is not in the least influenced by the

response, it is difficult not to glance at the question on the form which reads: Are you or your parents Lithuanian Foundation members? Of course, scholarship applicants from Lithuania and others in poor financial standing are not expected to answer in the affirmative. Nevertheless, even the smallest donation proves that an applicants' interest in the Foundation is not based solely upon personal benefit: there is a clearly-expressed desire to learn about and to take part in the Foundation's noble efforts.

Confirmed by the Lithuanian Foundation's Board of Directors on June 21st and formally presented at a press conference on July 11th, the list of 1990 grant and scholarship recipients is truly impressive. Many Lithuanian organizations collect money, and subsequently, advertise contributors' names in the daily press, but few render their accounts as publicly or as completely as the Lithuanian Foundation. A detailed three-page hand-out summarized the endeavors of the past few months. Cultural preservation work (book publishing, research, competitions, festivals, exhibitions, and other fine arts projects) was given \$63,500 (24% of total allocations). Social affairs, (institutions, youth organizations, human services, summer fellowships, the press, radio programs) received \$68,030 (26%). Lithuanian education earned the greatest support — an unprecedented 50% of the distributed funds: \$56,825 was apportioned to Lithuanian language schools, videos, audio cassettes, and other teaching aids, and \$77,600 went toward scholarships, including to those students attending Vasario 16 High School in West Germany and the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle Chair of Lithuanian Studies.

By far, this year's largest Lithuanian Foundation cultural and educational investment was in Lithuania and her future. With the appropriate Western training, Lithuania's own youth can be at the forefront of the restoration of a democratic government and the rebuilding of her backward economy. Over half of the scholarships were distributed to students from Lithuania. About \$51,000, or 20% of total allocations, will be fostering Lithuania's needs.

It is quite possible that the Foundation will be called upon to part with an even larger sum next year. At the 27th Annual Lithuanian Foundation Members' Meeting, a motion was made to withdraw \$1 million of the Foundation's capital for the cultural and educational needs of the new Lithuanian state. The attending members voted to start the procedures for the transfer and empowered the Board of Directors to enact this resolution. Therefore, discussion of this proposition became the first order of business at the Board meeting on June 21st. One common denominator emerged from the voiced viewpoints of every Board member: according to the Foundation Statutes, the fixed capital is to remain untouched until the restoration of a free Lithuania (while only the interest realized from it can be used for ethnic preservation activities). Lithuanian Foundation money can only be granted to an independent, *non-Soviet*



Lithuania. The motherland does not yet exercise full sovereignty: her destiny, especially in regard to Gorbachev and the unstable Soviet political machine, is doubtful. Thus, the Board chose to postpone further debate and action on the matter until the next members' meeting, to which a special afternoon session will be added. The partial liquidation will have to be approved by a 3/4th majority vote of the members present at this special meeting. In the event of this resolution, the meeting participants will elect a Board of Trustees which will oversee the orderly transfer of assets, in accordance with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

The forthcoming \$1 million transfer accentuates how little time remains to achieve another long-sought goal. The Lithuanian Foundation is short by \$145,000 of its \$5 million mark. The Foundation was fortunate to have received twice this amount during the first half of this year. Without question, with the participation of its present membership and the addition of new members, this goal can be realized by the end of the year. The motivation is simple: the greater the number of contribu-

tions received now, the greater the amount distributed later. The sooner this summit is conquered, the sooner the Foundation's 6300-plus members will have the satisfaction of seeing their hard-earned dollars working toward the restructuring of Lithuania's educational system and the cultivation of its cultural life.

A structurally and ethically sound organization deserves esteem for more reasons than previously mentioned. Ideally, such an organization is not just accountable to its membership: it also demonstrates its dedication to the furthering of society as a whole. As with other organizations, the multifaceted success of the Lithuanian Foundation is not accredited solely to its various chairmen and committees: the greatest honor belongs to the individual members without whom there would be no Lithuanian Foundation. "If you leave the world a better place . . . If you ease the burden of but one soul — consider your life worthwhile." (Anonymous).

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TOUR #105 ..... \$2,159.00 from Boston & N.Y.  
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12 day tour with 8 days in LITHUANIA, 9 nights VILNIUS, 1 night PRAGUE via CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES  
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DECEMBER 28-JANUARY 11 ..... \$1,999.00 from Chicago  
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**Centre County**

Bellefonte Historical & Cultural Association, \$1,500, NATIVE AMERICAN BEADWORK, PORCUPINE QUILTWORK & DEER HIDE TANNING. Master: Bob Moore; Apprentice: Angel Mollabaugh.

**Larion County**

Cook Forest Sawmill Center for the Arts (Cooksburg), 2,000. TRADITIONAL WEAVING. Master: Ruth Schnell; Apprentices: Ruth Walker-Daniels and Virginia Hansen.

**Erie County**

Ukrainian National Women's League of America (Erie), \$1,000. UKRAINIAN NYZ EMBROIDERY. Master: Nadia Wolyne; Apprentices: Christine Cavanetta, Orysia Dail, Mary Lavosky and Margaret Corapi.

**Franklin County**

Chambersburg Area Council for the Arts \$2,000, UTILITY TEXTILE WEAVING. Master: Jeanne Henderson; Apprentice: Cecelia Jankura.

**Lackawanna County**

Anthracite Heritage Museum & Iron Furnaces Associates (Scranton), \$3,000, IRON FURNACE PATTERNMAKING, Master: Andrew Yurkovic; Apprentice: John Cantafio.

**Mercer County**

Mercer County Historical Society (Mercer), \$650, ROMANIAN SPINNING. Mater: Sophie Dorfi; Apprentice: Connie Cerrone Davis.

**Montgomery County**

Ukrainian Educational & Cultural Center, \$1,000, UKRAINIAN ANGERDANY BEADWORK. Master: Lucia Hryciw; Apprentices: Maria Iwaskiw, Karola Fedorijczuk, Anna Maria Cyhan, Chrystyna Prokopowych and Christine Demiantschuk.

**Philadelphia County**

Lithuanian Folk Arts Institute, \$3,000, LITHUANIAN HYMNAL SINGING. Master: Bronius Krokys; Apprentices: Joseph Kasinskas and Rasa Krokys.

Painted Bride Art Center, \$2,000, AFRICAN DRUM MAKING. Master: Steven Jackson; Apprentice: Carl Weston.

Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, \$2,000, AFRICAN-AMERICAN GARDENING ARTS. Master: Blanche Epps; Apprentices: Elizabeth Hicks, Willie Mae Clark and Adelaide Lockwood.

Southeast Asian Mutual Assistance Association Coalition, \$3,000, CAMBODIAN DANCE. Masters: Chamrouen Yin (dance) and Mom Sak (costume design); Apprentices: Chackriya Sen, Savy Kong, Lek Lidina, Dalin Thong, Srey Chanthol, Leam Kong and Linda Dy.

Additional information on the Apprenticeships in Traditional Arts Program is available from Amy Skillman, Director of State Folklife Programs, Pennsylvania Heritage Affairs Commission, 309 Forum Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

## Apprenticeship Grants

The Pennsylvania Heritage Affairs Commission (PHAC), in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, today announced \$28,500 in grants to 15 non-profit organizations to support the state's apprenticeship program in traditional arts.

The program, administered by the Commission's Office of State Folklife Programs, funds the training of apprentices in a wide variety of traditional crafts and music by some of Pennsylvania's masters of traditional arts.

"This program is helping to ensure that the arts and music which were part of our parents' and grandparents' daily lives are not going to be lost in the sands of time," said Lieutenant Governor Mark S. Singel, PHAC Chairman.

"It's giving the young people of Pennsylvania the opportunity to share in the unique legacy of Pennsylvania's past. The program and the Commission as a whole are helping to preserve the cherished traditions of all the Commonwealth's people," Singel said.

On September 24th, Lieutenant Governor Singel will present certificates of appreciation to the 1989-90 masters and apprentices in a 1:00 p.m. ceremony in the Upper Rotunda of the Main Capitol in Harrisburg.

The sponsoring organizations serve as the vehicles for submitting and processing grant proposals. The sponsor also provides a suitable site for local programs which give the opportunity for the apprentices to share their work with the public through exhibitions, workshops and demonstrations.

Organizations selected to receive grants this year are:

**Allegheny County**

The Irish Cultural, Charitable and Education Trust (Pittsburgh), \$1,600, ARAN KNITTING. Mater: Anne Killeen Muldoon; Apprentice: Kathleen Hunter.

Slavic Department, University of Pittsburgh, \$2,750, SLOVAK SPINNING & WEAVING. Master: Sigrid Piroch; Apprentices: Mary Gido and Christine Metil.

Sweetwater Art Center (Sewickley), \$1,500, IRISH LACE MAKING. Master: Karen Delgado Schaffner; Apprentices: Shirley De Woody, Mary Kirk, Marjorie Mayhall, Anne Stitt and Debbie Wisinski.