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Doing what has to be done, every single day. Lithuanian Americans, and friends, demonstrating in front of the Soviet Embassy, in Washington, DC.

To our readers:

So, what do you think? Better, worse - or no comment? Of course, the changes!

Appearance is one thing; but even a "slick" appearance can't cover up shallow content. Hopefully, after you've read this issue, you'll conclude that the content is worthy of your subscription cost. Whatever your conclusions, however, we'd like to hear them. The goal of a publication is to meet the readers' needs; and we can do that only with feedback from you; so that we know what/how to adjust, as required.

When I was offered the opportunity to serve as Acting Editor of **BRIDGES**, I readily accepted. After all, what more can a long time reader, and contributor, ask for? (It's not unlike being let loose in a candy store!) Hopefully, I've not overreacted - you, the reader, will be the best judge of that.

The articles in this issue were selected with the hope that every single reader will find at least something of interest to them. It would be physically impossible to put together an issue which contains articles - all articles - of interest to all readers. The goal, as I see it for a publication (and as I saw it for this issue), is to give a "mix" of articles which will inform, entertain and arouse you. Some of them, of course, will simply not be of interest to you (and, hopefully, those will be at a minimum).

We tried: You'll find articles about the upcoming Lithuanian Music Festival, about computer communications with Lithuania, about a comprehensive assistance effort for Lithuanian schools, about a genealogy project, about a resounding success at "grass roots" level and about lots more. The only thing you won't find is a crossword puzzle (and that might not be a bad idea for future issues!).

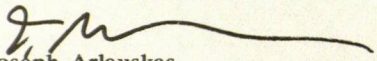
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As this is being written, I'm already well underway in

putting together requirements for the April 1991 issue of **BRIDGES**. It's like a treadmill. A short burst of excitement in seeing one issue go to press; followed, very soon, by a rumble in the stomach, because of the knowledge that the next issue is already demanding attention. Yes, just like a treadmill.

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We intend to "grow" **BRIDGES**; and such a goal is impossible to reach without your assistance.


Joseph Arlauskas
Acting Editor

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A.P.P.L.E.

*American Professional Partnership For Lithuanian Education.
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by **Vaiva Vebra and Jurate Krokys**

With proper planning and the use of the right tool, it is possible to break something that otherwise appears unbreakable, and break it cleanly - a stone, a stump, a gem. In today's world success is largely a matter of having the right tool, knowing how to use it, and having the will to use it. The Republic of Lithuania today faces a host of critical problems, the legacy of a half century of systematic repression that coldly and deliberately attempted to extinguish the spirit and identity of a nation. There is one tool, a wedge, that will break Lithuania free of Soviet domination, spiritually today, economically tomorrow, politically forever. That tool is education. The educational infrastructure of Lithuania is, today, in a shambles. The practice of the art and science of pedagogy is scarcely recognizable to Western eyes. Lithuanians are looking to us for help. A newly formed association, the *American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education* (A.P.P.L.E.) was founded in 1990 to develop a means to deliver that help, to provide Lithuanian educators and education administrators access to American resources as Lithuania builds a new educational system. A.P.P.L.E. members include students, teachers, administrators, and others outside the education establishment, all of whom want to help make a difference, today, in Lithuania.

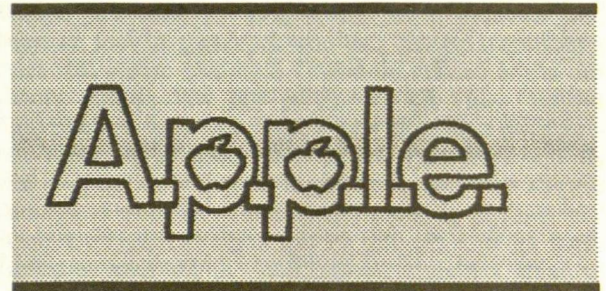
A particularly important part of A.P.P.L.E.'s mission is to reach out beyond the community of Lithuanian-Americans, to give other interested professionals a means to keep informed and participate in the education evolution underway in Eastern Europe.

The Charge:

The inspiration for the founding of A.P.P.L.E. came from a series of conversations with Darius Kuolys, the Minister of Culture and Education of Lithuania, who visited America in September 1990. Upon his return to Vilnius, Mr. Kuolys sent a FAX, translated here into English:

The de-Sovietization of our educational system, the renewal of humanist and democratic principles, the creation of curricula appropriate to modern standards of science and culture - these are only a part of the

tasks facing our nation and requiring immediate attention. The accumulation of experience in democratic countries would assist us immensely in the reorganization of Lithuania's education system. Inviting your assistance, we propose a program of "American Teachers for Lithuanian Schools", as follows: 1. We are pleased to invite educators from the West to participate in a series of professional development seminars for Lithuanian teachers, to be held in Vilnius in the summer of 1991. We hope they may share their expertise and acquaint our teachers with the latest methodologies and techniques. 2. We invite teachers of foreign languages and other subjects to teach in our schools or in our children's summer camps. 3. Lithuania is most in need of advisors, consultants and experts in all education fields (including preschool institutions, special education, methods of dealing with delinquent children, and general school administration). We would also welcome school psychologists and sociologists. 4. We would be most grateful for any textbooks, literature, regarding education theory and methods, and the teaching of foreign languages.



A.P.P.L.E. was founded to respond to this request from Lithuania, and to provide an organizational channel to respond to other ideas and opportunities developed here in America.

The Summer Seminar - You're Invited!

The high point in 1991 for the "American Teachers for Lithuanian Schools" project will be a professional development seminar for Lithuanian teachers to be ➡

held in Vilnius, Lithuania. Two back-to-back, two-week, sessions will run from July 15 to July 26 and from July 29 to August 9. Lecturers will be guest educators from the West. Lecturers are sought for the month, teaching the same course for both sessions; but those able to stay for a single session only, are welcome. Lecturers from all fields of education are needed - topics to be taught will be coordinated by the joint sponsors of the seminar: A.P.P.L.E. and the Ministry of Education of Lithuania. Lithuanian is preferred where possible, but courses may be taught in either Lithuanian or English. Meetings with education specialists outside of the regular course curriculum will be arranged as guest lecturers sign on.

Comfortable accommodations, meals and transport within the capital city will be provided by the Teacher Qualification Center of Vilnius, headed by Director Rimantas Zelvys. Other excursions will be arranged to match the special interests of seminar participants. Lecturers are most welcome to bring their families; special camps and tours are available for children, if desired.

The grand spectacle of the World Lithuanian Sports Festival will be an interesting sidelight of the trip. A whirlwind of folkloric ensembles will be performing at opening and closing ceremonies of the festival.

A.P.P.L.E. will be helping guest lecturers with group travel arrangements. Anyone interested in being a guest lecturer should call or write A.P.P.L.E. now (Editor's Note: Address/Telephone Number is listed at the end of this article), and organizers will incorporate qualified volunteer topics into the course curriculum.

The project coordinator in Lithuania, Audrys Antanaitis, writes:

The Lithuanian school system is currently undergoing an upheaval; any assistance of any nature will be gratefully received. . . . Our children, students and teachers need this project, as does our entire educational system, just now beginning to feel its way out of the current morass. I hope and expect that this project won't be one-sided, but will benefit those American educators who donate their time and energy. At the least, they will have a special opportunity to deepen their understanding of Lithuania and its people. The teaching of educational methods will help Lithuania catch up with the rest of the world's civilized nations, to begin leading a normal life. If, for long decades, emigres kept alive the question of Lithuania's political existence, now the time has come to combine our efforts toward the spiritual and cultural rebirth of the Lithuanian nation and state.

Funding:

Preliminary efforts toward getting philanthropic support from American charitable foundations and/or government agencies are underway. Those skilled in the art of grantsmanship, are eagerly sought for advice and assistance.

Membership and A.P.P.L.E. Branches:

At this moment, A.P.P.L.E. is being run off the personal credit cards of its organizers. So, obviously, the organization is seeking members and financial commitment to keep work moving ahead. A directory listing all members will soon be developed. Because it is anticipated that members will want to keep abreast of developments in their particular fields of education, a number of very experienced educators have volunteered to coordinate A.P.P.L.E. endeavors with their colleagues. These coordinators are: Sigita Banevicius - Speech, occupational, physical therapy; Teresa Gecys - School counseling; Jurate Krokys - Special education; Dr. Sigita Ramanauskas - School psychology; Emilija Sakadolskis - Music education; Dr. Aldona Mogenyte-Walker - School administration. Of course, many gaps still exist. Additional people are invited to be part of the A.P.P.L.E. coordinating team.

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- Darius Kuolys

What You Can Do:

Join A.P.P.L.E., formally. But, even now, consider undertaking the following:

1. Ask permission to rummage through the book closets of your school or school district. What are you looking for? Recent instructional curriculum guides, especially in the area of social studies, civics, health education (including sex education and child abuse), ESL, classroom management and special education. The more copies, the better. Keep your eye out for textbook series that are being replaced by a school. If it's a good series, it can be used in Lithuania! Can you reclaim the whole series? Often, the school will be grateful to get it off their dusty shelves. Do you have extra weekly readers or sample sets? All such material can be used in the direct instruction of teachers and students in Lithuania. English language texts can be used by ESL students and by future textbook writers in Lithuania, as an idea source for format, content and style.

2. Please go whenever there is a teachers' book fair in your area. If publishers' representatives will not give you a copy on the spot, they may be willing to ➡

send in your name to your school.

3. Please keep A.P.P.L.E. in mind when attending seminars, conference and workshops. Sometimes you can get extra copies of seminar materials. Make sure you meet the event sponsors or organizers. Send A.P.P.L.E. their business cards with a note regarding any conversations with them, and A.P.P.L.E. staff will follow through with additional contact. For example, one A.P.P.L.E.r recently attended a geography workshop and requested that A.P.P.L.E. be placed on the Pennsylvania Geography Alliances mailing list.

4. If you plan to attend a conference and learn that money may be available to sponsor delegates from emerging democracies, let A.P.P.L.E. know as soon as possible. There is a possibility that arrangements can be made for delegates from Lithuania to attend.

5. If you see articles of interest regarding teaching methods, parental involvement, early childhood stimulation, or any of the areas already discussed, please clip them out and send them to A.P.P.L.E. Be sure to include the sources and, if available, the mailing addresses for the authors or the publishers. This material can be used in Lithuanian newspapers.

Special Education:

During an intense three weeks in the autumn of 1990, Dr. Dainius Puras, President of the Lithuanian Psychiatric Association, became acquainted with the American approach to education and care for disabled children. His visit was coordinated by Jurate Krokys, Special Education Director for A.P.P.L.E., who is herself a teacher of special education for the Philadelphia School District. The visit was a great success, both for Dr. Puras, personally and professionally, and for the organizations and families he was able to share ideas with. As such, it serves as a model and standard for future A.P.P.L.E. - sponsored visits of education professionals. Children with special needs have been largely ignored in all areas under Soviet control. As Lithuania struggles to reassert its independence, attention is also being focused on children and young adults who, for years, were kept shuttered in homes or confined in institutions. Although these children were physically cared for, there was no attempt at training, education, or even accurate diagnosis. Dr. Puras is at the forefront of a movement to bring this shadow population into the light of modern educational methods and rehabilitative practices. Dr. Puras is Chief Child Psychiatrist of the Health Department of Lithuania as well as the founder of the Lithuanian Society of Families with Mentally Handicapped Children, known as Viltis (Lithuanian for "Hope"). He is working with Viltis to establish a system of special education in Lithuania. Dr. Puras is also preparing to open a new Children's Mental Health Center in Vilnius, the first of its kind in the country and a resource that doesn't exist anywhere in the Soviet Union. Trip highlights included: Participation in the

12th World Congress of Social Psychiatry in Washington D.C., and the beginning of application for membership for the Lithuanian Psychiatric Association. Participation in the annual convention of the Association for Retarded Citizens in Tampa, Florida. Meetings with psychiatrists and special education professionals at Syracuse University, Temple University, the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center, and Jefferson Medical Center. Tours of treatment facilities in Rockville, Maryland and Durham, Connecticut. Visits at the national headquarters of the American Federation of Teachers, the National Information Center for Disabled Children and Young Adults, and the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry. Meetings with Lithuanian-Americans around the country interested in contributing to his efforts.

Children with special needs have been largely ignored in all areas under Soviet control. As Lithuania struggles to reassert its independence, attention is also being focused on children and young adults who, for years, were kept shuttered in homes or confined in institutions. Although these children were physically cared for, there was no attempt at training, education, or even accurate diagnosis.

Sviesai

"Sviesai" is Lithuanian for "light". Sviesai is the name that a group of student-teachers from the Teachers' Institute of Vilnius chose for their folkloric ensemble. A subset of the ensemble toured the United States in the autumn of 1990, presenting a variety of Lithuanian folk songs and dances to appreciative and enthusiastic audiences. After the performance in New Haven, local A.P.P.L.E.r.s arranged for a series of tours of a variety of local educational institutions, ranging from grammar schools through colleges. Herewith, reflections of a Lithuanian-American who joined one of the tours:

My group first visited Louise Duffy Elementary School, where we spoke to the very cordial principal, Mrs. Jolin. Her genuine excitement at the exchange (although foreign visitors are not at all uncommon, we were told), delighted our Sviesai visitors. When we visited the kindergarten, several visitors commented on the smocks worn in art class, which allow the children to worry less about being careful. We were asked to explain in several of the classrooms where our guests had come from, and to teach a few words of Lithuanian. The Sviesai members were startled ➔

when, instead of requesting a word or phrase, a teacher turned to her class, asking, "What would you like to know how to say in Lithuanian?" and a dozen hands shot up. Later, our guests were marveling at the outspoken, friendly children who were encouraged to ask questions and speak to the guests, rather than "perform" for them. The kindergarten classroom set-up, with different sorts of work areas, which children visit separately or in small groups, was entirely new to the Lithuanian teachers. They could not see at first how the situation would avoid chaos, but after some observation remarked that the teacher seemed to have everything in fine tune, like playing an instrument.

Professor Harald Sandstrom, a political scientist, was our host at the University of Hartford. We were invited to attend a beginning education class on the uses of the word "curriculum", and, especially, "hidden curriculum". Both the manner of teaching and the topic were new to the Vilnius student-teachers. The professor, instead of lecturing, was attempting to place students' ideas in a pattern ("like a puzzle", one guest observed). The "hidden curriculum", within every classroom situation, which inescapably colors students' self-image, beliefs and motivations, is immensely important, the Vilnius teachers agreed, but they had never before encountered an explicit discussion of this issue.

We cut across the immense campus to attend Professor Sandstrom's next class on prejudice and equality for women in the workplace, where we attempted a class discussion with simultaneous translation. The results may have been startling to the American students. The Lithuanians maintained, stiffly at first, that Lithuanian women - almost all of whom are employed - feel that "equality" in the Lithuanian workplace was a bitter fruit, and that the economic coercion that drove women out of the home damaged individuals and families. They said that giving women a viable choice should be one of the first goals in the new economic order of Lithuania. The discussion quickly turned lively.

At the end of an exhausting day, one of the group commented that it seemed as if a new world had unveiled itself before them. Instead of seeing himself, as a future teacher, simply as an efficient conduit of information, he was beginning to realize how many choices he would have to make as a professional educator, and that those choices would affect his charges in countless ways. He could not begin to express, he said, just how exciting that realization was.

Postscript, from a Christmas letter from a Sviesa student-teacher:

"Having returned from the 'wonderland' of America, we have plunged back into everyday life, but the impressions from our trip are unforgettable. Extraordinary cities, stores, roads . . . but these pale beside our memories of the extraordinary efforts of people working for Lithuania, starting in America,

Australia and ending in Siberian snows . . . We prepared for our colleagues a display and discussion of what we learned in American schools. Our colleague at Central Michigan University, Nancy Fries, reports that the campus and especially President Jokubauskas' offices are snowed under with Christmas letters and greetings from Sviesa members. (Central Michigan was the ensemble's next stop after Connecticut.)

Conclusion:

Help A.P.P.L.E. make a difference! For further information, please write A.P.P.L.E. at Post Office Box 1370, West Hartford, Connecticut 06107; or you may call, telephone: 203 521-7057. The FAX number is: 203 521-7018. □

A Wonderful Surprise!

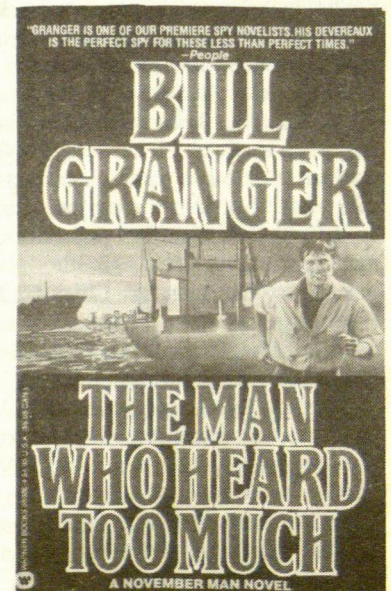
Those of us who are avid readers of "spy novels" pretty much expect a standard theme and locale in such works. Of course, the CIA will be represented; as will British Intelligence and the KGB. If we're lucky, we'll also be exposed to actions of another, less "worn" intelligence service, as well. The "action" will take place in Washington, in Berlin or Frankfurt, in Geneva; and, perhaps, in a city not regularly presented - in a city which will add a "twist" to the story.

That's what's expected; that's what we usually get; and we love it.

You'll get far more than that in The Man Who Heard Too Much, by Bill Granger! Try this on for size: The main character is a Lithuanian. The plot revolves around a CIA plan to provide support to the democratic forces in Lithuania; while using the Vatican as the conduit for the money flow.

The best, and most interesting, surprise, however is not in the story itself. It's, instead, on the "Copyright page". This book was copyrighted in 1989; before Lithuania was making the news in the way it now is. The author, in a special introduction to the paperback edition, marvels at his own prescience in choosing Lithuania as the "backdrop" (because he actually wrote the novel in 1988).

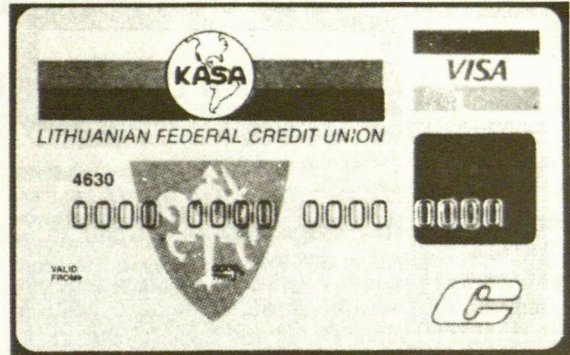
If "spy novels" aren't your standard fare, you'll not really find all that much to enjoy in The Man Who Heard Too Much. If, instead, you do read such works, don't miss this one; because it's well put together; and, of course, it has a "bonus" theme and characters - Lithuania and Lithuanians - which simply haven't been matched by any other novel in this reviewer's experience. (Warner Books Paperback, \$4.95)
- Joseph Arlauskas



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by **Silvia Foti**

Lithuania's President, Vytautas Landsbergis, and actress Ann Jillian (Jurate Nausedas) will join the Lithuanian Republic Opera and Ballet Orchestra, as well as the Corps de Ballet, and about 1,000 other performers from Lithuania, the United States and Canada, participating in the 7th Annual *Lithuanian Music Festival*, to be held in Chicago, from May 15 - 28, 1991.

You're invited to participate in, or simply enjoy, a full program featuring opera, ballet, chamber music, poetry, folk singing and folk dancing.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Immaculate Conception Church will be the site for opening of the Festival; with a religious concert in commemoration of Lithuanians banished to Siberia during the last 50 years. The concert will feature performances by soloists from the United States and Lithuania; accompanied by the Lithuanian Republic Opera and Ballet Orchestra.

Festival activities will continue when Poetry Day, highlighting Lithuanian poetry, will be held on May 17th at the Lithuanian Youth Center.

The Awards Festival, commemorating the best Lithuanian literature, journalism, art, radio, music and theater will be held on May 18th at the Lithuanian Youth Center. Music entertainment during this Awards Festival will be provided by woodwind and string quartets from the Lithuanian Republic Opera and Ballet Orchestra.

The Chicago Lithuanian Opera Company will celebrate its 35th Anniversary with two performances of Ponchielli's opera "I Lituani"; on May 19th (premiere) and May 24th at the Morton East High School Auditorium. The opera will feature soloists, as well as the Lithuanian Republic Opera and Ballet Orchestra and Corps de Ballet.

A ballet concert featuring the Corps de Ballet from Lithuania, accompanied by the Lithuanian Republic Opera and Ballet Orchestra, will be held on May 22nd at Maria High School Auditorium.

A Youth Friendship Dance is scheduled for the evening of May 25th; at the Lithuanian Youth Center.

Festival activities include church services on May 26th, at two separate locations.

The Farewell Concert, on May 28th, at Maria High School Auditorium, will feature soloists performing selections from the Opera "I Lituani"; who will be accompanied by the Lithuanian Opera and Ballet Orchestra.

This festival is being hosted by the Chicago area's 100,000 Lithuanian Americans; and promises to be of a scope never before achieved.

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The centerpiece of the Music Festival will be the Lithuanian Song Festival, scheduled for May 26th, at the University of Illinois at Chicago Pavilion; which event President Landsbergis and Ms. Jillian will jointly open. This day's activities will continue into the evening with an Adult/Youth Banquet scheduled after the close of the Music Festival.

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Lithuania's music tradition is especially significant in view of recent events.

"Singing ... songs gives Lithuanians a sense of belonging to a nation that has the oldest living language, and it gives them a sense of patriotism," said Darius Polikaitis, director of a Chicago area Lithuanian choir group, and a member of the Lithuanian Song Festival committee. "In general, many of the songs are melancholy because they reflect the fact that Lithuania's people have been struggling for their freedom for much of its history."

Last January, when Soviet tanks and paratroopers moved into Vilnius, the whole world watched Lithuanians defy Soviet oppression by singing Lithuanian folk songs.

"Folk songs give us a way to unify against oppression," said Polikaitis. "They aren't really viewed as a political weapon, but rather as a spiritual aid, a crutch to rely on in times of trouble. We turn to song as a way of telling the oppressors, 'You can do what you will - oppress us, beat us but we will still sing because freedom is alive in our hearts.'"

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All activities during the Festival are individually priced. Tickets for any, and all, events, as well as times and locations for events, may be obtained from *Gifts International*, 2501 West 71st Street, Chicago. Telephone: 312 471-1424. □

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Are Learning About Each Other In The Best Way Possible.*

by Gerald E. Knight

In many ways, Laconia, New Hampshire is "typical, small-city America". The largest ethnic group here is French Canadian. Because of the following story, we are also learning that there is a small - yet extremely significant - Lithuanian community here in central New Hampshire. Frankly, we want to think that, somehow, our efforts are causing the central New Hampshire Lithuanians to "come out of the woods" and to realize how important their ethnic background truly is.

After visiting the USSR on numerous occasions during the past twenty five years, sponsoring, organizing and escorting many groups, it was only in 1989 that I actually visited Lithuania for the first time. In retrospect, this seems ironic. What really happened was this:

The first evening I was in Vilnius, it became known that there was a demonstration favoring a hunger strike, opposing the Molotov-von Ribbentrop treaty of 23 August 1939. This seemed like a good video-taping opportunity. The demonstration was impressive. Thousands attended.

During the video-taping, a young man (Laimonas) stepped up to me and asked me some questions about my camcorder. Three of his friends joined in the conversation. They asked me where I was from? "New Hampshire ... it is near Boston," I said. We continued to speak, quite openly, about the demonstration, the "terrible treaty", and about hopes and aspirations for themselves and our Countries. Especially, Laimonas spoke beautifully and very movingly.

Suddenly, I realized that we were speaking English; knowing no Lithuanian - yet always struggling with my "aged" -high school German- I asked these four Vilnius youths to tell me about their school: Vilnius' Salomeya-Neris Secondary School. They were impressive!

Earlier, upon the group's arrival in Leningrad, we were assigned a very "difficult" Intourist guide; the Vilnius escort, Andrius, and I had already formed a lasting friendship, as early as our arrival at Vilnius' Hotel Lietuva. Our Intourist "Mother" was angry at both of us, and she "huffed and puffed" herself into a frenzy - even as my group of 35 was trying to manage

their check-in and room assignments. After everyone had their room keys, Andrius and I breathed a sigh of relief; we deserved a friendly cup of tea. Little did I know, then, that this was the beginning of what was to become a "massive" Lithuanian relationship.

But let us return to the basics. Andrius and I struck an immediate bond of friendship. That evening, I was invited to his home to meet his wife and infant son. That was delightful ... especially remembering that not too many years ago, visiting them, in their home, would have been frightening for me, and dangerous for them.

I videotaped the hunger-striker demonstration. The background music is beautiful. Forty or fifty people were singing. I asked those four Salomeya-Neris students if they would "talk" on my camcorder. They agreed. Laimonas said some beautiful, moving words. It would bring tears to any sensitive person.

Later, I told Andrius about this experience. He told me that he, too, had attended Salomeya-Neris School. In fact, he had the same English teacher! Her name is Laima. Being also a teacher, it was imperative that I write a nice letter to that English teacher, to tell Laima that she must be a wonderful teacher, because those boys, and Andrius, were speaking such good English. Any teacher appreciates a compliment. In that letter, I proposed that, together, we try to arrange for a "pen-pal" relationship between her Vilnius students and my New Hampshire students. I was thinking that this would be a great experience for each school.

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When I returned to the United States in late August, I gathered some of my students, to show them the video; there was a very positive reception. ➔

Once school opened in September, I showed the tape again to one of my classes. I asked my students about writing Lithuanian students. Suddenly, one of the girls said, "Mr. Knight, why should we write letters when it would be better if we traveled to Vilnius and actually met these students?"

Truthfully, I was not anticipating that reply; my wife and I had plans to spend the February school vacation period in Florida. But we talked at home; I telephoned Andrius in Vilnius, to ask him of the possibility of bringing my students to Vilnius. Within two days, Andrius had made all of the necessary arrangements, and suddenly the trip was "on". Florida was going to have to be set aside.

During that 1990 February school vacation, twenty Laconia High School students and five adult chaperons traveled to Vilnius. It was an inspirational week, at an historic time. The Lithuanians proved to be very generous hosts. We learned much about each other; our boys played basketball on their courts; we ate at the same table; emotional relationships were formed. The last night, no one slept. When it was time to leave Vilnius, the early morning departure at the Vilnius airport was the quietest time I have ever experienced. Words where not necessary. Tears flowed. Everyone was emotionally exhausted.

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Now, we are anticipating the continuation of our school exchange program when 25 Lithuanians visit us here in Laconia, 15 February-01 March 1991. Laconia is not a "Lithuanian community", yet we think that we are richer folk because we have broken through any ethnic barrier. Laconia wants to think that we are among Lithuania's "best friends". Lithuanians are "our kind of people". Sincerity, honesty and wholesomeness are mutual qualities.

When the Salomeya-Neris students and faculty chaperons arrive in Laconia, on 16 February 1991 -- the Lithuanian national holiday -- we hope we will be "properly" prepared. Laconia's High School band has learned Lithuanian national music; Lithuanian flags will be flying high; both of New Hampshire's Representatives to the United States House of Representatives are expected to be here to greet them. The Governor has been alerted. Our Mayor and City Council will be here. The Superintendent of Schools

and the Laconia School Board will be actively welcoming and hosting our Lithuanian friends. The news media will be covering their arrival, ... and a "great time will be had by all."

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What makes this story unique? As a non-Lithuanian community, we have been taken in by the Lithuanians. We will have proven that a non-political, educational-sound school exchange program is the most basic experience that students, two schools and two communities can share. We have gained so much; we want to think that Lithuania can also gain from our shared experience. Too frequently, Lithuanians have believed that their only support was from the American-Lithuanian community; in our small way, we are trying to prove that Laconia, New Hampshire, is Lithuania's very good friend.

The support and interest on our local level has been outstanding. We never realized that such an effort would take to the hearts of such a large number of non-Lithuanian, central New Hampshire citizens. That support and interest helped the students and their families to raise all the necessary monies to cover the costs of hosting our guests. "Our kind of people" is the basic oneness of "New Hampshireness". I know that I speak for my State when we say, "LABAS" ["welcome"] on 16 February 1991. □

Editor's Note: As BRIDGES goes to press (February 19th), the Lithuanian students have still NOT ARRIVED in Laconia. Mr. Knight has enlisted the assistance of New Hampshire Congressman Dick Swett (who is, himself, a former Laconia High School student/is a former student of Mr. Knight's); in an attempt to encourage Aeroflot, through the Soviet Embassy, to grant the necessary amount of bookings - 25 - for the students scheduled to visit Laconia.

Over the weekend, Laconia's students had several long telephone conversations with their delayed visitors from Lithuania; and all continue to hope that all the problems will be worked out by the end of February.

In the interim, several Laconia residents will be approaching New Hampshire's two Senators, and another Congressman; in order to attempt to gain even more leverage. They're determined; and, obviously, they're not going to let a shortage of airline seats/bookings disrupt, for much longer, their plans to meet - in Laconia!

Mr. Knight, in a telephone conversation with this editor, on February 17th, sounded optimistic about being able to, ultimately, succeed in the effort. He indicated that many Laconia residents were extremely disappointed; but that they, too, are optimistic that they will prevail; especially in view of their just organized efforts to get the entire New Hampshire Congressional Delegation to assist them towards reaching their goal.

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Community With A Capital "C"

*A Report From The National Executive Committee of
The Lithuanian-American Community, Inc.*

by Ramune Kubilius

Escalation of events in Lithuania:

In January, our eyes were again turned towards Lithuania as events escalated. Reaction outside of Lithuania was supportive and offers of aid abounded. In Chicago, the National Executive Committee had its regularly scheduled meeting January 12th and a second meeting January 21st. Public Affairs Council members had several meetings at the National Executive Committee office in Chicago as information came by FAX and phone conversations and strategies were planned. Members of the *Lithuanian-American Community Inc.* National Executive Committee and its Public Affairs Council met with other Lithuanian leaders at the Chicago office January 13th. A joint statement and a telegram to President Bush was issued together with the *World Lithuanian Community*, the *Lithuanian American Council* (ALT-as), and the *Supreme Committee for the Liberation of Lithuania* (VLIK-as). A press conference after the six hour long meeting was covered by Chicago television stations and newspapers such as the Chicago Tribune and The Chicago Sun-Times. Birute Jasaitis (National Executive Committee Vice-president for Organizational Affairs), Dr. Tomas Remeikis (President of the Public Affairs Council), Regina Narusis (member of the Public Affairs Council), and Vida Brazaitis (part-time worker in the Chicago office) were among those quoted by the press the first week following the events in Lithuania. The voice of Asta Banionis, director of the Washington office, could be heard as translator for an interview with President Vytautas Landsbergis during the *National Public Radio* program *All Things Considered* January 11th.

Special Fund:

The *Gift for Lithuania (Dovana Lietuvai)* fund now has a special account to raise funds for the families of those killed January 13th. Donations for the fund should be marked on the checks as "Lithuanian American Community/Laisve" and mailed either to the National Executive Committee office in Chicago or deposited to the *KASA Credit Union* offices in New York; Chicago, Cicero, Hickory Hills, Illinois

or Detroit Michigan; or St. Petersburg Beach, Florida; or Waterbury, Connecticut.

Music Festival:

The *Lithuanian Music Festival* committee met January 17th in Chicago. Events in Lithuania have complicated plans for the festival since it is unknown whether the orchestra, ballet, choir, and even set designs will successfully reach Chicago. The festival is scheduled to take place May 15-28 in Chicago. About 80 participants from Lithuania were scheduled to take part in the Lithuanian Opera, the Song Festival, a religious concert, and other events. Other plans, however, are underway. Invitations to the Song Festival have been extended to American, Illinois, and Chicago politicians and other guests of honor. 24 choirs have registered to participate in the Song Festival, which will feature over 700 singers and 120 folk dancers. Plans are underway for Music Festival T-shirts to be prepared. A new member of the Planning Committee is Ramona Steponavicius who will be helping prepare lists of hotels at which blocks of rooms will be set aside for visitors to Chicago. Publicity and press releases to the English-language press are being prepared by Sylvia Foti and her committee. Petras Petrutis will be conducting taped interviews with Music Festival organizing committee members, including its chairperson Stasys Baras. Duplicates of the taped interviews will be shared with other Lithuanian radio programs. (Editor's Note: A separate article about the *Lithuanian Music Festival* appears in this issue of **BRIDGES**.)

Religious Affairs:

Rev. Antanas Saulaitis, president of the Religious Council, brought the National Executive Committee up to date on the latest efforts for religious aid to Lithuania. He mentioned that contacts have been established with the *Lumen 2000* company in Dallas, Texas. The firm already in May 1990 sent 10 films with religious themes to Lithuania. During the summer of 1990, a Lithuanian religious activist (Birute Ruzga) spent several weeks in Dallas previewing films, of which about 40 were selected as suitable for Lithuania. The *Evangelization 2000* fund in Holland is prepared to help Lithuanian Catholic television acquire necessary

equipment. On December 20, 1990, a meeting of arious religious leaders and organizations was held at *Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid* headquarters in New York. The group shared information about individual and cooperative efforts for sending a variety of shipments to Lithuania—from drug shipments to shipments of religious books.

Educational Affairs:

According to Educational Council president Regina Kucas, Lithuanian language schools in the U.S. registered 1,093 students for the 1990/91 school year (not counting three schools which did not send in the statistics). In all, there are 28 Lithuanian language schools and 12 courses for those learning Lithuanian. The Educational Council has sponsored a drive to collect educational supplies for Lithuania's schools (for paints, paintbrushes, colored paper and so on). Groups should deal directly with the Lithuanian Education Ministry if the groups are interested in raising funds for special education projects or for hearing aids and wheelchairs, etc., according to Mrs. Kucas.

Youth Congress:

The officers of the *Association of Young Lithuanian Americans* have sent out packets of information about the *7th World Lithuanian Youth Congress* scheduled to take place December 1991-January 1992. Elected representatives to the Congress, along with participants will begin their stay in Buenos Aires, Argentina December 19th for the opening ceremonies. December 20-26th, the elcted representatives will congregate for meetings. December 24th all will gather for a traditional Lithuanian Christmas Eve. Events will move to Montevideo, Uruguay December 28-30th for Cultural Days and excursions and for a New Year's Eve Ball December 31st. The Youth Congress Camp and the closing of the Congress will take place January 1-8, 1992 in Sao Paulo, Brasil. Packets were sent to Association representatives in various cities. If someone has not received the packet of information, please contact the *Association of Young Lithuanian Americans* vice-president Regina Kulbys at 617-782-7419. Congress planners are conducting fundraisers, including a lottery to help defray costs of organizing the Congress in South America. It is also hoped that a contingent of young people of Lithuania will also be able to attend.

Cultural Affairs:

Hard as it may be to believe, the *9th Lithuanian Folk Dance Festival* will probably take place in 1992. Dalia Kucenas, president of the Cultural Council has been in touch with the *Lithuanian Folk Dance Institute* about this matter. The festival will probably take place in the United States, since the last one took place in Canada.

Updates:

○ The Director of the Washington office, Asta

Banionis, did not travel to the Helsinki Conference in Paris as was reported in the November/December issue of **BRIDGES**, but she did provide assistance from this side of the Atlantic. Meanwhile, a bilingual assistant is still being sought for Ms. Banionis who has been working with mostly a volunteer staff after Darius Suziedelis left the position to go work in Lithuania.

○ Californian Marcia Armstrong wrote that her twelve year old daughter is now corresponding in English with four "wonderful" (Lithuanian) teenagers whose letters were forwarded to her by the Lithuanian-American Community, Inc. National Executive Committee office. Now Ms. Armstrong seeks pen pals as well. The National Executive Committee office receives many letters from Lithuania, and now some Americans of Lithuanian descent are helping build bridges across the Atlantic by taking on the project of being a pen pal.

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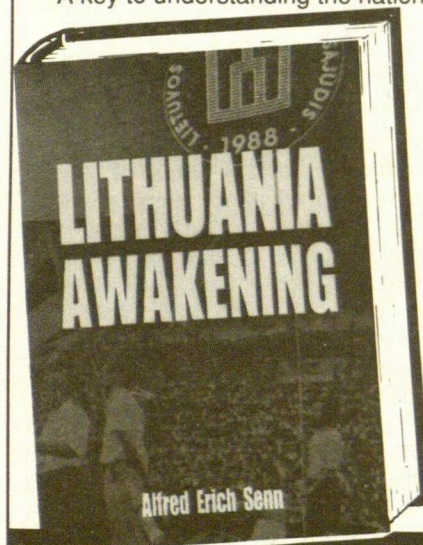
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Computer Communications

*The Key To Rebuilding Lithuania's Infrastructure; And
To Providing A Competitive Economic And Social Environment.*

by Edward Klimas

We've all heard of the tremendous, untapped, potential contribution that Lithuanians can make in a high technology work environment. Unlike many captives of the Soviet Union, Lithuanians were able to avoid a long span of indoctrination into the deranged, communist "work ethic". In spite of the long period of oppression, Lithuanians continue to show a refreshing, inherent motivation towards higher productivity.

Yet, a key problem that Lithuanians, as a potentially contributing work force, face, is the globalization of the world economy. Their output must compete with low priced, high quality, well designed products from all over the world; a very difficult task given that production equipment and technology in Lithuania has not been modernized since before the Second World War.

One way the free world can help Lithuanians to help themselves move into a competitive position is to provide technical advisors and consultants for Lithuania. Even such an approach, however, is now constrained in terms of being able to provide broad access, quickly enough, across Lithuania; in order to favorably impact on the Lithuanian economy.

For example, access, by Lithuanians, to these advisers and consultants is often times complicated by the difficult realities of current communications into/within the Baltic States. It is not unusual to spend several hours - possibly even over a period of several days - just trying to make a telephone connection with Lithuania. Such is hardly a scenario which will encourage Western professionals to apply their precious time towards an endeavor which would assist Lithuania.

Telephone lines - good telephone lines, capable of carrying computer based communications - are essential to conduct of business; especially to the conduct of high technology related business.

In modern academic institutions and factories of the West, computer networks, linked through telephone lines, are an invaluable part of the system through which technical advisers and consultants share/provide information. Furthermore, these computer networks serve as a vehicle for facilitating the immediate exchange of essential management information,

including production, sales and overall financial statistics. But, that's not all - other, less well known services provided by these computer networks include the instantaneous relay of electronic mail messages (e-mail), among colleagues. Although such network users must have, in addition to telephone lines, a modem and an inexpensive personal computer to receive, send and display the messages, such a system is superior, for example, to facsimile (FAX) transmitted messages in several ways. E-mail messages, as opposed to FAX messages, remain in electronic format; so, in the time that it takes to transmit one page of a FAX'd message, up to 120 pages of electronic format text can be sent, instead. The electronic messages can be easily filed away on computer disks for virtually instantaneous, later, retrieval. The e-mail method for sending out messages is much more efficient, as well, in that a simple, single, electronic command is all that is necessary to send messages on their way to perhaps a thousand different recipients around the world. There is no requirement to dial a thousand phone numbers, or to wait for a FAX machine to answer! So, an inordinate ordeal with FAXes is a two second effort with e-mail. Other benefits of e-mail include the ability to forward a clear, legible message an unlimited number of times; while most FAXes are illegible after just a few relays.

Access to information, in a timely and efficient manner, is crucial if Lithuania is to become an effective player in the global economy.

Lithuanians, for the most part, have access to the rest of the world, only through time consuming, unreliable, limited telephone links carrying simple FAX messages.

With adequate, data quality, telephone lines, ➡

Lithuanians would be able to greatly increase essential contact, through a multitude of worldwide computer networks, with other professionals/experts in any number of specialties; and would be able to share/discuss technical issues which would enhance Lithuania's ability to compete in the world marketplace - and more.

For example, a physician in Kaunas could ask, over a computer network, if other physicians are familiar with any possible side effects of certain combinations of drugs. In a short period of time, another medical colleague, possibly located as far away as Sidney, Australia, seeing the request for information, might respond with his/her experiences regarding the particular drugs.

Other, more mundane, examples might include the dilemma faced by an accountant at a factory, who is having a problem with a particular computer software application. It would be virtually impossible for this accountant to obtain necessary assistance while trying to place a voice or FAX call to the West (within the constraints of the present telephone lines).

It should be noted that a significant amount of the Western technical support is coming from sympathizers of non-Baltic background.

Yet, access to such information, in a timely and efficient manner, is crucial if Lithuania is to become an effective player in the global economy.



Even with all of the telephone line constraints noted, efforts are underway to bring Lithuania into the electronic age; and to allow Lithuanians the opportunity to share - in an at least limited way, now - in the benefits associated with computer communications.

Ed Kizys, of Cleveland, Ohio, as well as a number of other professionals in the world wide Lithuanian diaspora, have realized this critical need to facilitate Lithuania's ability to communicate through computer networks; and have been working since June of 1990, to lay down a computer network basis upon which computer communications can be effectively provided to Lithuania.

There is already, now, in place, a world wide computer based link called BALT-L (Baltic List); the

purpose of which is to help people in the Baltic States to begin to effectively absorb, and share in, such technology. Current BALT-L activities have revolved around:

- circulating news about events in the Baltics (sometimes days before the media or press report it),
- correcting misinformation about the Baltics in the world wide media,
- providing political analyses (sometimes weeks before they come to light in Washington and the Kremlin),
- promoting technical advice regarding professional assistance, and
- advising on individual computer network connections into the Baltics.

To date, the entire BALT-L (and, essential, associated) effort has been privately funded and carefully managed to encourage pluralistic participation, while attempting to minimize the impact of critical links in the chain of information. Aside from hundreds of locations in the West, connection points in each of the Baltic Republics' main cities from Estonia and Latvia to Lithuania (Vilnius and Kaunas) are already in place. The system uses a moderator, currently Edis Bevan, of the Open University School of Management, Milton Keynes, Great Britain, to conduct the political/technical discussions which are publicly rebroadcast world wide over the network. Individual communications are carried over the same network; so people needing information can get responses directly from other network participants. Professor Jean-Michel Thizy, of the Faculty of Administration, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada, spends immeasurable personal time advising participants/taking care of the numerous technical issues associated with efficiently routing these dialogues/exchanges of information, worldwide. (It should be noted that a significant amount of the Western technical support is coming from sympathizers of non-Baltic background). The system, being noncommercial in nature, is handled over the academic BITNET, INTERNET and EARN computer networks; and thus, also, provides an effective way of bringing together professionals who have an interest in the Baltics.

A further, reaching goal of easy Baltic access to computer communications is the future possibility that people in the Baltics might adapt to the "electronic cottage of the future" concept; wherein workers would not have to commute to jobs in the city in order to earn a livelihood. Good telephone communications, coupled with home personal computers, would, most adequately provide the support for many stereotypical "white collar" jobs to be done at home. For Lithuania, the long range effect of offering meaningful sources of jobs to workers who remain in the countryside, is that there may be less economic pressure to move to large cities for employment opportunities; thus minimizing disruption of the agrarian society which characterizes ➡

the Lithuanian lifestyle. A political benefit of the "electronic cottage" concept is that it keeps people from concentrating in the cities, from competing for scarce housing; thus minimizing the associated social and economic problems.

The long term goals of the BALT-L network are to promote increased access via computer not only to academicians in Lithuanian universities and medical institutions, but to the engineers in the factories, and, eventually, to the farmers in the villages; who need to readjust their practices in light of the quality and cost demands that are regulating their markets. The ultimate goal is to equip every library in the three Baltic Republics with at least one computer, so that no person would be removed from the ability to access the world wide resources available through computer networks. In this way, the Baltics States will have a sound basis from which to tap the world wide information resources which will permit them to become serious players in the global economy.

There are still a number of activities to be completed in this project:

- The increase of efficiency and accessibility to these communication systems, in Lithuania; with the installation of more low cost personal computers to act as communications centers.

- The establishment of alternate means of routing communications (i.e., additional network routes); so as to improve reliability.

- The addition of higher speed computer communications equipment for the universities in Lithuania, and elsewhere, in the Baltics.

- Obtainment of support of a recognized North American academic institution to act as a permanent archive for the BALT-L dialogue to the world wide UUCP network which connects over 100,000 computer systems worldwide.

Although the goals are ambitious, significant progress has already been made:

- From its meager beginnings, BALT-L has now grown to a daily electronic audience estimated to be in excess of 80,000 readers worldwide, and growing.

- BALT-L is providing key technical support services to Lithuanian universities and medical institutions by facilitating electronic mail contact with colleagues, world wide.

- Parliamentarians in Vilnius scan BALT-L contents for analyses.

- Native Estonian and Lithuanian readers have commented on the moral support such a service provides to them in their bold quest for independence.

- Eyewitnesses to the events of the bloody Sunday, January 13, 1991, have commented on the accuracy and effectiveness of timely reports which were carried on BALT-L.

- Amnesty International is monitoring BALT-L for information on human rights violations in the Baltics. On a given day, BALT-L contents can include

news releases from the Baltic capitols; several op-ed style pieces on recent issues pertaining to Lithuania; academics exchanging views and information; and current news on "breaking events".

Yet, recall, as noted earlier, all of this is being accomplished within the limited telephone links presently available. Imagine the impact, and scope, such a system will have/will encompass once "normal" telephone lines are made available!

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The BALT-L service itself is free and non-commercial, so all readers are welcome to join in reading - and participating in - what has become something far more than an electronic English language magazine whose goal is the support of Lithuania and the Baltics States.

In the United States and Canada, one can easily gain access to BALT-L through BITNET or INTERNET networks via many free or low cost services such as the *National Public Telecomputing Computing Network* and *FIDONET*. Furthermore, access is available through popular, subscription services such as *Compuserve*, *MCI*mail, etc. Educational institute computers, as well as corporate computing systems can also provide access.

A listing of access computer systems, and exact access information, is available in files which can be downloaded from the *Lithuanian Advocate Computer Bulletin Board System*, Gloucester, Virginia (804) 693-6571. (Those having access to BITNET or INTERNET can subscribe simply by sending a message to: BALT-L@UBVM.CC.BUFFALO.EDU.BITNET)□

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Genealogija

*Help For Lithuanian-Americans Interested
In Family And Immigration History.*

by Julie Daraska

Help is available for Lithuanian-Americans across the nation who are interested in their family histories and genealogy, and the history of Lithuanian immigration to the United States.

The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture recently created a department of Immigration History & Genealogy devoted to these areas of interest. The political events in Lithuania over the past two years have captured the attention of Americans and captivated the hearts of Americans of Lithuanian descent, some of whom have had little exposure to the Lithuanian culture, history and language.

A search for Lithuanians who emigrated to the United States before World War I, called the "Lithuanian Pioneer Project," is under the direction of Jessie Daraska, department chair. The information being gathered, in the form of questionnaires and other archival materials that have been donated, will be published as a book. Mrs. Daraska began work on the project in 1987.

"The historical struggle in Lithuania has meant the loss or destruction of pertinent records," Mrs. Daraska said. "Many Lithuanian family names have been lost or changed due to occupation by other governments and emigration. Today, the early roots of many Lithuanian immigrants may exist only in the memories of their descendants.

"These are the people who formed the first Lithuanian churches, newspapers, theatre groups, political organizations, and--you may be surprised to learn--The Sisters of St. Casimir, here in the United States. Their political efforts here to support independent Lithuania and their contributions of money and materials to the new republic were substantial. Their stories must not be lost."

The department also produces a quarterly newsletter on Lithuanian-American immigration history and genealogy. "Many third and fourth-generation Lithuanian-Americans are not intimately familiar with the language, customs or history of Lithuania," says editor Juliana Dara, "but their interest is strong. "Not only have do we have subscriptions from every state in the U.S., but four libraries and two archives in

Lithuania have congratulated us on the quality of the newsletter and asked that we send them *Genealogija*. Many Lithuanians have lost contact with ancestors who came here, and have little idea of what the early immigrant experience was."

Subscriptions to *Genealogija* are available for a \$10 donation. A sample copy will be sent upon request at no obligation.

The Immigration History & Genealogy Department offers maps and descriptions of towns in Lithuania, in English and in Lithuanian. *The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture* contains the largest collection of antique and modern Lithuanian maps in the U.S. An address exchange service for people with ancestors from the same Lithuanian town is offered. Joint programs with other genealogical societies and lectures are scheduled. The department also offers genealogy research services. Donations are requested for all services.

A book on finding your Lithuanian ancestral town is in the works, and future projects on the later phases of emigration are planned.

The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. The Museum Library contains the largest collection of materials on Lithuanians and Lithuanian history outside of Lithuania itself.

For a department brochure and a sample copy of *Genealogija*, write or call: *Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture*, Immigration History & Genealogy Department, 6500 South Pulaski Road, Chicago, Illinois, 60629. Telephone: 312 582-6500. □



LET'S HELP LITHUANIA BE FREE

Dorado - The Vilnius Science Fiction Club

by Ted Arlauskas

I am a science fiction fan. A friend of mine recently gave me a unique magazine. The fanzine (a fanzine is a science fiction club/fan produced "magazine") is called The Contact; and is a publication of "Dorado", a science fiction club in Vilnius, Lithuania. A science fiction club is a group of science fiction fans who have gotten organized to further their hobby.

The fanzine was quite well put together, better than many I have seen produced by other science fiction clubs. I was lucky because it is written in English (I don't speak or write Lithuanian). The fanzine lists many events and happenings of the science fiction fan community in Vilnius, Kaunas and other parts of Lithuania.

Mentioned in The Contact is the first ever science fiction convention in Lithuania. A science fiction convention, if you're not familiar with them, is a meeting of science fiction fans to discuss and view many of their favorite science fiction films and stories. Conventions in the United States, for example, are organized and attended by many science fiction fans.

Lituanicon (the convention name) was held from June 29 to July 1, 1990 in Kaunas. The convention

seemed to have many of the mainstays of standard (Western) science fiction conventions. There was a costume contest in which participants dressed up like their favorite characters from movies and stories. Fans were given a chance to talk to both Lithuanian and Polish writers at a writers' panel. There was a showing of a number of science fiction films, a small art show with science fiction and fantasy themes; and for those who were interested, games played (like Dungeons and Dragons, the fantasy role-playing game). The next *Lituanicon* will be held from June 27 to 30, 1991 in Kaunas. If you are interested in getting a copy of The Contact or corresponding with the science fiction club, then write to them at: SF Club "Dorado", Planetarium, Ukmerges 12a, 232005 Vilnius, Republic of Lithuania.

I don't know how much a copy of the fanzine would cost, or what kind of currency to send them.

Instead, you should probably send them some science fiction or fantasy books, magazines, posters, or other memorabilia.

It was stated in the fanzine that "Dorado" is in the process of setting up a science fiction and fantasy museum and that those items would be greatly appreciated.

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SCOLA:

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Voice of America:

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Countless press reports refer to Lithuania as a "tiny Baltic Republic". Here's the truth about "tiny": According to the 1990 Edition of the *Information Please Almanac*, The Republic of Lithuania has a population greater than that of Ireland, Panama, New Zealand, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Uruguay, Iceland, Nicaragua, Kuwait and at least 46 other nations of the world. The same source confirms that The Republic of Lithuania covers an area greater than that of Israel, Belgium, Switzerland, Denmark, Costa Rica and at least 43 other nations of the world! Furthermore, it might be of interest to note that Vilnius sits about 20 kilometers from (and is the most distinguishing landmark for) what is generally acknowledged to be the geographic center of Europe! Lithuania is neither tiny nor insignificant, by any measure. - Joseph Arlauskas



Government Affairs Office, Lithuanian-American Community, Inc. Write: Government Affairs Office, Lithuanian-American Community, Inc., 2060 North 14th Street, Arlington, VA 22201. Telephone: 703 524-0698. FAX #: 703-524-0947...



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Iceland:

Iceland took a big, bold, brave step; and has become the first country to approve establishment of diplomatic relations with the current Lithuanian government. The people of Iceland did so, despite warnings from the Kremlin that the Soviet Union would discontinue purchase of Icelandic goods, etc.

Freedom loving people throughout the world can demonstrate appreciation for Iceland's action by "making up" what the Soviet Union has taken/threatens to take away. Let's not let the Soviet Union's threat of economic blackmail against Iceland have even the most remote chance of succeeding.

Let's put our dollars towards the purchase of Iceland produced goods and services, wherever possible. Next time we plan a flight, let's see if *Icelandic Airways* can meet the need. (By the way, *Icelandic Airways* recently upgraded their aircraft fleet.) Let's ask for products made from Icelandic wool. Let's purchase, whenever possible, seafood products gathered by Icelandic fishing fleets.

Let's demonstrate to the people of Iceland that we appreciate what they did relative to The Republic of Lithuania; while showing the world that any economic boycott threat by the Soviet Union is meaningless; and is, instead, a call to action for freedom loving people.

Videotapes - "Bloody Sunday":

Professionally produced videotapes (in VHS format), detailing activities in Lithuania before/during "Bloody Sunday" are available for purchase from the Lithuanian American Community, Inc. Two different versions are available - one is narrated in English; while the other is narrated in Lithuanian.

These tapes cost \$30.00 each, including mailing charges. All profits made from sale of these tapes will be donated to relatives of the victims of the "Bloody Sunday" massacre.

Consider purchasing an English language version; and then, make it available to organizations, libraries, TV studios in your community; so that it can be shown at meetings, or lent out at the library, etc. ("Local Access" cable channels may use it! Offer it to your local Cable System Operator.) With such activity, by people like us, all over the United States, we will be able to spread the word, clearly, as to the real horror which took place, last January, in Lithuania. To order the tape, please send a check, for \$30.00, to *Lithuanian Human Services, Lithuanian American Community, Inc., National Executive Committee, 2713 West 71st Street, Chicago, Illinois 60629.* (Please allow at least 30 days for delivery.) (Be sure to specify which version you wish to order, i.e., Lithuanian or English narration.)

Posters:

Lithuanian American activists in Chicago are making available, for sale, copies of their now famous "bird in a cage" poster, with a caption which reads "Freedom For Lithuania". This poster is laminated, is in color, is 18" by 24", and can be purchased for \$5.00, including postage. (For larger quantities, call for pricing.) These posters are suitable for use during demonstrations; or for placement in libraries, schools, assembly halls and other public places. To order, send a check for \$5.00, to SOS, ATTN: Ms. Smulkstys, c/o Lithuanian American Community, Inc., 2713 West 71st Street, Chicago, Illinois 60629. For more information, call Ms. Smulkstys at 708 394-0089.

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Lithuanian Communications Center, National Executive Committee, Lithuanian American Community, Inc. Mailing Address: 2715 East Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19134. Telephone: 215 739-9353. FAX: 215 739-6587. Call, FAX or write to the Communications Center in order to be placed on their list of "Points of Contact" for members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Communications Center is seeking a volunteer for every single Congressional District in the United States.



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