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Of course if you are in business of have a large amount of medical bills, travel for a company, are divorced, separated or have child care and other complicated problems it may be wise for you to have assistance. Even so, there is free help available to you so take advantage of whatever you can in order to save yourself those valuable dollars.

In spite of all the jokes about Uncle Sam and the big bite he takes out of our pay check, you must admit it's a lot more pleasant filing a Federal Income Tax that it is filing into the Gulag somewhere in Siberia where you won't be bothered with Tax Forms. Happy Filing!

To Moscow: Withdraw the Occupation Army From Lithuania

The following is a speech given by Antanas Terleckas, Lithuanian Freedom League at the "SAJUDIS" CONGRESS.

Sovereignty, or the totality of the supreme rights belonging to a nation, can be realized only by removing a foreign army from one's territory. We heard the concept of "Soviet sovereignty." Many thanks. Stalin had given us "Soviet government," "Soviet justice," and had raised a

Soviet bourgeoisie. Only recently we found out that in the Soviet Union there is no democracy, no law, and no Soviet government. Isn't the concept "Soviet sovereignty" a synonym for an occupation?

The recently published draft of a new Constitution contains many words about the creation of a democratic system, but there's not even a suggestion of (political) pluralism and parties.

In the view of the *Lithuanian Freedom League*, a single party and democracy are incompatible.

The Lithuanian Freedom League demands from the government of the Soviet Union:

1. To declare the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact as having no juridical power.
2. To withdraw the occupation army from Lithuania.
3. To allow the Lithuanian

nation to determine its own fate.

...Of the 159 members of the United Nations, 62 states have fewer inhabitants than Lithuania. They have renounced the assistance of the great powers and have declared their independence. Poor Russia is the only power left to carry this heavy load of messianism. Let us give her internationalist assistance. Let us carry out political and economic burden.

FLORENCE / ECKERT

'Leave the worrying to me'

One by one I opened the Christmas gifts that bore my name and each proved to be a pleasant surprise and worthwhile choice. Numbered among those gifts there's usually one that stands out as the one you'll show first when visitors arrive. That gift this particular year tickled me no end.

Being a fashion conscious gal, I love beautiful clothes, be they outer or under garments, accessories or lingerie — these are the gifts that really excite me. My family and close friends are well aware of this and I usually receive an ample collection of "wearables".

Delicate pieces of jewelry along with kid gloves, handbags and choice perfumes delighted me as I peered inside the carefully wrapped packages. A unique Christmas candle from one of my dearest friends found a special place in the living room, and a shoulder bag from one of my daughters to carry all my reporter's needs at that time was most welcome.

A lounging robe pretty enough to be worn to a ball, (which I did) gave me that warm feeling of being a woman, and the pretty little personal needs in my Christmas stocking hanging on the staircase banister were most appreciated.

However, although I hadn't opened it yet, there was one small package under that Christ-

mas tree that was really going to light up my eyes and bring a smile to my face. I don't know how I overlooked it at that point but it was settling there right along with all the others, with my name carefully written on the pretty name tag.

Most of the gifts that are rather personal and purchased after many long hours of shopping are signed by the giver. However, a regular custom in our home is to have many little special extra gifts for each individual and these bear only the name "SANTA".

Let me side-track for a moment and fill you in on a few little points of interest which show why this gift was so special.

Being a Virgo, I am a perfectionist. Everything I undertake must be accomplished to perfection. If I delegate any tasks, they

too must be carefully undertaken by the person assigned to fulfill them. Virgos just can't tolerate sloppy work, negligence or excuses. This can make life very difficult at times for the Virgo child and those who live with her.

When the local dailies in my town were on strike, the newspaper I worked for at the time tried to fill the gap by taking on extra announcements and notices. This required additional hours from all of us and big headaches

trying to meet deadlines for hard news stories that we didn't normally cover in depth.

My family was getting used to not seeing much of yours truly, and when I walked in the house one evening, late for supper as usual, my youngest daughter looked up at her brother and said, "Hey Tom, here comes that blonde haired lady again. Tears would have come to my eyes if I felt I had neglected them for even one minute and they were criticizing me for it. However, I know this was a big joke they had carefully planned before I entered the room and Dad was in on it all.

Our family unit came first in our lives and they knew it. This was only a temporary situation which would revert to normal just as soon as the strike at the other paper was settled.

After greeting everyone and laughing along with them on their clever little joke I took my place at the table and without realizing it got right into my worrying about things down at the paper.

My thoughts wandered and I was soon talking out loud stating, "I hope he doesn't forget to return my call. My whole story is depending on that call".

Having finished supper, I got up from the table muttering aloud, "If only they hold off that arrest until Friday, I'll have a great story. If I had time to check the court house records I could blow this thing wide open

"If only I had the staff of Jack

Anderson, boy could I expose some messes!

I want to write this up big but if I do I worry that I'll be walking on eggs after they read it."

These are some of the phrases my family got used to hearing around the house whenever I was at home. My mind was constantly occupied with worries about one thing or another. The stress of a feature story writer was continuous. Decisions had to be made and small problems solved. Although these were normal everyday occurrences to me, to my kids, it appeared I never stopped worrying.

Well by now I've got you worrying or at least getting very curious about what was in that special gift under the Christmas tree.

O.K. let's open it together. The box is small, about six inches around and rather heavy for its size. Reaching in through all the tissue inside the box, I come up with a little gold bird sitting on what appears to be a globe of the world. Together they are mounted on a square marble base suitable to be placed on an office desk. The gold bird has a pitiful worried expression and very tired bloodshot eyes with red stone settings. Looking down at the inscription on the plaque setting on the marble base, I realized the kids were trying to tell mama something.

The message given by this sad looking bird read, "LEAVE THE WORRYING TO ME!"

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Chicago priest rescues two people from fire

The Rev. John Savukynas, a member of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception and a priest in residence at St. Mary's Church in Plano, Ill., is credited with saving two people from dying in a house fire in the Chicago area.

Father Savukynas is formerly from the Greater Pittston area of Pa. and visits the area annually. During his yearly visit he says a daily Mass at St. Casimir's Church in Pittston.

It's not the first time that Father Savukynas has been a hero. Seventeen years ago, he pulled people from a burning car after a highway accident.

On Nov. 8, Father was taking an early morning walk before the 8:30 a.m. Mass and his quick thinking may have saved the lives of two people, a mother and one of her children.

Alerted by an unidentified woman that a near-by house was on fire he ran to the rectory to tell the secretary to call the fire department then he and the woman rushed to the house to see what they could do.



Rev. John Savukynas

He found a woman screaming hysterically in her bedroom window and she broke the window and pushed her 3-year old son through to safety in his arms. Another man arrived on the scene and broke the divider in the window to let the woman fit through. She was cut by the glass as they pulled her through.

A 6-year old and 3-year old both boys died inside the house from the smoke and heat. Firemen who arrived on the scene were unable to save them.

Things could have been even more tragic without Father Savukynas. According to the fire chief, the 6-year old would have been a goner if Father Savukynas didn't make the call.



Five generations gather

Five generations were gathered at the home of Mrs. Nellie Kazluskas to celebrate the Christmas holiday.

Seated in Mrs. Nellie Kazluskas holding her second great grandchild, Elizabeth Kolessar.

Standing from left is Mrs. Diane Kolessar, mother of the child; Mrs. Leona Krefski, the baby's grandmother, and Mrs. Phyllis Warakomski, grandmother of the child.

Mrs. Kazluskas, who will celebrate her 102nd birthday in January, has 11 children, seven of whom are living. She has 17 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. She is a former member of Lodge 111.

Mrs. Kazluskas and Mrs. Warakomski reside in Plymouth Pa. Mrs. Krefski is from Lyndwood and Mrs. Kolessar and daughter Elizabeth live in Omaha, Nebraska.

Nakus has high hopes, deep skepticism

In a special Washington report to the New York Times, Victor A. Nakus, manager of the Washington Office of the Lithuanian Information Center, was quoted as saying he was "delighted" by the news of the return of the Cathedral in Vilnius to the Catholic Church for religious use.

However he expressed skepticism as to whether the people of Lithuania will be able to keep these new freedoms.

A state department official was quoted as stating it is easy to give back a church or give permission to fly a flag, but questions who will have the power to make decisions.

He pointed out that it is not clear that any real power has

been transferred from Moscow to the Baltic republics.

Mr. Nakus noted that Americans of Lithuanian decent hoped for total independence of Lithuania as a long term goal but he personally hoped for Lithuania having as much freedom as Poland, pointing out that this would halt "Russification" of Lithuania.

The New York Times article quotes Nakus as saying he doesn't see the changes in the Baltic States as a hoax.

He pointed out that you don't allow this much self-expression nor do you allow these pent-up feelings of nationalism out if you're not sincere about allowing more local control.

Memory of LCA member could save 8,000 lives

The memory of the late Stanley W. Berulis, a former member of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance, may save the lives of 8,000 third world children.

Berulis, a former member of West Pittston, Pa. who moved to the Harrisburg area was posthumously awarded the Paul Harris Fellow Award, the highest award given by Rotary International.

His wife, Nell Berulis, a Scranton, Pa. native accepted the award during the Harrisburg Rotary Club's weekly meeting.

The award was the result of the gifts of his friends and family raised for the Rotary's Polio Plus

program during Berulis' funeral services.

The 77 year old Berulis, who died in June of 1988, suffered a handicap since he was afflicted with polio when he was one year old. Following his death, his widow remembered a story in a Harrisburg newspaper about the Polio Plus program. She suggested memorial contributions from friends and family be directed to the program.

The contributions totaled \$1,000 an amount officials say is sufficient to immunize 8,000 children in Third World countries.

Annual Board

The Lithuanian Catholic Alliance Board of Director's met at the Home Office September 15-16, 1988 with the following officers in attendance:

Msgr. Frank L. Yashkas, Thomas E. Mack, Esq., Frank J. Katilus, Charles A Liscosky Leocadia Donarovich, Rosalie Kizis, George Saduckas.

Excused were:

Joseph A. Stankaitis, MD, Albina Poska, Leonard Mikelonis, Jonas Vainius.

Following an opening prayer by Msgr. Yashkas, President Thomas Mack welcomed all to the meeting and then called for Msgr. Yashkas' report.

Msgr. Yashkas noted he was in touch with Msgr. Balkunas who is presently in the Matalaitis Nursing Home, Putnam, Conn. where he is able to receive needed care.

Msgr. Balkunas was very happy to receive the call and to know that he is not forgotten.

President Mack requested Msgr. Yashkas to prepare a short message on behalf of the LCA and mail it to Msgr. Balkunas which he agreed to do.

President Mack then gave his report noting this was the 102nd annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

He pointed out that the people of Wyoming Valley were made aware that Garsas is a national newspaper. This came about when Mrs. Eckert arranged to have several interviews with the local media managing to get very good coverage.

He noted the *Garsas* has become more interesting with warm and human articles focusing on the lives and activities of our members and their friends and stated Mrs. Eckert would give a report later in the meeting.

President Mack stated the common goals of all fraternal organizations are solvency, growth and services to membership. our current solvency is 169 percent which is well above the 1987 average taken of some 20

fraternal societies.

Our certificates in force have decreased however we are hopeful the new single premium policy will help us realize an increase.

He reported we are in excellent financial condition with a stable surplus. He pointed out that with the adoption of the 1980 CSO table we should see an improvement in our insurance in force and gain memberships.

Mr. Mack noted the Lithuanian Day Committee that operated for about 70 years near Hometown at the Lakewood Park and then moved to Rocky Glen was not able to hold it's annual day there this year due to the closing of the park. It was held August 14, at the Fairlane Mall south of St. Clair, Pa.

He pointed out that he was pleased to see that Governor Robert Casey of Pa. is aware of the contributions of the ethnic groups to the development and growth of the commonwealth of Pa.

In view of this, the Governor signed an executive order in May of 1988 establishing the Pennsylvania Heritage Affairs Commission to advise the Governor on many things connected with the various ethnic organizations, institutions and groups throughout the Commonwealth.

President Mack was proud to announce that another milestone was reached for our society when on May 2, 1988 the mortgage taken out in 1973 with the Small business Administration was satisfied of record in the county courthouse.

President Mack noted the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Women's Alliance is in the stages of liquidation, so it appears there will be no merger of their insurance paying members with us.

He noted that as usual we had a number of small legal matters that we were able to successfully put to rest without any litigation or costs.

One of our Spiritual Directors Monsignor John Balkunas celebrated his 85th birthday, October 21, 1987. A number of our members were there to join with him on this festive occasion. Everyone was pleased with the Monsignor's good health and wished him many more years.

Mr. Mack expressed happiness in having our Treasurer, Leocadia back after her surgery and noted she was able to attend her son's wedding however the operation prevented her from traveling to Poland to be with her daughter when she was presented with honors there.

The President noted that most of the Board members attended the special affair held at St. Mary's Center in Scranton, Pa. marking the 25th anniversary of St. Mary's Villa Nursing Home addition. The Bishop of the Scranton Diocese James C. Timlin, was a special guest. His excellency offered remarks and gave Benediction.

Mr. Mack reminded the Board that the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance and the Lithuanian Priests Federation were the two groups that encouraged Father Alfonses Urbanavicius to form the religious congregation of the Poor Sisters of Jesus Crucified which he did with our help. He then called for a report on KASA and in view of the fact that Jonas Vainius was excused due to an earlier commitment, Mr. Liscosky briefly reviewed a letter he sent to the credit union.

Mr. Zemaitaitis telephoned Mr. Liscosky in response to his letter noting the Credit Union had purchased an old Masonic Temple and were in the process of remodeling the structure to accommodate the Credit Union offices. He was then to leave for Germany to celebrate his wedding anniversary. The Board took no action on this matter at this time.

President Mack then called on Mr. Liscosky to explain the new membership application and

new premiums. Each Board member was given a prepared copy of the applications and the new premium manual.

It was properly moved and seconded to accept the President's report.

Vice-President, Frank J. Katilus reported his duties are not much due to the fact that we have at our helm an energetic individual in the person of Mr. Thomas Mack. However he noted he tries to do his share and attends all meetings of the Executive Committee sharing in all the discussions.

Mr. Katilus noted he attended meetings of the Northeastern Fraternal Association and the Lithuanian Day celebration in St. Clair which he pointed out did not compare to the days at Rocky Glen Park. He was disappointed that there was no Mass held however he noted the attendance was good and a fine program was rendered.

Mr. Katilus expressed his appreciation to Msgr. Yashkas, Mr. Mack, Mr. Liscosky and the personnel at the Home Office for the cooperation he received throughout the year whenever it was needed.

It was properly moved and seconded to accept the Vice-President's report.

Mr. Liscosky gave a report on the office of Secretary of the Board and Executive Director the two offices he fills.

He noted he had been instructed by the Board to hold an Executive session with Mr. George Schaumann of CPS Actuaries. At this meeting it was agreed to make the necessary changes to conform with the Easy Read Language Contracts Law and the new 1980 CSO Mortality Tables. By June 1, 1988 Mr. Schaumann completed the changes and mailed them to the States Insurance Commissioners. At this time we are awaiting their response, Mr. Liscosky said.

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Meeting Highlights

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One delinquent mortgage was turned over to our legal office for collection.

Mr. Liscosky gave a favorable report on the Home Office and staff noting that the annual state reports were prepared and mailed before the deadline. Due to the many changes in the Insurance Laws, additional reports were required by several of the states.

The Executive Director stated it is no secret that our membership roles continue to dwindle and we look to the new policies to improve this situation.

Lodge 29 in Chicago lost its secretary, Dr. Vladas Simaitis who died and Director Albina Poska graciously agreed to fill this vacancy.

Mr Adolph Paleckis, Secretary of Lodge 44 St. Petersburg, Florida resigned due to ill health as did Mr. Bronius Bobelis secretary of Lodges 115 & 135 Brooklyn, NY.

Mr. Liscosky stated it was nice to note for a change that complimentary cards, letters, and telephone calls were received from the membership stating they were happy to read the English Garsas and to be made aware of what is going on in Lithuania.

The CPS Actuaries report was read by Mr. Liscosky noting the Society's valuation indicated that based on the American Experience Standard Industrial and American Men Ultimate Tables of Mortality, with interest at 3%, the future assessments of the Society at the net rates then being collected, together with the admitted assets as they appeared in the Society's 1987 Annual Statement, were sufficient to meet all certificates as they mature by their terms with a margin of safety above the statutory standards.

A report on membership transactions shows 10 new certificates, 32 Accident and Health claims, 24 Cash Surrenders, 66

deaths reported 38 Endowments matured, 11 active Certificate Loans and 4 Trust Funds.

Age 80 plus exemptions show we began the year with 269 on the list. Another 34 members become eligible during 1988. As of date 5 exemptions were lost through death, 3 upon reaching age 96, with 2 matured endowments at age 85, and 5 became fully paid up at age 85.

In reviewing our sick benefits files we find 124 still paying.

Letters of explanation were sent to each of the 124 members giving an accounting of the number of days they had used at the number remaining to their credit. It was pointed out that they were free to drop this coverage if they weren't interested in continuing and their dues would be adjusted accordingly. Of the 124, 18 selected to drop the coverage and 10 presented claims for payment.

Mr. Liscosky noted there are still some undelivered dividend checks due to lack of address. Efforts continue to try to locate these people to clear up this backlog before the next Insurance Department examination. We continue to receive calls from members claiming they never received a dividend. When given copies of their cancelled checks we receive no further comment.

Regarding correspondence, Mr. Liscosky pointed out that members often come across Membership certificates of long deceased relatives. Our office is contacted to determine the status of the certificate which involves time-consuming research.

Death claim correspondence gets heavy when the beneficiary predeceases the insured member and no new beneficiary has been named. This requires additional documents and if we enumerate 5 items, we can look forward to writing at least 4 more letters, one for each item. the same applies to Change of Beneficiary, Cash Surrender, and Matured

Endowments, each of which requires the appropriate form to be accompanied by Membership Certificate, 90% of the time the form is returned without the certificate or vice versa.

We are presently licensed to do business in 9 states.

In his report Mr. Liscosky noted that we continue to receive inquiries about Scholarships. He pointed out that our records reveal that out of 5 who received scholarships in 1975, 3 terminated - 2 by maturity of endowments, and 1 by cash surrender. The cash surrender reenrolled 4 years later. Of the 5 who received scholarships in 1978, 1 cash surrendered, another lapsed after paying dues for only 1 year.

Reporting on the home office he noted that windows were replaced on two occasions this past year. Two windows broken by vandals on December 14, 1987 and another on June 19, 1988 caused by a break-in. At the time of the break-in the office was entered and ransacked. Fortunately there was no other physical damage, but all desk drawers were emptied and their contents strewn about the desks and floor. Since no small change or small office equipment was taken the police concluded the person must have been looking for the combination to the vault.

A frightening aspect of the break-in was the discovery of a burning cigarette left on top of one desk with papers nearby and another on top of a file cabinet between two cardboard file boxes. This incident prompted us to move all records kept in the front office files to the vault for safety. Upon authorization of our Treasurer, additional file cabinets were purchased.

Mr Liscosky noted we are encountering trouble with the heating system which was installed when the Home Office was built. In 1988 we spent \$1066.81 for repairs and further repairs are needed. Moreover, we are unsure of future service

and approximate cost because the Steam Heat Authority which furnishes our heat is going into bankruptcy.

The air conditioner is still the original equipment which survived the flood of 1972. Problems this summer cost \$167.95 over the annual service contract fee of \$200.

The addressograph and Graphotype machines also survived the flood and are serviced at an annual cost of \$608.12.

Mr. Liscosky listed several annual events he took part in as a representative of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance.

It was properly moved and seconded to accept the report of the Executive Director.

Treasurer Leocadia Donarovich presented her report which was filed with the minutes. It was properly moved and seconded to accept the report of the Treasurer.

Trustees Rosalie Kizis and George Sadauckas presented their report noting they had made a thorough review of the records of the Executive Director and the Treasurer, including canceled checks, bank books, bank statements, bonds, securities and mortgages.

They found two delinquent mortgages which are being properly handled.

Both Trustees thanked the Executive Director, the Treasurer, and Office personnel for their time and cooperation in enabling them to fulfill their duties.

Mr. Sadauckas reported he had attended several activities during the year as a representative of the Alliance.

It was properly moved and seconded to accept the report of the Trustee's

Although the Medical Examiner was unable to attend he sent in the following report: During the past year the Medical Examiner had the opportunity to work closely in conjunction with CPS

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Actuaries in the restructuring and modernization of the application forms for the Alliance in order that they might be updated and in compliance with the various state statues and regulations. The outcome of these efforts appears to have been successful.

Dr. Stankaitis noted he reviewed 11 new memberships and 35 Disability Forms.

He pointed out that in reviewing the actuaries proposed changes of the Alliance's By-Laws, most of the changes appear to be in order. "Nevertheless, I do believe that the change proposed in Article 3, Section 1 that deals with religious belief, specifically "practicing the Roman Catholic Faith" has some potential fundamental ramifications for our organization. I assume that the rationale for this change is the thought that such a qualification for membership might be discriminatory in nature. I would most certainly value the opinion of our legal counsel regarding this matter. If indeed this qualification is in violation of the law, than we are forced to change this. On the other hand, if it is viewed as not discriminatory in nature, then we run the risk of abandoning a significant part of our organizational identity, that which distinguishes our fraternal organization from the "other" Lithuanian Alliance, or for that matter, even some generic mutual insurance corporations. I caution the board to carefully consider this matter in its deliberations."

It was properly moved and seconded to accept the report of the Medical Examiner.

Although Board member Albina Poska was not able to attend the meeting, she sent in her report.

Mrs. Poska noted that although she was authorized to attend the Lithuanian Catholic Women's Alliance convention

in Chicago, she was unable to do so due to an accident that hospitalized her just a few days before the convention. She did, however contact the Alliance Editor to extend greetings from the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance on her behalf which the Editor, Dale Murray did.

Mrs. Poska noted she represented the Alliance at the meeting of the Lithuanian Council (Taryba), October 17, 1987 at which time Dr. Vladas Simaitis was bestowed an honorary membership for his many years of labor for the council. Mrs. Irene Blinstrubas was selected by Council to fill his chair.

Mrs Poska reported that she wrote two articles this past year, one for "Draugas" and one for the "Garsas."

She kept personal contact with the Home Office and personally remembered some members in their illness, anniversary, and condolence. Some with Mass offerings.

Mrs. Poska noted she gained a sense of satisfaction in being able to save 7 members (from 2 families) from being dropped from the membership. She says that contact with member's parents or grandparents is helpful in keeping their offspring in good standing.

It was properly moved and seconded to accept the report of Director Albina Poska.

Director Jonas Vainius who was excused sent in his report.

In his report he noted he met with the Officers of the Lithuanian Credit Union, "KASA" for the purpose of investigating whether there would be a mutual interest in developing an operational relationship. LCA's Executive Committee has extended an invitation to the Credit Union for preliminary discussions at the LCA Home Office. It was properly moved and seconded to accept the report of

Director Jonas Vainius.

Frances Laucka Domanskis sent in a report from the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance Foundation which was read and accepted.

Mr. Liscosky referred to his annual report and informed the Board that Mr. Adloph Paleckis, Petersburg, Florida, resigned due to illness. The Alliance presently has no active Lodge in Florida and this could present a problem if the convention were to be held there with no Lodge to handle the on-site details.

President Mack read a letter received from Mr. Stasys Garliauskas, a member of the Alliance and a delegate to previous Conventions. Mr. Garliauskas lives in Michigan and expressed concern about the convention being held in Florida due to the expense it would require to travel this distance. In his letter he suggested the Board consider Baltimore, Maryland since it was accessible from all points.

Mr. Mack suggested this topic be discussed at lunch since it was time for that break.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

The second session of the Board of Directors meeting resumed at 2:05 p.m. with Vice President Frank J. Katilus presiding. Mr. Mack was detained and would arrive a bit later.

The Vice President reviewed the actions of the First Session and then called for the Accountant's Report.

The accountant's report noted the increase costs of licensing and filing fees and suggested the Alliance review their status in all states to ascertain whether there are states where no new business is being written and whether it would not be wise to withdraw in some cases.

It was properly moved and seconded to accept the accountant's report. Motion carried. President Mack returned and assumed his

position as Chairman of the meeting.

He called on Mrs. Florence Eckert for her Garsas report.

Mrs Eckert noted that at the 1987 meeting of the Board a motion was approved to make certain changes in the Garsas and to have the publishing transferred from Brooklyn to a closer location to the Home Office.

Mrs. Eckert presented the Board with a breakdown of certificates in force according to age and noted the results showed we should concentrate on increasing memberships especially in the younger age groups. She pointed out that this is the direction she has been working in.

During this past year she was invited to speak at the Junior and Senior classes of the local High School and noted the students proved to be a captive audience with a great interest in the subject of the Baltic States.

The Garsas received national recognition when the Associated Press picked up a local feature on our publication and it was carried in newspapers in cities and towns all over the country.

Mrs. Eckert notes that our subscriptions outside of the membership rolls have increased at a rate of 5 to 1 and there is growing evidence that the young people are beginning to read the *Garsas*.

She submitted a few recommendations to the Board one of which was to Americanize the name of the publication. She suggested a contest before the next convention seeking names to be considered noting there aren't too many young people out there who want to say "I read it in the *Garsas*!" The name *Garsas* can be carried on the mast head in small print directly under the new name.

Mrs. Eckert thanked the Board for their show of appreciation and confidence and also

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More Board Meetings

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thanked Rev. Bucmys for the excellent Lithuanian pages he prepares each month.

The Board accepted the GARSAS report after acknowledging their satisfaction with the changed GARSAS.

President Mack called on Mrs. Eckert for a report of the convention site.

She submitted folders and information from a few different Hotels and following a review by the members of the Board, Msgr. Yashkas volunteered to contact Father Anthony Branginis, of Baltimore Maryland to discuss the possibility of holding the convention in Baltimore during the Lithuanian Heritage Celebration the first week of June.

Msgr. Yashkas was authorized to visit Baltimore and meet with Director Lenard Mikelonis and Father Branginis to see what plans can be made.

A motion was approved for a dividend to be issued to the members of the Alliance 30 days before the 1989 Convention.

A Scholarship program was approved by the Board and a Committee was appointed to implement the program

A motion was approved to have Executive Director, Charles Liscosky get in touch with Lord Enterprises Consultant Firm to have a proposal and estimate prepared for changing the heat and air conditioning at the Home Office.

A motion was approved to have sick benefits for members that carry same be doubled.

New certificates are to be issued by the Alliance all conforming to the 1980 CSO Mortality Tables and Easy Read Language Contracts Law. The new certificates are to be announced in the GARSAS.

A motion was approved to increase the enrollment age from 65 to 70.

The current By-Laws of the Alliance were received and corrected to conform with the new certificates to be issued under the 1980 CSO Mortality Tables and the Easy Read contract Law.

Second Session of the Board was adjourned at 4:50 P.M. to be resumed Friday morning.

In the absence of President Mack who had a previous commitment, vice-President Katilus chaired the third Session of the Board meeting.

Reporting on summer camp, Mr. Liscosky noted he received a letter of thanks from Sister Angela for the support given to Camp Ausra by the Alliance. There were three young men at camp this year, all current members of the Alliance. The Board approved a check of \$520 to be sent to Sister Angela.

A motion was approved to make an annual donation of \$1000 to the Catholic Religious Aid. The Board approved a motion to place the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance name on a list supporting the petition that the English language remain as the official language of the United States.

The Board approved a recommendation that Mrs. Irene Blinstrubas be appointed as the Alliance Delegate to Taryba to fill the vacancy resulting from the death of former Trustee and Delegate to Taryba, Dr. Vladas Simaitis. The board also approved a recommendation that all mortgage applicants must be a member of the Alliance for at least one year before they can obtain a mortgage from the Alliance.

A motion was approved to exempt members with Life Certificates from paying any further dues after they attain age 78.

With no further business to be brought before the Board, Vice President Katilus closed the meeting at 12:45 P.M.

Welcome! New Members

We are happy to welcome the following new members to our fraternal family:



Janet & Michael
Castignano
Wilkes-Barre Pa.

Thomas E. Mack, Jr., Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Audrone and Anthony Elvikis of Willow Springs, Ill.

John Addison Howes, Jr., Rockville, Maryland.



Lillian Sacco
Dallas, Pa.

From The Editor's Desk

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Holocaust Memorial Planned in Lithuania

Authorities in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuanian republic, have authorized construction of what would apparently be the first Holocaust memorial in the Soviet Union. . .Lithuania. . .has a long European tradition and has often shown independent tendencies. . .

Bill Keller, "Lithuanian Plan Memorial to Jews," The New York Times, ELTA

New Insurance Plans

PLAN	Without Wavier of Premium	With Waiver of Premium
Life Paid Up at Age 80	Ages 0-70	Ages 16-55
Twenty Pmt. Life	Ages 0-60	Ages 16-55
Twenty Yr. Endowment	Ages 0-60	Ages 16-55
Single Premium Life	Ages 0-70	Not Available

A newborn child up to its first birthday can be insured for life with a coverage of \$2,000 for the small sum of \$106 payable in a lump sum with no future payments.

Just imagine — for the sum of \$106 this child is insured for his or her entire lifetime!!

VLIKO SEIMAS BOSTONE

Vyriausias Lietuvos Išlaisvinimo Komitetas (VLIK-as), jau eilę metų tęsdamas gražių tradicijų atlaikyti savo metinius seimus vis kitoje lietuvių gyvenamoje vietoje, šiais metais seimą sušaukė Bostono mieste lapkričio 11 - 13. Seimo išvakarėse, penktadienio vakare, Bostono Lietuvių Piliečių Draugijos svetainėje įvyko neformalus, draugiškas iš arti ir toli suvažiavusių seimo delegatų ir Bostono bei apylinkių lietuvių susipažinimas ir draugiški pasikalbėjimai; dalyvavo 144 asmenys. Valdybos nariai atsakinėjo į įvairius svečių klausimus.

Formalus seimo posėdžiai vyko šeštadienį, lapkričio 12, ir sekmadienį, lapkričio 13, Quality Inn viešbučio Library salėje. Juose dalyvavo 36 VLIKO grupių atstovai — delegatai ir apie 70 svečių — lietuvių, kurie įdomaujasi Lietuvos laisvinimo veikla. Seimą pasveikino dr. Algirdas Budreckis, seimo rengimo komiteto pirmininkas kuris, kartu su komitetu, atliko gražų darbą organizuodamas seimą ir su juo susijusius reikalus. Seimą atidarė VLIKO valdybos pirmininkas dr. Kazys Bobelis ir pakvietė kun. kleboną Albertą Kontautą sukalbėti invokaciją. Buvo sugiedoti himnai, sudarytas seimo prezidiumas, sekretoriatas, rezoliucijų ir mandatų komisijos.

Seimą sveikino: ALTO pirmininkas inž. G. Lazauskas, I. Budrys JAV LB pirmininko dr. A. Razmos vardu, LŠST pirmininkas M. Abarius, Zigmas Juras D. Britanijos Lietuvių S-gos vardu, A. Budreckis Lietuvos Skautų S-gos vardu, L. Girinis — Norvaša Kanados LB vardu, dr. V.

— Aleksandras Stankevičius, montrealietis kompozitorius, įveikęs kitus varžovus, pasirašė sutartį su "Telescene Movie Productions" filmų bendrove. Jis sukurs muziką filmui, kuriame vaizduojamas žymaus Kanados žurnalisto Victor Malerek gyvenimas. Filmą, kainuosiantis apie septynis milijonus dolerių, kuriamas Montrealyje. Pagrindinius vaidmenis atlieka Hollywoodo aktoriai.

Dargis Reorg. L. b. vardu. Naujasis PLB pirmininkas dr. V. Bieliauskas atsiuntė sveikinimo telegramą. Seimas taipogi gavo eilę sveikinimų raštų.

VLIKO Tarybos pirmininkė Daina Kojelytė padarė platų Tarybos veiklos pranešimą. Valdybos pirmininkas dr. K. Bobelis išsamiai pranešė apie šakotą Valdybos veiklą. Z. Juras pranešė apie D. Britanijos Lietuvių S-gos veiklą.

Tautos Fondo Tarybos veiklos pranešimą padarė jos pirmininkas J. K. Valaitis, o T. F. Valdybos — jos pirmininkas Juozas Giedraitis. Dr. K. Bobelis ir dr. J. A. Stiklorius padarė pranešimus tema: "Padėtis okupuotoje Lietuvoje ir atgarsiai Vakarų Europoje". Po visų pranešimų buvo gyvos diskusijos.

Antrą seimo dieną, sekmadienį, seimo dalyviai iš klausė mišių Šv. Petro bažnyčioje, atlaikytų klebono Alberto Kontauto, kuris taipogi pasakė patriotišką pamokslą.

Po to, dar buvo užbaigiamieji posėdžiai, kurių metu buvo paskaitytos, diskutuotos ir priimtos rezoliucijų komisijos pasiūlytos rezoliucijos, ir taipogi Valdybos deklaracija.

Pagrindinė, svarbiausioji seimo pranešimų ir diskusijų tema buvo nuolat besikeičianti padėtis okupuotoje Lietuvoje ir jos reikšmė tautiečiams tėvynėje



Paminklas žuvusiems dėl Lietuvos laisvės Šv. Jono lietuvių kapinėse Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. Paminklą pastatė Lietuvos Šaulių Sąjungos Tremtyje Vilniaus šaulių rinktinė Kanadoje. Paminklo atidengimas ir pašventinimas įvyko š. m. gegužės 29 d. Nuotr. S. Dapkaus

ir laisvuose Vakaruose. Tais ir panašiais klausimais buvo pareikšta ir iškelta eilė vertingų minčių.

Šeštadienio vakare Lietuvių Piliečių Draugijos svetainėje įvyko banketas, kuriame dalyvavo apie 210 asmenų, delegatų ir

svečių. Banketo metu gražiai dainavo Bostono vyrų sekstetas. Taipogi buvo rodoma įspūdinga vaizdajuostė iš įvykių ir demonstracijų Vilniuje.

Seimas praėjo darbingoje nuotaikoje ir paliko teigiamą įspūdį.

(Elta)

PIRMAS KRIKŠČIONIŠKAS LAIKRAŠTIS PASIRODĖ OKUPUOTOJE LIETUVOJE

(New Yorkas, 1988 lapkričio 9. LIC) Lietuvių Informacijos Centras praneša, kad praėjus mėnesį pasirodė pirmas krikščioniškas laikraštis pokario Lietuvoje. Vardu *Tikėjimo žodis*, jį leidžia prie Lietuvos Persitvarkymo Sąjūdžio įsistėgusi Lietuvos Krikščionių Sąjunga, susidedanti iš katalikų ir protestantų dvasiškių, bei krikščionių pasauliečių. Pirmame numeryje, datuotame spalio 22 d. rašo:

"Jūsų rankose pirmasis krikščioniškas laikraštis pokario Lietuvoje. 'Kristaus žaizdomis esate išgydyti'. Ši eilutė iš pirmo apaštalo Petro laiško aiškiai liu-

dija apie mūsų tautos galimybes Viešpatyje. Aštuoni tūkstančiai palaiminimų esančių Biblijoje yra skirti mum, kiekvienam asmeniškai, kaip ir bet kurios tautos žmogui, kuris tiki išgelbėjimo Evangelija. Laikraščio tikslas: nepaisant denominacijų skirtumų skelbti gerą naujieną apie gyvąjį Dievą. Dauguma lietuvių pavargo nuo ateizmo absurdo. Mes galime paliudyti, kad įmanomi tik du sąmoningo krikščioniško gyvenimo variantai: pirmasis sėkmingas gyvenimas; antrasis, labai sėkmingas gyvenimas. Tik du. 'Atsiverskite: ir tikėkite Evangelija' (Mk 1,15)."

Leidinio redaktorius — Evaldas Morkūnas, redakcinę kolegiją sudaro poetas Sigitas Geda, redaktoriaus pavaduotojas Gabrielius Lukošius, Evangelikų pastorius J. Melikas, kun. R. Mora, referentas kun. dr. Juozas Pranka, kun. V. Rudzinskas, A. Tikušienė.

Tikėjimo Žodis yra panašaus formato kaip *Sąjūdžio žinios*, keturių puslapių biuletinis, leidžiamas kompiuterio šriftu, grynai religinio turinio.

Laikraštis platinamas nemokamai, leidžiamas tikinčiųjų auka. Redakcijos adresas: Vilnius, Eidukevičiaus 35-76. Morkūnas Evaldas.

(LIC)

VLIKO SEIMO DEKLARACIJA

Karaliaus Mindaugo sukurtas Lietuvos valstybingumas ir tautinis sąmoningumas, paremtas krikščioniškos civilizacijos principais, perėjęs keletos šimtmečių patirtį, didelio ryžto kovas, išgyvenęs įvairius okupacinius ir tautinio atgimimo laikotarpius, 1918 metais vasario 16 dienos aktu buvo apvainikuotas nepriklausomybės laimėjimu.

Lietuva paskelbta Nepriklausoma Demokratinė Respublika.

Pasaulio valstybių ir Tautų Sąjungos pripažinta Lietuva, savarankiškai augo, stiprėjo ir kūrė savo ir savo piliečių ateitį.

Antrojo pasaulinio karo išvakarėse, dėl gėdingo-slapto Hitlerio-Stalino susitarimo Nepriklausoma Lietuvos valstybė pradžioje buvo pasidalyta, o vėliau perduota, tapo Hitlerio-Stalino agresijos auka.

Lietuva prieš Tautos valią buvo įjungta į Sovietų Sąjungą.

Šimtai tūkstančių bėgo į Vakarų ieškodami pagalbos ir apsaugos; šimtai tūkstančių nekaltai pasmerkti, be teismo, buvo tremiami į ledines Sibiro tundras; tūkstančiai traukė į miškus su ginklu rankoje priešintis okupantui.

Tautos kamienas liko pavergtame krašte, pasiryžęs nešti fizinę bei dvasinę vergiją, kentėti, išsilaikyti su laisvos ateities viltimi ir auginti naujas, tautiškai susipratusias kartas.

Helsinkio Baigiamojo Akto sukurti tarptautiniai bendradarbiavimo principai, Vakarų demokratinių valstybių skleidžiamas laisvas politinis, religinis, žmogaus bei tautų teisių apsisprendimas, ekonominės ekologinės, komunikacijos, technikos tobulėjimas kartu su iš komunistinių kraštų pabėgėlių nuolatiniu šauksmu apie tebesitęsiančią stalinistinio komunizmo priešpaudą Sovietų Sąjungoje ir okupuotuose kraštuose, pradėjo pamažu laužti geležinę sieną, skyrusią rytų ir vakarų valstybes, rytų ir vakarų kultūras, skirtingus žmonių gyvenimo lygius.

Vyriausias Lietuvos Išlaisvinimo Komiteto Seimas viltinai, atsargiai stebi vykstančias permainas Sovietų Sąjungoje ir bandymus kurti atvirumo ir persitvarkymo politiką, o taip pat dėl šių pasikeitimų kylančius tautinius judėjimus pavergtoje Lietuvoje bei didelį norą laisvojo

pasaulio lietuvių entuziastingai remti lietuvių tautos laisvės ir nepriklausomybės siekimus.

Sis viešas, didingas lietuvių tautos prisikėlimas, rusenęs mūsų širdyse nuo okupacijos pradžios, išsiliejo į vieną galingą srovę sujungdamas visus, kuriems yra brangi laisva Lietuva — Pogrindžio veiklos religinius, tautinius, žmogaus teisių, Helsinkio Akto stebėjimo, Lietuvos laisvės Lygos narius, daug kentėjusius politinius kalinius, Persitvarkymo Sąjūdžio dalyvius — akademikus, menininkus, kultūrininkus, tautiškai atgimusius komunistų partijos narius ir laisvojo pasaulio lietuvius, nes šiame darbe dalyvauti yra kiekvieno lietuvių tautinė pareiga ir garbė.

Lietuva yra reikalinga kiekvieno lietuvių-lietuvių tautos ir pagalbos.

Bet taip pat turime būti ypatingai budrūs, dvasiškai ir tautiškai stiprūs, sentimentalumo nesuvedžijami ir pajėgūs atpažinti tuos, kurie tarsi "dirbdami" Lietuvai — tarnauja okupanto tikslams.

Lietuvos pavergimas ir įjungimas į Sovietų Sąjungą yra tarptautinis nusikaltimas, daugumos Vakarų valstybių ir Europos Parlamento pasmerktas, reikalaujantis atitaisymo.

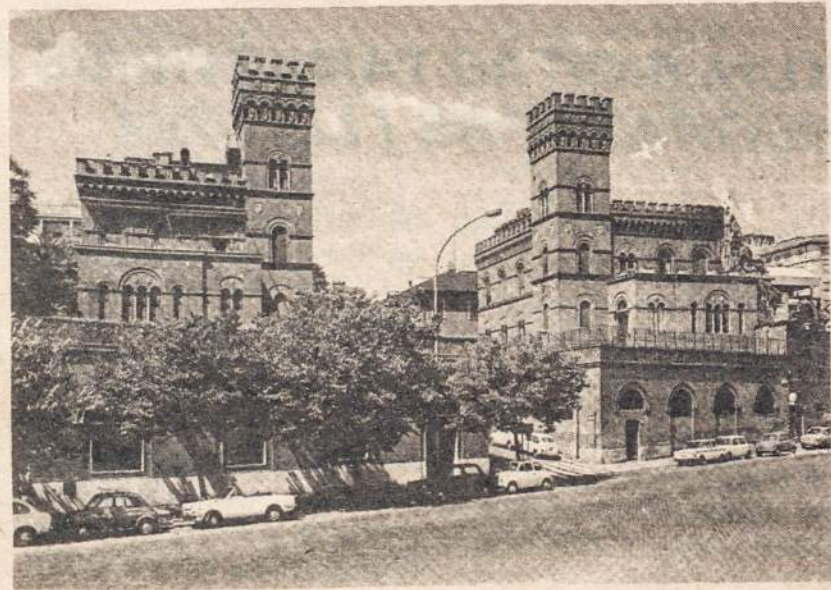
Mes kreipiamės į laisvas pasaulio valstybes, Europos Parlamentą, Europos Saugumo ir Bendradarbiavimo Konferenciją ir Jungtines Tautas, prašydami paramos ir pagalbos Nepriklausomos Lietuvos atstatymui, pareikalaujant Sovietų Sąjungos kariuomenės ir milicijos dalinių pasitraukimo iš Lietuvos teritorijos.

Vyriausias Lietuvos Išlaisvinimo Komitetas kviečia visus pasaulio lietuvius — pavergtoje Tėvynėje, Sovietų Sąjungos tremtyje, ir laisvajame pasaulyje — įsijungti į šio garbingo uždavinio vykdymą —

NEPRIKLAUSOMOS LIETUVOS ATSTATYMA.

Vyriausio Lietuvos Išlaisvinimo Komiteto Seimas

Bostonas
1988 m. lapkričio 13 d.
45-ieji VLIKO
jubiliejiniai metai.



Lietuvių Šv. Kazimiero kolegija Romoje — dešinėje ir Villa Lituania — kairėje.

JAV VYSKUPŲ KONFERENCIJOJE SVARSTYTI IR LIETUVIŲ REIKALAI

(Washingtonas, 1988 lapkričio 17. LIC Jungtinių Amerikos Valstijų vyskupai, susirinkę Washingtono aptarti įvairius klausimus, vieningai priėmė pareiškimą, turinti daugiau kaip 60 puslapių, religinės laisvės Rytų Europoje ir Sovietų Sąjungoje klausimu.

Pareiškime pasisakoma apie religinę padėtį kiekvienoje Rytų Europos šalyje. Aptariant Sovietų Sąjungos padėtį, daugiausia dėmesio skiriama Lietuvai ir Ukrainai. Pareiškimas apibūdina Lietuvos Katalikų Bažnyčią kaip tvirtovę prieš sovietų bandymus sunaikinti Lietuvos religinę, kultūrinę bei politinę tapatybę. Lietuvos Katalikų Bažnyčios Kronika padėjus atkreipti pasaulio dėmesį į Bažnyčios sunkią padėtį. Sovietų valdžia kalino ir kitaip vargino Kronikos, Lietuvos tikinčiųjų teisėms ginti katalikų komiteto bei Lietuvos Helsinkio grupės vadus. Kai kurie vadai buvo fiziškai užpulti arba žuvo neaiškiai aplinkybėmis.

Vyskupų pareiškimas atkreipia dėmesį į tai, kad vyskupui Steponavičiui trukdoma eiti Vilniaus apaštalinio administratoriaus pareigas. Kritiškai pasisakoma apie valdžios politiką ryšium su kunigų skaičiaus apribojimu, vaikų katekizacijos draugumu, antireligine propaganda ir t.t.

Taipgi atkreiptas dėmesys į teigiamus reiškinis paskutiniu

metu Lietuvos katalikų religiniame gyvenime, įskaitant vyskupo Sladkevičiaus pakėlimą į kardinolus, Kauno kunigų seminarijos studentų skaičiaus padidinimą bei sovietų valdžios pažadą tikintiesiems sugaržinti Vilniaus katedrą, Šv. Kazimiero bažnyčią ir Klaipėdos Taikos katalikų bažnyčią.

Vyskupų pareiškimas pabrėžia, jog svarbu neužmiršti žmogaus teisių bei religinės laisvės klausimų, siekiant taikos ir ginkluotės apribojimo sutarčių su sovietais. Prieš religinių laisvių suvaržymą reikia parotestuoti, ir už persekiojimus tikinčiuosius melstis. Taipogi vyskupai skatina tikinčiuosius Vakaruose užmegzti ryšius su religinėm višiuomenėm už geležinės uždangos, juos lankyti ir jiems teikti finansinę bei kitokią paramą.

Vyskupų konferencija taip pat atkreipia dėmesį į Pabaltijo valstybių ypatingą padėtį, pažymėdama kad Vatikanas, JAV bei kitos valdžios nepripažįsta jų inkorporavimo į TSRS 1940 metais.

Paskutinėje vyskupų sesijoje vykusiose diskusijose apie religinės laisvės dokumentą vyskupas Paulius Baltakis, OFM, ir Arkivyskupas Charles Salatka padarė pareiškimus, paremiąnčius siūlomą dokumentą ir apšviečiančius kitus vyskopus apie Lietuvos tikinčiųjų padėtį.

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KUN. SIGITAS TAMKEVIČIUS SUGRAŽINTAS Į LIETUVĄ

(Roma, 1988 lapkričio 7, LIC)
Tarp 300 - 400 žmonių sutiko kun. Sigitą Tamkevičių Vilniaus geležinkelio stotyje anksti penktadienio rytą, lapkričio 4 d., praneša Lietuvių Informacijos Centro skyrius Romoje. Susirinko kunigai ir pasauliečiai, jauni ir seni, vyrai, ir moterys nešdami Lietuvos trispalves bei Vatikano dvispalves. Minia giedojo religines giesmes ir dainavo liaudies dainas. Jų tarpe susirinko ir buvę kaliniai: kun. Jonas Kastytis Matulionis, prieš dvi dienas grįžęs Viktoras Petkus ir Petras Cidzikas, kuris ką tik spalio 29 d. užbaigė savo 32 dienų bado streiką dėl Lietuvos politikinių. Visi susirinkusieji nužygiavo prie Aušros Vartų koplyčios, kur kun. Tamkevičius tarė šiuos žodžius:

"Gruodžio 23 d. naktį, lydimas kareivių su vilkiniais šunimis, įsėdau į Stolypino vagoną. Gailėstingumo Aušros Vartų Motinos paprašiau, kad palaimintų ir išvažiuotų į Uralą. Prabėgo beveik šešeri metai, ir šį dieną man kaip sapnas. Tada negalėjau nė pagalvoti, kad bus šitokia diena kaip ši, kad tauta

bus atgimusi, kad Bažnyčioje bus daug vilčių, kad žmonėse bus toks entuziazmas. Tada atrodė viskas sukaustyta ledu.

"Ir jeigu šiandien mes daug kuo džiaugiamės tai sakome 'ačiū' Marijai. Šiais metais — Marijos metais. Motina pamatė, kad mūsų tautai, Bažnyčiai, mums visiems daug ko trūksta, daug ko reikia. Reikia meilės, reikia blaivių širdžių. Ir Motina savo Sūnui pasakė: jiems reikia vyno, laisvės, meilės, gerumo vyno. Ir jos Sūnus padarė stebuklą ir šiandien visi susirinkę čia dėkojame Dievo Motinai, dėkojame mūsų Viešpačiui Jėzui Kristui, kad pažvelgė į mūsų tautą, pažvelgė į mūsų Bažnyčią, pažvelgė į mūsų visų gyvenimus.

"Šiose Mišiose melksimės, kad mūsų tautoje prasidėjęs atgimimas turėtų pagrindą, kad žmonės rastų tiesą. entuziazmas labai greitai praeina, reikia, kad būtų pagrindas. O, tokiu pagrindu gali būti tiktai Dievas. Važinėdamas etapais iš Uralo į Mordoviją, iš Mordovijos į Sibirą, aš mačiau tūkstančius žmonių, tūkstančius

KALBA KUN. S. TAMKEVIČIUS

(Roma, lapkričio 21, LIC) *Pa-teikiame kun. Sigitą Tamkevičiaus žodį Vatikano radijo klausytojams.*

Garbė Jėzui Kristui! Kai lapkričio 4 dieną, sugrįžęs iš Sibiro tremties išlipau Vilniaus geležinkelio stotyje, tai ką pamačiau, atrodė lyg gražus sapnas. Pasitiko kunigai, bičiuliai, ir daug daug tikinčiųjų. Plevėsavo trispalvės, giedojome ir dainavome eidami į Aušros Vartus. Savo akimis pamačiau, kad Lietuva nebe ta, kokią ją palikaua 1983 m. gruodžio mėn., vykdamas į Uralo lagerį.

Žmonės tarsi pabudę iš ilgo miego ir sustingimo, į šitokią Tėvynę sugrįžti man buvo dvigubas džiaugsmas. Atgimimas Tėvynei ir Bažnyčiai teikia vilčių, kad turėsime ateitį.

Tačiau šiandien negalima gyventi iliuzijomis. Šviesesnė atei-

tis savaimė neateis. Ją reikia išsikovoti. Šiame tautos atgimime Bažnyčią turi įnešti bene svarbiausią dalį. Nesupasavusio stalinizmo ir stagnacijos laikotarpiu Bažnyčia turi ypač padėti žmonėms dabar. Tautos atgimimas prasideda nuo kiekvieno lietuvių atgimimo — kada kiekvienas, tikintis Dievą ir netikintis dvasines vertybes pastatys aukščiau laikinųjų vertybių ir savo intereso.

Esu giliai įsitikinęs, kad tik Bažnyčia gali pakelti žmonių moralę. Tik Ji viena pajėgi rimtai ugdyti žmonių dvasingumą. Reikia tik pasidžiaugti, kad respublikos vyriausybė ieško kontaktų su Lietuvos Bažnyčios hierarchija ir kunigais, kad bendromis jėgomis gydytų tai, kas supuvo stalinizmo ir stagnacijos metais.

Dar nežinau, ar vyriausybė turės drąsos duoti pakankamai

nužmogėjusių žmonių, baisių. Nesinorėjo nei būti jų tarpe, bet būti reikėjo, ir visi jie buvo tokie todėl, kad neturėjo Dievo. Jie jo galbūt niekada nepažino, jie neturėjo į ką atsiremti ir, nuėjo nusikaltimo keliu.

"Akivaizdžiai pamačiau, ką reiškia gyvenime Dievas. Jeigu dabartinis mūsų jaunimas, vaikai, turės Dievą, mes turėsime ateitį, jeigu jie neturės Dievo — tai labiau yra reikalingas pagrindas. Tūkstantinė istorija kalba ir rodo, mūsų tautos istorija, ypač pokario istorija, akivaizdžiai, prikišamai rodo, kad reikia šitokio pagrindo.

"Kai buvau Sibire tremtyje, daugelyje Sibiro kaimų, miestelių, mačiau kapines ir daug jose

mačiau senų, apipuvusių katalikiškų kryžių. Ten liko daugelio mūsų tėvai, broliai ir seserys. Prisiminkime juos, prisiminkime visus tuos, kurie nekaltai kentėjo mūsų tėvynėje, kurie nekaltai kentėjo Rusijoje, Sibire, ir kurie neišvydo tos dienos, kokią šiandien matome. Tos garbės jie buvo labiau verti negu mes, už tai, kad jie kur kas daugiau už mus iškentėjo".

Kun. Sigitas Tamkevičius tada koncelebravo mišias su šešiais kunigais, po kurių jis visiems padėkojo už laiškus (daugumos kurių negavo), už maldas, už bado streikus ir už viešai skelbiama jvykdytą neteisębę.

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AMERIKOS LIETUVIŲ TARYBA INFORMUOJA

Priimta svarbi rezoliucija 1989 metams

Kongresmano Marty Russo rūpesčiu, remiant net 230 kongresmanams, buvo pravesta rezoliucija H. J. Res. 448, kad 1989 metais vasario 16 d. JAV prezidentas paskelbtų Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės dienos proklamaciją. Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba kongresmanui nusiuntė padėkos raštą už jo nuolatines pastangas. Jį JBANC apdovanojo ir Pabaltijo Laisvės žymeniu.

Kaip žinoma, šiais metais JAV prezidento paskelbtoji proklamacija daugiausia sujaudino Lietuvos okupantą ir okup. Lietu-

vos pareigūnai net ėmėsi priedarbiai suvartų demonstracijų prieš JAV ir jų nemėgstančius "vaduotojus".

Padėka Jonui Pauliui II

Paskyrimas lietuvių kardinolo V. Sladkevičiaus yra didelės istorinės svarbos laimėjimas. Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba pasiuntė popiežiui Jonui Pauliui II padėkos laišką, pažymėdama, kad tuo labai džiaugiasi po visus kontinentus išbarstyti lietuviai, o ypač tai bus didelis sutvirtinimas pavergtai lietuvių tautai, vedančiai kovą dėl sąžinės laisvės.

Okupantas seka spaudą

Amerikiečių spaudoje pasirodė straipsnius, laiškus seka Lietuvos okupanto įstaigos. Neseniai per Vilniaus radiją buvo užsipultas prel. J. Prunskis dėl jo vieno laiško išspausdinto "Chicago Tribune".

Laisvės Pabaltijui

ABC Televizijos programoje "Capitol to Capitol" buvo pasikalbėjimas tarp Washingtono ir Maskvos atstovų. Patyrus, kad toje programoje amerikiečių grupei vadovaus James Wright, kartu su sen. R. G. Lugar, Amer. Liet. Tarybos pirm. Gr. Lazauskas pasiuntė telegramą,

(nukelta į 11 psl.)

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AMERIKOS LIETUVIŲ TARYBA I N F O R M U O J A

(atkelta iš 10 psl.)

prašydamas priminti ir Pabaltijo valstybių laisvės reikalą. Senatorius R. G. Lugar (R-Ind.) kaip tik šį reikalą iškėlė.

Palaiko ryšius su Liet. Bendruomene

Gavęs pakvietimą dalyvauti JAV LB XI-tos Tarybos sesijoje, Amer. Liet. Tarybos pirm. Gr. Lazauskas pasiuntė raštu sveikinimą. Sesijos posėdyje dalyvavęs prel. J. Prunskis Liet. Bendruomenę sveikindamas pabrėžė reikalą visiems dirbti sutarime ir vienybėje. Altas pasiuntė sveikinimą ir naujai išrinktajam JAV LB pirmininkui dr. A. Razmai.

Kreipimasis į prezidentą ir Valst. sekretorių

Okupuotoje Lietuvoje demonstruojantieji lietuviai prieš Maskvos susitarimą su Hitleriu buvo rugsėjo mėnesį milicininkų lazdomis apmušti, kai kurie net sukruvinti. Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba kreipėsi į prezidentą

Reaganą ir Valstybės sekretorių Shultzą, prašydama, kad pareikštų protestą Gorbačiovui ir primintų sovietų ambasadai Vašingtone, jog toks žmonių teisių laužymas yra nepateisinamas.

Ryšiai su Pabaltiečių komiteto pirmininku

Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos pirmininkas inž. Grožvydas Lazauskas palaiko labai artimus ryšius su Jungtinių Amerikos Pabaltiečių Komitetu. Su šio komiteto pirmininku Lambit Savi, estu, prel. J. Prunskis Londone buvo padaręs pasikalbėjimą, kuris buvo išspausdintas "Laisvoje Lietuvoje". ALT pasikalbėjimo tekstą persiuntė pačiam L. Savi. Jungt. Pabaltiečių Komitetas atlieka labai svarbų darbą skleidamas informacijas ir lankydamas valdžios įstaigas. Jo metinis biudžetas 47,750. Amer. Lietuvių Taryba šiam komitetui Vašingtone išlaikyti ir jo darbą finansuoti šiemet skiria 18,283 dol. Tiek pat skiria ir latviai. Estų jnašas kiek mažesnis, nes jų JAV-se yra žymiai mažiau. Komitetui pirmininkauja kasmet

kitos tautybės vadovas.

"Sovietai grobia lietuvių auksą"

Dienraštis *Chicago Sun-Times* išspausdino Alto inform. vedėjo prel. J. Prunskio laišką, įdėdamas j pirmą vietą ir uždėdamas antraštę net per dvi skiltis: "Moscow goes for Lithuanian gold". Laiške atkreipiamas dėmesys, kad olimpiadoje Maskva priskaito sau pavergtų tautų sportininkų laimėjimus. Taip buvo su krepšinio rungtynėmis, kurias laimėjo keturi lietuviai krepšininkai: S. Marčiulionis, A. Sabonis, R. Kurtinaitis, S. Chomičius, o laimėtą aukso medalį Maskva priskyrė sau. Kai portorikiečiai olimpiadoje pasiekė kokius laimėjimus, jie buvo užskaitomi Portoriko valstijai, o Maskva priskyrė sau, ne Lietuvai. Tokią informaciją Altas perteikė ir *Tribune* redaktoriams.

Ginkime lietuvių teises

Lietuvių Teisėms Ginti Komiteto ir Fondo posėdyje, įvykusiame 1988 liepos 30 Chicagoje, dalyvaujant VLIKo atstovui Vytautui Jokūbaičiui, JAV LB atstovams dr. Viktorui Stankui ir Danguolei Valentinaitėi bei ALT pirm. G. Lazauskui, ap-

svarstyti LTG Fondo tarybos ir valdybos papildymai.

Pasibaigus kadencijai, LTG Fondo tarybos pirmininkų išrinktas dr. Viktoras Stankus (iš Clevelando), LTG Fondo tarybos pirmininku — Vytautas Jokubaitis (iš Clevelando) ir LTG Fondo valdybos pirmininke — Danguolė Valentinaitė.

Primenama, kad LTG Fondo surinktos lėšos naudojamos tik lietuvių gynimui ir reikalingai dokumentacijai. Nukentėję savo prašymuose turi tiksliai pateikti su gynyba surištas sąskaitas, kiek ir kokioje stadijoje yra skolos, kas yra advokatas ir kt. Tai yra oficialūs formalumai, ir tai reikalinga proporcingam lėšų paskirsytumui.

Visuomenė kviečiam, ginant lietuvių teises, aukoti Lietuvių Teisėms Ginti Fondui, 2711 W. 71st St., Chicago, IL 60629. Aukcas galima siųsti ir per Altą.

Nauja laida "Lithuania"

Amer. Lietuvių Taryba buvo išleidusi keturias laidas prel. dr. J. Prunskio knygutės "Lithuania". Iš viso jos tarp amerikiečių paskleista apie 80,000, tačiau ir dabar yra gausus pareikalavimas. Dabar leidžiama nauja papildyta penktoji laida.

Prieš marksistinę priespaudą

Kongresmanas Edward F. Feighan atsiuntė ALTo pirm. Gr. Lazauskui raštą, pranešdamas apie naują priespaudą Rumunijoje, kad iš jos pabėgo net apie 30,000 vengrų. Kongr. Feighan pranešė, kad net 200 kongresmanų pasirašė laišką JAV Valstybės departamentu sekr. George Shultzui prašydami paveikti, kad tie piktnaudojimai Rumunijoje pasibaigtų.

Kongresmanai taip pat paprašė Prez. Reagano skirti lėšų

tiems vengrų pabėgėliams pagelbėti. Tame pat laiške kongr. Feighan pažymi, kad prieš 30 metų Vengrijoje buvo nužudyta apie 2,000 sukilėlių — laisvės kovotojų ir iki šiol jų giminėms neleidžiama atrasti artimųjų lafonus ir juos deramai palaidoti. Tą reikalą kongresmanai dabar priminė naujajam Vengrijos ministerei Karoly Grosz.



Daugybė žmonių su lietuviškomis vėliavomis susirinko į vėliavos pakėlimo iškilmes. Lietuviška vėliava Gedimino pilies bokšte Vilniuje pakelta spalio 7 d. Nuotr. Lietuvių Informacijos Centro

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43 Acra Road

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Died: 8/12/88

Buried: 8/16/88

Calvary Cemetery

Waterbury, CT

BARKAUSKAS, Anna M.

.Lodge 91

23 Chipman St.

Waterbury, CT 06708

Died: 10/31/88

Buried: 11/3/88

Calvary Cemetery,

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KOVALEVICH (KOVAL),

Maureen

Lodge 17

Beaupland Road Bear Creek

Village

Bear Creek, PA 18601

Died: 12/19/88

Buried: 12/20/88

Maple Hill Crematory

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.Lodge 42

400 S. Gramacy Place

Los Angeles, Calif. 90027

Died: Aug. 15, 1988

Buried: Forest Lawn Memorial

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BIKENEVICIUS, Liudas.

.Lodge 95

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Chicago, Ill 60692

Died 12/10/88

Sincere Sympathy extended to
Verna Radzavich, Secretary of
Lodge 111, whose brother-in-
law, Albert T. Kuchinskas, died
November 20, 1988 and her
nephew, Paul Kuchinskas, died
November 30, 1988.

Sincere sympathy is also extended to
Mrs. Anna Stranch,
Mrs. Betty Ann Dieso, and Mrs.
Caroline Kotsur on the death of
their mother, Anna
Vecerkauskas, who died De-
cember 4, 1988.

Mrs. Vecerkauskas had 22 de-
cendents who were members of
the Lithuanian Catholic Alli-
ance; 12 in the Stranch family, 5
Dieso and 5 of the Kotsurs.

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Instead of Age 0-75 it should
had read 0-70

We might also add that the

Complete details on the new
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to our membership just as soon
as they are completed.