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Ceremonies Mark Lithuania's Independence

Lithuanian organizations in Luzerne County joined with Lithuanians all over Luzerne County on February 16 to commemorate the 71st anniversary of Lithuania's independence.

The celebration coincided with celebrations being held in Lithuania this year due to some of the relaxations of Soviet restrictions in recent months.

Americans are rejoicing for their brothers and sisters in Lithuania but at the same time are deeply concerned knowing that those attending these celebrations are being photographed and watched carefully by the Soviet government.

Nevertheless they are overjoyed to be able to gather together, raise the flag of Lithuania and sing and pray together trusting that God is watching over them.

We in America who are able to openly practice our faith should not take this for granted but rather appreciate what others suffer so much to obtain.

The Lithuanian flag was raised over the county court house and both the National Anthem of America and the National Anthem of Lithuania were sung by all in attendance.

Nellie Bayoras-Romanas gave closing remarks,



Seated are some of the principals in the flag-raising ceremony along with the Mayor of Wilkes-Barre, PA. Left to right: Dorothy Banos, Mayor Lee Namey, Nellie Bayoras-Romanas, Msgr. Anthony Norkunas. Standing: Charles Liscosky, Frank Katilus, George Sadauckas, Anne Grimalia, Mercedes Leighton, Dan Stadulis, and Al Boris.

Pittston Council K of L Sponsors Flag Raising

Pittston Council #143, Knights of Lithuania sponsored a flag-raising ceremony February 15, commemorating the 71st Anniversary of the restoration of Lithuania's independence.

The ceremony took place at the Pittston City Hall, in Pittston Pa.

Proclamations were read from Governor Robert P. Casey and Mayor Thomas Walsh of Pittston.



Pictured, seated from left are, Annamarie Sewatsky, Frances Shoppel, Mayor Thomas Walsh, Nellie Bayoras-Romanas and Dorothy Banos. Standing: Kenneth Scaz, Carmen Falcone, Celestine Swantkowski, Anna Rovala, Adele Brooks, Mary Chorba, John Argo and Marie Capolarella.



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PROCLAMATION

LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY
FEBRUARY 16, 1989

February 16, 1989, marks the 71st anniversary of the Lithuanian peoples' Declaration of Independence after generations of foreign occupation and oppression.

Though the land was later annexed by the Soviet Union, the proud Lithuanian people have always demonstrated their strong national consciousness and cultural identity as they continue their struggle for a free and independent Lithuania.

Each year, people of Lithuanian descent celebrate this date in memory of those who fought for freedom, in hope for the future, and as a celebration of their unique cultural heritage.

As we join in commemorating the occasion, we also take pride in the significant contributions that Pennsylvania's people of Lithuanian descent have made to our Commonwealth and to the nation.

Therefore, I, Robert P. Casey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim February 16, 1989, as LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY in Pennsylvania. I urge everyone to reflect upon the tremendous spirit of the Lithuanian people and their commitment to freedom as well as the rich tradition and pride of Pennsylvania's Lithuanian-American community.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirteenth.



Robert P. Casey
Robert P. Casey
Governor

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Mr. Stasys Lozoraitis, Jr.
Charge d'Affaires of Lithuania

February 9, 1989

Dear Mr. Lozoraitis:

On behalf of the government and people of the United States of America, I have the honor to convey to you and the people of Lithuania our warmest greetings and very best wishes on the seventy-first anniversary of the independence of your country.

We have watched with great interest and shared pride the newly-won advancements of the Lithuanian nation. Brave men and women, through the peaceful demonstration of their unyielding commitment, have shown the world that the cause of freedom and justice has not been overcome in that occupied country. By demanding their political and religious rights and a heritage too long denied to them, the citizens of Lithuania have begun to reclaim a national patrimony and democratic tradition that are historical links to their fellow Europeans. We look forward to the time when the people of Lithuania can enjoy the full measure of their rights and liberties.

We have never recognized the forcible incorporation of Lithuania into the Soviet Union, nor will we do so. We will continue to support the just aspirations of all the Baltic States in their struggle for justice, freedom and democracy. The peaceful actions of the united Lithuanian people seeking to regain control over their own national destiny are an eloquent statement about the strength and universality of the democratic ideals which we share.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Baker, III
Secretary of State

LCA Director Takes Part in Flag- Raising Ceremonies

At the flag raising ceremonies conducted at the Court House in Luzerne County, Pa. marking the 71st anniversary of Lithuania's independence, Charles A. Lisosky Executive Director of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance read a proclamation from the Governor of the State of Pa. Edward Stankas was holding the Lithuanian flag on the Rotunda steps. The proclamation is printed on this page.



Get Well Wishes

Get well wishes go out to Charles Dieso, 37 Chamberlain St. Plains, Pa 18705 who is recovering from open heart surgery.

Charles is a member of Lodge 212. Get well wishes are in order for Vice-President Frank J. Katilus, 1059 Blair Ave., Scranton, Pa. 18508 who was hospitalized recently and is presently recuperating at home.

Frank is also Secretary of Lodge 83 in Scranton, Pa.

'89 Convention To Be Held in Baltimore, Md.

Place yourself in this picture at the Inner Harbor in exciting Baltimore, MD. Yes, you can be there this summer from Sunday, July 30 to Wednesday, August 2.

These are the dates selected for the 1989 Lithuanian Catholic Alliance 71st convention.

Baltimore, MD was chosen following several phone calls and letters to the Home Office from members expressing concern over the previously selected location of Florida. Many felt it would be too expensive for some of the members and that Maryland is more centrally located.

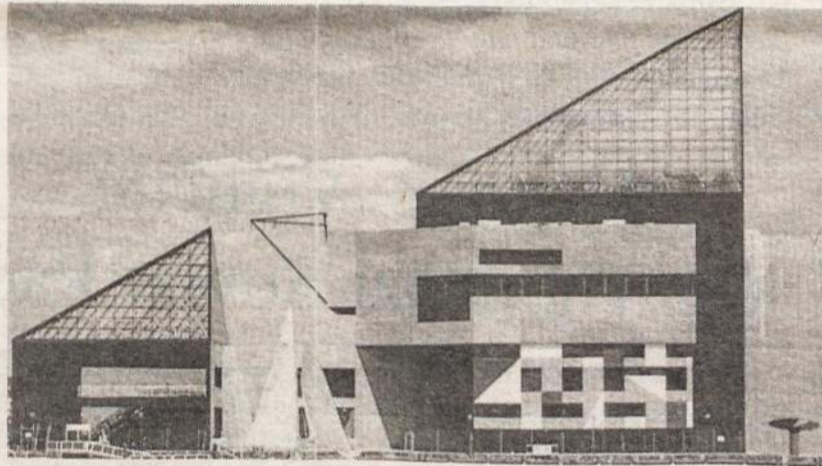
Delegates will be receiving information in the mail in the very near future and we advise you to make plans now so you won't be disappointed later.



Come marvel at some incredible sea sights!

The national Aquarium in Baltimore is one of the largest and most sophisticated aquariums in the United States. Its spectacular seven-level structure houses over 5,000 creatures and contains over one million gallons of water. The National Aquarium offers a fascinating recreational facility for young children and adults, as well as an exciting center of marine research and education.

Start your adventure overlooking and expansive 260,000 gallon Marine Mammal Tray. There



are daily demonstrations that highlight the agile abilities of these playful mammals.

Ramped bridges carry you on moving belts up to each exhibit level to experience the serenity

of a lush Allegheny pond during a rain shower. You'll find yourself along a rocky seashore in the Children's Cove, where young explorers can walk among, pickup and examine living exhibits including horseshoe crabs, sea urchins, starfish, and more.

From the Children's Cove you're transported to the intrigue and mystery of a South American Rain Forest. Here under a rooftop pyramid of glass, lush vegetation gives refuge to a fascinating variety of reptiles and rare birds.

... Don't Miss It!

There are so many exciting things to do and see that this is one convention you won't want to miss.

We also invite all members of the Alliance to join the Delegates this year and get acquainted with your Lithuanian brethren.

Reservations can be made directly with the beautiful Holiday Inn Inner Harbor. More details will be in upcoming issues

of the GARSAS however we suggest you set the days aside and plan this as a high point in your summer vacation fun.

71st Convention

Dates: July 30, 31

August 1, 1989

**Place: Holiday Inn
Inner Harbor
Baltimore, Md.**



**Holiday Inn
Inner Harbor**

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Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, Reported In The Soviet Union

Komsomolskaya Pravda

In a five column article by V.M. Kulish, the official party line was demolished. Citing heretofore undisclosed materials from Soviet archives. Kulish said that the Hitler-Stalin pact was the real thing and not a mere ploy by Stalin. Kulish questioned why else did Stalin turn over German communists who had fled to Moscow to the Gestapo. Why were Nazis allowed to travel unrestricted inside the Soviet border under the guise of looking for graves of German soldiers killed in World War I.

Kulish's article also revealed Stalin's scheming against the Baltic Republics and Poland. For the first time in a central Soviet newspaper, the secret protocols which were appended to the treaty were cited. The secret appendages exposed that Hitler repaid the Soviet Union for its hands-off policy during his attack on Poland by giving Stalin the Baltic Republics and other territories extending from the Arctic to the Black Sea. A large portion of Poland was also given to Stalin as part of the deal.

In conclusion, Kulish charges that Hitler was helped to power by Stalin. It was Stalin's obsession that the German social democrats who had split with Lenin had moved towards the political center. They could have served as a bulwark against the Nazis; however, Stalin ordered German communists to concentrate their attacks on them, not Hitler.

Though this information is now news in the West and did not make the media, it is a revelation among Soviet Russians. It is a true sensation that Komsomolskaya Pravda, the official newspaper of the Communist youth organization would publish Kulish's article. It challenges the mythic status of World War II as the great unifying event in Soviet history.

—Latvian News Digest

On August 24 one of the Soviet Union's largest newspapers detailed the Molotov-Ribbentrop secret protocol that led the Soviet takeover of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.

The full-page article in Sovetskaya Rossiya, the official newspaper of the Russian republic, provided the first opportunity for many Soviet citizens to

The Russian Press

learn details of the agreement.

Lithuanian historian Robertas Zhyugzhda, writing in Sovetskaya Rossiya of the current developments in Lithuania said Germany and the Soviet Union had violated principles of international relations.

The article said that Estonia and Latvia had been assigned under the agreement to a Soviet

sphere of influence and the Lithuania originally had been assigned to the German sphere.

However, after the German invasion of Poland, Lithuania too was assigned to Stalin. Zhyugzhda called this accord "a gross violation of international principles and norms."

—Latvian News Digest

The Official Soviet Position

The Pact was an adroit move by Stalin to gain time to prepare for Hitler's inevitable assault. The ploy succeeded. Stalin hoodwinked the Fuehrer, and the Red Army gained two years in which to ready itself.

The pact was purely defensive. The fact that shortly afterwards the Soviet Union annexed Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, parts of the western Ukraine and White Russia and provinces of Romania and Finland had nothing to do with the pact itself. These territories were added through free elections or through actions arising from the Soviet Union's legitimate need to secure its borders.

—Latvian News Digest

Historic Vignette On The Nazi-Soviet Pact

At the outbreak of World War II, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania chose to remain neutral. In spite of that, Soviet armed forces invaded these three Baltic States in June, 1940, and annexed them to the USSR.

Unbeknown to the Balts at the time, the occupation of their countries had been prearranged in a secret Nazi-Soviet agreement ten months earlier, in August, 1939. At first, Hitler promised Estonia, Latvia and part of Lithuania to the Soviets. Later, Moscow "acquired" the rest of Lithuania, too, by paying Hitler 7.5 million dollars in gold.

After the 1940 invasion, the Soviets stationed one armed soldier for every ten to twelve Baltic civilians. In this way, Moscow

took control of the political life in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Mass deportations of the innocent people started on June 14, 1941; and were continued in 1944-49. The total number of victims deported to Siberia and other distant regions has been variously estimated at 655,000 to 1-1/2 million — 10 per cent to 23 per cent of the entire population.

After 47 years' silence, the Soviets are now beginning to admit their culpability for this crime against humanity. The Latvian Communist Party daily, *Cina*, published an article on March 4, stating that 43,231 people were deported from Latvia in just three days.

—Latvian News Daily

Hands Linked To Save Baltic Sea

September — The Latvian human rights group, The Environmental Club (VAK) organized a mass protest against the continued pollution of the Baltic Sea. The demonstration had been announced as early as June 16. Interest in it had been so great that local papers were forced into providing information about the time and locations.

At 6 p.m., people gathered at Riga's seashore started linking hands. The chain of humanity became three deep. Similar events happened at Lielupe, Bulduri, and Majori. Some were reported further south and north. Members of Germany's Green Peace party also participated. Riga television reported 50,000 attended though VAK estimates are greater. TASS reported a human chain of 36 kilometers along the Baltic Sea in Lithuania.

—Latvian News Digest.

Early Lent This Year

The beginning of Lent is determined by counting backwards from Easter. Easter is on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox. The vernal equinox is generally called the first day of Spring and is on or about March 21. This Lent impress your friends with this information.

Life Begins at 40+40

“Walk and work; don’t sit and complain.”

This short and sweet advice for a long, healthy and happy life was given to us by Mrs. Julia Bendock of Park Towers in Nanticoke, PA, on her 94th birthday.

Julia was born on Valentine’s Day and celebrated her big 94 with some 30 of her friends at a dinner party at Rentko’s Restaurant in Nanticoke.

Every birthday party has a birthday cake, but Julia is so special to her friends that there were six cakes for the birthday girl!

Julia’s grandmother, Mrs. Rajunas, had a large estate in Lithuania, and shortly after she got married, her husband decided to come to America where he worked and saved and then sent for his wife to join him.

Julia’s grandmother was reluctant to come to America because all her relatives advised against it stating that of those who go to America none ever came back.

She was talked into sending her 16-year-old daughter, Rose, to join him in her place. Rose would be with her Dad, so she would be well taken care of.

Rose met Martin Lastauskas who had also come to America

from Lithuania, and the two were married. After Rose married, her Dad went back to Lithuania to rejoin his wife.

Rose and her husband, Martin, had six children, 5 boys and Julia, the only girl.

Julia’s dad had a hotel in Nanticoke, and a young man who had come from Lithuania stayed at the hotel while working as a bartender in the area. Julia met many of the hotel guests but never gave any special attention to one over the other.

However, Joseph Bendock had an eye for Julia, and soon the two were dating. They dated for about four years, but Julia was not anxious to marry. One day in the month of September, Joseph gave her an ultimatum. He asked her to marry him; he told her if she refused, he would not see her again.

“I liked him and didn’t want to lose him so I said I can’t get married until May,” Julia said. However, this didn’t set well with Joseph who insisted on January. He gave her a diamond for Christmas, proposed, and they were married in St. Casimir’s in Plymouth.

Their marriage was blessed with four children, two boys and two girls. The boys have passed on, and the two girls are living,



Pictured are Julia and some of her friends. From left: Stefanie Augustine, Julia, Wynn Bendock and Margaret Acukevicz.

one in Delaware and the other in California.

Joseph and Julia opened their own business, the Park Cafe in Nanticoke, and worked it until they were forced to close when prohibition came along.

They didn’t sit and complain, but rather moved to Sheatown where they opened a grocery and butcher shop which they operated until the end of prohibition. Moving back to Nanticoke, they opened another cafe in Nanticoke. When Joseph took ill, Julia ran the business herself.

“I learned the business from him at his bedside in the hospital,” Julia said, “I continued the business for 23 years after he died.”

“Redevelopment came in,” Julia said, “and took all the busi-

nesses.” Burger King now stands on the corner where the Bendocks once had their business.

Speak of strange happenings — Julia now lives in the apartment complex built with redevelopment on the very spot where Joe and she had opened their first cafe.

Julia is very independent. She gets around by taking the buses and loves to read. Talking with her, you feel like you are with a 50 or young 60 year old.

What is her advice for a long life? “I get up each morning and say good morning to God, pray, walk, work, never get angry, and I have never cursed in my life.”

Julia has the secret of a happy, healthy life — a heart full of love and free of stress.

Yencharis Makes Diving Finals



Having set a record in the Wyoming Valley Conference Swim Meet in Wilkes-Barre, PA., Bishop Hoban High School diver, Carolyn Yencharis is now headed for the finals to be held during the district championship meet at King’s College in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

She won third spot at the District 2 preliminaries and semi-finals over a field of 31 divers and is looking forward to the upcoming finals. Yencharis is the grand-niece of Benny Yencharis of Lodge 111.



The Holy Name Society of St. Mary’s Annunciation Church, Kingston, PA, sponsored its annual parish Communion Breakfast recently. It was prepared and served by the society and parish women.

Rev. Joseph J. Lasky, pastor, served as honorary chairman; Ray Supulski, chairman; Andrew Smith, co-chairman; Ernest Kuchinas, toastmaster. Speaker was Dr. Rosalind Smith, director of the Diocesan Religious Education Institute of Scranton. First row from left: Anthony Kapushinski, vice president; Rev. Lasky, Mr. Smith. Second row: Charles Young, treasurer, and Mr. Supulski.

Moscow's Warnings Against Committee Disregarded

Lithuanian National Olympic Committee Recreated

In last month's issue of the GARSAS we had a front page story on the First Olympics held in Lithuania back in 1938.

The following is an account of the current situation in Lithuania regarding Olympics.

Next month we will continue our account of the first Olympics.

Defying orders from Moscow, Lithuanians have recreated their national Olympic committee. The unanimous decision was taken in a Congress of Lithuanian Sports Federations, organizations and representatives of the public on December 11, 1988, in Vilnius.

The idea of Baltic national Olympic Committees created shock waves in Moscow. When the USSR state Olympic Committee met on December 3, speaker after speaker rose to denounce the Baltic move. Ac-

ording to *Sovetskii Sport* (No. 279, 1988), the chairman of the committee, M. Gramov asserted that the creation of such Baltic National Committees contradicted the Olympic Charter and was detrimental to the authority of the Soviet State Olympic Committee in the international arena.

Another high Soviet official, V. Smirnov, said: "So the strongest athletes of one republic will compete in the Olympic Games against their comrades from the USSR national team?"

How can this be justified ethically?

Former handball star R. Griniute, in the publication *Sportas* pointed out that when Smirnov cited rule eight of the Olympic Charter, which says that only citizens of specific countries can take part in the Olympic Games

with the flags of those countries, he forgot to mention that the Charter also states that the International Olympic Committee may recognize not only a territory, but also a part of it as a country.

Despite Moscow's veto, Lithuanians went ahead with their plans and in a short time, 122,410 signatures were collected in favor of a national committee.

A few days before the Lithuanian Conference the central Soviet Sports authority told the Lithuanians not to follow Latvia's example, because there can be only one USSR National Olympic Committee in the Soviet Union.

After a stormy discussion, an overwhelming majority of delegates voted in favor of the recreation of the Lithuanian National Olympic Committee, which had

been established in independent Lithuania.

The newly established Olympic Committee now faces a difficult hurdle — a recognition by the International Olympic Committee.

Membership in at least five international sports' federations is required for such recognition.

One of the main goals of the Lithuanian National Olympic Committee is a participation in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona as a distinct entity with the Lithuanian National flag. Athletes from Lithuania will also compete under that flag in the world Lithuanian Games in Adelaide, Australia, at the end of December.

"Barcelona, here we come — with a Lithuanian Flag!"

—ELTA

Convention Plans Advancing—Mark Your Calendar

Plans are moving forward for the 1989 Convention to be held in Baltimore, Maryland, July 30, 31, and August 1.

Two important functions of the Convention are the election of officers and the procedure to amend the Constitution and By-Laws.

According to Article 6, Section 2, any member proposing an amendment to be submitted for consideration at the convention must follow this procedure:

Sec. 2. PROCEDURE TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws may be proposed by any benefit member in good standing at a regular lodge meeting. Proposed amendments shall be forwarded to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee not later than ninety days before the Convention and they shall have same published in the official publication not later than 30 days

before the Convention. The Board of Directors shall also have authority to propose amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws upon notice to all members by publishing same in the official publication not later than thirty days prior to the Convention.

(a) Proposed amendments not in violation of state laws shall be read at the Convention for consideration and shall require a two-thirds vote for adoption of any amendment to the Charter or Articles of Incorporation or Constitution, and a majority vote

for adoption of an amendment to the By-Laws, of the total number of participating officers, directors, and delegates, provided the delegates elected by the members shall have not less than two-thirds of the votes at the Convention.

FREE! FREE! Convention Lodging FREE! FREE!

Planning to attend the 1989 Alliance Convention in beautiful Baltimore, Maryland?

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How, you ask? It's very simple!

Enroll five (5) new members up to the date of the Convention. Each enrollment must be for \$2,000.00 or more of insurance. This entitles you to three nights free lodging based on a double occupancy rate.

With our very popular "SINGLE PREMIUM LIFE: Certificate, no person attending this year's Convention should have to pay his or her own hotel bill!!

Sign up those grandchildren, Birthday, First Communion, Confirmation and Graduation celebrants. This is a gift that lasts a LIFETIME!!!

Melanie Stranch Married



Melanie E. Stranch and George L. Erroude were recently married at Norma Jeane's Market St. Square, Wilkes-Barre, PA. The ceremony was performed by District Justice Martin R. Kane. The bride is the daughter of Anna C. Stranch and the late W.W. Stranch, Sr., 13 Hilldale Ave., Hilldale, PA. The bridegroom is the son of Eva and Luis Erroude of San Jose, California.

After the ceremony, dinner for the immediate family was served at Norma Jeane's.

Following the dinner, the couple left on a honeymoon trip touring California. They will reside in Seattle, Washington.

The bride is employed by the Principal Financial Group in Seattle.

The bridegroom is a self-employed furniture maker.

Lithuanian Women's Club Installs Officers



Lithuanian Women's Club met recently for luncheon with Ann Yeager presiding. New member welcomed into the club was Ann Kozubal. New officers were installed by the president Ann Yeager. Seated form left: Eleanor Butkus, treasurer; Milda Casper, vice-president; Ann Grimaila, president; and Ann Stranch, financial secretary. Outgoing officers, standing from left: Rachel Zelinsky, treasurer; Dorothy Banos, publicity; Ann Yeager, president; Marion Sabestinas, recording secretary. Absent was vice-president, Frances Barnes.

Villa Auxiliary Officers Installed



St. Mary's Villa Nursing Home Auxiliary, Elmhurst, PA, held installation of officers recently. Pictured above is Sister Mary Anne, CJC, Villa administrator, handing over the gavel to new auxiliary president, Edith Griff. Also seated s Ann Kozlansky, first vice-president. Standing form left are newly installed officers Theresa Fordiani, corresponding secretary; Helen Passo, financial treasurer; Mary Coviello, recording secretary; Agathe Sueta, second vice-president; and Dorothy Banos, treasurer.

Welcome New Members

We welcome three new members to our fraternal family this month.

They are the great-grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Kozerski, members of Lodge 212.

All three were insured for life with just one initial payment. No monthly dues, no future payments. This is the new Single Premium Life Certificate. What a great gift to give new parents or for Birthdays, First Communion or most any special occasion. Matthew Bruce is the son of Bengal Super Bowl Star Bruce Kozerski.



Jennifer Lynn Kozerski,
Kent, Ohio



Matthew Bruce Kozerski,
Edgewood, Kentucky



Christopher Hume Chapman
Lowell, Massachusetts

KLAIPĖDA, KLAIPĖDA, OKUPANTO BĖDA

Taikos Karalienės bažnyčia atgimsta antram gyvenimui

Tarp didžiųjų įvykių Lietuvoje yra Klaipėdos Marijos Taikos Karalienės bažnyčios sugrąžinimas tikintiesiems ir pirmosios pamaldos bažnyčioje. Tai įvyko 1988 metų lapkričio 24 d.

Kaip žinome, bažnyčia buvo paversta koncertų sale. Paskutinis šioje salėje koncertavęs ansamblis buvo Ladūto, vadovaujamas kompozitoriaus J. Juozapaičio.

Klaipėdos vykdomojo komiteto sprendimu pastatas buvo grąžintas katalikų religinei bendruomenei. Paskelbta buvo anksčiau pažadėta, kad bus grąžinta tik po dviejų metų. Tikintieji vėl reiškė susirūpinimą, kodėl taip delsia. Nauji persitvarkymo įvykai Lietuvoje pagreitino ir šį sprendimą — pastatą grąžino 1988 metų lapkričio 24 d.

Per 9 valandas pastatą pavertė bažnyčia

Lapkričio 24-toji Klaipėdos tikintiesiems buvo didelio lžiaugsmo ir didelio darbo die-

na. Visi, kas tik galėjo, rinkosi į salę, kad ją kuo greičiau pertvarkytų į bažnyčią.

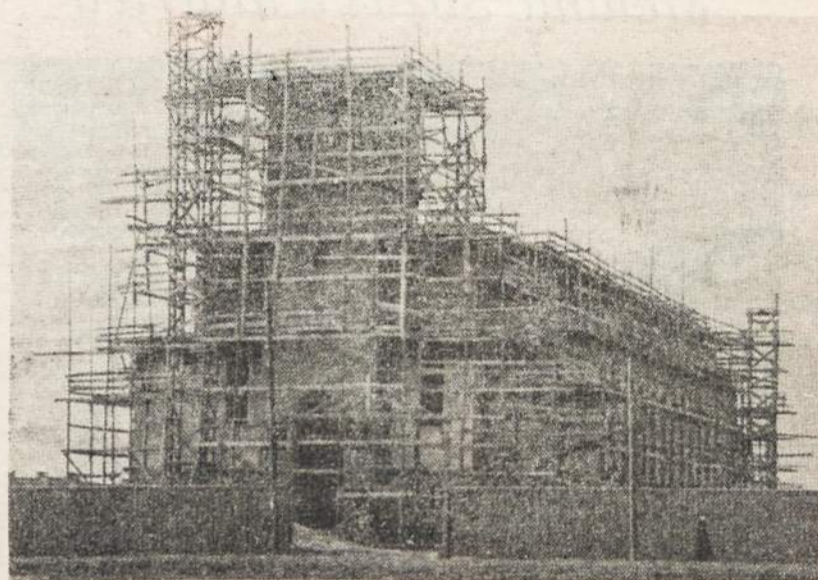
Salėje buvo įdėtos nuošulnios grindys, kaip yra visose koncertų salėse. Pirmiausia reikėjo išlupti tas nuošulnias grindis.

Visi griebė nešti suolus, kėdes. Paskui su kūjais išmušė koncertines nuolaidžias grindis. Dirbo visi — moterys, senukai, vaikai. Kad būtų greičiau išnešamos nuolaužos, sudarė rankų grandinę. Nuolaužas, plytas perdavė iš rankų į rankas. Kiti vežė kariukais ir pylė lauke į krūvą.

Mieste buvo nemažas sąjūdis. Visi kalbėjo apie tai ir skubėjo į bendrą darbą, gal ten reikia ir jų pagalbos.

Per nepilnas devynias valandas buvusi koncertų salė buvo pakeista, pertvarkyta, iššluota, išplauta. Buvo pastatytas altorius ir vakare 6 v.v. buvo aukojamos mišios. Jas aukojo Telšių vyskupas Antanas Vaičius ir apie 40 kunigų. Taip Marijos Taikos

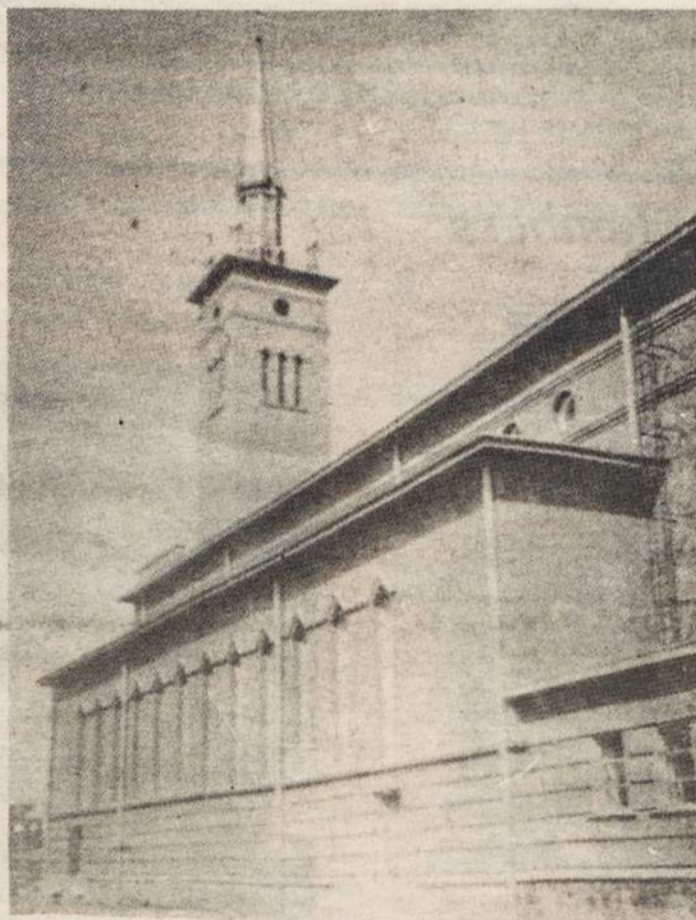
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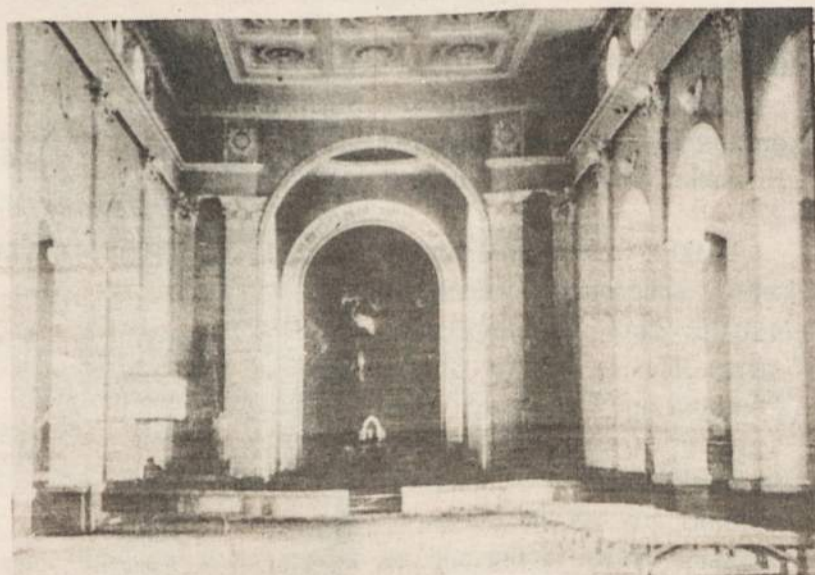
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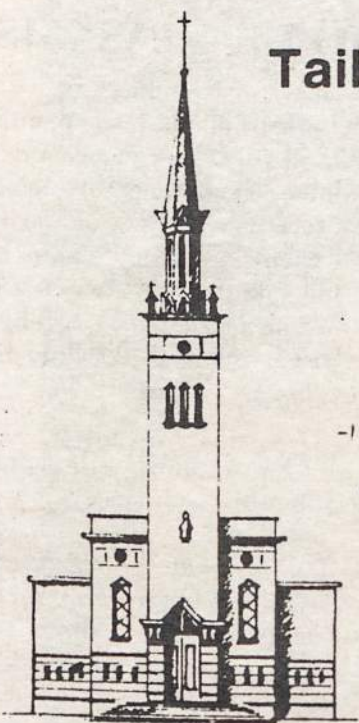


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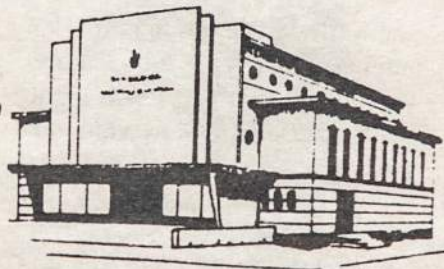


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Taikos Karalienės bažnyčia



Taikos Karalienės bažnyčios projektas



Atimta bažnyčia buvo paversta koncertų sale. Pagal šį projektą pakeistas fasadas — nugriautas bokštas ir pristatyta pastogė.

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Taip atrodo bažnyčia jau paversta koncertų sale. Sienoje įrašyta — Liaudies filharmonija. Nuotr. Liet. Informacijos Centro.

Karalienės bažnyčia atgimė naujam gyvenimui.

Atstatoma visa, kas buvo sugriauta

Pati valdžia yra paskyrusi arti pusės milijonų rublių bažnyčios atstatymo darbams. Bus atstatyti altoriai, bokštas, atlikti kiti aptvarkymai.

Truputis istorijos

Per II pasaulinį karą Klaipėda buvo labai sugriauta. Raudonoji armija ją paėmė 1945 m. sausio 20 d., miestas buvo labai sunaikintas. Buvo likę tik 28 gyventojai. Kiti buvo arba pabėgę, arba išsislapstę.

Atstatymo darbai vyko labai pamažu. Buvo sunaikintos ir bažnyčios.

Gavę valdžios leidimą, tikintieji 1957 - 1960 pasistatydino naują erdvią bažnyčią užmiesty-

je, Rumpšiškės gatvėje, Nr.6. Bažnyčią projektavo architektas J. Baltrėnas, inž. Zdanavičius. Tikintieji suaukojo apie 3 milijonus rublių.

Statybą aukomis parėmė ir Amerikos kunigai žemaičiai. Čia buvo sudarytas statybai remti komitetas, kuriam vadovavo kun. V. Martinkus. Jis organizavo ir aukų persiuntimą į kraštą. Žemaičių kunigų tarbe vyko nemažas judėjimas, ir nuotaika buvo pakili.

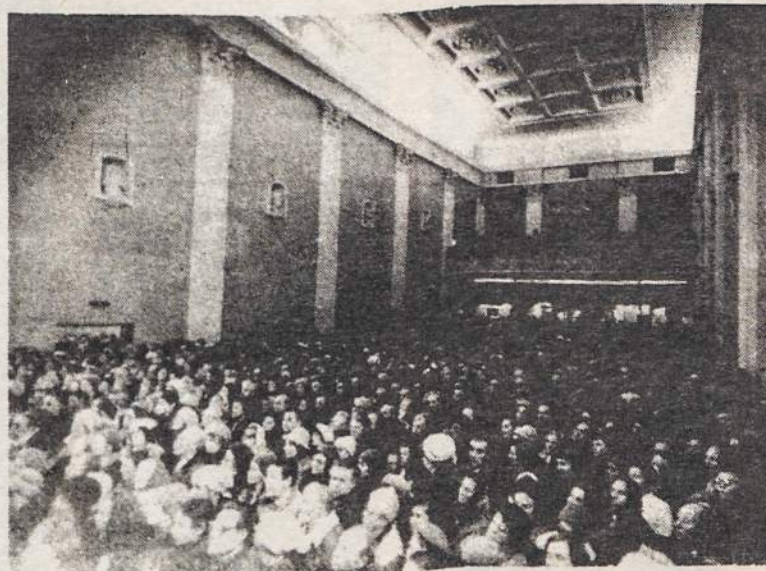
Klaipėdos tikintieji talkino statybos darbams. Statybos plotas buvo 63 x 23 metrų, bokšto aukštis — 46 metrai. Bažnyčioje tilpo 3000 žmonių. Buvo įvestas šildymas, pastatyti trys altoriai, išgrįsta parketu. Suprojektuoti vitražai, kurie vaizdavo Lietuvos Marijos vardo šventoves.

Bažnyčia buvo pašventinta ir

(nukelta į 10 psl.)



Pamaldos Taikos Karalienės bažnyčioje Klaipėdoje lapkričio 24. Mišias aukoja Telšių vyskupas ir 40 kunigų.



Pilnutėlė bažnyčia pirmose pamaldose Taikos Karalienės bažnyčioje. Abi klišės paimtos iš laikraščio Tarybinė Klaipėda

Taikos Karalienės bažnyčia

(atkelta iš 9 psl.)

dedikuota Taikos Karalienei. 1960 rugpjūčio 15 vietinė valdžia staiga uždraudė bažnyčia naudoti pamaldoms. Buvo suimti ir statybai vadovavę — klebonas kun. L. Povilonis, vėliau tapęs vyskupu Telšiuose ir Kaune, dabar dėl ligos pasitraukęs iš pareigų. Suimtas ir vikaras kun. L. Budreikis. 1961 vasario 26 jie buvo nuteisti kalėjimu (Atlikę bausmę, buvo paleisti. Dabar kun. L. Budreikis yra paskirtas naujai atgimusios parapijos klebonu.)

Buvo nugriautas bokštas, išimti altoriai, paversta koncertų sale. Tai buvo valstybinės filharmonijos filijalas — skyrius.

Kovojama dėl bažnyčios
Tikintieji išvystė didelę kovą,

kad galėtų atgauti savo bažnyčią. 1979 kovo 6 Brežnevui buvo pasiūstas protestas su 10,241 parašu. Tų pačių metų pabaigoje dar vienas protestas su 148,149 parašais. Nieko nelaimėta. Byla nuskambėjo visame pasaulyje. Maskva vis kartojo, kad nieko nebus, bažnyčios niekas nesugrąžins. Gorbačiovo sukurtas persitvarkymo sąjūdis pakeitė daug ką iš pagrindų. Gražino ir Marijos taikos Karalienės bažnyčią. Dabar eis atstatymo, pagražinimo darbai. Jau žmonės skelbia, kad ir ši bažnyčia per maža, nes Klaipėdos miestas yra labai išaugęs. Kai 1954 metais davė leidimą ją statyti, Klaipėdoje buvo apie 80,000 gyventojų. Dabar jau yra per 203,000. Mažesni miestai — Telšiai, Panevėžys, Šiauliai turi po dvi bažnyčias ir bažnyčios komitetus. todėl ir Klaipėdoje reikia turėti dvi parapijas su didelėmis bažnyčiom.

Prieškarinėje Klaipėdoje buvo 51,000 gyventojų ir veikė 5 bažnyčios. Pastaruoju metu gyvena apie 102,000 katalikų, o

LAIŠKAS UŽSIENIO LIETUVIAMS

(New Yorkas, 1988 gruodžio 2. LIC) *Lietuvių Informacijos Centras praneša, kad Vakarų pasiekė pagrindžio žurnalo Lietuvos aidų Nr. 1-4. Pateikiama ištrauką skirtą užsienio lietuviams iš Nr. 4.*

Lietuva yra lietuvių tautos kamienas. Jūs, mieli tautiečiai, gyvenantys užsienyje, esate lyg jo šakos, atžalos, likimo vėjų nublokštos toli, toli nuo gimtosios šalies. Istorija nepagaillėjo vietų lietuviams išblaškyti, išsklaidyti. Tačiau mes tikime, kad kur bebūtumėte Jūs, tautiečiai, nuklydę pasaulyje, Jūsų žvilgsniai ir mintys nuolat krypta į Tėvynę, į brangiąją Lietuvą. Tegul Jus veda "kitokios Lietuvos" ilgesys

juos aptarnauja tik viena bažnyčia.

Gal ir tai pasiseks kaip nors išspręsti, nes visur eina atgimimas; kas buvo neįmanoma, dabar pasidaro galima. To visi ir laukia. (p.j.)

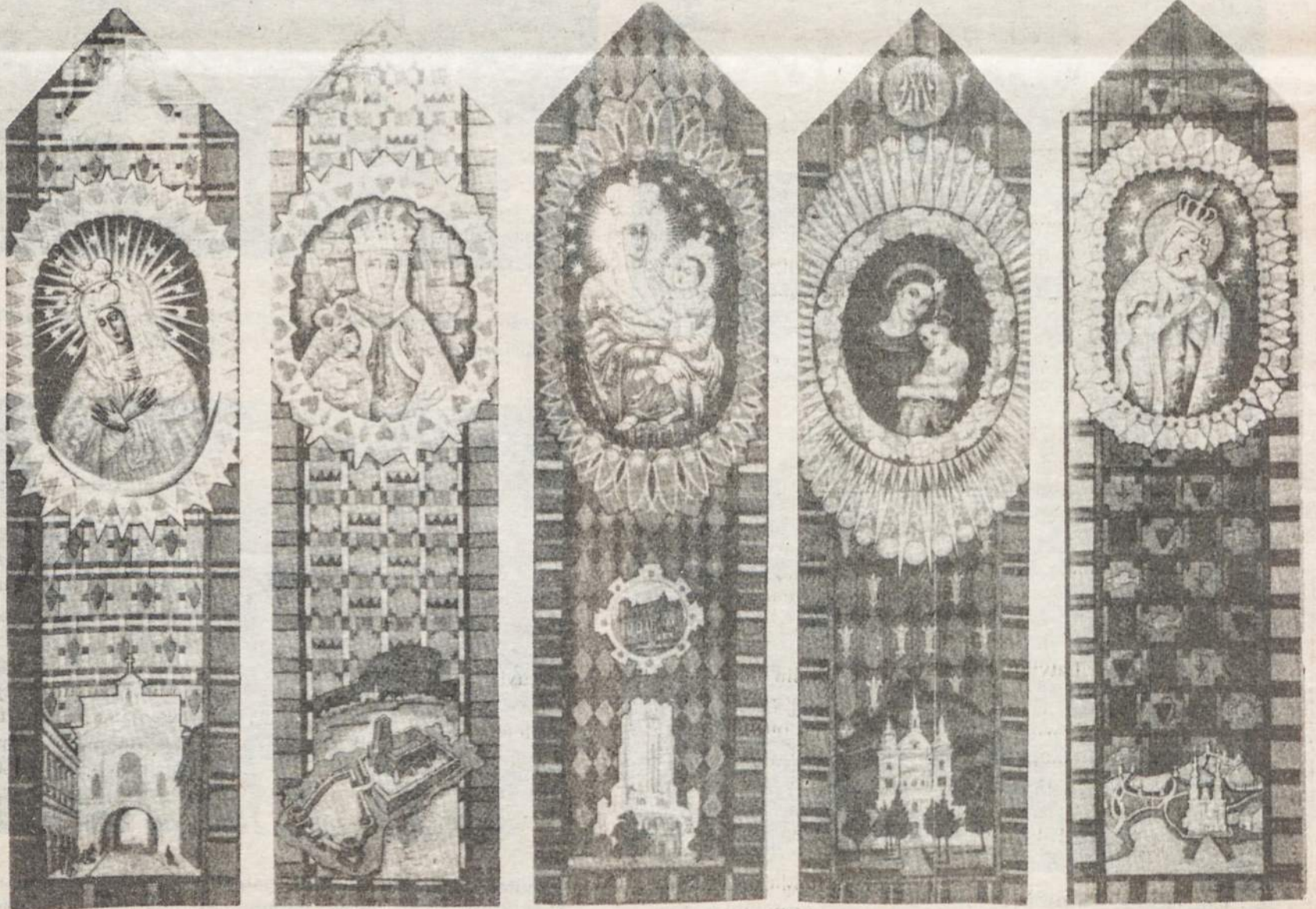
sugrįžti į Nemuno šalį.

Mes, būdami šiandieninėje Lietuvoje, kiek pajėgiamė, stebime tą sudėtingą sovietologijos procesą ir lietuvių likimo raidą užsienyje. Esame labai dėkingi jums už didžią paramą, už Jūsų nepailstančią kovą, religinės laisvės gynimą, Pabaltijo bylos vedimą.

Dar norime Jūsų paprašyti, priminti, kad Dievas yra visų tautų Tėvas ir Bažnyčia viena. Tad padėkite ne tik Lietuvos Bažnyčiai, bet ir Bažnyčiai esančiai už jos ribų, kitose sąjunginėse sovietinėse respublikose. Ten Bažnyčios vidinė ir išorinė padėtis žymiai sunkesnė. Belskite į tarptautines organizacijas, kad religinėms Bendruomenėms gražintų uždarytas ir jau griūvančias bažnyčias ir, kad Romos Popiežiui leistu spręsti katalikų dvasininkijos klausimą.

Tegul mus visus vienija krikščioniškasis solidarumas.

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Bažnyčios vitražai vaizduoja garsias Marijos šventoves Lietuvoje: Iš k. Aušros Vartų, Traku, Šiluvos. Pažaislio.

Žemaičių Kalvarijos.



Vysk. Julijonui Steponavičiui po 28 metų tremties komunistinė Lietuvos valdžia leido grįžti į Vilnių prie savo pareigų. Čia matome vysk. J. Steponavičių pirmą kartą atvykusį į Romą ir 1988 spalio 5 sveikinantį popiežių. Nuotr. oficialaus Vatikano fotografo Arturo Mari

KOMUNISTINĖ VALDŽIA JAU LEIDŽIA VYSKUPUI JULIJONUI STEPONAVIČIUI GRĮŽTI Į VILNIŲ IR EITI PAREIGAS

(Roma, 1988 gruodžio 30, LIC) Po 28 metų trėmimo vysk. Julijonui Steponavičiui leidžiama grįžti į Vilniaus arkivyskupiją ir ten eiti savo teisėtą pareigą. Pasak Vatikano radijo, Religinių reikalų jogaletinis Petras Anilionis pranešė, kardinolui Vincentui Sladkevičiui, kad vyskupui bus leidžiama apsigyventi senuose Vilniaus arkivyskupijos rūmuose ir atlikti Apaštalinio administratoriaus pareigas be jokių suvaržymų. Vyskupas Steponavičius, kuris neturi telefono, turėjęs apie tai vakar gauti pranešimą telegrama.

Vysk. Steponavičius buvo 1961 m. sausio 24 d. išstremtas į Žagarę, netoli Latvijos sienos, be jokio teismo ar oficialios priežasties. Pastaruoju metu vyskupui buvo siūloma grįžti į Vilnių apsigyventi, bet jis griežtai atsisakė, motyvuodamas, kad grįš tik kai jam bus leidžiama nekliudomai eiti savo pareigas.

Kardinolo kancleris kan. Jonas

Jonys pranešė Lietuvių Informacijos Centru, kad gruodžio 28

Petras Anilionis su pavaduotoju apsilankė pas kardinolą paklausti jo nuomonės kada geriau leisti vyskupui grįžti į Vilnių; prieš ar

po ateinančios kardinolo kelionės į Romą. anot kan. Jonio, kardinolas atsakė, kad vysk. Steponavičius turėtų grįžti "kuo greičiau" ir kad kardinolas savo skirtas patalpas prie katedros užleis vyskupui. Gruodžio 29 Petras Anilionis skambino kardinolui pranešti, kad "Ministrų taryba, apsvačius mūsų pasikalbėjimą, nutarė vysk. Steponavičiui leisti eiti pareigas".

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AMERIKOS LIETUVIŲ TARYBA INFORMUOJA

Lietuviai įtakinguose postuose

Anatolis Milūnas yra Illinois respublikonų tautybių tarybos pirmininkas ir Vidurvakarių respublikonų tautybių tarybos vicepirmininkas, lietuvių kilmės Mark Bablin neseniai išrinktas New Jersey respublikonų tautinių grupių pirmininku.

Lietuviai respublikonai, taip pat ir lietuviai demokratai, yra įsijungę į Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos veiklą. ALT vicepirm. K. Oksas yra "Lithuanian-American Republican National Federation" pirmininku.

Lietuvos reikalų gynėjas kongrese

Kongresmanai Frank Annunzio ir Marty Russo nuoširdžiai paremia JAV Kongrese Lietuvos reikalus. Jiems laimėjus paskutiniuose rinkimuose, Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba pasiuntė sveikinimus, pažymėdama, kaip labai vertinamas jų prielankumas lietuviams, ypač ginant žmogaus

teises, padedant išlaisvinti darbo vergų stovyklose ir psichiatrinėse ligoninėse uždarytus lietuvius, remiant lietuvių laisvės siekimus.

Raštas naujam prezidentui

Naujai išrinktam prezidentui George Bush Amerikos Lietuvių Taryba pasiuntė sveikinimus, pažymėdama, kaip labai vertinama jo pastangos laikyti Ameriką stiprią, priešintis Sovietų kolonialiniam imperializmui, kaip labai ALTas vertina jo užmojus ginti žmogaus teises ir užtarti pavergtas tautas, siekiančias laisvės, o taipgi jo ryžtą padėti išlaisvinti kalinamus ir psichiatrinėse ligoninėse laikomus disidentus.

Baltųjų rusų prielankumas lietuviams

Iš Švedijos Haikki H. Tann atsiuntė Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybai atspaudų laikraščio "Russkaja mysl", kur vienas puslapis paskirtas lietuviams. Čia įdėtos net penkios nuotraukos iš Lietuvos. Keturios iš jų vaizduoja lietuvių demonstracijas Vilniuje, siekiant laisvės, plevėsuojant lietuviškoms trispalvėms. Vienoje nuotraukoje matosi, kaip daugybė lietuvių tiesia rankas, noarėdami gauti pogrindžio spaudos numerius. Viena straipsnyje išryškinama, kaip lietuviai demonstruoja prieš komunizmo įvykdytas žudynes. H. Tenn parašęs straipsnį apie Ribbentropo-Molotovo paktą, iškeldamas to susitarimo neteisingumą ir pažymėdamas, kad JAV, D. Britanija, Kanada, Ispanija, Šveicarija ir eilė kitų valstybių nepripažįsta teisėtu Lietuvos, Latvijos, Estijos inkorporavimo į Sovietų Sąjungą, ką Maskva padarė pasinaudodama Hitlerio pritarimu.

Žmogaus teisių deklaracijos sukaktis

1988 gruodžio 9 d. ALT atstovas Washington, D. C., dr. J. Genys dalyvavo Valstybės departamente, kur buvo speciali programa paminti 40 metų sukaktį kai buvo pasirašyta Universalioji Žmogaus Teisių Deklaracija. Po oficialios dalies buvo priėmimas Benjamin Franklin salėje, kur dalyvavo daug vyriausybės pareigūnų. Šį minėjimą surengė ir lietuviams pakvietimus atsiuntė Hon. A. Shifter ir Hon. R. Williamson, Valstybės Departamento sekretoriaus asistentai Žmogaus Teisių ir Tarptautinių Organizacijų Reikalams.

Sister M. Dionysia: A Gem of a Diamond

At the early age of five, little Alberta Diamond left the country of her birth, beautiful Lithuania, and traveled with her parents and her eight brothers and sisters to America, the land of the free.

No more czarist rule or Cossack soldiers. At last they freely worked their own ten-acre plot of land where they settled in Sugar Notch, PA.

Alberta completed her elementary education in the public school system of Sugar Notch. At the end of her teen years she had already been impressed by the religious life. She had visited with her girl friend Bernadette Bernardine postulant, and was impressed by her conduct and dress. She also visited the Sisters of St. Casimir, who were conducting a grammar school in Scranton. She chose the Sisters of St. Casimir who had their Motherhouse in Chicago in February of 1922.

Her first assignment as a Sister of St. Casimir was teaching primary grades in Chicago. She



was later assigned to teach in Pennsylvania, in Mt. Carmel and New Philadelphia. She was overjoyed to be in Pennsylvania, and the children and their parents loved her and she is still spoken of as they recall her tender, loving care.

When Mother Maria was given a property in Bucks County to provide for the Sisters in the East. County to serve as a summer residence for the Sisters in the East and also a boarding school for those in need in the

area. Alberta was assigned to manage the property's land and animals.

She worked at Villa Joseph Marie for ten years then she was sent to Holy Family Villa in Lemont, Illinois. Ten years later she was assigned to work with the residents at St. Joseph Home of the Villa St. Joseph Marie complex. Currently she lives at Villa Joseph Marie.

In writing in "Journeys" from which we copied much of our material on Alberta, Sister M. Pius Mickevicius says, "This Sister, now 86 years young, true to her family name, Diamond, (a varieant of Deimantas) is genuine. As an earthly diamond raises the value of a gold band, so this Diamond has enriched our community with her charity. She can be seen always doing something for someone else. Praying, carrying dishes, crocheting booties,

wiping tables, folding laundry, planting flowers, feeding a disabled person, reading to the sight impaired, or simply inquiring about another's health or family. She is a kind of miracle worker. Whenever she goes shopping, someone is there to pay her bills.

"So, this daughter of the soil does not need silk or satin rainments. Her charity covers any weakness she might have. Neither does she need leadership roles because her charity attracts even the least. And, the only commendation she desires is that of her Divine Spouse, Christ. Truly, this Diamond, as other diamonds do, has one job to do: reflect light from its every facet, changing white light into rainbows. So, this Diamond, too, reflects light: Christ, in many of His loving ways. This little gem is our Sister Mary Dionysia."

Graudus Verksmai

Graudus Verksmai (Lithuanian Lenten Devotions continue to be held at 3 p.m. each Sunday at a different church in the Scranton Diocese of Pennsylvania. On March 5 devotions were held at St. Casimir's, Pittston; on March 19 they will be held at St. Ca-

simir's, Lynwood, Wilkes-Barre. Msgr. Frank Yashkas (Spiritual Advisor of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance) began this renewed devotion a few years ago, and Lithuanians all over Wyoming Valley look forward to attending.

DELIGHT SIDE

The following may inspire those using Lenten Fast and abstinence not only for penance but also for dieting:

Lord grant me the strength that I may not fall into the clutches of cholesterol.

The road to hell is paved with butter.

Cake is cursed, cream is awful, and Satan is hiding in every waffle.

Teach me the evils of Hollandaise, of pasta and gobs of mayonnaise, and crisp fried chicken from the South.

If you love me, Lord, shut my mouth.

—Rev. Tom Walsh, Scottsdale, AZ

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OBITUARIES

KUZMARSKIS, Stasys ...
Lodge 160

4027 S. Maplewood
Chicago, IL 60632
Died: 2/4/89
Buried: 2/8/89
St. Casimir's Cemetery
Chicago, IL

GLUODENIS, Mrs. Joan ...
Lge. 11

702 Washington Ave.,
Waterbury, CT 06708
Died: 1/30/89
Buried: 2/3/89
Calvary Cemetery
Waterbury, CT

RUDZEVICE, Mrs. Mary ...
Lge. 307

755 Bryn Mawr Ave.

Wickliff, OH 44092

Died: 11/27/88
Buried: 11/30/88
All Souls Cemetery
Chardon OH

BUKAUSKAS, Leonard ...
Lodge 33

15540 Woodlawn East Ave.
S. Holland, IL 60473
Died: 2/4/89
Buried: 2/9/89
St. Casimir's Cemetery
Chicago IL

SINCAVAGE, Charles, Lge. 57

27 Bruce Ct.
Milltown-NJ 08850
Died: 1/17/89
Buried: St. Gertrude Cem.
Colonia, NJ

... With Sympathy

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Veronica Didgeon and family on the tragic death of her son Thomas Didgeon, age 37. Mrs. Didgeon is a member of Lodge 212.