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ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

\$5,000 in donations approved

The annual meeting of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance Board of Directors was held July 5-6, 1990 at the Home Office in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

The following members were in attendance: Msgr. Frank L. Yashkas, Spiritual Director; Thomas E. Mack, Esq., President; Mr. Charles A. Liscosky, Secretary; Mrs. Leocadia Donarovich, Treasurer; Mrs. Rosalie Kizis and Mr. George Sadauckas, Trustees; Joseph A. Stankaitis, M.D., Medical Examiner; Mr. Edwin Sites and Mr. Charles Mack, newly elected Directors.

The position of Vice-President is vacant due to the death of honored member Frank J. Katilus.

President Mack called the meeting to order with Msgr. Yashkas offering the opening prayer.

Msgr. Yashkas reported he was honored to have been asked by Msgr. Lowry, pastor of St. Vincent's Church, to concelebrate the funeral Mass of our late Vice-President Frank J. Katilus. Msgr. Yashkas noted that in his eulogy Msgr. Lowry pointed out how dedicated Frank was to his church, having attended daily Mass, serving first as an altar boy for many years and then as Eucharistic Minister, right up until the day of his death. He stated Frank was his "right-hand man" and will be sadly missed.



Members of the Board, seated from left: Thomas E. Mack, Esq., President; Edwin A. Sites, Director; Rosalie Kizis, Trustee; and Leocadia Donarovich, Treasurer. Standing from left: Msgr. Frank L. Yashkas, Spiritual Director; Jonas A. Vainius, Director; Joseph A. Stankaitis, M.D., Medical Examiner; Charles J. Mack, Director; Mark M. Mack, Esq., Constitutional Committee Youth & Membership; and Charles A. Liscosky, Secretary. Present but not on photo, George A. Sadauckas, Trustee. (Insert)



**George F. Sadauckas
Trustee**

Msgr. Yashkas was pleased with the continued interest shown to the annual "Graudus Verksmai Pilgrimage" which was largely attended at the five Lithuanian parishes involved this past year.

Msgr. was in attendance at the first Mass of Rev. Daniel Yenkevich, a newly ordained Lithuanian priest who was assigned as assistant pastor at Holy Trinity Church, Nanticoke, PA. He also noted that another Lithuanian priest, Rev. Charles F. Edunk, was named pastor of Sacred

Heart of Jesus and St. Joseph's Lithuanian Church, both in Duryea, PA.

President Mack's report covered all of the fiscal activities of the alliance along with the fraternal and other activities.

He reported that the Executive Committee met regularly as prescribed by the by-laws and considered those matters which were delegated to them and acted with dispatch.

He noted the GARSAS continues to improve and we receive many letters which are over-

whelmingly in praise of its content and make-up.

Mr. Mack suggested there be some discussion regarding the releasing of our membership list to people who wish to use it in supporting the independence movement. He feels there could be some abuse in the manner these names may be used and has refrained from surrendering this list up to the present time.

President Mack regrets that he was unable to attend the Baltimore trip to the Lithuanian Festival due to other commitments and is happy to hear it was such a great success. He notes Florence Eckert's report will touch on the trip.

He welcomed the new new Board members to the meeting, Edwin A. Sites of Pittston and Charles J. Mack of Palm Beach.

Touching on some high points of our 71st convention, Mr. Mack noted he was deeply pleased that we chose to honor our Vice-President Frank Katilus for "his outstanding service to our fraternal society, the community and the church." Mr. Katilus passed away six months after the convention.

President Mack read a letter of appreciation which he received from Father Dranginis, pastor of St. Alphonsus Church in Baltimore. In his letter, Father expresses his appreciation to the Alliance for our generous donation to his parish and our kindness to him. All religious ser-

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vices of the convention were held at St. Alphonsus Church.

Mr. Mack noted that, from time to time, the Home Office is asked to locate relatives of people in Lithuanian and Miss Miskinis is extremely helpful in this regard.

He spoke of one of these visitors in particular, Algina Rajanskena who was interviewed by himself, his son Mark and Mrs. Eckert. Algina is related to a well-known orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Raklewicz. Mr. Mack also informed the board of another visitor from Lithuania who spent some time with Mrs. Eckert. Her name is Dovile Biellayskaite and she is one of the students from the John Carroll Exchange Program in Baltimore.

Mr. Mack pointed out that last year Mr. Liscosky served as President of the Northeast Fraternals and did so admirably. He added that there is representation from the Alliance at all meetings of the Northeast Fraternals.

Continuing with his report, he mentioned that this year we sponsored a booth at the Luzerne County Folk Festival at the Armory in Kingston which was very successful and which gave the Alliance a great deal of exposure.

Mr. Mack presented the annual statement from the actuaries and was pleased to report we are financially sound and our membership effort in 1989 produced remarkable results. "It was a very fine year for the Alliance in every respect," Mack said.

Next on the agenda was the report of the Secretary, Mr. Charles A. Liscosky.

He complimented the Home Office staff, noting all Alliance business is taken care of properly and he pointed out the Home Office has a new employee, Miss Joanne Karaska.

He reported the Alliance would be sending at least six children to Camp Ausra this year. A letter requesting the Alliance to pay tuition for a child to attend Camp Dainava was referred to President Attorney Saulius Kuprys of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance Foundation for processing.

The Benevolent Committee approved a donation of \$50.00 to Mrs. Mildred Dominaitis, a resident in a nursing home at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Scholarships were awarded to three members entering a college of their choice. Applications were reviewed at the Home Office and the winners were announced at the 71st convention in Baltimore.

Continuing with his report, Mr. Liscosky noted that the Wilkes-Barre City Steam Heat Authority will no longer supply city steam after 1990 which put the Alliance in a position to seek its own heating system.

Estimates were made and a selection of a heating contractor was being decided at the time of this meeting. Some exterior repairs are needed on the Home Office as well as an inspection of the existing roof.

The month of May brought the Pennsylvania Insurance Examiners to the Home Office to ex-

amine the records of the past four years.

They spent from May 14 to June 12 reviewing our records and, at the conclusion of the examination, the Alliance was complimented for having an outstanding business operation.

All mandated annual and quarterly audited financial reports were prepared, signed and mailed before the deadline date for filing to the states in which the Society is required to do so.

Mr. Liscosky gave a report on the transactions of the preceding 18-month period and filed the report with the minutes.

He spoke of the personal loss felt in the passing of our Vice-President Mr. Frank Katilus. He noted that it was on April 14, 1980 that he was appointed Executive Director to fill the position of Mr. Katilus who resigned due to ill health and at the request of his family physician.

In closing, Mr. Liscosky said the past year was an outstanding period for the Alliance and noted it was a privilege and a pleasure to complete another year at the Home Office and to serve as the Secretary of the Board.

Mrs. Leocadia Donarovich gave the treasurer's report and it was filed with the minutes.

George Sadauckas and Mrs. Rosalie Kizis gave a report of the Trustees which was also filed with the minutes. Mr. Sadauckas noted that, after six years of retirement, he has continued to keep on the job as Trustee and Secretary of Lodge 155. He also continues to attend most of the activities involving fraternal and Lithuanians in general.

He noted that he stops by the Home Office at least once a month and stresses the need to interest young people in our organization. He called on all Board members to submit proposals and recommendations that will help the expansion of the Alliance.

Mrs. Kizis told of her trip to our nation's capitol to participate in a protest rally during Gorbachev's visit to the United States.

The trip was sponsored by The Knights of Lithuania, Pittston Council 143 on June 1, 1990.

She noted the rally was peaceful and impressive with its many flags and banners and they had an opportunity to meet and talk with Lithuanians from many parts of the country, even visitors from Vilnius, Lithuania.

Mrs. Kizis noted that the group arrived home at approximately 12:30 a.m. June 2, 1990, quite tired after a long, hot and weary day, but elated by the thought that they had contributed their time and efforts to a worthy cause. She pointed out that the group included four members of the Alliance, namely Frances Sheppel, Anna Davala, Alena Miskinis and herself.

The Medical Examiner's report given by Dr. Joseph A. Stankaitis, listing 27 new members accepted and 19 disability forms filed and accepted.

Director Jonas Vainius submitted a written report on his findings in regard to the scheduling of the next convention at Kennebunkport, Maine.

The Administrator of St. Anthony's Lodge at the Franciscan Fathers Monastery informed Mr. Vainius that currently no reservations are being taken for the summer of 1992 and the time period we are requesting is a very popular time which is usually reserved for individuals or organizations that are repetitive vacationers at the Lodge.

Mr. Vainius represented the LCA at the Lithuanian Foundation's 27th Annual Members Meeting in Chicago, Ill, March 1990 and sent a written report to the Home Office.

In his first report as Director, Mr. Edwin A. Sites reported his sorrow in losing a dear friend and board member, Frank

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Katilus. He noted this came at a time he himself was recuperating from major surgery.

Mr. Sites has been a member of the Alliance since 1934 and stated that family memberships date back to the year 1922.

He pointed out the fact that he has attended many Alliance conventions in the past and between July 31, 1989 and April 13, 1990 he has enrolled a total of 17 new members for a dollar value of \$61,000.



Secretary Liscosky searches for a specific report while Director Charles Mack looks on.

Newly-elected Director Charles J. Mack has taken an active part in the campaign to "Support Lithuania's Independence." As suggested in an edition of GARSAS, he personally wrote President Bush asking for support of our case.

Mr. Mack noted that in Palm Beach, FLA where he resides, there are thousands of native of Finland, Estonia and Latvia who are cognizant of the oppression in the Baltic countries under Soviet rule. These people were very sympathetic and he was able to campaign for their participation in letter writing to Washington with great success.

He also pointed out that this past spring, during the World Cup sailing races, members of

the USSR Diplomatic Corps and sailors of the Soviet sailing vessel were attending a kind of testimonial dinner in Palm Beach. Mr. Mack participated with a local protest group of Lithuanians, mostly Knights of Lithuania (the women in Lithuanian garb) by making their presence known at the affair, wearing sandwich board placards and vocally asking the Soviet Diplomats to favorably consider the desires of Lithuanians.

Mr. Mack informed the board it would be his pleasure to carry out any assignment directed by the officers and Board during the coming year.

In her report on the GARSAS, Mrs. Eckert informed the Board that the GARSAS continues to be well received by the members as well as the people on the subscriber list.

She reported an increase in the cost of publishing with Pocono Today in Stroudsburg caused her to search out a new publisher and was especially happy to find one practically in her own backyard. With the approval of Mr. Liscosky and President Mack, a contract was signed with Grapevine Publishing Inc. in May of 1990.

Mrs. Eckert met with Mr. and Mrs. Warnagiris of Pocono Today informing them of the change, thanking them for their past services and leaving the door open if conditions warrant service in the future.

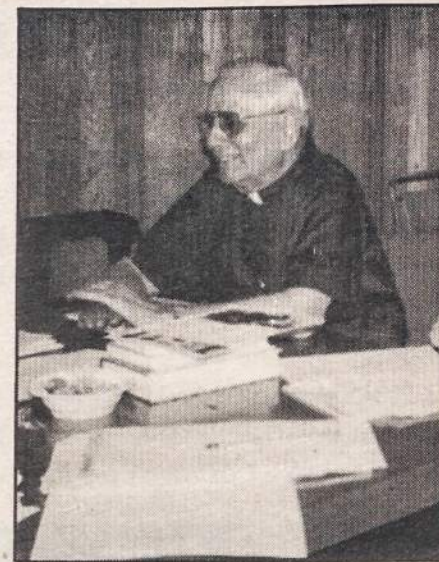
She noted she was not pleased with the first two issues with Grapevine, however, it will take a few issues before we find the compatible print, space, etc. She feels it will all be ironed out with the September issue.

Mrs. Eckert noted this was a very exciting year for Lithuanians and Lithuanian publications. She noted we were called on to comment in the local press and we carried all the up-to-date news coming out of Lithuania in our publication. We carried messages for our readers to copy and send to the President, Con-

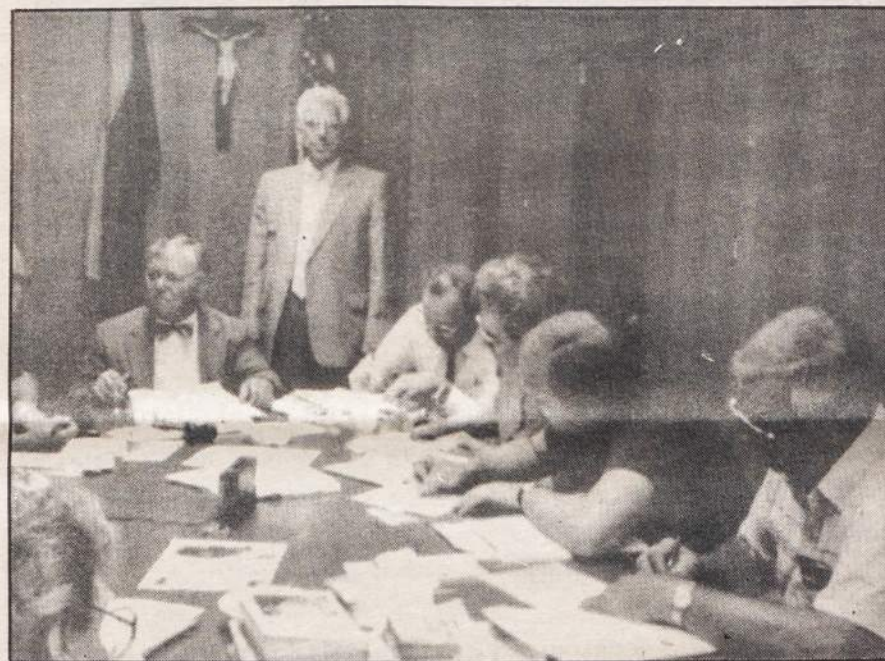
gressmen and Senators and gave phone numbers to contact.

In other business she reported we now have the GARSAS on micro-film up to and including 1988.

In closing her report, she offered a suggestion to the board which she felt befitting the new GARSAS. Pointing out that we have Americanized the names of older members and have Americanized the GARSAS with only four pages of Lithuanian remaining, she feels the time may be ripe to Americanize the name of the publication. She asked the board to take the matter un-



Msgr. Frank L. Yashkas appears pleased with the discussion on hand.



Board members busy taking notes on a report given by Mr. Charles A. Liscosky, Secretary. From left to right: President Thomas E. Mack discusses a point with newly-elected Director, Charles J. Mack, partially in view; Mr. Liscosky, Jonas Vainius, Dikrektor; Leocadia Donarovich, Treasurer; Dr. Joseph Stankaitis, Medical Examinder; and George A. Sadauckas, Trustee. To the right of Charles Mack and partially in view is Rosalie Kizis, Trustee.

der consideration and place it on the agenda for the 1992 convention.

In her report on Public Relations, Mrs. Eckert stated that, after being ignored for many years, the little Baltic State of Lithuania dominated the headlines of the news of the day, both nationally and internationally. Lithuania became a household word.

She noted the effect was felt at the Home Office from day one...March 11, 1990 when

Lithuania declared her independence and Sajudis leader Vytautas Landsbergis was elected President.

Mrs. Eckert noted she contributed material to the local media and was invited to speak to the members of the First Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre, PA following their Sunday Service which she was also invited to attend and did.

In her presentation, she included a brief history of the LCA

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and the GARSAS and answered questions following her talk.

During the Christmas holidays, Mrs. Eckert hosted Dovila Bieliauskaite of Vilnius, Lithuania for one week. Dovilia is a student at Hartford Community College just outside Baltimore, MD. She arranged for an

She noted that, by contacting the National Aquarium in Baltimore, she arranged for a visit to the Aquarium and most all of those on the trip attended. With members ages 6 to 96 on the trip, all had a grand time and, as with the booth at the Luzerne County Festival, this too was managed with no expense to the Alliance,



Enjoying a lunch break, left to right: Director Edwin Sites, Trustee Rosalie Kizis, Treasurer Leocadia Donarovich and Trustee George Sadauckas.

interview with the local press and had a front page picture story in the Sunday Independent of Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Mrs. Eckert reported that in October she arranged for the Alliance to have a booth at the local Folk Festival held at the Kingston Armory in PA. She noted the interest and response was most rewarding and the experience enjoyed could fill several pages. A picture story told it all in the December issue of the GARSAS.

She also noted that she arranged a bus trip to the Lithuanian Festival in Baltimore, MD., a first for the LCA.

Mrs. Eckert reported that, with the help of Alena Miskinis at the Home Office, she soon had the bus filled to overflowing with eight people on a "stand-by" list.

just good socializing for the members.

At the conclusion of the individual reports, the meeting continued with a discussion on the



Dr. Stankaitis gives his report while Mrs. Donarovich listens attentively.

next convention site. Mrs. Donarovich offered to get in touch with an acquaintance at Kennebunkport to see what information her friend could get regarding a possibility of our holding the 72nd convention there the first week in September.

Msgr. Yashkas announced that the annual approved donation of \$1,000 was mailed to the Lithuanian Religious Aid, Brooklyn, NY on May 5, 1990 and a letter of appreciation was received from Bishop Baltakis which is filed with the minutes.

A motion by Mrs. Donarovich that the Alliance set aside \$5,000.00 to be used for donations throughout the year for groups that work toward Lithuanian independence was approved.

During his stay in Chicago, Jonas Vainius represented the Alliance as our delegate at the meeting of the Lithuanian Foundation. He reported two major developments proposed at the meeting: 1) Authorized the appropriation and distribution of \$1,000,000 (one million) from the Foundation's permanent capital to the independence movement in Lithuania. As of Dec. 31, 1989, the foundation's permanent capital was approximately \$4,500,000. (2) Authorized a 50% annual distribution from the Foundation's annual net operating income to the independence movement in Lithuania. For the period ending Dec. 31, 1989, the foundation's annual net operating income was \$242,087. His report was filed with the minutes.

Director Vainius moved that the Alliance present a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Lithuanian National Foundation. The motion was properly seconded and approved. President Mack will prepare a letter to be sent with the check.



President Mack studies the menu at lunch break.

The following were approved as delegates to the 79th annual meeting of the PA Fraternal Congress to be held in Philadelphia October 21-23, 1990: Delegates: Mr. and Mrs. Donarovich, alternates, Mr. Liscosky and Mrs. Kizis.



Trustee Rosalie Kizis listening to reports

Mr. Liscosky reported that notes, cards and letters were received at the Home Office from our members, thanking the Alliance for the recent dividends issued, the opportunity allowing children to attend summer camps, for the translation of letters received from Lithuania as well as letters written to Lithuania by Alena Miskinis and a letter from Reverend Anthony Dranginis of Baltimore, MD. With no further business on hand, the meeting was closed at 12:30 p.m. on July 6, 1990.

U.S. Should Not Become an Accomplice in the Strangling of Lithuania

...Indeed, Western leaders seem embarrassed by, if not annoyed at, the Lithuanian unilateral declaration of independence. As I listen to various commentaries on shortwave, I get the eerie feeling I have been there before. I have. In October and November 1956, when the Hungarians rose against their Stalinists, events went into slow motion, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles allowed as how we had no interest in intervening in the internal affairs of the Soviet block, and then Khrushchev struck. To the end of my days, I will recall the hollow sound of Hungarian stones bouncing off Soviet tanks. But the general reaction in American and NATO political circles was, "Thank God that's over."

We seem to have soothed ourselves by pointing out Gorbachev's alleged refusal to use "military force." This is a matter of definition: as I pointed out

to the Boston Herald, by this definition of the 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia was not forceful. Not a shot was fired. But your normal citizen who wakes up in the morning to find an armored personnel carrier parked in the street and a bunch of T-72 tanks joyriding around town is not likely to consider that the Soviets are practicing Gandhian nonviolence. The ultimate excuse will surely be that Gorbachev had to do it to protect himself from the Soviet hardliners, notably the military...

Now comes the big question (made by Senator Kennedy to reinforce President Bush's de facto neutrality) that "Gorby" doesn't understand our negative attitude, that he wants U.S. friendship and is our indispensable Russian. It is true, we sent the wrong signals after the China sequence last summer -- Gorbachev may well be awaiting a secret pilgrimage by Brent

Scowcroft and Larry Eagleburger. And there was that choice comment by James Baker when Rumania was heating up, that we would not be heartbroken if the Soviets helped free rebellious Rumanians. (To Russians, who have a historic fondness for spheres of influence, this sounded like a hunting license - a rerun of Khrushchev's reading of Dulles.)

I think this line of argument absurd. We obviously can't "save" Lithuania, but Gorbachev desperately needs our economic and technological assistance. If

we treat Lithuanian independence as a non-happening and take a "boys-will-be-boys" posture, we become accomplices in strangling the next Soviet freedom movement. The president and Congress should turn off the tap; it won't help the Lithuanians much but it could influence Gorbachev's behavior toward, say, the Estonians, Latvians and Georgians. We should be prudent in the defense of freedom, but we can never be neutral.

(John P. Roche, "Lithuania: Death on the Installment Plan," **National Review**, April 30, 1990) ELTA

St. Casimir's Notes 100th Anniversary



St. Casimir's Church in Pittston, PA recently celebrated the church's 100th anniversary. Rev. Peter Alisauskas is pictured in front of the church with one of the oldest living members of the parish, Mrs. Mary Norkas of Pittston. Mrs. Norkas was 94 years old on September 14, 1990. Born in Lithuania, she came to America in 1913 at the age of 16. She has been a member of St. Casimir's for 77 years. Mrs. Nellie Sennick, who is also 94 years old, was unavailable for the picture.

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Gentlemen:

We have completed a valuation of the outstanding certificates of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance as of December 31, 1988 according to the schedules of insurance in force submitted to us, and have found the reserves, on the bases specified below, to be as follow:

Reserve for Life Certificates and Contracts	
American Experience 3%	\$ 707,508
1941 Standard Industrial 3%	119,349
American Men Ultimate 3%	458,098
1980 CSO 4 1/2%	208
1980 CSO 5 1/2%	1,080
1926-33 Intercompany D.I. with	
1941 CSO 2 1/2%	144
150% Class 3 with 1941 CSO 2 1/2%	99
Reserve for deficient premiums	680
Reserve for non-deduction of deferred	
premiums	1,212
Unearned premium reserve	1,542
Total Life Reserve	\$1,289,920
Reserve for Accident & Health Certificates	20,797
Total Reserves	\$1,310,717

The Society's valuation indicated that based on the American Experience, 1941 Standard Industrial and American Men Ultimate Tables of Mortality, with interest at 3%, and the 1980 CSO Mortality Table with interest at 4 1/2% and 5 1/2%, 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 1988 Annual Statement, were sufficient to meet all certificates as they mature by their terms with a margin of safety of \$965,059 (or 71.02%) above the statutory standards.

Ratios of assets to liabilities: 1988-171.02%; 1987-169.40%; 1986-167.57%; 1985-164.36%; 1984-165.83%.

Sincerely yours,

George R. Schaumann
George R. Schaumann,
Vice President

Lithuanians In The News



DR. THOMAS E. POCIUS

Two brothers, one a lawyer and the other a dentist, have announced the opening of offices in Scranton, PA.

Attorney James E. Pocius and Dr. Thomas E. Pocius spent thousands of dollars to rehabilitate an 88-year-old building in Scranton.

Dr. T. Pocius claims to be the only Lithuanian dentist in Scranton and has located himself where Lithuanians could benefit from his service. He formerly had offices in Philadelphia following his graduation from the Temple University School of Dentistry.

He is a member of the American Dental Association and the Academy of General Dentistry.

He is married to the former Ellen Killeen of Scranton.



ATTY. JAMES E. POCIUS

Attorney J. Pocius previously served as an assistant city solicitor for the City of Scranton and is an assistant professor at Marywood College where he teaches a course in workmen's compensation law. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Lackawanna Bar Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce.

He resides in Green Ridge with his wife, the former Kristine Mauck, and their daughter, Victoria.

The attorney and doctor are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pocius, Scranton and the nephews of former Chief of Police John Pocius.



Retired Scranton Police Chief John Pocius, center, displays plaque with retirement badge presented him by Mayor Jim Connors. Pocius served as chief for four years under then Mayor James Walsh. He retired 20 years ago, but did not receive the traditional retirement badge until recently. From left, Public Safety Director James Klee, Connors, Pocius, Mrs. Eleanor Pocius and Council John Pocius, son of the retired chief. John Pocius Sr. is a member of Lodge 155.

100th Birthday Celebrated

Viktorija Staskeviciene, a member of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance for 36 years and a widow for the same number of years, celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary on September 10, 1990.

Residing in Latvia with her parents, she was the youngest of 12 children. Following the death of her husband, she moved to Lithuania.

In 1950, she left Lithuania for America, settling in Detroit, MI. She is spending her late years visiting her children and grandchildren. Her children report that she looks well, is alert and interested in all around her.

She was remembered on radio and by friends and neighbors on her 100th anniversary.



VIKTORIJA STASKEVISIENE

THE LITHUANIAN BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION

will be

95 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR!

and we're CELEBRATING with a

GALA BIRTHDAY PARTY

Sunday evening, October 21, 1990

at Fiorelli's, Main St., Peckville

Cocktails 5-6 p.m. open bar Dinner 6 p.m.

Hors D'oerves

Entertainment & Dancing

George Sadauckas, Trustee of the LCA, has been a member of the Lithuanian Beneficial Association for 36 years and has held the office of President for the past 17 years.

NEW MEMBER

We are happy to welcome the following new member to the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance family:

Miss Sarah Elizabeth Butsavage, Lansdale, PA. Sarah is now a member of Lodge 183.

Landsbergis to Conduct Song Festival

10,000 Singers from the East and 10,000 from the West

The president of Lithuania will be the guest conductor for "Bridge of Song", East/West United Song Festival that will bring 20,000 singers and 300,000 spectators to Tallinn, Estonia, July 4-7, 1991.

At least 10,000 singers are expected to attend from the 50 United States.

Vytautas Landsbergis will conduct a Lithuanian folk song for the huge event co-sponsored by The Estonian Ministry of Culture and the International Concert Agency for Peace and Goodwill (ICAPG), based in Indianapolis, In.

Before he got involved in politics, Landsbergis was a professor of music at the state conservatory.

The president of ICAPG is John W. Williams, former conductor of the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir.

Before going with the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir, Williams served as a guide for a US tour by Gustav Ernesaks, the leading choral conductor in the Soviet world.

Ernesaks, the Peoples' Artist of the Soviet Union and a National Hero of Estonia, took a liking to Williams and invited

him to Estonia to witness a giant choral festival.

And that's where the bad news began for Williams.

The Soviet policy at the time called for detaining a foreign visitor in any large city for three days before allowing movement to another destination.

Williams arrived in Leningrad on his way to Ernesaks' festival, only to discover that it was to begin the very next day.

Officials at the Tourist Desk in Williams' hotel were adamant that he would have to wait the required three days. Exasperated after a long argument, Williams told the Tourist officials that he was due in Estonia the next day as the guest of Gustav Ernesaks' festival.

"You should have seen their faces light up," Williams recalls. "It was like I had said a magic name.

"Everything changed in an instant. A woman who, a moment before had been grim-faced, smiled broadly, and said to me, 'Go to your room right away and pack. Your train to Estonia leaves in one hour.'"

A mad dash through Leningrad streets got Williams to the train station on time.

And, when he arrived in Tallinn, Estonia, Williams learned the real power of Ernesaks' name in that country.

"I was getting off the train and all these men came rushing toward me. Two of them turned out to be interpreters, one was a photographer, another an ambulance driver.

"They told me to please hurry, that I was already late and the festival was being help up for me."

Williams was rushed to a big black limousine and hurried to the festival. All the while, he thanked his lucky stars he had selected a blue suit for travel.

Doffing his coat and hat, he was ushered into the hall on the arm of Gustav Ernesaks who refused to let the festival begin until the arrival of Williams.

"I was the first American conductor there in almost 50 years," said Williams. "I heard choirs from all over the Soviet Union; it was the first All-Soviet Union Choral Festival."

The festival culminated in a gigantic sing the Estonians have every five years.

"There were 30,000 people singing and 300,000 people listening," said Williams. "Then it

began pouring down rain, but nobody left. They sang the Estonian National Anthem for an hour and this was at a time when that song was not supposed to be sung.

"And I'm sitting there, thinking, 'Wow, we don't have anything like this in the United States; there's no place in the world with anything like this.

"And I thought, why not someday bring together people from East and West in great numbers to sing together. If we could do that, the sound would be even more magnificent.

In late June of this year, Williams met Landsbergis at the 21st Estonian Song Festival and asked the renowned leader to join the list of outstanding conductors.

The list of well-known persons who will take part in the July 1991 event includes the Rev. Dr. Robert Schuller, pastor of the Crystal Cathedral in California, who will deliver the invocation. Williams has extended an invitation to President Bush, ex-presidents Carter and Reagan and jazz pianist Dave Brubeck.

Note of Thanks

Executive Director Charles A. Liscosky received a lovely letter from Mrs. Helen Lutz who sent her grandson to Camp Ausra this past summer. Mrs. Lutz said her grandson, Jimmy, was not much of a mixer and at this camp he made friends and is writing to them and looking forward to attending next year.

Grandma Lutz says camp did much good for him and she is happy she had the opportunity to send her grandson.

Luzerne County Folk Festival

The 15th Annual Luzerne County Folk Festival will be held October 25-28, 1990 at the 109th F.A. Armory, Market St., Kingston, PA.

Sponsored by the Cultural Heritage Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania, the Luzerne County Folk Festival is a multi-ethnic folk festival featuring the customs, culture, songs, dance and foods of 26 nationalities. The four-day event is Northeastern Pennsylvania's only full-scale multi-ethnic festival. Local and nationally-known ethnic dance troupes from the United States, Canada and Eu-

rope perform annually at the Festival.

Festival Hours:

Thursday & Friday, October 25 & 26 - 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 27 - 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 28 - Noon to 7:00 p.m.

Reverend Patrick Peyton informs us that a request came from Father Antanas Grazulis, Vilnius, Lithuania, requesting a supply of the Family Rosary Crusade's rosary films for nationwide broadcast on television in Lithuania.

Saulius Kuprys Named Serra President

Attorney Saulius Kuprys was elected President of Chicago's Serra International at the organization's annual meeting.

His name was presented for nomination by Thomas Roeser, VP of Quaker Oats, who is also a TV commentator.

Serra was begun in 1930 and has about 15,000 members - lawyers, doctors and other professionals with chapters worldwide.

Atty. Kupris is a former Board member of the LCA and is a member of Lodge 48.

On August 4, 1990 the US Senate voted to support Lithuania with 10 million dollars worth of medical equipment and other humanitarian necessities.

LIETUVOS AUKŠČ. TARYBOS PIRM. V. LANDSBERGIO VIZITAI NORVEGIJOS KONFERENCIJOJE IR DANIJOJE

Lietuvos Aukščiausiosios Tarybos pirmininkas Vytautas Landsbergis Osle susitiko su Norvegijos ministru pirmininku Jan Per Syse. Per pasimatymą buvo apžvelgta padėtis Lietuvoje ir kituose Pabaltijo kraštuose, apsvarstytos galimybės išplėsti lietuvių-norvegų santykius, pirmiausia ekonominėje ir kultūros plotmėje. Buvo pažymėta, kad santykių išplėtimo trokšta abi šalys.

Landsbergis paminėjo, jog Lietuva tikisi užmegzti su Norvegija tokius tamprius ryšius, kokius Estija jau palaiko su Suomija, turi vilties, kad Norvegija padės atkurti Lietuvos ekonomiką. Landsbergis pažymėjo, kad Lietuva dar neturi galimybės prašyti užsienio kraštų pagalbos, bet jei Norvegija ir kitos Vakarų šalys panorės padėti Lietuvai, Lietuva už tai bus dėkinga. Buvo taip pat pasikeista nuomonėmis dėl Lietuvos nepriklausomybės pripažinimo.

Lietuvos Aukščiausiosios Tarybos pirmininkas V. Landsbergis atvyko į Norvegijos sostinę dalyvauti ten vykstančioje tarptautinėje konferencijoje "Neapykantos anatomija — kaip išvengti konfliktų dialogo ir demokratijos pagalba". Landsbergis Osle mieste susitiko su norvegų verslininkais, valdžios atstovais, pasimatė su Čekoslova-

kijos, Lenkijos, Sovietų Sąjungos ir kitų kraštų politiniais veikėjais, taip pat dalyvaujantais tarptautinėje konferencijoje.

Norvegijos sostinėje Osle vykstančioje tarptautinėje konferencijoje "Neapykantos anatomija" Lietuvos Aukščiausiosios Tarybos pirmininkas Vytautas Landsbergis kalbėjo rugpjūčio 29. Savo žodį konferencijos dalyviams jis pristatė daug pasakanti antrašte — "Atmesti neapykantą".

Konferencijos dalyviai — iš viso pasaulio kraštų atvykę žymūs politiniai veikėjai, kultūrininkai, žmogaus teisių gynėjai pastarąsias tris dienas gilinęsi į neapykantos apraiškas ir priežastis, kaip tik svarstė kaip apmesti neapykantą, ardančią pavienių žmonių ir tautų harmoningą sugyvenimą, sukeliančią daug nelaimių, o tuo pačiu ir nuolatinę grėsmę taikai.

Landsbergis savo kalboje pateikė lietuvių tautos analizę, priminė mažos šalies sukauptą visokią amžių patirtį. Ja remdamasis, pažymėjo Landsbergis, lietuviai pasirinko kelią ir uždavinį, kuris galbūt gali atrodyti bemaž neįvykdomas: su tokiomis gilomis žaizdomis ir per tokias kliūtis kurti piliečių santarvės visuomenę, taikos valstybę. Toks

yra Lietuvos įnašas tautų bendrijai — būsimai Europai.

Vytautas Landsbergis prieš vykdamas į Oslo lankėsi Kopenhagoje. Kaip pastebi apžvalgininkai, Lietuvos Aukščiausiosios Tarybos pirmininko kelionė Skandinavijoje be abejonės pataus Lietuvos santykių išplėtimui su Skandinavijos kraštais, o tuo pačiu ir Lietuvos interesams, nes ryšių stiprinimas su Vakarais palapsniui įtvirtina Lietuvos suverenitetą.

"EUROPOS KELIAS" LIETUVOS PASIENY

Lietuvos Atgimimo Sąjūdis rugpjūčio 23 suorganizavo Ribbentropo-Molotovo pakto 51-ųjų metų minėjimą. Jis buvo ne toks įspūdingas kaip pereinamais metais, kada rankų grandinė apjungė Vilnių, Rygą ir Taliną. Pereinamais metais minėjimas buvo pavadintas Baltijos kelias, nes jungėsi trys Baltijos valstybės. Šiais metais minėjimas vadinosi Europos kelias, nes Lietuva demonstratyviai jungiasi į Europos valstybių gretas.

Lazdijuose, prie Lietuvos-Lenkijos sienos, abiejose sienos pusėse buvo parengtos stovyklos. Stovyklautojai ėjo iš Lietuvos į Lenkiją ir iš Lenkijos į Lietuvą. *New York Times* gana stambiam straipsnyje rugpjūčio 24 rašo, kad net 20,000 žmonių protestavo, kad Lietuvos sienas kontroliuoja slaptoji policija KGB. Lietuviai, rašo *New York Times*, žiūri į KGB kaip į sovietinės okupacijos simbolį.

Vilniaus radijas skelbia, kad šioje demonstracijoje prie Lazdijų dalyvavo 50,000 žmonių.

Sąjūdžio atstovai reikalavo, kad einant per Lietuvos sieną būtų pripažinti Lietuvos dokumentai ir kad Lietuvos sienų kontrolė būtų lietuvių reikose.

Nepaisant didelės spūsties, jokių incidentų neįvyko. Po pietų buvo aukojamos mišios. Vakare į susirinkusius kalbėjo Aukščiausiosios Tarybos pirmininkas Vytautas Landsbergis. Buvo surengtas didžiulis koncertas. 8 val. vak. visose trijose Pabaltijo

— Kremliu kontroliuojama M. Burokevičiaus Lietuvos Komunistų Partija ("naktinė") užsimojo perimti Lietuvos Komunistų Partijos archyvus. Ten yra daug vertingos medžiagos ne tik apie LKP, bet ir visą Lietuvos pokario gyvenimą. A. Brazausko vadovaujama LKP pasiūlė archyvą išsaugoti perduodant jį Aukščiausiosios Tarybos globon. Kazimieras Motieka, Aukščiausiosios Tarybos pirmininko pavaduotojas, kreipėsi į Lietuvos žmones susirinkti prie archyvo rūmų ir apsaugoti dokumentus nuo okupanto užmačių. Kiek žinome, susirėmimų nebuvo.

valstybėse buvo uždegti simboliniai laužai, skambėjo bažnyčių varpai.

Su šia manifestacija buvo pradėta ir parašų rinkimo akcija. Peticija adresuota Helsinkio nutarimus pasirašiusioms tautoms ir bus įteikta šių tautų atstovų suvažiavime Paryžiuje lapkričio mėn. Peticijoje prašoma, kad Lietuva, Latvija ir Estija būtų įtrauktos į Helsinkio procesą, į Paryžiaus pasitarimų darbotvarkę. Taip pat reikalaujama, kad Paryžiaus pasitarime dalyvautų ir pačios Baltijos šalys.

— Lietuvoje nuo rugsėjo 1 d. darbo savaitė sutrumpinama viena valanda.

— Šiauliuose rugpjūčio 16 demontuotas Lenino paminklas.

— Lietuvos kultūros ministerijos ir kultūros paminklų apsaugos departamentas paskelbė kreipimąsi dėl bolševikinių paminklų demontavimo. Pageidauta, kad tie paminklai nebūtų žalojami ir naikinami, bet pagarbiamai saugojami.

— Nepaisant blokados atšaukimo Lietuva gali likti be kuro. Tokia informacija ateina iš didžiulės alyvos perdirbimo įmonės Mažeikiuose. Nors naftos yra apdirbama daug, tačiau problema yra su transportacija. Nėra specialių geležinkelio vagonų, skirtų alyvos pervežimui. Mažeikiuose naftos pagaminama tiek, kad jai išvežti per parą reikia 650 vagonų, o jų gaunama tik 450.



Lietuvos AT tarybos pirm. V. Landsbergis pokalby su Šveicarijos Federacijos buv. prezidentu Rudolf Friedrich. Nuotr. Frances Vaškiutės



Arkivyskupas Liudas Povilonis

MIRĖ ARKIVYSK. LIUDAS POVILONIS

Rugpjūčio 10 Lietuvoje mirė arkivyskupas Liudas Povilonis, buvęs Kauno arkivyskupijos ir Vilkaviškio vyskupijos apaštališkas administratorius.

Velionis buvo gimęs 1910 m. rugpjūčio 25 d. Šilagalių kaime, Šimonių valsčiuje, Panevėžio apskrityje. 1928 rugpjūčio 14 įstojo į marijonų vienuolyną. Mokėsi Marijampolės mokytojų seminarijoje ir nuo 1930 studijavo teologiją bei kanonų teisę Vytauto Didžiojo universitete. Taip pat studijavo ir matematiką ir ją baigė. Į kunigus įšventintas 1934 birželio 29.

Marijonai leido *Šaltinį* ir vaikams — *Šaltinėlių*. Tą *Šaltinėlių* redagavo 1931 - 1940. Įtraukė daug bendradarbių, iš kurių vėliau išaugo rašytojai. Mokytojavo Marijampolės marijonų gimnazijoje ir administravo spaudą.

Lietuvą okupavus, uždarius vienuolynus, pradžioje veikė

Vilniuje, paskui persikėlė į Klaipėdą. Čia 1957-60 pastatė Taikos Karalienės bažnyčią.

Sovietams okupantams nepatiko tai, jie konfiskavo bažnyčią, statytojus patraukė į teismą. Nuteistas už "neteisetą" medžiagų įgijimą. Nuteistas Vilniuje 1962 sausio 26. Nubaudė 8 metų kalėjimo.

Iš Vilniaus kalėjimo buvo paleistas 1966. Buvo Vilniuje vienos bažnyčios vikaras ir klebonas. 1969 lapkričio 7 nominuotas vyskupu, konsekruotas 1969 gruodžio 21 ir paskirtas Telšių vyskupo pagelbininku, 1973 liepos 7 perkeltas į Kauną ir paskirtas vysk. J. Labuko pagelbininku su paveldėjimo teise. Labukui 1979 gegužės 28 mirus, jis užėmė jo vietą ir buvo Kauno arkivyskupijos ir Vilkaviškio vyskupijos apaštališkas administratorius. 1976, kai Ameriką šventė 200 metų nepriklausomybės su-

LIETUVOS JAUNIMAS KREIPIASI Į LAISVOJO PASAULIO JAUNIMĄ

Lietuvos jaunimo organizacijos šiuo pareiškimu kreipėsi į pasaulio jaunimo organizacijas:

Lietuvos Respublikos Aukščiausioji Taryba 1990 metų kovo vienuoliktą dieną atkūrė nepriklausomą Lietuvos valstybę, išreikšdama ilgus dešimtmečius puoselėtą lietuvių tautos laisvės siekį. Tą siekį lietuvių tauta patvirtino daugiau nei dešimtmetį trukusių rezistencijos kovų prieš Stalino genocidą laikotarpiu.

Tačiau mūsų tautos genocidas nesibaigė su Stalino mirtimi. Tautos kančios kelias tęsėsi iki pastarųjų dienų. Buvome priversti savo rankomis laidoti savo istoriją, niekinti tautos tradicijas, gyventi melo ir teroro akivaizdoje. Iš mūsų prievarta buvo plėšiamas tikėjimas, naikinama mūsų kalba. Tačiau tauta nepalūžo, niekuomet nenustojo kovojusi.

Tai liudija Romo Kalantos auka, *Lietuvos Katalikų Bažnyčios Kronika* ir kita pagrindžio veikla, šimtai kovotojų, sąžinės kalinių, kalintų sovietiniuose kalėjimuose, lageriuose ar psichiatrinėse ligoninėse ir nenuilstama išeivijos lietuvių tremtinių veikla laisvajame pasaulyje. Lietuvos jaunimas niekuomet neatsisakė laisvės, kaip aukščiausios savo teisės ir visuomet tikėjo, kad sulauks Nepriklausomybės atstatymo dienos.

Į teisėtus Lietuvos Parlamento veiksmus sovietinis okupantas atsakė ekonomine blokada, be-

kaktį, ir kai Philadelphijoje vyko Eucharistinis kongresas, jis su Lietuvos kunigų grupe buvo atvykęs į Ameriką ir buvo sustojęs pranciškonų vienuolyne Brooklyne.

Romoje lankėsi keletą kartų, arkivyskupu pakeltas 1984 m. Pasiareiškus senatvės negalavimams, jis pats paprašė popiežių, kad jį atleistų iš pareigų.

Velionis buvo judrus ir draugiškas, nuo *Šaltinėlio* redagavimo laikų mėgo literatūrą. Savo pareigose buvo uolus ir lankė vyskupijos parapijas, dalyvavo didžiuose atlaiduose, organizavo jaunųjų kunigų auklėjimą bei mokymą.

precedentiniu Lietuvos jaunuolių grobimu prievartiniame tarnavimui okupacinėje armijoje, lauždamas savo paties pasirašytus tarptautinius susitarimus.

Penkiasdešimt metų daugelis pasaulio valstybių nepripažino 1940-ais metais Sovietų Sąjungos įvykdytos Lietuvos okupacijos ir aneksijos. Tai buvo didelė moralinė parama, kuri mus stiprino, palaikė laisvės viltį ir tikėjimą šviesesne ateitimi.

Šiandien kaip niekad mum reikalinga pasaulio demokratiškos jėgų parama. Lietuvos pasirinktas kelias — taikus, parlamentinis, grindžiamas tarpvalstybinėmis derybomis.

Kreipiamės į jus, Pasaulio Jaunimo organizacijos, prašydami savo veikla kiek įmanoma paveikti savo šalies viešąją nuomonę ir vyriausybę, kad pirmą, nedelsiant pripažintų Lietuvos nepriklausomybę ir paremtų jos teisėtą vyriausybę, antra, į kiekvieną sovietų agresijos aktą Lietuvoje atsakytų griežtai ir principingai.

Jeigu lietuvių tautos siekiai nebus pasaulio paremti, tada privalote apmąstyti ko gi vertos Jūsų Konstitucijos, tarptautinės deklaracijos ir rezoliucijos, kuriomis vadovaujatės ir kurias pasauliui skelbiate. Tegyvuoja nepriklausomybė ir tautų laisvo apsisprendimo teisė.

Pasirašė: Lietuvos Skautų sąjunga, Lietuvos Ateitininkų federacija, Lietuvių tautinio jaunimo sąjunga, "Jaunoji Lietuva", Gediminaičiai, Lituania.

— K. Prunskienė, Lietuvos Respublikos ministrų tarybos pirmininkė, pasiekė ne tik Lietuvos rekordą, per tokį trumpą laiką aplankiusi tiek svarbiausių pasaulio valstybių vadovų ir su jais kalbėjusi tiek ilgai ir išsamiai. Guinness rekordų knygos redakcijos duomenimis, tai rekordas ir pasaulio politinėje istorijoje.

— Kaune, Vienybės aikštėje, 7412 dienų ir naktų prastovėjusi didžiulė bronzinė Lenino skulptūra rugpjūčio 6 vidurdienį buvo nulaipinta nuo postamento.

PASAULIO LIETUVIŲ KATALIKŲ BENDRIJA UŽ VISUOTINĘ VEIKLĄ BEI VIENYBĘ

Dabartinis lietuvių tautos likimo, egzistencijos ir ateities momentas yra be galo rimtas ir istorijoje turbūt nesikartojantis. Dabartiniai mūsų tautos įvykiai reikalauja iš visų lietuvių besąlyginės vienybės, bendro darbo, ir solidarumo. Veikla ir parama mūsų tėvynei yra būtina ir neatidėliotina. Jai reikalinga moralinė, visuomeninė, politinė ir materialinė parama. Pasaulio lietuvių katalikų bendrija kviečia visus lietuvius vieningai ir veikliai šiuo ypatingu mūsų tautai momentu būti veiksmingais ir solidariais.

Pasaulio lietuvių katalikų bendrija yra centrinių katalikų organizacijų, esančių įvairiuose pasaulio kraštuose, jungtis. Ji buvo įsteigta šv. Kazimiero jubilėjaus proga susirinkusių Romon įvairių kraštų lietuvių katalikų. Tai buvo įgyvendinimas minties, išreikštos Antrojo Vatikano Visuotinio Bažnyčios susirinkimo, pasauliečiams aktyviau reikštis Bažnyčios gyvenime. Šio organizacijų centro tikslas yra įvairių kraštų katalikų veiklą informuoti ir jai padėti.

Lietuviškos problemos ir krikščioniškos idėjos istorijos eigoje

taip susipynė ir susiklostė, kad sudaro neišskiriamą kompleksą kaip džiaugsmuose ir laimėjimuose taip ir nesėkmėse ir nusiminimuose. Katalikų Bažnyčia Lietuvoje daug prisidėjo kovoje už laisvę ir kultūrą.

Lietuvių tauta, tapdama krikščioniška, tapo ne tik barjeru, bet ir avangardu tarp Rytų ir Vakarų kultūrų: tarp anksčiau barbariškos ir vėliau nihilistinės ir dar vėliau komunistinės ir Vakarų krikščioniškos kultūros. Ilgoje ir nelygioje kovoje lietuvių tauta neteko daug labai garbingų, kilnių ir išmokslintų savo tautos narių. Komunistinėje Rusijos okupacijoje eilė patriotinių lietuvių katalikų buvo brutaliai ir žiauriai nužudyti, kaip arkiv. Mečislovas Reinys, vysk. Vincas Borisevičius ir kiti. Daug jų žuvo neaiškiais aplinkybėmis kalėjimuose ir lageriuose, kaip prof. Pranas Dovydaitis, Ignas Skrupskeilis, Jonas Štaupas ir eilė kitų. Tūkstančiai žuvo ištrėmimuose.

Bet lietuvių tauta yra gyva ir ji nori tapti laisva ir nepriklausoma. O kad ji yra išlikusi gyva ir nori būti nepriklausoma katalikų Bažnyčios nuopelnas taip pat yra labai didelis.

Popiežius Jonas Paulius II, kalbėdamas Velykų sekmadienį šv. Petro aikštėje susirinkusiųjų miniai, pasakė: "Šiandien Lietuva atsirado Europos ir pasaulio interesų centre". Taip pat jis prašė melstis, kad įvyktų "garbingas dialogas teisingam ir taikingam sprendimui" Lietuvos klausimuose. Kardinolas Vincas Sladkevičius trumpai ir konkrečiai yra pasakęs: "Katalikų Bažnyčia visados buvo už nepriklausomybę, tokia ji tebėra ir dabar".

Toliau Lietuvos kardinolas ir vyskupai sako: "Anot Kristaus šodžių, padėję ranką ant arklės nesidairykite atgal, nebesvyruokime, nepradėkite kaltinti vieni kitų. Mūsų laisvės ginklas tebus mūsų kultūra ir savigarba, mūsų blaivumas ir dora, mokslo ir darbo laimėjimai. Mūsų ginklas tebus kiekvieno Lietuvos mylėtojo pagarba kiekvienam kitam Lietuvos mylėtojui. Visus mieluosius katalikus ir kitus krikščionis, visus Dievą tikinčius tėvynainius kviečiame širdimi vienyti maldoje už mūsų išvermę, už šviesią tėvynės ateitį laisvėje, taikingoje Europos ir pasaulio tautų šeimoje."

Pasaulio Lietuvių katalikų bendrijos valdyba kviečia visus pasaulio lietuvius būti veikliais ir vieningais šiuo reikšmingu lietuvių tautai laikotarpiu, atitinkamomis savo pastangomis.

Dr. Juozas Meškauskas,
Pasaulio Lietuvių Katalikų
Bendrijos vardu

— Lietuvos Respublikos vyriausybė paskyrė Rimgaudą Bubleį vyriausybės patarėju religijų klausimais.

— Lietuvoje prasidėjo ir automobilių nusovietinimas. Registracijos lentelės bus išduodamos su lietuviškomis raidėmis.

— Sigitą Kudarauską Lietuvos vyriausybė paskyrė Lietuvos Respublikos vyriausybės nuolatinio atstovu Estijos Respublikoje. Estija jau nuo seniau turi savo atstovą Vilniuje.

— Komerčinė prekyba su dideliu priedu labdarai — bene pirmiesiems Lietuvoje tokia idėja kilo Kauno miesto savivaldybei. Taip prekybininkai šiemet miestui papildomai uždirbo milijoną rublių. Be to, į labdaros fondą — apie 400,000 rublių.

LIETUVIS VADOVAUS LATVIJOS LIAUDIES FRONTUI

Latvijos Liaudies Fronto pirmininku neseniai buvo išrinktas 34 metų amžiaus lietuvis gydytojas, neurochirurgas Romualdas Ražukas. Jis prieš keletą metų apsigyveno Latvijoje ir yra vedęs latvę medikę.

R. Ražukas yra Lietuvių kultūros draugijos pirmininku Latvijoje ir buvo Latvijos tautybių draugijos sekretoriumi. Pradėjęs ekonominei Lietuvos blokada Ražukas palaikė nuolatinis ryšius tarp Latvijos Liaudies Fronto ir Lietuvos Sąjūdžio ir dalyvavo Lietuvos Aukščiausios Tarybos darbuose.

Nuo pat pirmųjų pirmininkavimo dienų gydytojas R. Ražukas ėmėsi iniciatyvos atnaujinti Latvijos frontą, ir sustiprinti liaudies kontrolę įvairiose gyvenimo srityse ir suaktyvinti Liaudies Fronto deputatų rolę vietinėse tarybose ir tai jam pasisekė padaryti.



Žygyje į Kryžių kalną dėl laisvėjančios Lietuvos. Nuotr. V. Kapočiaus

LIETUVOS PREZIDENTAS NOMINUOTAS NOBELIO TAIKOS PREMIJAI GAUTI

JAV Senato Užsienio reikalų komiteto įstaiga, senatoriaus Jesse Helms iniciatyva, pasiuntė raštą Norvegijos Parlamento Nobelio Taikos komiteto pirmininkui Egil Aarvik siūlant V. Landsbergį Nobelio taikos premijai.

Mes raginame Jus parinkti Lietuvos Respublikos prezidentą Vytautą Landsbergį 1991 metų Nobelio Taikos premijai. Prezidentas Landsbergis reprezentuoja visus Nobelio Taikos premijos idealus savo darbais taikai Europoje ir iš tikrųjų visame pasaulyje.

1990 m. vasario 24 d. prof. Vytautas Landsbergis buvo išrinktas į Lietuvos Parlamentą pirmuosiuose laisvuose demokratiškuose rinkimuose, kurie buvo

— Lietuvos, Latvijos ir Estijos ryšių ministrai Rygoje pasirašė sutartį, jog šių kraštų teritorijose susitarusios šalys pripažįsta viena kitos pašto ženklus. Kartu veiks ir Tarybų Sąjungos pašto ženklai. Tarybų Sąjungos ryšių ministerija kol kas nesutinka išleisti į apyvertą Baltijos respublikų pašto ženklus ir leisti jai apmokėti korespondencijas, siunčiamas į Tarybų Sąjungą.

— „Atgimimas“ Lietuvos Persitvarkymo sąjūdžio leidžiamas savaitraštis spaudai paruošiamas jau JAV Lietuvių Bendruomenės krašto valdybos padovanotu kompiuteriu. Redakcijoje jaučiamas didelis palengvinimas, tačiau procesui pagreitinti trūksta kai kurių pridėtinių dalių ir gal šiek tiek patyrimo. Tuos klausimus išsprendus, pirmiausia žinoma, vėl su JAV LB krašto valdybos pabalba — *Atgimimo* redakcija jau turės moderniausią spaudai paruošimo sistemą Lietuvoje. Tokiu pačiu būdu spaudai paruošiamas ir naujas Sąjūdžio laikraštis *Respublika*, savaitraščiu neseniai pasirodęs, o nuo Naujųjų Metų jau pradėsiąs eiti dienraščiu. Sistemos dalį taip pat padovanojo JAV LB krašto valdyba, o į Lietuvą pervežė iš viešnagės grįždamas pats Sąjūdžio pirmininkas prof. V. Landsbergis.

atlikti Lietuvoje, kai Sovietų Sąjunga, neteisėtai užėmė suvereninės Lietuvos teritoriją 1940 metais. Prof. Landsbergis buvo išrinktas Lietuvos Parlamento prezidentu 1990 m. kovo 11 d. Tą pačią dieną jis ir Lietuvos Respublikos Aukščiausioji taryba nubalsavo 124 balsais prieš 0 už Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atstatymą, kurį Sovietų Sąjunga paneigė.

Prez. Landsbergis atstovauja Lietuvos žmonių sąžiningam komunistų spaudos paneigimui, kuri jiems buvo prieš pusę šimtmečio jėga primesta. Kaip nepriklausomybės judėjimo Sąjūdžio steigėjas, ne komunistas, prez. Landsbergis ilgą laiką buvo Lietuvos žmonių aspiracijų įkūnijimas, kovojantis už individualią laisvę nuo užsienio dominacijos. Jis parodė savo didžiausią išmintį ir pragmatizmą vadovauti Lietuvos žmonių pastangoms užtikrinant taikingą Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atstatymą Sovietų Sąjungos militarinės okupacijos akivaizdoje bei bauginimuose.

Visos savo kovos metu prez. Landsbergis nuolatos pasisakė už dialogą vietoje panaudojimo

jėgos Lietuvos santykiuose su Sovietų Sąjunga. Jis pakartotinai norėjo tartis su Sovietų Sąjunga visais klausimais išskyrus neginčijamą Lietuvos žmonių teisę būti laisviems nuo užsienio dominacijos kaip tai išreikšta nepriklausomybės atstatymo deklaracijoje.

Sovietų vyriausybė, atsakydama į prez. Landsbergio taikingą prašymą, įsakė savo tankams ir daliniams žygiuoti į Vilnių, kad įbaugintų žmones. Jauni vyrai, kurie atsisakė tarnauti okupanto kariuomenėje buvo jėga pagrobti. Raudonoji armija užgrobė pastatus, kurie priklausė Lietuvos žmonėms, o kad užgniaužtų laisvą žodį, užėmė laikraščių įstaigas.

Gorbačiovas nevertina Lietuvos žmonių, 50 metų Lietuvos patriotai rizikuoja savo gyvybėmis atstatyti Lietuvos nepriklausomybę. Tankai ir kareiviai jų gatvėse — ne naujiena Lietuvos žmonėms. Po II Pasaulinio karo tūkstančiai okupanto dalinių ir karinių įrengimų užteršė Lietuvos gamtą. Nežiūrint šios neteisėtos bauginimo akcijos, prez. Landsbergis laikosi prieš jėgos ir smurto panaudojimą, kad tuo būdu pasipriešintų jiems. Jis ir toliau prašo Gorbačiovą tartis taikiu būdu. Kaip ir jo tautos žmonės, prez. Landsbergis yra ramus, apsiginklavęs

tikėjimu Dievu ir pasitikėjus laisve ir demokratija. Jo kelias — taikinga kova ir dvasinė rezistencija už savo krašto laisvę.

Prez. Landsbergis, kiti Lietuvos vadai ir Lietuvos žmonės, kasdien rizikuoja savo gyvybe už tuos principus, kuriais yra pagrįstas laisvasis pasaulis. Jų kova yra ir mūsų kova. Prez. Landsbergis yra drąsos žmogus, švyturys Lietuvos žmonėms ir milijonui lietuvių amerikiečių Amerikoje ir kartu įkvėpėjas visiems žmonėms bet kur, kurie siekia laisvės savo kraštui.

Lietuvos žmonės ir prez. V. Landsbergis kovoja už tuos pačius principus, kuriais Nobelio Taikos premija, yra pagrįsta. Mes raginame Jus pripažinti ir Lietuvos žmonių apsisprendimą, kai jie patys taikiai kovoja už nusikratymą komunizmo, parenkant prez. Vytautą Landsbergį, 1991 metų Nobelio Taikos premijai.

Pasirašė šie JAV senatoriai:

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Tokie „savanoriai“ saugo Lietuvos Aukščiausios Tarybos būstinę nuo sovietinių užpuolikų. Nuotr. V. Kapočiaus

Lithuanian and Proud Ann Jillian Brings Her Crusade To Wilkes-Barre

When asked, "Ar kalbat lietuviskai?" Ann Jillian answered with much more than a yes or no.

This beautiful, charming and vivacious 3-time Emmy nominee opened our telephone interview speaking in fluent Lithuanian. Although it was 11:30 here on the East Coast, we remembered that it was only 8:30 in California and Jillian was already at work in her office with husband-manager Andrew Murcia close by.

Proud of her Lithuanian heritage, Jillian notes that she is personally joined together with the Lithuanian people "praying to Jesus and Mary" for the strength needed to see the problems of this struggling Baltic country put to rest.

Speaking of her ties to Lithuania, she recalls the experiences of her parents who fled Lithuania on 2 bicycles with their young son in a basket.

Her Dad was a pilot, a Captain in the Lithuanian Air Force and her mother who grew up in Petrograd (Russia), spoke fluent Russian and also could read and write in German.

When her Dad and Mother crossed the border on bikes, he felt independence was coming soon. But changing times forced his decision to seek a sponsor in the U.S.

Vilnius would no longer be home to her parents. They came to America on the U.S.S. General Mercy following World War II and Ann was born shortly after in Cambridge, Mass.

Communications with relatives left behind in Lithuania were not the best. Mail was censored if received at all and Jillian, who was 6 years old at the time, remembers her mother crying while reading a censored letter informing her that her own mother had died.



Ann Jillian

She seemed pleased to be able to share the experiences of the past with another Lithuanian who understood and who had similar ties with the "old country."

"We're a productive, wonderful people," she said, "and I am proud to have Lithuanian blood running through my veins." Our interview was arranged by the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital in Kingston, PA, the sponsors of an appearance of Ann Jillian at the Kirby Center in Wilkes-Barre for the purpose of bringing the message of early detection of breast cancer to save lives.

In 1985, Jillian underwent a double mastectomy and, with the support of her husband Andrew Murcia, she has come back to resume her career in television with tremendous success.

"The good news about my message," she says, "is people don't have to die." She notes something can be done and it starts with an early trip to the doctor.

"Too many women fear cancer screening and won't go for examinations," she said and she is devoting her time to removing that fear by traveling all over the country talking to women and men.

Her program is titled "A Conversation with Ann Jillian" which is presented in a humorous manner. "I'm not laughing at the situation, I'm just making

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it lighter," she said. "This event is an uplifting, hope filled, humorous and entertaining way to bring this to the public."

On Thursday, October 11, 1990, a proud Lithuanian American Ann Jillian will share her traumatic experience with those present at the Kirby, giving hope and encouragement while destroying fear and ignorance.

We will be there and we will give a report next month.

Alena Miskinis reports that the month of September 1990 is the first month since 1966 that **NO DEATHS HAVE BEEN REPORTED!!**

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