

# Jonas Vainius Participates in IV World Lithuanian Sports Festival

On Wednesday, July 24, 1991, I arrived in Vilnius. It had been 17 years since my last trip to Lithuania. This trip's objective was different. It wasn't to improve my Lithuanian language skills but to personally express my solidarity for the independence movement by participating in the IV World Lithuanian Sports Festival (IV WLSF) from July 26th to August 4th.

The staging of the IV World Lithuanian Sports Festival in Lithuania was not just another sporting event. It was a consciously organized event to assist and support Lithuania's aspirations to restore its lost independence. The sports festival's primary purpose was explicitly stated by Jonas Kaunas, the team leader of Chicago's Lituanica Veterans soccer club, in his speech during the opening soccer game ceremonies at Palanga's Soccer Stadium. "tikimes musu dalyvavimas sioje sporto sventeje moraliskai parems Jusu kova atstatyti pilna nepriklausomybe." (We believe our participation in this sporting event will contribute morally to your effort to restore full independence.)

This same theme was initially introduced on the first day of the IV WLSF during the Holy Mass services at the Kaunas Cathedral by Father Svarinskas, a dissident who spent 21 years in a Gulag concentration camp. Father Svarinskas stated during his homily that the Russians should leave Lithuania and take with them their armies and tanks to which Lithuania will respond by contributing to their withdrawal

by expelling the "dvi kompartijas" two communist parties: Burokevicius' USSR Communist Party and Brazauskas' newly formed Democratic Socialist Workers Party).

After Holy Mass, all the athletes for the IV WLSF gathered in the large, ancient square at Kaunas Rotuse. Here, we began the hour long march through the city of Kaunas to Zalgiris Stadium. Over 200,000 spectators cheered us on. There were numerous musical bands, countless cheerleading groups, patriotic singing and squeezing of the flesh. The feeling was overwhelming. It was the finest hour! Solidarity at its best!

However, the presence of the athletes and spectators from abroad, did not deter Russian assertiveness. The occupiers' provocative efforts were apparent. The Russians deliberately flew a large Soviet helicopter at low altitudes to disrupt the opening ceremonies of the IV WLSF at Kaunas Zalgiris Stadium. The stadium contained over 15,000 spectators along with President Landsbergis. The capacity crowd gave the Russian helicopter pilot a Lithuanian version of the Bronx cheer (whistling and hissing.)

The ugliness of the Russian occupation and provocation continued. On Wednesday, August 1st, at approximately 3:00 a.m. Russian "black berets" (special Soviet interior forces) attacked a Lithuanian custom border post at Medininkai. Seven Lithuanian custom officials were killed while an eighth official was left in a coma. Due to these



By Jonas Vainius

VILNIUS - ANTAKALNIS CEMETERY - Joan Vainius standing at the grave of Loreta Asanaviciute. Ms. Asanaviciute died courageously on January 13, 1991 when the Russian tanks attacked the Vilnius television and radio transmission tower.

killings, all the sporting activities of the IV WLSF scheduled for Wednesday were cancelled. It was an official day of mourning. The festive and joyous mood that had been generated by the opening day ceremonies had now changed to a somber mood. One could not help but think, "What next will the Russians do?" Where will the next violent outbreak occur? Will they dare to assassinate President Landsbergis, the most prominent leader in restoring Lithuania's independence?

Despite the uncertainty and tense atmosphere, Lithuania's

steely and stoic attitudes prevailed. They were not going to be provoked. The IV WLSF was to continue in defiance of Russian intentions to instill fear and fright in everyone with the hope of cancelling the IV WLSF. Peaceful Lithuanian determination persevered.

I participated in the soccer games that were held in Palanga, Lithuania's beautiful resort city on the Baltic Sea. There were four soccer teams in my age group. I played with Chicago's Lituanica Club. I was amazed by

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# Florence Eckert - A Christmas Remembered

It was about the size of a shoebox and it set in my spot on the big circular dining room table in our home with all the other gifts.

Each one of the children in our family had a spot on that table where presents were placed on Christmas Eve, not to be touched until we were awakened on Christmas morning.

How vividly I remember that day! The old dining room table had a beautiful stained glass chandelier hanging above the center, and when we played games and fooled around, you often hit your head on that chandelier...and really felt it.

I was so excited that particular Christmas Eve, because one of my big dreams was to own a pair of shiny black patent leather tap shoes, and something told me that dream was about to come true. I just knew that box had tap shoes in it!! It had to be!!

None of the other wrapped gifts received as much attention. This one, a bit longer than a normal shoebox but still well-sized for tap shoes just had to contain that special dream gift.

Everyone knew how I loved to tap, and I was always tapping around the house. But times were hard, and tap shoes were a luxury for middle class families.

I had a hard time falling asleep that night and wished for the morning to come in just one wink.

Well, come it did and downstairs I dashed! Guess which package was the first to be opened? No mercy on the pretty ribbon and wrapping paper. I had to reach the contents of that box just as fast as my fingers

could move.

There it was! A colorful new folding umbrella!

I was heartbroken - but tried not to show it too much. This was just one example of the many disappointments I learned to handle in the "School of Hard Knocks."

Believe it or not, none of my disappointments or tragedies required the assistance of a school counselor, therapist or psychologist. Whenever I suffered any disappointment, hurt or physical pain, she was always there - my counselor, therapist and psychologist: my MOM! A big loving hug, a gentle kiss and a look in those eyes that assured you everything would turn out OK.

After the presents were opened, the whole family went to church to attend the Christmas celebration and visit the manger scene where the beautiful image of the Christ child lay in the manger, reminding us what this day is all about.

It was so peaceful! The choir softly sang "Silent Night" and then raised their pitch to acclaim "Joy to the World, the Lord has Come," ending with peace on earth, good will toward men.

And that peace was there. Neighbors visited neighbors, enjoying each other's home-baked goodies and Christmas cheer. This went on for at least a week and sometimes longer. If you had a large family and many relatives and friends, it took every bit of the 12 days of Christmas to visit them all. And visit you did!

What has happened to that old-

fashioned Christmas? Why don't neighbors drop in for a visit? Why are the children bored just a few days after Christmas?

They've got \$200 Nintendo sets with a good number of \$50 tapes, Barbie dolls, doll houses, wardrobes, cars and Barbie's boyfriend Ken, all adding up to a good dollar figure. They've got table model TV's for their own bedrooms, private telephones and electronic games galore. How can they get bored so quick?

All the kids of today have to do is make up their list and the parents knock themselves out, running around, picking up everything on that list.

We didn't ask, we just hinted and hoped for the best. All I wanted was a pair of shiny black patent leather tap shoes. I didn't get them, but neither did my world come to an end.

I'm sure there were many more young ones like me who were disappointed on Christmas

morning because there were no agencies or give-away programs, no food stamps or soup kitchens to help out. Actually, there wasn't even a Social Security system.

Survival depended on relatives and neighbors helping out each other. And they did.

There were loads of home-baked treats that we didn't get every day, and the house was full of Christmas excitement.

There was visiting in the neighborhood, and we knew there would be treats everywhere we went.

No, there were no tap shoes in that box, but there was plenty of love in that home to make up for it. There was a mother, father and us kids who always found something to do.

Families, visitors, home life, where has it all disappeared? Perhaps we need to open more shoe boxes with umbrellas in them. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

## Russian Minority in Lithuania Express Feelings

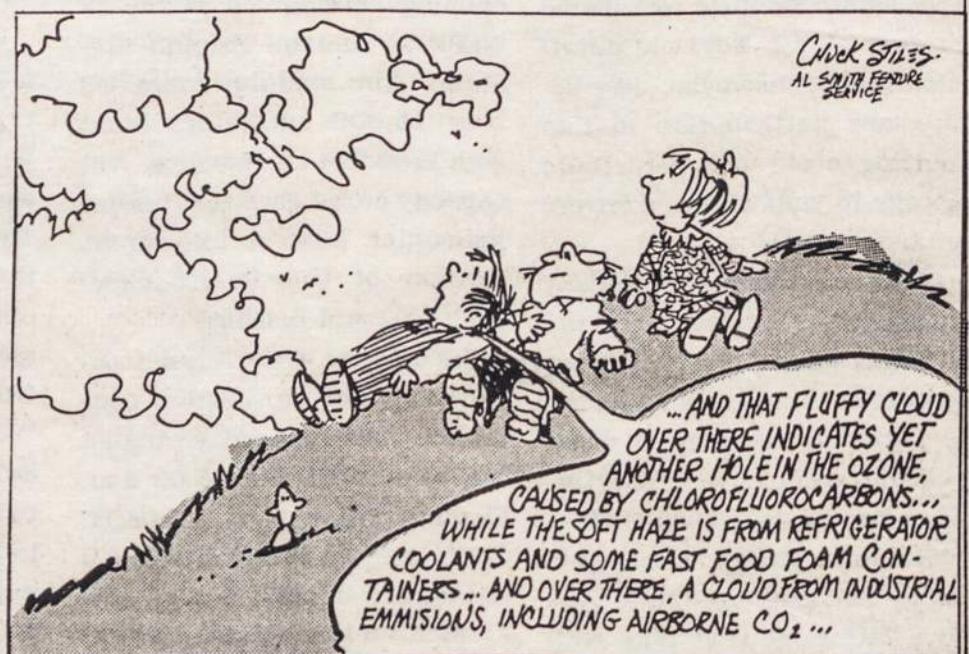
... Few Russians who live here want to Return to Russia. They believe they will be treated well by the Lithuanian Government, but cannot escape a sense of unease ... most agree that the average Lithuanian is tolerant and

free of true anti-Russian prejudice ...

Stephen Kinzer, "Atom Plant's Staff," an article on Russian settlers in the town of Snieckus, Lithuania. The New York Times, 9/2/91 (ELTA)

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## Jonas

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the thousands of spectators who gathered for our soccer games and the elaborate ceremonies performed before the games. On the well-maintained grass fields, we played valiantly but each game we learned the finer points of soccer as we lost all three games: Klaipeda Atlantias", 6-3; Kaunas, 4-1; and Siauliai, 5-2. I was fortunate to win the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award for my efforts during the second game against the team from Kaunas. The MVP award was a beautiful porcelain vase with the IV WLSF insignia.

On Saturday, August 3rd, the funeral for the seven customs officials murdered at Medininkai was held. Over 500,000 mourners gathered for the funeral procession for the seven fallen national heroes. The procession of seven wooden caskets meandered through the streets of Vilnius to their final resting place in Antakalnis cemetery.



KAUNAS - Jonas Vainius standing at the recently restored "Laisves Paminklas." (The Lithuanian version of the Statue of Liberty.)

There on a beautiful hillside within the shade of tall native fir trees, Lithuania's latest heroes were laid to rest next to the fallen heroes of January 13th, 1991, who had stood their ground against the onslaught of Russian tanks attacking Vilnius' Television and Radio transmission towers.

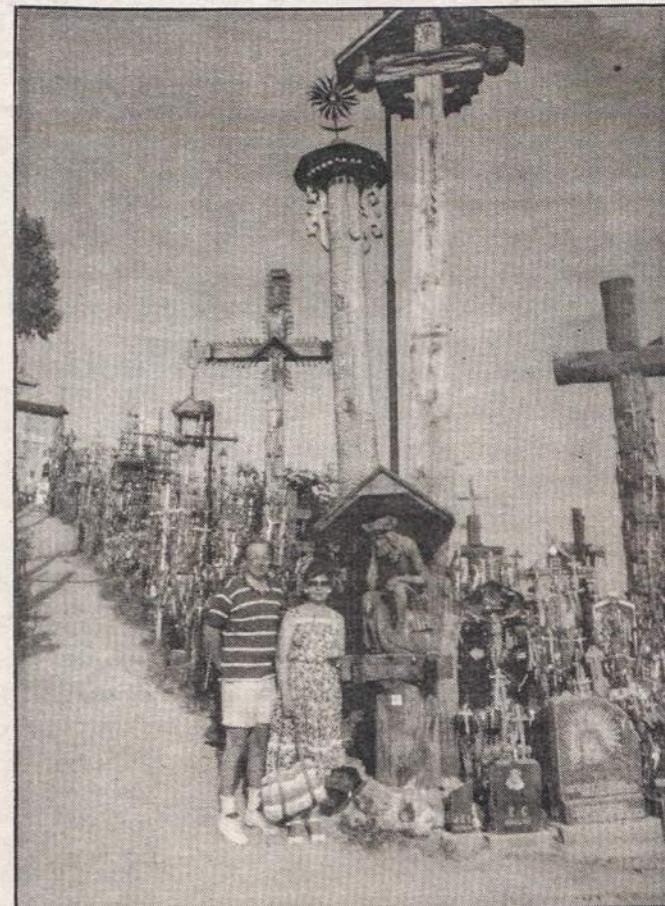
All the telegrams and letters I sent to U.S. Congressmen and Senators and my participation in demonstrations protesting Soviet tyranny and violence seemed so in vain. It was not despair, but the consciousness of reality. How ironic that at this time, President Bush, the leader of the world's democratic forces, was visiting the USSR Communist party's 1st Secretary, Mikhail Gorbachev in Moscow and was sipping champagne and exchanging pleasantries. Was this another historical appeasement in the making like the Chamberlain appeasement of Hitler during 1939 in Munich? God would only know.

The following day, Sunday, August 4th, the official closing ceremonies of the IV World Lithuanian Sports Festival took place at 10 p.m. in Vilnius' Kalnu Park (an outdoor amphitheater).

The closing ceremonies were an extraordinary spectacle. There were numerous different performances. The first performance depicted Lithuanian medieval warriors on horseback defending against German invaders. Subsequently, there were several dance troupes performing elaborate folk dances, followed by harmonious choruses accompanied by musicians playing Lithuanian musical instruments which rendered a medley of folk songs.

Brief speeches by Landsbergis, Vaisvila and others followed. The pageantry culminated with a fantastic fireworks display at 1 a.m.

My departure from Lithuania was a somber experience. I had felt at home. It was as if I belonged. I was one of them. But



SIAULIAI - AT KRYZIE KALNAS (Hill of Crosses) Jonas Vainius with his cousin Jovita, who spent over 10 years at a Siberian Concentration Camp.

why was I leaving? My parting farewell remarks were firm but reserved. My relatives had been victims of Stalin's violence. They had endured the Siberian concentration camps. It was only last year, 1990, when they were allowed to recover their fa-

ther's remains in Siberia and return him to his final rest in Lithuania. Now their fate and all of Lithuania's hung in the balance.

What would happen to them after I left? The Coup!

## State Department Seeks Lithuanian Interpreters

The U.S. Department of State is seeking individuals interested in serving as freelance Lithuanian interpreters. Promising applicants will be tested by the department. Successful candidates would serve primarily as escort-interpreters for distinguished Lithuanian visitors invited to the United States under the International Visitor Program. The average duration of such travel assignments is thirty days.

Applicants must have a strong command of Lithuanian and English, at least four years U.S. residence, working papers, and preferably a college degree.

For further information, you may call Ms. Erica Ginsberg collect at (202) 647-3493 or write to: Interpreting Division, Room 2212, Office of Language Services, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520-2204, ATTN: Ms. Erica Ginsberg

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15	160	400	800
25	220	550	1,100
35	320	800	1,600
45	470	1,175	2,350
60	804	2,010	4,020
70	1,100	2,750	5,500

\*All rates quoted are without waiver of premium.

## The Voice of America

...The Baltic peoples of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and their democratically-elected governments have declared their independence and are moving now to control their own national territories and their own destinies.

The United States is also prepared to do whatever it can to

assist in the completion of the current process of making Baltic independence a factual reality. To facilitate this, I will be sending the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Mr. Kamman, to the Baltics ...

(U.S. President George Bush,  
Press Conference, Kennebunkport, Maine, 9/2/91)

## \$500 Cash Award Added to Membership Drive

Could you use an extra \$500? How about a shiny new bike?

The Jolly Gentleman in the red suit stopped by the home office recently and offered a little something extra for our on-going membership drive.

In addition to the cash awards listed below, each person sponsoring a new member with a certificate of \$2000 or more will receive one chance for each new certificate approved.

These chances will be placed in a special drawing to be held at the 1992 Convention. The lucky person whose chance is drawn at the convention will receive \$500.00 cash!

As still another added incentive, on February 14, Valentine's Day, one lucky chance will be drawn from the approved new certificates in by that date and that Valentine Sweetheart will receive a shiny new boy's or girl's bicycle!

The Valentine winner's chance

will then be returned to the drawing box to be eligible for the Grand Prize Drawing of \$500.00 at the 1992 Convention!!!!

So, let's get rolling. Give that grandchild, son, daughter or other relative a Christmas gift that lasts a lifetime! Give them a certificate of insurance.

A \$2000 Single Premium certificate insuring a newborn baby for life costs just \$106, and you are not bothered with any monthly payments. You are the proud owner of a FULLY PAID-UP POLICY!

Santa and Cupid have added two additional incentives to get you really moving in this membership drive! First - the cash gifts listed below and then the added incentives from both Jolly Old St. Nick and Cupid!

Important notice: Application should be in by the end of January in order to have it approved by February 14, 1992, to be eligible for the bike.

- 1 New Member with \$2000 certificate receive a gift of ... \$25.00
- 2 New Members with \$2000 certificate receive a gift of ... \$50.00
- 3 New Members with \$2000 certificate receive a gift of ... \$75.00
- 4 New Members with \$2000 certificate receive a gift of ..\$100.00
- 5 New Members with \$2000 certificate receive a gift of ..\$125.00
- 6 New Members with \$2000 certificate receive a gift of ..\$150.00

#### APPLICATION REQUEST FORM

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

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Return form to:

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71-73 S. Washington Street  
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## Siluva Shrine Marks Silver Jubilee

It was a very special day for the many Lithuanians who gathered at the chapel of Our Lady of Siluva in Washington D.C.

They had come together to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the chapel which was ceremoniously consecrated on September 4, 1966.

The chapel is installed within the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at Washington, D.C.

The story of Our Lady of Siluva dates back to the 15th century when a local landlord built a Roman Catholic church of the Nativity of Mary.

In the 16th century during the reformation, a woman who had acquired the estate and town founded a school for the Calvinist teachers and ministers. During this time the holdings of the Catholic parish had been confiscated and the Catholics initiated court proceedings to regain their property.

An unusual event is said to have followed. According to the Encyclopedia Lituanica "Shepherd boys from a nearby village while grazing their flock on church lands saw a girl, with flowering hair, on a large rock, holding a child in her arms and sadly weeping ... One of the shepherds ran to the Calvinist catechist and told him what he had seen. The catechist approached the rock (and got up the courage to ask): "Girl, why are you weeping?" The girl answered "I am weeping because once, at this place, my son was worshipped, while now they plow and sow here." Having said this, she disappeared.

Four years following this event, a blind man claiming to know the whereabouts of a hidden trunk, led some searchers to the same rock where the Virgin is alleged to have appeared and the trunk was dug up.

Contained in the trunk was the church's founding deed, aiding the Catholic cause. Ten years later in 1622, the property was re-

turned to the Catholic people. Three years later, Rev. Jonas Kazakevicius built a small wooden church out of his own funds. In 1641, he rebuilt the church and, in 1760, construction was begun on a new brick church without destroying the old wooden structure. Construction lasted 25 years and at the time of consecration of the new church, the picture of the Holy Virgin was crowned with the crown of the chapter of St. Peter's in Rome (Sept. 8, 1786).

The famous Siluva devotions attracted up to 50,000 pilgrims annually and grew to 100,000 during the period of national independence (1918-1940). In 1975, Pope Paul VI granted the church of Siluva the title of Basilica Minor.

During the period of occupation, freedom of religion was suppressed and the number of visiting pilgrims diminished.

At the October 13, 1991 celebration in Washington D.C., His Excellency, The Most Reverend Sigitas Tamkevicius, S.J., Auxiliary Bishop of Kaunas, Lithuania was one of the homolists.

Included in the local residents attending the celebration was Alena Miskinis from the Home Office of LCA who supplied us with the photos.



Among those in attendance at the celebration was Mr. Joseph B. Laucka, former vice-President of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance.



Taking part in the ceremonies at the Siluva chapel are His Excellency, the Most Rev. Paultus Baltakis, Bishop for Lithuanians outside Lithuania on left and His Excellency, The Most Rev. Sigitas Tamkevicius, S.J., Auxiliary Bishop of Kaunas, Lithuania.

## Baltic Reactions to Soviet Recognition of Independence

In a statement issued on September 6, following the Soviet State Council's recognition of the Baltic states, Lithuanian President Vytautas Landsbergis issued a statement, noting that his country had not asked for recognition, but to "discontinue the annexation." He acknowledge, however, that the decision to recognize the Baltic states was

"a positive and gratifying factor in all respects, not only for Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, but for the Soviet Union itself and the entire world community."

Relations with the Soviet Union, Landsbergis said, would be considered "when it becomes clear as to what the Soviet Union actually is."

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## Lithuania - A Nuclear-Free State

President Vytautas Landsbergis revealed at a press conference on August 25 that he had frequent telephone conversations with Boris Yeltsin during the previous days. The President of the Republic of Russia told him that all the nuclear weapons

that had been stored in Lithuania had been removed. Landsbergis said that he believed Yeltsin and thought that progress was being made in making Lithuania part of a Baltic nuclear-free zone.

## Supreme Committee for Liberation of Lithuania Holds Official Closing

The Supreme Committee for the Liberation of Lithuania officially closed its doors with a special three-day celebration in Chicago.



*President Dr. Kazys Bobelis addressed the gathering at the closing banquet.*

The Committee was formed November 25, 1943, when existing Lithuanian organizations met in secret session to join forces by creating a common organization known as Vlikas, or the Supreme Committee for the Liberation of Lithuania.

Moving its headquarters from Lithuania to the United States in 1944, Vlikas had as its principal task the liberation of Lithuania from Soviet Russian occupation.

The dissemination of information on the situation in occupied Lithuania was its major effort, and it began publishing ELTA bulletins in Lithuanian, English and other languages, and operated daily broadcasts over the Vatican, Madrid and Manila radio stations.

Now that Lithuania has regained her freedom, the committee has served its purpose and joyfully celebrated its closing.

A symbolic closing will take place in Lithuania in the spring of 1992.

### TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE DISHES (Kuciui Stalas)

The Christmas Eve table is set as follows:

A layer of clean hay is placed on the table. This is followed by a white tablecloth and the best dishes. There are no other decorations, flowers or others.

The cold dishes are placed on the table. The hot ones are served later on in the meal. In the middle of the table on a white napkin stands a dish with the Christmas wafer.

The Christmas Eve dishes, as listed in the Lithuanian Cookery:

1. Wafer
2. A Glass of Wine or other not too potent drink Pg.
3. A Mixture of Peas and Wheat
4. Oatmeal Pudding.....190
5. Herring with Vegetables.....51
6. Beet Soup with Little Ears.....324
7. Pike in Aspic.....142
8. Tomatoes Stuffed with Mushrooms.....44
9. Poppy Seed Milk.....226
10. Cranberry Pudding.....188
11. Dried Fruit Compote.....186
12. Various Fruit and Nuts

(From LITHUANIAN COOKERY, compiled by Izabele Sinkevičiute)



*Some of the dignitaries at the closing banquet are pictured above, seated from the left: D. Bobeliene; Lithuanian Ambassador to the United Nations, A. Simutis; D. Lozoraitiene; Lithuanian Ambassador to Washington, DC, S. Lozoraitis; A. Kletziene; Lithuanian General Consul in Chicago, V. Kleiza; and B. Pukeleviciute, who gave a reading of poetry.*

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### New Members Welcomed

Judith Anne Powell, Swoyersville, PA to Lodge 28.

Melissa Ann Kozerski, Vallejo, CA to Lodge 212.

Bernard J. Rakauskas, Jr., Scranton, PA to Lodge 155.

Olivia Mack Anderson, Mahwah, NJ to Lodge 222.

### Postal Notice for Baltic Mail

Letters and packages to Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia are no longer to be addressed to the USSR, according to US Marketing & Customer Service Group as per Postal Bulletin 1991, Oct. 17 (page 8). Mail addressed to USSR will only delay delivery through Moscow.

Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia are no longer to be listed in the International Mail Manual under USSR, but under the names of the individual countries.



## Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Kazickas Wed 50 Years



Pictured from left: Mrs. Ale Kazickas, Dr. Joseph Kazickas, Bishop Paul Baltakis, Janina Simutis, Alexander Vakselis and Lithuanian Ambassador to the United States, Anicetas Simutis.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Kazickas recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

They were married in St. Michael's Church in Vilnius, Lithuania, and planned on celebrating their anniversary there. However, their plans had to be changed because of the unrest in Lithuania at that time.

The celebration took place at their summer residence in Easthampton, NY.

Bishop Paul Baltakis and Msgr. V. Balciunas conducted the services.

An evening reception was held at the Easthampton Country Club. The program consisted of

comments from all children and their spouses, closing with a talk from Dr. Kazickas.

Very active in Lithuanian causes, the Kazickas's contributed \$10,000 to the Lithuanian Fund when it was begun, and daughter Jurate gave another \$5000. They continue their dedication to Lithuanian causes, wining, dining and transporting many American politicians, business people and lawyers which involve considerable time and expense.

Dr. Kazickas has close ties with Vytautas Landsbergis and other officials.

Dr. Kazickas is a member of Lodge 222.

## FROM OUR MAILBAG

In response to our appeal to hear from members out in the field, our first letter came from Cleveland, Ohio. Three cheers for OHIO!!

William Shepard is a paid-up member of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance and keeps in touch through his monthly copy of the GARSAS.

Mr. Shepard says he was born Vincas Seporaitis in 1903 in Wilkes-Barre and attended Holy Trinity Church on East South Street. He was an altar boy under Father Supshinskas and also Father Ben Paukstis.

In 1920 the family moved to

Cleveland, Ohio. Their last residence in Wilkes-Barre was on New Grove Street.

On November 12, Mr. Shepard celebrated his 88th birthday. He says he is in good health, still driving and getting along just fine.

There must be some friends in the neighborhood of Holy Trinity parish and New Grove Street that remember William Shepard (Vincas Seporaitis). A birthday card would be greatly appreciated at 697 E. 160th St., Cleveland, OH 44110

Happy Birthday, Mr. Shepard!

## Father Alisauskas Receives McCloskey Award



Father Peter Alisauskas, pastor emeritus of the Church of St. Casimir, Pittston, was recently honored as the recipient of the 16th annual John Cardinal McCloskey Award, sponsored by the Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary National Alumni Association. The award is named after Cardinal McCloskey, fifth bishop of New York, America's first native-born cardinal and a Mount St. Mary's Alumnus. Pictured above, Father Alisauskas, honored for his outstanding service to the mission of the Church (center) is flanked on the left by Fr. Philip Lowery, National Alumni Council and Msgr. Kenneth Roeltgen, seminary rector. Joining in the ceremony were priests of the Scranton Diocese and friends of the honoree.

## Montvilles Wed 44 Years



Mr. and Mrs. Adam Montville, Sr., 20 Stark Street, Pittston, PA, celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary on October 25. They were married in St. Casimir's Church, Pittston, by the late Rev. George Tribendis. Mrs. Montville is the former Rose Mary Petrosky.

The couple has three children: Mrs. William Ramiza, Havelock, NC; Adam, Jr., Pittston; and William George, at home. They also have three granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

A family dinner marked the occasion.

Mr. Montville is a member of Lodge 7.

## VYRIAUSIOJO LIETUVOS IŠLAISVINIMO KOMITETO ATSIŠAUKIMAS

Vyriausiojo Lietuvos Išlaisvinimo Komiteto istorinis seimas, įvykęs Chicagoje 1991 m. lapkričio 1-3 dienomis, oficialiai užskleidė VLIKO — Lietuvos laisvinimo, nepriklausomybės atstatymo ir politinių lietuvių tautos interesų atstovavimo — lapą.

Lietuva laisva — suvereninė valstybė, pasaulio valstybių, tarptautinių konferencijų ir sąjungų pripažinta, kurianti savo politinį, socialinį, kultūrinį, tautinį ir ekonominį atstatymą.

VLIKO atsišaukime į lietuvius, išleistame Vilniuje, 1944 m. liepos 2 d., sakoma: "Vyriausiasis Lietuvos Išlaisvinimo Komitetas per savo padalinius bei lietuvių politines ir kovos organizacijas ir toliau vadovaus lietuvių tautai kaip vyriausias lietuvių visuomenės politinis organas tol, kol nebus sudaryti laisvos ir nepriklausomos demokratinės Lietuvos suvereniniai organai".

VLIKui suteiktasis lietuvių tautos mandatas ir įpareigojimas dirbti, kovoti, siekti pilno, teisino, diplomatino Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atstatymo ir pripažinimo yra pasiektas, ir

VLIKO veikla yra baigama. Keletasdešimt aštuonerių (48) metų sunki, skausminga, pilna kančių ir aukų laisvės kova laimėta ir bendromis viso pasaulio lietuvių jėgomis ir pastangomis apvainikuota Lietuvos laisvės vainiku.

Vyriausiojo Lietuvos Išlaisvinimo Komiteto delegacijos pasitarimai su Lietuvos Respublikos Vyriausybė Vilniuje, ir 1991 m. rugsėjo 20 d. Lietuvos Respublikos ministro pirmininko G. Vagnoriaus ir VLKO pirmininko dr. K. Bobelio pasirašytas protokolas, liečiantis VLKO veiklos sustabdymą, priimtas dėmesin ir patvirtintas Chicagos seimo delegatų.

VLIKO valdyba įgaliota atliki visus VLKO veiklos užbaigiamuosius darbus: administracinius, Tautos Fondo veiklos testinumo, VLKO archyvų, inventariaus, finansų ir įstaigos perdavimą Lietuvos Respublikos Vyriausybėi. Visi šie uždaviniai turi būti atliki ligi 1992 m. liepos 1 dienos.

VLIKO valdyba, pildydama seimo delegatų pageidavimus,

perduoda sekantius pasiūlymus Lietuvos Respublikos Aukščiausiajai Tarybai ir Vyriausybei:

1. Lietuvos pilietybės klausimas yra sukėlęs didelį nerimą ir nepasitenkinimą išeivijos lietuvių tarpe. Vyriausiasis Lietuvos Išlaisvinimo Komitetas prašo, kad Lietuvos Respublikos Aukščiausioji Taryba ir Vyriausybė šį klausimą išspręstų kaip galima greičiau ir siūlo: "kad visi lietuvių kilmės Lietuvos Respublikos piliečiai ir jų vaikai, buvę Lietuvos Respublikos piliečiais 1940 m. birželio 15 d., tebéra Lietuvos Respublikos piliečiai".

2. Pravesti artimiausių laiku debolševikijos įstatymą, siekiant sumažinti esamą visuomenės susiskaldymą.

3. Pakvesti Helsinkio (Europos Saugumo ir Bendradarbiavimo) baigiamojo akto konferencijos delegaciją atvykti į Lietuvą ir patikrinti lenkų ir kitų tautybų daromus nepagrūstus kaltinimus lietuvių tautai.

4. Paskatinti ir paremti politinių-ideologinių partijų greitesnį atsikūrimą, kas padėtų Lietuvai greičiau įsijungti į Europos Parlamentą ir Europos Ekonominę bendriją.

5. Išvystyti artimesnį ir atvirusnį Lietuvos Respublikos

Valdžios įstaigų ir išeivijos organizacijų bendradarbiavimą.

6. Sąlygom leidžiant, sušaukti VLKO simbolinį uždaromąjį posėdį Vilniuje 1992 m. pavasarį.

Vyriausiasis Lietuvos Išlaisvinimo Komitetas nuoširdžiai dekoja visiems lietuviams, taip stipriai rēmuojant Lietuvos laisvės kovą per tuos ilgus 48 veiklos metus.

Vyriausiasis Lietuvos Išlaisvinimo Komitetas sveikina Lietuvos Respublikos Aukščiausiąją Tarybą, Vyriausybę ir visus piliečius su Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atsikūrimu ir, baigdamas savo darbą, kviečia visus įsijungti į vieningą, gerai išmąstytą, tolerantišką, vieni kitų teises ir nuomonės gerbiantį darbą Lietuvos ekonominiam, tautiniam, socialiniam, kultūriniam ir politiniui atstatymui.

**Vyriausiasis Lietuvos  
Išlaisvinimo Komitetas  
(Elta)**

Padėkos diena rugsėjo 8 ypač iškilmingai buvo švenčiama Šiluvoje, dalyvaujant kardinolui Vincentui Sladkevičiui ir prezidentui Vytautui Landsbergiui. Kardinolas ir prezidentas pasirašė Lietuvos pasiaukojimo Ne-kaltosios Mergelės Marijos Širdžiai aktą. Šventė paminėta taip pat ir Vilniuje bei daugelyje Lietuvos miestų ir miestelių.

## JAV KONGRESAS REIKALAUJA SOVIETŲ DALINIŲ IŠVEDIMO

Spalio 31 d. Kongresas priėmė įstatymą dėl technologijos eksporto į Sovietų Sąjungą. Tačiau prieš priimant tą įstatymą, du kongresmenai pateikė papildymus. Vienas papildymas yra kongresmano Richard J. Durbin (D-IL). Tasai kongresmanas pridėjo sąlygą, kad Sovietų kariuomenė būtų greit išvesta iš Pabaltijo valstybių.

Kitas papildymas buvo kongresmano McEven (R-OH). Jisai nurodo, kad eksportas leidžiamas centrinei valdžiai ar kuriai nors sovietinei respublikai, kurios vyriausybė yra laisvai išrinkta ir kuri sustabdė savo paramą Kubai, Vietnamui, Angolai ir Šiaurės Korėjai bei sumažino savo ginklavimosi biudžetą 15 ar mažiau procentu.

Kongresmanas Durbin savo papildymą suredagavo po susitikimo su Lietuvos Aukščiausiosios Tarybos vicepirmininku Česlovu Stankevičium, kuris jam pareiškės susirūpinimą dėl sovietinių pajėgų buvimo Pabaltijo valstybėse.

Kongresmanas pasakė, kad pastaraisiais mėnesiais Pabaltijo tautos padariusios didelę pažangą kelyje į demokratiją, bet jos nebus visiškai laisvos, ligi sovietinių dalinių nebus išvesti iš jų teritorijos. Toliau jis aiškino, kad Gorbačiovas pripažino tų valstybių nepriklausomybę, bet kariuomenė dar vistiek pasiliuki. Jis pabrėžė, kad tasai įstatymo papildymas rodo, jog Kongresas yra įsipareigojęs Pabaltijo valstybių nepriklausomybę atvesti iki pilnumos.



Lietuvos premjeras Gediminas Vagnorius su žmona atvyksta į Vliko seimo posėdžius Chicagos Jaunimo Centre lapkričio 2 d. Nuotr. Edvardo Šulaičio

## LIETUVOS ATSTOVAS KALBA JUNGtinėse TAUTOSE

Jei prieš porą mėnesių kas nors būtų pasakęs, kad Sovietai pripažins Pabaltijo valstybes, kad jos tučtuojau bus priimtos į Jungtinę Tautą, kad už tai ir Sovietai balsuos, kad mūsų generalinis konsulas New Yorke taps Lietuvos ambasadorium ir kalbės Jungtinėse Tautose, tasai žmogus būtų buvęs apšauktas nenormaliu.

Sunku net išivaizduoti, kad tai galėjo įvykti ir net taip greitai ir kad esame istorinių įvykių liudininkai.

Gerokai prieš savaitę JT biuleteniuose buvo paskelbta, kad spalio 9 JT sesijos priešpietiniam posėdyje yra skirtas laikas Lietuvos atstovo kalbai. Jos atstovas buvo paskutinysis kalbėtojas tame posėdyje, apytikriai apie pusę pirmos prieš išsiskirstant pietų pertraukai.

Paprastai prie valstybės vardo esti nurodomas ir asmuo, kuris kalbės, bet prie "Lithuania" nieko nebuvo, tai ilgai spėliojoje, kas bus tasai kalbėtojas. Pasirodė, kad ambasadörius Anicetas Simutis. Kiti buvo bemanę,

kad gali atvykti bent užsienio reikalų ministras.

### Kalba Anicetas Simutis

Ambasadoriaus Aniceto Simučio kalba prasidėjo maždaug iš anksto numatytu laiku ir užsišė per 20 minučių. Jis kalbėjo angliskai ir gvildeno įvairius Lietuvos ir tarptautinio masto klausimus.

Pasveikinės Generalinės Asamblejos prezidentą ir Gen. Sekretorių, jis padėkojo kraštams, padėjusiems Lietuvai einant sunkiu nepriklausomybės keliu. Išskirtinai jis paminėjo Islandiją ir Skandinavijos kaimynus, sakydamas, kad Lietuva vienat minis juos už jų drąsą ir išvermingumą.

Pateikės istorinių bruožų apie Lietuvą senovėje, jis priėjo prie Lietuvos valstybės atsikūrimo 1918 m. vasario 16, nepriklausomybės gyvenimo, stalininės okupacijos bei jos pasekmų. Iškėlė 1988 m. gimusį Lietuvos atgimimą bei Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atstatymą 1990 m. kovo 11. Priminė ir šių metų sau-

sio 13 žudynes prie TV bokšto ir Sovietų pastangas nuversti demokratinę Lietuvos valdžią. Jis taip pat paliečia ir Sovietų komunistinių jėgų subyréjimą, pabrėždamas, kad jo pradžia buvo Pabaltijo kraštuose.

Kalbėdamas apie dabartinę Lietuvos padėtį, jis iškėlė daug problemų ekonominėj, taip pat gamtos taršos srityje, kur Lietuva laukia patarimų ir pagalbos per JT sistemą.

### Dėl taikos ir tautų apsisprendimo

Toliau jis dėstė Lietuvos poziciją dėl taikos ir tautų apsisprendimo. Pabrėžė, kad Lietuva neturinti jokių kivirčų su kaimyniniais kraštais ir norinti su visais gyventi taikingai. Čia jis taip pat pareiškė, jog Lietuvos vyriausybė reikalauja, kad Sovietų kariiniai daliniai būtų išvesti iš Lietuvos. Svetimos kariuomenės buvimas Lietuvoje yra nelegalus, neparemtas jokiom sutartim.

Jis pabrėžė, kad Lietuva džiaugiasi JAV ir Sovietų pažadais sumažinti esamų atominių ginklų skaičių, bet kartu yra susirūpinusi, kad jie nepatektų į kitus kraštus. Manoma, kad Sovietų

daliniai Lietuvos jų neturi. Bet jei jų turėtų, yra būtina, kad jie būtų tučtuojau išvežti iš Lietuvos teritorijos. Lietuva taip pat remia atominių ginklų draudžiamos zonas praplėtimą nuo šiaurinių kraštų iki Juodosios jūros.

Dėl žmogaus teisių jis pabrėžė, kad Lietuva kuria daugpartinę valstybę, kuri užtikrintų visų piliečių teises ir laisves. Lietuva remia žmogaus teisių paisymo stebėjimą tarptautiniu mastu ir didesnį tarptautinį koordinavimą pasaulinių krizių atveju. Naujojo Pasaulio tvarkos idėja, apie kurią daug kas kalbėjo, esanti idėja, duodanti vilties visoms tautomis ir žmonėms, pavargusiems nuo senyju

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## LIETUVA — HELSINKIO BENDRIJOS NARĖ

Lietuvos Informacijos Centras pranešė, kad Lietuvos Aukščiausiosios Tarybos pirmininkas V. Landsbergis, viešėdamas Suomijoje Helsinkio Baigiamojo akto pasirašymo iškilmėse, spalio 15 d., paskelbė šį pareiškimą:

"Lietuva šiandien prisijungė kaip pilnateisė signatarė prie Helsinkio konferencijos Baigiamojo akto. Iš tikrujų, tas vadinas Baigiamasis aktas, kurį pasiraše Europos valstybės 1975 m., buvo ne baigiamasis, o pradžios aktas. Jis pradėjo vadinančių Helsinkio procesą, į kurį Lietuva priimta jau šių metų rugsėjo 4 d., o dabar vėl paradoksaliai eina atgal, į proceso pradžią.

Esame tartum nuo pradžios jame dalyvavę. Iš tikrujų, Lietuva dalyvavo Helsinkio procese, ir sąžinės laisvės kovotojų veiksmi, ir Sajūdžio veikla ir kova, ir nuo praėjusių metų kovo 11 d. — daugeliu atvejų Lietuva išreiškia tai, kas buvo pažadėta Helsinkio konferencijos Baigiamame akte ir ką vis dėlto reikėjo išsikovoti net ir žmonių gyvybių aukomis.

Dabar įsipareigojame ir vykdysime tuos įsipareigojimus, kurių užfiksuoja Helsinkio konferencijos ir Helsinkio proceso dokumentuose. Tai labai svarbus etapas mums tampant visapusiai ir oficialiai Helsinkio bendrijos nariais".



Vaizdas iš VLKO baigamojo seimo Chicagoje lapkričio 1 - 3 dienomis. Iš k.: Lietuvos ambasadörius Jungtinėse Tautose Anicetas Simutis, Lietuvos ambasadörius JAV Stasys Lozoraitis, Lietuvos premjeras Gediminas Vagnorius, VLKO pirmininkas dr. Kazys Bobelis. Nuotr. Edvardo Šulaičio

# LIETUVOS DU MĒNESIAI JUNGTINĒSE TAUOSE

**Jungtinės Tautos.** — Netrukus bus du mēnesiai, kai Lietuva kartu su savo kaimynėmis Latvija ir Estija priimtos į šią tarptautinę organizaciją. Jau praėjo tos džiaugsmo valando, kai visuotinis lietuvių susijaudinimas lydėjo ir jų priėmimą, ir vėliau iškėlimą, ir pirmąsias Pabaltijo valstybių ambasadorių kalbas Generalinės Asamblėjos pilnatiessesijoje. Visuose tuose įvykiuose dalyvavo ir nemažai New Yorko lietuvių, nekalbant jau apie lietuvius žurnalistus, akredituotus prie JT.

Po bendrujų diskusijų Asamblėjoje, prasidėjęs darbas paskiruose komitetuose "prirkino" naujujų valstybių delegatus prie kėdės — reikia sėdėti ir rytiniose ir popietiniuose posėdžiuose ir domėtis bei stebeti, kas kuriame komitete svarstoma. Apie pora šimtų darbotarkės punktų buvo sesijos darbotvarkėje, ir jie visi (išskyrus mažą skaičių, kurie bus sprendžiami Asamblėjos pilnatiessesijoje) pavesti atitinkamiems komitetams, kurių yra net septyni. Jie skirstosi pagal politinius, ekonominius, socialinius ir kultūrinius, finansų ir teisinius klausimus.

## Darbų krūvis

Jei visų valstybių delegacijos skundžiasi esančios darbu apsikrovusios, tai ką kalbėti apie

Pabaltijo valstybes, kurios čia žengia pirmuosius savo žingsnius ir dar neturi sukompaktuoto personalo.

Prie posėdžių dar prisideda ir įvairūs pabendravimai, kurie čia vadinami priėmimais, tai yra, diplomato tarpusavio susitikimai, susipažstant ar aptariant kokius nors specifinius klausimus. Aną savaitę Kultūros Židinyje įvykusiame Lietuvą katalikių moterų renginyje apsilankės Lietuvos ambasadorius Jungtinėse Tautose Anicetas Simutis su poniu, publikos prašomas, trumpai papasakojo apie savo užimtumą sesijos darbuose. Papasakojo ir apie tai, kaip jis sukas JT veikloje su mažu personalu, ir kaip darbo atsirado ir jo žmonai Janinai, kuri dalyvauja Jungtinė Tautų misijų ambasadorių žmonų veikloje.

## Dalyvauja ir New Yorko lietuvių renginiuose

Ambasadorius Simutis, kuris visą laiką lankydavosi New Yorko lietuvių renginiuose, atvyksta į juos ir dabar, nors ir būdamas labai užimtas. Jis dabar dar rūpinasi ir konsulato reikalais. Aną kartą, kai Kultūros Židinyje lankėsi Lietuvos vicepremijero Vytauto Pakalniškio vadovaujamoji delegacija, jis, nelyginant atspėdamas daugelio susirinkusių mintį, paklausė, kaip gali bus su dviguba pilietine, ar lietuviai

JAV piliečiai gaus Lietuvos pilietybę. Jis nusiminė su visais kitais, kai atsakymas buvo, kad greičiausia "NE", ar "Dar galutinai neaišku. Klausimas dar nebaigtas".

Kad Lietuva jau Jungtinėse Tautose, matyti ne tik iš lauko, kur priešais Generalinės Asamblėjos rūmus plevėsuoją trispalvę tarp 166 vėliau, bet ir viduje — JT dokumentuose ir leidiniuose.

## Lietuva oficialiuose sąrašuose

Štai spalio pradžioje išleista Jungtinė Tautų leidinyje *Permanent Missions to the United Nations*, No. 269, Lietuva jau įtraukta į bendrą sąrašą alfabetiškai taip, kaip ir Estija bei Latvija. To leidinio oficialus kodas ST/SER.A/269, jo išleista 8,125 egz.

Lietuvos delegacijoje yra šie asmenys: H. E. Mr. Anicetas Simutis, Ambassador Extraordina-

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tironijų ir nepasitikintiems senaja retorika.

## Džiaugiasi ir viliasi

Amb. Simutis savo kalbą baigė šiai žodžiais:

"Baigdamas, aš dar kartą noriu pareikšti mūsų krašto džiaugsmą už gautą šiltą priėmimą iš šios pasaulinės organizacijos ir iš žmonių visur. Mes nekantriai laukiam galimybę dalyvauti saugios ateities mūsų vaikams kūrime. Ir tikimės ilgamečio konstruktyvaus bendradarbiavimo Jungtinėse Tautose, kur žmonijos viltys yra paremtos tai-

kinga ir teisinga pasaulio tvarka".

Amb. Simučio kalba buvo palydėta gausiais plojimais. Užkulyse sugužėjo per 20 įvairių kraštų ambasadorių, jų tarpe ir Sovietų ambasadorius Julius M. Voroncovas, pasveikinti mūsų ambasadorių už jo kalbą.

## Kredencialų įteikimas

Officialiu Lietuvos atstovu ambasadorius Simutis tapo spalio 8 d. 1:15 val.

Iškilmingos kredencialų įteikimo ceremonijos metu, JT Generalinio sekretoriaus priėmimų kambario, amb. Simutis perdavė Lietuvos žmonių ir Lietuvos Respublikos Aukščiausiosios Tarybos pirmininko Vytauto Landsbergio linkėjimus. Generalinis Sekretorius Javier Perez de Cuellar pasveikino amb. Simutį, pavadindamas Lietuvos sugrįžimą pasaulio tautų šeimą "istoriniu momentu".

Gen. Sekretorių domino tarp Lietuvos ir Sovietų Sąjungos derybų eiga ir rezultatai. Po trumpo pasikalbėjimo, Generalinis Sekretorius pakvietė šampano tostui, linkėdamas kuo geriausios sėkmės naujai JT narei, žengiančiai tokius atsakingus istorinius žingsnius.

Amb. A. Simučio palydovais šioje ceremonijoje buvo Lietuvos užsienio reikalų ministro paduotojas Gediminas Šerkšnys ir misijos pareigūnas Darius Sužiedėlis.



Lietuvos Respublikos gynybos ministeris A. Butkevičius prie televizijos bokšto. Nuotr. Viktoro Kapočiaus

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ry and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative to the United Nations; H. E. Mr. Stasys Lozoraitis, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations; Algimantas Gureckas, Counsellor; Darius Sužiedėlis, Counsellor; Ms. Gintė Damušis, Counsellor; Dr. Benediktas Mačiuika, Counsellor; Mrs. Daiva Kezys, Attaché. Prie Simučio, Lozoraičio ir Gurecko pavardžių dar pridėta ir Mrs., nes sąraše nurodoma, kad tie vyrai su žmonomis.

Toliau tame sąraše, kuris užima visą puslapij (5x8) įrašyta Lietuvos JT misijos adresas (tikrovėje — tai Lietuvos Gen. Konsulato), telefonas, telefaxas ir tautinė šventė — Vasario 16.

Kitame sąraše, kuriame nurodymuose delegacijų nariai 46-ajai sesijai, be jau minėtų pavardžių, pirmoje eilėje įrašytas Lietuvos Aukščiausiosios Tarybos pirmyninkas Vytautas Landsbergis, kuris, jei dalyvauja, yra *ex officio* delegacijos pirmininku; užsienio reikalų ministras Algirdas Saudargas, jo pavaduotojas Gediminas Šerkšnys; Aukščiausiosios Tarybos užsienio reikalų komisijos pirm. Emanuelis Zingeris ir informacijos pareigūnas Viktoras Nakas.

## JAV VYSKUPŲ KONFERENCIJA SVEIKINA LIETUVIUS

JAV Katalikų ir Vyskupų Konferencijos (USCC) atstovai pasveikino Lietuvos kardinolą Vincentą Sladkevičių ir Lietuvos Katalikų Religinės Šalpos reikalų vedėją kun. Kazimierą Pugevičių su Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atstatymu, praneša Lietuvos Informacijos Centras.

USCC preidentas arkivyskupas Daniel Pilarczyk kardinolui Sladkevičiui rašo, "...Mes džiaugiamės praeitos savaitės dramatiškais įvykiiais. Tai, kas daugiau kaip prieš penkius dešimtmečius buvo lyg tolima svajonė, dabar tapo realybė: Lietuvos nepriklausomybė. ...Mes kartu su Jumis meldžiamės, kad Bažnyčia

### Lietuva diplomatu spaudoje

Apie Lietuvos buvimą Jungtinėse Tautose jau buvo rašyta išeinančio *The Diplomatic World and Delegates World Bulletin* laidose: Rugsėjo 20-spalio 7 ir spalio 7-21. Pirmoje laidose jėdėta nuotraukų iš Pabaltijo valstybių vėliavų pakėlimo ir delegacijų Generalinės Asamblejos salėje, o antrojoje — atspausdinėtos visų trijų Pabaltijo valstybių ambasadorių JT biografijos su jų portretais. Taip pat jėdėta ir visų trijų valstybių prezidentų: Vytauto Landsbergio, Arnold Ruutel, Anatolijs Gorbunov nuotrauka, kai jie tarpusavyje kalbėjosi prieš prasidedant jų spaudos konferencijai rugsėjo 17 d.

Salomėja Narkeliūnaitė

## Iš Lietuvos ir apie Lietuvą

Vilniaus radijas pranešė, kad kai kurie jėjimo takai į Lietuvos Aukščiausiosios Tarybos rūmus yra užminuoti. Krašto apsaugos departamento specialistai sprogménis įtaisė po žeme pirmosios Sovietų pučo dienomis rugpjūčio mén. Tada buvo manysta, kad Sovietai gali pulti par-



Atremontuotos Trakų pilies kiemai ir su dar nepastatytais tiltais, kurie jungia įvairius pastatus. Nuotr. Frances Vaškūtės

lamentą. Siuo metu minos pavojus nesudaro, nes laukas, užminuotas distancinio valdymo sprogmenimis, esas atjungtas. Jėjimą į Parlamentą iki šiol vis dar saugo barikados, grioviai ir įvairios kliūties. Šios apsaugos teisinamos tuo, kad Lietuvoje dar vis yra apie 80,000 Raudonosios armijos karių.

— Ignalinos atominėje elektros stotyje dirba apie 4,000 iš Sovietijos atvykusiu asmenų. Apie 600 jų ruošiasi grįžti į savo kraštus. Jų vietas nesunkiai užims tam pasiruošę lietuvių pariegnūnai.

Lietuvos sveikatos apsaugos ministerijai perduota TSRS sau-gumo komiteto ligoninė ir poliklinika Vilniuje, sanatorija "Palanga", poilsio namai "Vilija" Palangoje, pasienio kariuomenės Klaipėdos užkardos pionierių stovykla.

— Vincas Balicką, iki šiol Lietuvos Charge d'Affaires Londonie, Lietuvos Respublikos Aukščiausiosios Tarybos prezidiu-mas spalio 23 d. patvirtino nepaprastuoju ir įgaliojotuoju ambasoriumi prie St. James's Court.

— Kontrolės poste, įvažiuojant į Neringą, iš užsieniečių įmamas vokiečių septynių marķių mokesčis už automobilį.

— Šimtas jaunuolių, sėkmingai išlaikiusių stojamuosius egzaminus ir priimtų į Lietuvos valstybinio kūno kultūros instituto trenerių fakultetą, šiemet pirmąsyk už vienerius mokslo metus turės mokėti po tūkstantį rublių.

— Narcizą Prielaidą, Šveicarijos Lietuvij Bendruomenės pirmininką, Lietuvos Respublikos ministras pirmininkas G. Vagnorius paskyrė Lietuvos atstovu specializuotose Jungtinių Tautų agentūrose, turinčiose savo būstines Genevoje. Prielaida įgaliojimus įteikė Tarptautinei Darbo Organizacijai, Tarptautinei Pašto Sąjungai ir Tarptautinei Telekomunikacijos Organizacijai, į kurias Lietuva jau priimta tikraja nare. Taip pat užmegztį ryšiai dėl įstojimo į Tarptautinę Sveikatos, Meteorologijos ir Patentų organizacijas.

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6543 S. Washtenaw Ave.

Chicago, IL 60629

Died: October 23, 1991

Buried: October 26, 1991

St. Casimir's Cemetery

Chicago, IL

SOROKA, Sylvester Lodge 1

31 Penn Street

Kingston, PA 18704

Died: November 25, 1991

Buried: November 27, 1991

St. Mary's Annunciation

Cemetery

Pringle, PA

DRASSUTH, Agnes Lodge 62

2921 S. 17th St.

Sheboygan, WI 53081

Died: September 9, 1991

Mrs. Drassuth was 98 years old.

**Former Director Bronius Bobelis Dies**

Bronius Bobelis, elected as Director at the 64th Convention in Waterbury, CT in 1969, passed away November 8, 1991.

Mr. Bobelis served as Director from his election in 1969 to 1981.

He also served for many years as Secretary of Lodges 115 and 135 in Brooklyn, NY. He resigned in October of 1988 due to ill health.

He was buried November 11, 1991 at Wiltwyck Cemetery, Kingston, NY.

SIMOKAITIS, Constance,

Lodge 82

3536 Humphrey

St. Louis, MO 63118

Died: October 2, 1991

Buried: October 5, 1991

Calvary Cemetery

St. Louis, MO

Mrs. Simokaitis was the mother of 6 boys and two girls. She also had four sisters and two brothers. One sister and both brothers preceded her in death.

**Dedicated Lithuanians Helped Free the Republic**President George Bush  
White House  
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

This letter is addressed to you, Mr. President, as an appeal to help Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia regain their independence.

I myself am of Lithuanian descent. Mother and Dad came to this country from Lithuania at the turn of the century. Economic conditions were really rough, but they were grateful for the most wonderful gift of freedom in this country and the opportunity to forge ahead in life if one is willing to work hard.

All Lithuanians rejoiced when after World War I independence was restored to Lithuania after 120 years of Russian subjugation. During her 22 years of independence (1918-1940) Lithuania made great strides of progress in the economic, social, and scientific fields and also in the fields of education and culture.

In 1939, the Soviet Union and Germany signed a non-aggression pact and with it a despicable secret agreement that Germany would take over Poland and the Soviet Union would annex the Baltic States of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia. Shortly after that the powerful Soviet army marched into Lithuania and set up a puppet government. Then came the dawn of a most tragic day when on August 3, 1940, Lithuania was incorporated into the Soviet Union. For 50 years Lithuania has been an enslaved nation. During that long period Lithuanian resistance against the Soviet take-over has been carried on in many directions. A strong faith and an undying hope for regaining their independence drives them on in their efforts to regain freedom. Many outside Lithuanian organizations have joined hands with them in the struggle for restoration of Lithuanian independence.

Mr. President, we appreciate the fact that the posture of the United States has been one of absolute non-recognition of the Soviet annexation of Lithuania. Now, however, is the time for Action.

In March of 1990 Lithuania had free elections and elected a President and members of Parliament and over 90% voted in favor of independence from the Soviet Union. As we know it has been a difficult struggle since then.

Mr. President, the suffering people of Lithuania cry out to you for help. Please listen as they plead with you:

"In 1940, without provocation, we were annexed by the Soviet Union, and 50 long years we have been enslaved. For 50 years we have suffered bloody persecutions and endured atrocious crimes at the hands of the Communists. With the rest of the world we are proud of the outstanding leadership you manifested in restoring freedom to Kuwait, a small nation which, without any provocation, had been taken over by the Iraqi military. Please, Mr. President, NOW help us to gain our freedom and independence to which we are entitled in justice."

Mr. President, all Lithuanians in Lithuania and in other countries of the world are eagerly waiting for you to speak out, NOW, loud and clear, for all the world to hear this message:

"President Mikhail Gorbachev, I am sure you recognize the fact that Lithuania together with Latvia and Estonia, without provocation, were unjustly annexed in 1940 by the Soviet Union. In the light of International Justice these three Baltic States are entitled to the independence which they declared last year in a free, democratic election. Mr. Gorbachev, the time has come to grant them their due right of freedom."

Please, Mr. President, NOW is the time to speak out in the name of Freedom and Democracy.

We will be most grateful to you for helping the cause of freedom in Lithuania.

Wishing you, Mr. President, and your family God's blessing.

Sincerely yours,

*Rev. Albert C. Abracinskas*

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• It is a known fact that women aged 21 - 34 are by far the group most likely to look behind the shower curtain when using someone else's bathroom.

• God made just so many perfect heads. The rest He covered with hair.

• Middle age is when you know all the answers and nobody asks you the questions.

• Children are a great comfort in your old age - and they help you reach it faster, too.

• If there is no God and what we see here on earth is all there is, we are in deep trouble.