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Vice-President Quayle Says Success of Baltics Depends On Baltic American Community In U.S.

by Florence Eckert

Speaking with about 40 members of the ethnic news media recently, Vice-President Dan Quayle stressed the important role the Baltic American community in the U.S. must play to bring about the success of the new governments in the Baltics.

"Success of the Baltics will not depend on American money, but on the Baltic American community in the United States", Quayle said.

The Vice-President had just returned from the Baltics and was holding a very unusual press conference, probably the first of its kind at the White House.

Present in the room with him were 20 members of the ethnic news media with another 20 holding on the telephone lines.

All were notified of the date and time of the news conference a few days before it took place.

Before taking questions from the media, Quayle spoke on some of the highlights of his visit which he referred to as a "tremendous and historic trip".

He noted there were 4 reporters with him, however mainstream media did not cover the trip.

Some of the concerns addressed on his visit were the former Soviet troops that still remain in the Baltics, lack of energy resources, continued assistance from the U.S. and where to market their goods.

"The people are convinced they can make it and they're hopeful freedom is here to stay", he said.

Asked about his feelings when he laid a wreath in memory of



Vice President Dan Quayle greets Lithuanian crowd upon his arrival in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania.

those who lost their lives at the television tower he replied, "it was one of sadness for what had happened, a sense of hope for those present and gratitude for those who gave their lives".

Asked if he had spent any time in privacy with President Landsbergis he replied they had lunch together with others present however they did have an opportunity for conversation on walks to and from their destinations.

He was pleased to note that a Peace Corps agreement was signed by Landsbergis and U.S. Peace Corps Director Elaine Chao.

My question to Mr. Quayle was in reference to the troops still in the Baltics. I noted there were some 130,000 former Soviet troops still in Lithuania. The Lithuania people don't want them there and the United States doesn't want them there so why are they still there? To protect Lithuania--or to hold them down? Who has authority over these troops and who will order them to leave?

The Vice-President stated we have advisory teams in Russia and the Baltics to give advice on housing for the returning troops and "our position is to get the

troops out". He noted we have the same problem with our own troops.

On the question of Ignalina the nuclear power plant said to be of the same type construction as the ill-fated Chernobyl, V.P. Quayle said plans are underway for an international inspection team to look into this matter.

Looking back on what he recalls as the most memorable moment of his trip he remembers walking through the crowds of people on the streets with his wife by his side. "I could see

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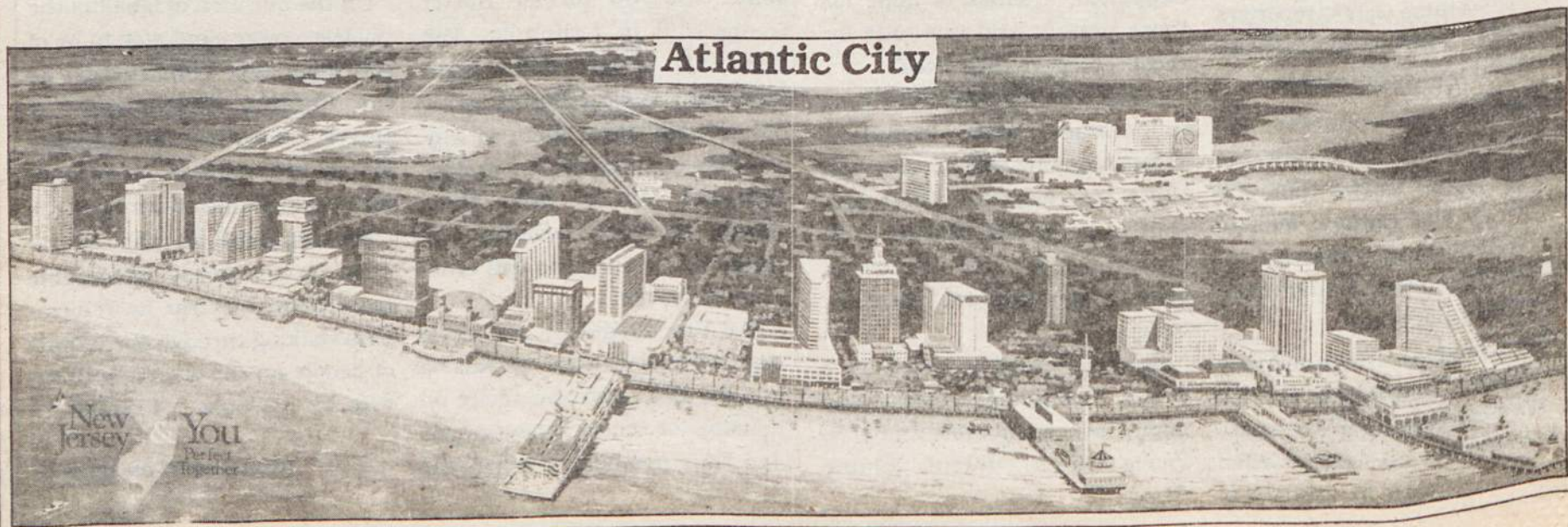
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Kimberly and Richard join Lodge 57.



Richard Urban

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Local Physicians Deliver Medical Supplies To Lithuania

by Florence Eckert

Loaded down with large suitcases of antibiotics, aspirin and Tylenol Dr.'s Michael Raklewicz and Janusz Wolanin arrived in Vilnius on a mercy and fact-finding mission.

The two friends had received an invitation from the minister of Health in Vilnius to see what medical assistance they could offer.

Traveling at their own expense and not too sure of what awaited them, they set out on the first leg of their journey January 22, 1992. Departing from Newark, they arrived in Copenhagen from where they continued on to Riga, Latvia.

Stepping off the plane in Riga they were shocked at conditions at the airport.

"The plane stopped and left us about 200 yards out of the tarmac. Russian air force jets were all over the place just falling apart and rotting away", Dr. Raklewicz said. "No one tells us where to go. Everyone is just headed toward the building".

The two physicians noticed everyone rushing around a little table. However they headed to the passport control and handed over their passports. "Where is Visa" the man at passports asks? "You could imagine our surprise", Dr. Raklewicz says. "We were told back home that our Visa's would be there for us."

The good doctors soon found out why everyone was rushing to the coffee table in the middle of the room. "Seated at the little table was a rather young looking Miss handwriting visas for each passenger on the plane.

Securing their Visa's they headed for the baggage department where they were met by Dr. Raklewicz's relatives, Rasa and her husband Arthur. With them was cousin Kazmeris

who had arranged for the invitation from the Minister of Health.

The Dr.'s were pleased to see their companions and felt all would be sooth sailing from this point on.

I asked about the trip from Riga to Vilnius and bursting into laughter, Dr. Wolanin asked, "where do you want us to begin?"

It turned out the relatives had rented a cab for the trip to Riga and now the six of them would make the return trip to Vilnius in that same cab.

"The roads were snow covered", Dr. Wolanin said. "I guess there were roads there but it was awfully hard to tell because there was no plowing at all!! The cab driver had to make his own way."

It was a six hour trip and there were absolutely no roadside rests of any kind. The relatives had already spent six hours on the road coming to Riga so they were prepared with some refreshments they had packed. This took care of part of the inconvenience for which the doctors were grateful.

Arriving in Vilnius they settled in their hotel where they met Stanley Balzekas from the Balzekas Museum in Chicago, Ill. This was a pleasant surprise and Mr. Balzekas proved to be a great help and source of information.

The medical supplies they brought included 6,000 aspirin and 6,000 Tylenol. These were given to cousins Rasa and Arthur who work in small hospitals.

All supplies, with the exception of 2,000 aspirin donated by Wolanin and Raklewicz were a gift from the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital in Kingston, PA.

The two doctors spoke highly



At right Raklewicz performs an operation in Vilnius University Hospital assisted by two Lithuanian physicians.

of Ron Stern the hospital's administrator. "He was extremely helpful" Raklewicz said. "He said Yes to everything we asked for."

One aspirin, which is popped into the mouth of an American without a second thought, goes for \$2.50 on the black market in Vilnius. This amounts to one weeks wages for a Lithuanian worker.

Other than ambition and plenty of hands they found the hospitals lacking everything. "They are so primitive", Raklewicz said. "The material they have was built by the Germans in the 1920's."

"There's an overabundance of doctors and nurses but no modern equipment at their disposal. They're lacking everything from aspirins to Cat-Scans. They don't even have one Cat-Scan."

The doctors separated during their weeks stay. Dr. Wolanin who is in Family Practice spent much of his time treating patients at a cardiology hospital. Dr. Raklewicz who is an orthopedic surgeon performed several

knee and hip operations while there.

"Kidney disease was very common" Dr. Wolanin said. "I saw more infections in one day than I've seen in 8 years of practice. They have very poor hygiene. Not because of the people but simply because of a poor plumbing system."

The goal of these two men is to start a foundation. "Not some little thing where we could get a few thousand dollars, run over there once or twice a year and perform some little "thumb in the dike" thing for people", Raklewicz said. "We're not interested in P.R., not a stop gap measure," Wolanin added. "We're interested in long range assistance. Lithuania will never survive alone."

Wolanin noted that the people are very ambitious, educated, and very willing to learn.

"I was born in Poland," he said "so I can say I think I know the Eastern European mind better than many people in this country."

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He noted the American mind can't comprehend suppression like a person like himself who has been there and experienced it

"It's a darn shame if we can spend billions in aid in other parts of the world and we can't spend a little for those countries trying to develop an economy which could later benefit our economy," he said.

Raklewicz noted the biggest mistake America is making is billions of dollars in aid is going to Russia and Russia is doing whatever they want with that aid. "They're playing politics with the small republics putting them at their mercy," he said. "The imperialistic attitude of Russia hasn't changed any."

The two agreed there are lines at most of the stores but the shelves are not empty. There is no chaos, no signs of desperation or hunger. The people all seem to be in good spirits.

The doctors noted their hotel accommodations were satisfactory with sufficient heat, etc. However they felt a "cat and mouse" game was being played by the Russians. One day heat would be sufficient and the next lacking.

Regarding the former Soviet troops still on Lithuanian soil we were informed they are bivouaced out in the countryside.

"They don't want to leave Lithuania," Raklewicz said. "This is like the French Riviera for them. They have food, etc. and they know what it is like now in Russia."

Raklewicz went to the beautiful Pine Forest area which was a retreat for the Soviet troops. However the Lithuanians had evicted them and took over the facilities.

When the doctors arrived in Lithuania \$1 in American money was worth 165 rubles.

To give us an example of the value of the American dollar Dr. Raklewicz noted that on the last night of their visit he took his relatives out on the town for a night of dining and dancing.

"There were 30 people in our party", he said. We celebrated for 4 1/2 hours with champagne, vodka, appetizers, good Lithuanian food and an exhorbitant tip as my relative informed me. The total bill for the evening came to \$25.00".

The two are trying to interest American and West European



Pictured around the Lithuanian flag from left: Jan William Gilbu, Director of metal factory; Dr. Raklewicz; Mykolas Vilunius, Director of Traumatology hospital at Kaumas; and Dr. Wolanin.

medical and drug companies in investing in Lithuania and stress it has to be done now! Japan is there and West Germans are all over the place", they said.

A visit to St. Casimir's was an experience which was most touching. "This time, we were able to attend Mass," Raklewicz said.

"The last time I was here it was a museum".

Looking back on their trip they spoke with a touch of nostalgia as they described the warmth and charm of the Lithuanians. Both men expressed one thought. "Anyone who goes to Lithuania will be treated like a king."

Lodge 30 submits rules change

At the July 26, 1991 Board Meeting, the following proposal was submitted: Lodge 30 of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance proposes that the current rules referring to election of officers to the Board of Directors be changed to allow election of an office of the Board of Directors to be a nominee for an office of the Board of Directors if he or she is unable to attend the Convention because of:

1. Severe illness
2. Injury
3. Legal commitment, etc.

The nominee to qualify must be an elected delegate to the Convention.

We extend sympathy to the Stravinsky, Bolsar and Sternick families of Lodge 28 on the death of their brother, Anthony Stravinsky.



Dr. Raklewicz, at left, and Joseph Reksnie proudly display the flag made by Joseph's wife and carried by the couple in the demonstrations held at the television tower on the day of the brutal attack by Soviet troops, killing innocent Lithuanians.

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happiness and sign of hope on their faces. They would grab on to Marilyn and me with tears in their eyes. This is something I'll never forget".

The Vice-President repeatedly stressed the importance of the

Baltic American community in assisting the Balts.

"Look to your homeland to invest" he said "opening small businesses will help the people. A little money here will go a long way".

Jane Hudak and Ronald Tomko Wed



MR. AND MRS. RONALD TOMKO JR.

Jane Marie Hudak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Hudak, Dallas, PA, and Ronald Tomko Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Tomko Sr., Exeter, PA, were recently united in marriage at St. Theresa's Church, Shavertown, PA.

The double-ring ceremony was performed by Reverend Gerald Safko.

An evening cocktail hour and reception were held at the Knights of Columbus, Luzerne, PA.

Mrs. Tomko is a graduate of Dallas High School and Wilkes University, where she earned a

degree in accounting. She is employed as a field examiner for Corestates-Philadelphia National Bank in Philadelphia.

Mr. Tomko is a graduate of Wyoming Area High School and King's College, where he earned degrees in psychology and human resources management. He is employed as assistant human resources director at Hofmann Industries in Sinking Spring, PA.

The couple resides in Pottstown.

The bride is a member of Lodge 17.

Lithuania Represented in Olympics

Lithuanians participated in the Winter Olympics.

Some of the participants were outfitted by ADIDAS and some of the other ex-

penses were picked up by Coca-Cola.

During the Olympics, Coca-Cola commercials featured a Lithuanian.



Wilkes-Barre Mayor Lee Namey issued a proclamation to representatives of five American-Lithuanian organizations which sponsored a program in February commemorating Lithuania's freedom. Seated from left, seated: Delores Liscosky, Lithuanian Catholic Alliance; Rosalie Kizis, Knights of Lithuania and trustee, Lithuanian Catholic Alliance; Mayor Namey; Nellie Bayoras-Romanas, president, Lithuanian Alliance of America, District 7, and president, Lithuanian Women's Club of Wyoming Valley, also general chairman; Anna Walatkas, Knights of Lithuania, Council 143. Standing: Charles A. Liscosky, executive director, Lithuanian Catholic Alliance; George Sadauckas, trustee, Lithuanian Catholic Alliance; Edward Stankus, flag bearer; and Leonard Pallis, president, Luzerne County Taurus Club.

Special Employee Award Presented Melanie Stranch Erroude



Melanie Stranch Erroude

Melanie Stranch Erroude, daughter of Anna Stranch and the late William Stranch, Plains, PA, was the recipient of a very prestigious award recently.

Melanie resides in Seattle, Washington, with her husband George and their baby boy, Max Andrew.

Each quarter of the year, her employer, Principal Financial Group, in the Group Health Claim Division of 3000 employees, selects 5 individuals who would best represent a particular aspect of success

within the company. The subject assigned Melanie in that quarter was "Creativity." Her entry brought her one of the five awards presented for the fourth quarter of 1991.

In commenting on the many interesting ideas and innovations that won her the award, Ed Ziebish, Manager, summed it all up saying, "Melanie is an active contributor to The Principal team beyond our Claim Center. Her creative ideas are passed on to the System Support and Development team, the CBT department, Group Training and the Communication Manual Staff. She is never afraid to ask, 'what if...?' questions, and this has become contagious with the Seattle team."

Melanie and her husband George are members of Lodge 212.

The Stranch family was featured in our October, 1991, issue as one of our outstanding full membership families.

Fran Schoppel's Lenten Specialties

For some very special Lenten dishes, we're featuring a very special cook, Frances Schoppel of Exeter, PA.

Fran prepared her Lithuanian dishes for the Gourmet Chef of Channel 44 when he visited with Father Peter Alisauskas at St. Casimir's rectory in Pittston.

We asked her to add one of our favorites, even though it's a meat dish: Pig's Feet. Try it -- you'll love it!

If you would like to be our "Cook of the Month," just send in a few of your favorite recipes along with a photo and you may be our next celebrity.

Here's a real quick and simple recipe for a good Lenten meal:

COTTAGE CHEESE CASSEROLE

Beat 3 eggs and stir in 2 cups of regular cottage cheese. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Pour into a buttered baking dish and bake at 325° for 1/2 hour.

KUGELIS

5 pounds potatoes
1 medium onion
5 slices bacon
5 eggs
Salt and pepper

Peel and grate the potatoes on fine side of hand grater, grating a bit of onion between each potato. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Cut strips of bacon and fry until crisp. Pour over potato mixture. Beat eggs and add to above.

Pour into square or oblong pan about 2 to 2-1/2 inches deep.

Bake at 425° for 20 minutes, lowering heat to 375° for another 40 minutes or until nicely browned.

Serve hot with sour cream or applesauce.

PIG'S FEET

1 pkg. pig's feet (2 feet in pack)
2-1/2 quarts water
1 large onion quartered
1 bay leaf
1 teaspoon salt
6 whole peppercorns

Put all ingredients in large cooking pot and bring to a rolling boil. Lower heat to slow boil for about 2 hours or until meat is tender.

Remove feet and set in large bowl. Strain liquid and pour over feet. Refrigerate until solid, then remove fat from surface. Serve with boiled potatoes.

POTATO SNOWBALLS

Grate about 6 potatoes on the fine side of your potato grater. Strain the grated potatoes through cheesecloth, squeezing fairly dry.

Save the liquid and allow it to settle. Pour off the water and save the starch that settles in the bottom of the container. Add this starch to the grated potatoes and add one egg.

Season with salt and pepper and add flour as needed, mixing well.

Shape into balls and drop into boiling salted water. Boil 15-20 minutes, remove and drain.

Pour milk and butter or fried bacon over snowballs and serve warm.



POTATO BUNS

6 cups potatoes
1-1/2 cups flour
Salt to taste

Peel and boil potatoes in salt water until soft. Pour off water and mash. Set aside to cool.

Add flour and roll into thick, rope-like strips on floured board and lightly flatten. Cut into squares and bake at 375° for 20 minutes.

Serve with sour cream or dice and fry onion in butter or margarine until tender. Add a small can of cream. Heat this mixture and pour over potato buns. Serve hot.

U.S. Aid to Church in Eastern Europe Exceeds \$6 Million

More than \$6 million donated by Catholic parishioners has been allocated to fifteen countries and republics during the first year of the U.S. Catholic bishops' 3-year assistance program to renew the Church in the former Soviet bloc.

Projects already funded range from supporting seminarians and publishing catechetical materials to establishing diocesan media centers.

The monies were raised last year in the first of three national collections authorized by the bishops. In many dioceses, the 1992 collection was held in the first week of March or some time during the Lenten season. (Check for the date in your diocese.)

The funds are administered by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Office to Aid the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe, including the Soviet Union. Projects are submitted to the office by Latin and Eastern-rite bishops in the affected areas.

A 50,000-watt radio transmitter purchased for religious broadcasts in the Ukraine is identical to the one used by Russian President Boris Yeltsin to help foil the Soviet coup attempt last summer. That transmitter was also operated by a Christian radio station.

Seminarians from several now-liberated countries and republics are studying for the priesthood, with much of the

burden of tuition lifted by the U.S. bishops' grants. Bulgarian, Czech, Lithuanian and Slovak students have become the first citizens of their countries to attend seminaries in Rome and elsewhere since the fall of the communist regime.

In total, more than 100 projects have been approved for funding and many of those are completed or underway.

Happy Birthday



Destiny Kotsur

Destiny Kotsur, the daughter of David and Deborah Kotsur of Hanover Township, PA, celebrated her 9th birthday on February 13, 1992.

Destiny is a member of Lodge 212.

"I hope you don't think me too young for marriage with your daughter," said the young man anxiously. "That's all right my boy," was the cheerful reply. "You'll age fast enough!"

QUAYLE: "SVEIKINU LAISVĄ LIETUVĄ!"

Vasario 7 d. Vilniuje lankėsi ir Nepriklausomybės aikštėje kalbą pasakė JAV viceprezidentas Don Quayle. Iš Washingtono gautomis JAV LB žiniomis, nors ir šalta buvo, Vilniuje Amerikos Viceprezidento pasiklausyti susirinko daugiau kaip dešimt tūkstančių žmonių ir garsiai jam skandavo "Thank you" ir plojo, kai jis perskaitė savo kalbą, kurią pradėjo lietuviškai: "Sveikinu laisvą Lietuvą!"

Pačioje pradžioje svečias, kurį prie Parlamento rūmų pasitiko Aukščiausiosios Tarybos pirmininkas Vytautas Landsbergis, Lietuvos ambasadorius Washingtono ir Vatikane Stasys Lazoraitis bei gausūs parlamento ir vyriausybės atstovai, ypatingai išskėlė Landsbergį. Jis pasakė: "Tegul bus man leista pareikšti specialią pagarbą prezidentui Landsbergiui, kuris yra tikras laisvės kovotojas... Man yra garbė stovėti šalia jo laisvoje ir nepriklausomoje Lietuvoje".

Prisiminęs sunkiąsias okupacijos dienas, kurias teko išgyventi Lietuvai ir jos žmonėms, Viceprezidentas aukštai vertino lietuvių tautos pasiryžimą ir kovą už laisvę ir nepriklausomybę. Jis pabrėžė Amerikos moralinę paramą jai, nepripažįstant sovietinės okupacijos.

Prieš atvykdamas į aikštę, Viceprezidentas lankėsi prie TV bokšto ir ten padėjo vainiką sausio 13-osios žuvusiesiems pagerbti. Apie tai jis kalbėjo: "Jūsų drąsą prie bokšto stebėjo visas pasaulis, ir tai uždegė ir kitus kaip niekad kovoti už gerio nugalėjimą prieš blogį". Jis pasakė, kad dabar jau "esate naujoje Europoje" ir kad "mūsų dienų didžiausias klausimas yra išspręstas: Laisvė atėjo, komunizmas žlugo, ir rusų kariai vyksta namo".

Jis dar pabrėžė, kad jam tikra privilegija stovėti toje vietoje ir su daugeliu žmonių, kur vyko istoriniai įvykiai. "Jūs pakeitėte tautą ir padėjote pakeisti pasaulį. Aš pažadu jums tvirtą Amerikos žmonių draugystę dabar ir ateityje". Baigdamas dar palinkėjo, kad Dievas laimingų ir globotų Lietuvą.

Tuo metu, kai Lietuvos vadovai supažindino Viceprezidentą su atsikuriančios valstybės darbais ir dalyvavo pietuose, Lietuvos lyderių žmonos globojo Viceprezidentienę. "Stiklių" restorane ponė Marilyn valgė pietus su Landsbergiene, Vagnorie ir Saudargiene. Jos aprodė viešniai Vilniaus universitetą, o suvenyrų krautuvėje "Dovana"

ji pati nusipirko gintarinius karoliukus.

Viceprezidentas Quayle į Lietuvą atvyko iš Estijos ir Latvijos, kuriose taip pat praleido tik po keletą valandų. Atvykdamas, jis Pabaltijo valstybėms atvežė maisto ir medikamentų ir paskui pažadėjo papildomą JAV paramą bendrai \$18 milijonų sumai. Pabaltijo valstybių sostinėse Viceprezidentas dalyvavo JAV ambasadų atidaryme, pasirašė Taikos Korpuso sutartis.

Iš Vilniaus aukštieji svečiai išskrido į Prancūziją dalyvauti žiemos olimpiados atidaryme.

ŽINIOS IŠ LIETUVOS

— Vytautas Landsbergis, Lietuvos Aukščiausiosios Tarybos pirmininkas, sausio 23-24 dienomis dalyvavo tarptautinėje konferencijoje Londone ir ten skaitė paskaitą apie Pabaltijo valstybių integraciją į tarptautinę bendriją. Jis ragino pasaulio valstybes drąsiau investuoti savo kapitalą į Lietuvos ekonomiką. Apie buvusios Sovietų Sąjungos skolas kalbėdamas, Landsbergis pasakė, kad Lietuva negali jų prisiimti, nes ji 1940 m. buvo prievarta aneksuota ir niekad nebuvo Sąjungos dalimi. Savo lan-

kymosi metu, sausio 23 d., Landsbergis atidarė Lietuvos ambasadą Londone. Ambasadorium yra Vincas Balickas.

— D. Britanija turi apie 160 milijonų dol. vertės Pabaltijo valstybių aukso, kurį ketina grąžinti. Tuo reikalu su jos premjeru John Major tarėsi Lietuvos Aukščiausiosios Tarybos pirmininkas Landsbergis savo pastarojo lankymosi metu Londone. Premjeras Major pakartojė savo ankstyvesnį nusistatymą ir dėl to, kad buvusioji Sovietų kariuomenė turi būti atitraukta iš Lietuvos.

— Lietuvos Aukščiausioji Taryba sausio 23 d. pradėjo svarstyti projektą įstatymo, kuris užkerta kelią buvusiems Kompartijos vadovams ar Maskvos patikėtiniams užimti valdžios pareigas Lietuvoje. Visi, kurie nuo 1940 m. birželio 15 d. ligi 1991 m. rugpjūčio 23 d. buvo Sovietų KGB darbuotojai ar agentai, aukštesnio rango partijos pareigūnai, pagal šį įstatymą negali užimti pareigų Lietuvos valdymo institucijose, krašto apsaugos ir švietimo sistemose, policijoje, nacionalinio saugumo tarnyboje, Lietuvos Radijuje ir televizijoje, Lietuvos Banke, diplomatiniam korpuse ir dar kai kuriose įstaigose. Projekte numatyta, kad siūlomas įstatymas galiotų 5 metus.

— Gimtasis kraštas rašo, kad Ignalinos elektrinė esanti mažiau užteršta radioaktyviomis medžiagomis negu kitos buvusios Sovietų Sąjungos elektrinės. Tuo tarpu Švedijos atominės energetikos agentūra paragino uždaryti Ignalinos elektrinę kaip nepakankamai saugią dėl atominės taršos.

Ignalinos atominėje elektrinėje sabotazas nepavyko. Jėgainėje dirbęs technikas, kurio pavardė neskelbiama, sąmoningai bandęs sutrukdyti vieno iš dviejų jėgainės reaktorių normalų veikimą ir tuo būdu sukelti aliarmingą padėtį. Saugumo darbuotojai pasikėsintoją laiku sučiupo ir perdavė policijai, kuri dabar kartu su teismo organais tiria įvykio aplinkybes. Spaudos agentūros atkreipia dėmesį, kad Ignalinos atominėje elektrinėje veikia du reaktoriai tūkstančio penkių šimtų megavatų kiekvienas.



JAV viceprezidentas Dan Quayle ir Lietuvos Aukščiausiosios Tarybos pirmininkas Vytautas Landsbergis Vilniuje vasario 7 d. Nuotr. Steven Purcel — The White House.

SVEIKINAME IR DĖKOJAME!



Jungtinių Tautų generalinėje asamblėjoje iš k.: sėdi Lietuvos ambasadorius Anicetas Simutis ir Lietuvos Respublikos Užsienio reikalų ministerio pavaduotojas Gediminas Šerkšnys. Stovi patarėjai. Iš k.: Darius Sužiedėlis, Gintė Damušytė, Algimantas Gureckas.

LIETUVOS DELEGACIJĄ JUNGTINĖSE TAUTOSE SVEIKINA PATRIOTINĘ AMERIKOS LIETUVIŲ VISUOMENĘ VASARIO 16-TOSIOS PROGA IR KARTU DĖKOJA UŽ PARAMĄ TARPTAUTINIAM LIETUVOS ATSTOVAVIMUI

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Anicetas Simutis,
Ambasadorius

LIETUVOJE IR APIE LIETUVĄ

— Vincentas Navickas, Lietuvos ekonomikos ministeris, su Rusijos respublikos finansų ministriu sutarė, kad metinė Lietuvos ir Rusijos prekyba būsianti 3 milijardų dabartinių rublių apimtyje.

— Jau dvylikos kraštų ambasados veikia Vilniuje. Tarp jų JAV, Kanados, Prancūzijos, Vokietijos ir Didžiosios Britanijos. Apaštalinis nuncijus, kuris pagal tradiciją katalikiškuose kraštuose yra laikomas diplomatinio korpuso dekanu, atvyko į Vilnių vasario 9 d., o vasario 10 d. įteikė Lietuvos Aukščiausiosios Tary-

bos pirmininkui savo įgaliojimus.

— Lietuvos eksporto bendroje apimtyje Vokietijai ir Belgijai tenka po gerą penktadalį, Lenkijai — beveik dešimtadalis, o Danijai, D. Britanijai, Kubai, Suomijai, Švedijai, Vengrijai, Šveicarijai — maždaug po 3-5 procentus viso Lietuvos eksporto.

— Ignalinos atominės elektrinės apsaugą perėmė Lietuvos Respublikos kariai. Sausio 7 d. jie iškilmingai prisiekė Lietuvai ir stojo į sargybos postus.

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— Kauno filharmonijos ansamblis "Ainiai" dalyvauja Sankt Peterburgo "S. Diagilevo dienų" koncertuose su programa "Lietuviškos širdys". Tai poetų Jurgio Baltrušaičio ir Oskaro Milašiaus kūrybos bei senosios lietuvių liaudies muzikos vakarai.

— Rabinų seminarija — ješibotas, daugiau kaip po 50 metų pertraukos, atkurta Vilniuje. Jai vadovauja rabinas Chaimas Goffmanas, mokslus išėjęs Londone.

— Naujas pašto ženklas su Vyčiu (nominalas 500 — 5 rb) į apyvartą išleistas sausio 1 d. Ženklaai spausdinti Leipzigo spaustuveje.

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AMBASADORIUS STASYS LOZORAITIS pasisako aktualiom tarptautinėm ir lietuviškom temom

Lietuvos ambasadorius Jungtinėms Amerikos Valstijoms Stasys Lozoraitis, prieš išvykdamas viešnagei į Lietuvą, atsakė į korespondento klausimus. Medžiaga gauta iš Lietuvos ambasados Washingtone.

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Pradėkime su sausio 22 d. Europos šalių sukvietaimu Washingtone aptarti būdus, kaip busioms Sovietų Sąjungos respublikoms padėti. Kodėl Lietuva nebuvo pakviesta?

Turiu prisipažinti, kad esu truputį nustebęs. Kodėl? Visų pirma, Lietuva būtų norėjusi dalyvauti ne kaip prašanti valstybė, o kaip valstybė, kuri iki šiol savo galimybių ribose yra padėjusi Rytų kaimynui.

Bet dar yra ir kitų dalykų, kuriuos reikia pabrėžti. Lietuva, kaip ir Latvija ir Estija, turi uostus, per kuriuos dalimi ta pagalba bus siunčiama į Rusiją. Kitas dalykas: mes turim geležinkelius, kuriais reikės naudotis, siunčiant maistą į Baltarusiją arba į Maskvą. Kodėl šitaip įvyko, aš negaliu pasakyti. Man atrodo, kad tai tik nesusipratimas.

Vakarų spauda paskutiniu metu mažai dėmesio teikia Lietuvai. Ar tą patį pastebite Kongrese bei Valstybės Departamente?

Pasibaigus krizei Lietuvoje, aišku, kad dėmesys nukrypo į kitas respublikas, kurios yra paskelbusios nepriklausomybę. Prisiminkime, kad Jugoslavijoje vyko net ir labai nemalonus, žiaurus konfliktas. Aš nematau, kad Lietuva būtų užmiršta. Lietuva yra tokioje padėtyje geografiniai, kad ji vienaip ar kitaip savo rolę turės.

Neseniai užsienio reikalų ministras Saudargas ir Lenkijos Krzysztof Skubiszewski pasirašė draugystės sutartį. Kokia to įvykio reikšmė?

Tai nėra tarptautinė sutartis. Tai deklaracija. Tai yra nuomonių intencija, sakyčiau, minčių iškilmingas pareiškimas. Bet yra du punktai, kurie gana svarbūs ir kuriuos reikėtų pabrėžti.

Pirmas dalykas, deklaracijoje Lenkija atsisako bet kurių terito-

rinių pretenzijų į Lietuvą, taigi faktinai pripažįsta Vilnių ir Vilniaus sritį Lietuvai.

Kitas svarbus punktas yra užuomina apie tautines mažumas. Dažnai mes santykiuose su Lenkija lyg ir nenorim priminti savo kaimynui, kad tarp tų dviejų tautų ir valstybių, sakyčiau, yra didžiausias skirtumas svorio atžvilgiu. Tai, ką gali keturiasdešimt milijonų tauta padaryti ar leisti daryti kitoms mažumoms, šito negali padaryti mažesnė valstybė. Taigi visuomet reikia atkreipti dėmesį į šį faktą.

Vytautas Landsbergis susitiko su Rusijos Jelcinu sausio 17 d. Kaip Jūs tai vertinate?

Yra klausimas, pirmas ir pats svarbiausias, Raudonosios armijos dalinių išvedimas iš Lietuvos. Jelcinas yra atsakęs, kad jis mielai tą padarytų, bet nežino, kur juos patalpinti Rusijoje ir ką su jais daryti.

Gera mintis iškelta, kad mes galėtume, Vakarams prisidėjus finansiniai, palengvinti jų išvedi-

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Lietuvos Parlamente 1992 m. sausio 13 d. minimos Kruvinajo Sekmadienio metinės. Nuotr. Viktoro Kapočiaus



Lietuvos Parlamento sesija 1992 m. sausio 13 d., Kruvinajo Sekmadienio metinės minint. Nuotr. Viktoro Kapočiaus

LIETUVOJE IR APIE LIETUVĄ

— Iš Vilniaus aerodromo gruodžio 21 d. pakilo "Boeing — 737", pasipuošęs Lietuvos simbolika ir užrašu "Lithuanian Airlines". Tai pirmasis "Lietuvos avialinijų" skrydis Vilnius-Ko-

penhaga-Vilnius. 108 vietų "Boeing" yra išnuomotas iš Airijos. Jis po tris kartus per savaitę skraidys į Kopenhagą, Frankfurtą prie Maino ir Berlyną. Kol bus paruošti lietuviai pilotai, lėktuvą

aptarnauja vengrai lakūnai.

Polar Music Prize, kurią įsteigė Švedijos Karališkoji Akademijs, savo pirmąją premiją paskyrė kompozitoriui Paul McCartney už jo 30 metų kūrybinę veiklą ir Baltijos valstybėms: Estijai, Latvijai ir Lietuvai. Visi gaus po 173 tūkstančius dol. McCartney, kuris ir taip yra milijonierius, savo dalį sakosi paskirsias labdarai, o Baltijos valstybės savo pinigus naudos tautinės muzikos puoselėjimui.

— Krovinių laivų bendrovės iš Lietuvos, Latvijos, Estijos, Karelijos ir Sankt Peterburgo sukūrė laivų savininkų sąjungą. Ji sieks suderinti krovinių pergabenimą tos sąjungos laivais ir sumoderninti prekybinį laivyną.

— Lietuviškų dailės kūrinių paroda 1992 m. kovo mėnesį bus atidaryta Tokyo mieste, vienoje iš meno muziejaus "Sojon" galerijų. Iš Kauno M. K. Čiurlionio paveikslai bus gabenami specialiuose Suomijoje pagamintuose konteineriuose, turinčiuose įtaisus, mažinančius kenksmingą vibraciją ir aplinkos poveikį. Į parodos atidarymą pakviestas ir pažadėjo nuvykti Čiurlionio kūrybos tyrinėtojas Vytautas Landsbergis.

— Lietuvos karių iškilminga rikiuotė, skirta pirmosios savanoriškos krašto apsaugos tarnybos metinėms, įvyko sausio 18 d. Aukščiausiosios Tarybos rūmuose. Savanoriams buvo įteikti Sausio 13-osios medaliai, karininkų skiriamieji ženklai, tradicinės atminimo dovanos — odinės pirštines.

PABALTIO VALSTYBĖS PREKIAUS SU JAV IR EUROPOS BENDRUOMENE

Washingtono prezidentas Bush vasario 5 d. pranešė, kad JAV administracija nustatė didžiausio palankumo sąlygas prekyboje su Pabaltijo valstybėmis. Tai reiškia, kad Estijai, Latvijai ir Lietuvai bus leidžiama be maito mokesčių eksportuoti kai kurias prekes į Jungtines Amerikos Valstijas.

Apie tai laišku pranešdamas Kongresui, prezidentas Bush pažymėjo, kad sprendimas suteikti palankias sąlygas prekybai su Pabaltijo valstybėmis buvo padarytas, atsižvelgiant į tuose kraštuose pradėtas vykdyti ir jau pasistūmėjusias pirmyn svarbias politines ir ekonomines reformas, kurias Jungtinėse Amerikos Valstijose trokšta visokeriopaipai paremti.

Taip pat ir Europos Ekonominė Bendruomenė siekia plėsti ekonominius ir prekybinius ryšius su trim Pabaltijo valstybėmis.

Bendruomenė vasario 3 d. sutarė su Latvija pasirašyti ekonominio ir prekybinio bendradarbiavimo sutartį, vasario 24 d. panašią sutartį sudarys su Estija. Su Lietuva jau anksčiau tuo klausimu buvo susitarta.

Bendruomenės vykdomoji komisija taip pat pranešė, kad artimiausiu laiku bus tęsiamos derybos su trim Pabaltijo valstybėmis dėl jų santykių su Bendrija išplėtimo įvairiose gyvenimo srityse, įskaitant politinę plotmę.

Pagal esamus susitarimus, Pabaltijo kraštai galės palengvintomis sąlygomis eksportuoti savo gaminius į Europos Ekonominės Bendruomenės šalis.

Ypač Danija ir Vokietija dabar spaudžia Bendruomenę, kad suteiktų Pabaltijo valstybėms asocijuotų narių statusą, kurį jau yra gavusios Lenkija, Vengrija ir Čekoslovakija, kurios dabar siekia tapti Bendruomenės pilnateisėmis narėmis.

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mą, jų pasitraukimą iš Lietuvos. Bet svarbiausia yra tai, kad tarp dviejų valstybių, Lietuvos ir Rusijos, santykiai dabar yra neblogi.

Ko Amerika gali duoti Lietuvai šiuo metu? Ko Lietuva gali duoti Amerikos lietuviams?

Ekonominės pagalbos patarimais, bendru, vadinamu "joint ventures" organizavimu, be to, sakykim, ekologinėje srityje Amerika galėtų įsiterpti ir padėti. Būtų labai gerai, jeigu

Amerika galėtų pakviesti bent metams didesnį skaičių jaunų lietuvių, kurie čia galėtų eiti į universitetus, baigti kursus, pasirošti rytojaus dienos problemoms Lietuvoje.

Ką Lietuva gali duoti Amerikos lietuviams — taip pat labai daug gali duoti. Pirmoje vietoje gali duoti tam tikrą bazę, kurioje Amerikos lietuviams galėtų pasireikšti ne tik kaip lietuviams, bet taip pat ir kaip prekybos partneriai, kaip patarėjai, kaip žmonės, kurie turi tam tikrą patyrimą ir kurie galėtų sustiprinti mūsų valstybinę struktūrą.



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Highland Cemetery
Norwood, MA

MINKO,

Michael.....Lodge 78

c/o Janet Cole

629 Oak Hill Lane

Greensburg, PA 15601-1537

Died: 2/9/1992

Buried: 2/12/1992

Greenridge Memorial Park
Connellsville, PA

HIEROGRAM (#A-11) CLUE- THAT

Solution to Hierogram #A-12
I WILL BE CONQUERED; I WILL NOT CAPITULATE
(SAMUEL JOHNSON)