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## Triennial Convention Issue

The 72nd Triennial Convention of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance opened Sunday morning, August 23, 1992, with the Eucharist celebration offered by Spiritual Advisor, Msgr. Frank L. Yashkas at Holy Trinity Lithuanian Church, Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Msgr. Anthony Norkunas, Pastor, welcomed the officers, delegates and guests and expressed best wishes for a successful and fulfilling convention.

Following Mass, the delegates boarded the chartered bus for the trip to Atlantic City.

Upon arrival at the Holiday Inn Diplomat, the hotel selected as the convention center, the delegates had Sunday evening to themselves.

The opening business session was called to order by President Thomas E. Mack on Monday morning, August 24, at 9:40 a.m.

The president called on Msgr. Frank L. Yashkas, Spiritual Advisor, to offer the opening prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and singing of America the Beautiful by all in attendance.

As required by the by-Laws, President Mack then made the following appointments:

Registration, Alena Miskinis and Dolores Liscosky; Credentials, Mary Kozerski, Frances Katilus and Anne Lenkaitis; Marshals, John Kozerski and Frank Borasz, Board of Elections, Joseph Liscosky, Frances Shoppel, Leonard Urban and Michael Baranosky.



The newly-elected officers take their seats. Pictured from left: Mrs. Leocadia Donarovich, treasurer; Mr. John Pocius, vice-president; Thomas E. Mack, Esq., president; Charles A. Liscosky, secretary.

The following were in attendance:

- Spiritual Advisor.....Msgr. Frank L. Yashkas
- President.....Thomas E. Mack, Esq.
- Secretary..... Charles A. Liscosky
- Treasurer ..... Leocadia Donarovich
- Medical Director ..... Joseph A. Stankaitis, M.D.
- Trustee ..... Rosalie Kizis
- Trustee ..... George F. Sadauckas
- Director ..... Jonas Vainius
- Director ..... Charles J. Mack
- Director ..... Edwin A. Sites

Delegates:

- Lodge 1  
Joan Baranosky  
Michael Baranosky
- Lodge 7  
Mary Sites
- Lodge 17  
Anthony Snipas  
Anna Davala

- Lodge 28  
Robert Machinist  
Leonard Urban  
Mary Urban
- Lodge 30  
Frank Donarovich
- Lodge 57  
Frances Shoppel
- Lodge 83  
Frances Katilus

Lodge 155

- Verna Sadauckas
- Margaret Purcell
- Joan Maikrienz
- John Pocius
- Frank Borasz
- Victoria Borasz

Lodge 183

Anne Lenkaitis

Lodge 212

- John Kozerski
- Mary Kozerski

Lodge 222

- Dolores Liscosky
- Joseph Liscosky
- Alena Miskinis
- Florence Eckert
- Anna Stranch
- Mark Mack, Esq.

Mary Kozerski gave the report of the Credentials Committee noting there were 35 delegates including nine officers. Four guests were also present.

It was properly moved and seconded to accept the Credentials Committee Report.

Following the seating of delegates, President Mack called for nominations for officers of the convention.

The candidates elected were: chairman, John Pocius; assistant chairman, Edwin Sites; secretary, Robert Machinist; assistant secretary, Joan Baranosky.

Outgoing president Thomas Mack handed the gavel to Chairman Pocius and invited the convention officers to take their seats as he and the other LCA officers vacated theirs.

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# First Lady Visits Catholic Senior High School

Visiting Bishop Hoban Senior High School in Wilkes-Barre, PA recently, Barbara Bush told a class of seniors that being the President's wife is a great job but the best part of being First Lady is being George Bush's wife.

Mrs. Bush held an informal question and answer session with 19 seniors of an Advanced Placement American History class in the school library.

Asked by one of the seniors how much influence she has on the president, Mrs. Bush replied, "I don't think I have very much but we're very close. If I have seen something, I tell him and he listens."

Regarding the family leave bill which would give employees 12 weeks unpaid leave, the First Lady said her husband is for the bill but for it voluntarily and not in a "mandatory governmen-

tal fashion" which she says "will close many businesses and that costs jobs."

Attired in a red dress with a red and ivory jacket, Mrs. Bush moved on to the school auditorium where she addressed the student body.

"George is thinking about you and your children," she said. "The deficit is very important to George Bush."

After conducting the swearing-in ceremonies for the student council members, Mrs. Bush brought down the house when she removed her jacket to put on a green and gold athletic school jacket presented to her by the student body.

"Have the best year ever," she said, "and thank you for letting me share this moment with you. God bless you and God bless America."



First Lady Barbara Bush answers questions from students of the Advanced Placement American History Class taught by instructor Michael Milz, seated third from left in photo, with several students from the class.

## Msgr. Yashkas Visits Lithuania

Spiritual Advisor Msgr. Frank L. Yashkas recently returned from a trip to Lithuania but it was more than a week before we could get to talk with him.

Coughing, sneezing and just feeling under the weather, he wasn't anxious to share his miserable cold with any visitors.

Lithuania had just gone through a drought which seemed to have waited for his arrival before coming to an end.

And end it did! Msgr. said the skies opened up and remained open, spilling an endless downpour for five of the seven days he visited.

Given the opportunity to join Dr. Michael Raklewicz and his

team of doctors and nurses who were headed for Lithuania to perform several surgical procedures, Msgr. hurriedly took care of all the necessary preparations.

He notified his cousins in Lithuania, whom he would meet for the first time, packed his necessities along with gifts for his relatives and was soon set for the 7 hour flight to Lithuania.

His cousins were there to meet him at the hotel and he spent three days visiting with them. They were most grateful for the gifts and medicine he brought and they shared family stories of relatives in America and

## Retiring Judge Brominski Honored

Retiring Judge Bernard C. Brominski was honored recently at the Luzerne County Court House during Polish American Congress Month.

Judge Brominski served 34 years as a member of the Luzerne County Court and 13 years as president judge.

Required by law to retire at age 70, he will continue to serve as a senior judge.

The bar association presented

a special bronze plaque to be displayed in the courthouse.

The plaque was inscribed "In commemoration and recognition of longest continuous service as a judge, Common Pleas Court, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Honorable Bernard C. Brominski, appointed Dec. 31, 1958, and retired Oct. 3, 1992, President Judge 1969-81."

Judge Brominski is a member of Lodge 6.

Lithuania.

There was no heat at the hotel and many of the conveniences we take for granted were non-existent.

Msgr. didn't feel too comfortable walking the streets alone as thieves could easily spot a traveler who would soon become a victim.

Through the assistance of the medical team, Msgr. Yashkas had the good fortune of touring

the Parliament Building in Vilnius but arrived too late to observe parliament in session.

Perhaps it was the rainy weather, or maybe the lack of time to better prepare for this journey, but Msgr. Yashkas, a seasoned world traveler, who looked forward to visiting the birthplace of his parents, expressed no desire to make a return visit anytime in the near future.

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Chairman Pocius then called for the presentation of any appeals or grievances. There being none, he proceeded to call on the members of the board to present their reports.

Msgr. Yashkas reported no complaints of misconduct by any officer or member which would require action under Article 7 of the constitution. He noted his sincere pleasure in reporting the spiritual needs and goals of this fraternity are being met.

Msgr. called on the delegates to pray for the happy repose of the soul of our late vice-president, Frank Katilus, who died on January 18, 1990. He spoke of Mr. Katilus' great devotion to the Alliance and his sincere dedication to his parish of St. Vincent de Paul where he served as an altar boy for over 70 years.

Msgr. noted his good fortune in being able to attend a Retreat in Connecticut conducted by His Excellency, Bishop Joseph Zemaitis, D.D., who was accompanied by his Vicar, Father Vito Gustaitis, pastor of the Cathedral in Vilkaviskis. Msgr. Yashkas called on the delegates to continue to pray for these brave people and resolve to assist them in every possible way to maintain and appreciate their independence.

It was with deep regret that he informed the delegates of the demise of the traditional Lenten devotions, Graudas Verksmai which were not celebrated in any church in the Scranton Diocese last year. He said our people were disappointed and he hoped this great tradition would be resumed next year.

Msgr. Yashkas asked the delegates to remember all of the members of our alliance who died since our last convention and he prayed that our Heavenly Father continues to bless our fraternity with success, as we strive to carry out the purpose of our Alliance.

The next report was that of President Thomas E. Mack who welcomed the delegates to Atlantic City and pledged to provide time for the delegates to enjoy the many attractions in the fun city on the Atlantic.

Mr. Mack paid tribute to our parents and great grandparents who helped build and make America the greatest democracy on earth. He noted they worked in the coal mines, our farms, fought in our wars, built churches, organized fraternal societies and did whatever was necessary to make America great. He pointed out that it was through their nickels, dimes and quarters, plus their efforts that our society grew.

He noted that, over the years, during the Soviet occupation of Lithuania, our society has steadfastly supported the efforts of the people there and our own government in its fight for the restoration of freedom.

Now that freedom is almost restored we rejoice with those who have been relieved for the most part from their bondage.

Continuing on, Mr. Mack noted one of the major complaints in Lithuania at the present time is the Russian governments non-withdrawal of troops from the land. Listed as the reason, is lack of housing and/or employment opportunities for returning officers.

Baltic committees and congressional committees have suggested that there should be technical training and education opportunities for these troops so that they can withdraw and seek employment elsewhere in Europe.

Mr. Mack noted it has also been suggested that the United States might send the army corp of engineers to train troops stationed there to help rebuild the infrastructure and also make efforts to clean up the environment. He noted some of these suggestions and matters are now pending before various government agencies and committees and perhaps we shall see some

good results unfold.

President Mack noted we have been having moderately good success with the single premium policy and hopes this success will continue.

Our solvency rate is 173.35% in 1991 as compared to 169.40% in 1987. Mr. Mack noted this has great significance and promotes a feeling of strength and solidity. "The bottom line is that we are in excellent financial condition," he said.

In his report on the home office, Mr. Mack noted the most noteworthy of all improvements is our switch from a manual operation to an IBM computerized one. He noted the employees have adjusted to the change having been well trained by the vendor who has offices less than one-half block from the home office premises - a three minute walk.

The lack of secretaries due to attrition and also interest has led to the home office taking on a great deal of the work. President Mack noted we owe a hand of gratitude to Alena Miskinis for her efforts in attempting to plug the gaps when we lose someone.

Speaking on marketability of our society, he presented an eight point questionnaire for study and examination. Included in the eight questions was what, if anything, is the society doing to promote added sales from its current membership?

Stressing the importance of the family, Mr. Mack said, "Although the politicians may quibble about the importance of family in America, we consider it a sacred word in the Alliance."

Regarding the possible merger with the Catholic Women's Alliance, he noted this plan has been aborted and has collapsed completely. He did mention other successful mergers and pointed out that the board has empowered him to meet with the proper officers of the SLA in New York to discuss with them the possibility of a merger.

This possible merger has been a matter of interest to the board for 25 years. "During those years, we've had discussions with Dr. Vinikas, their secretary and also President Paul Dargis who is now deceased," Mack said. "The chair has made some preliminary calls and discussions with the present secretary and hopes to meet personally in New York this fall to further our attempts. We'll keep you informed."

Father Anthony Dranginis who was so appreciative of our help during our Baltimore convention, I'm sorry to say has passed away," Mack said. "We will remember him in our prayers. Also since we last met, I'm sorry to note that we lost our vice-president Frank Katilus and my brother and our Director Leonard Mikelonis. We'll sadly miss them both."

"All in all, our past three years was a good period," he said. "We are in excellent financial condition. We had a great year in 1989 and premium income returned to its 1986-88 level. Insurance increased for us the second year in a row. As one of our favorite crooners would say, "it was a very good year."

"We hope and pray that the Lord will continue to look with favor upon us and that the past 106 years may only be a precursor to a finer future."

Secretary Charles A. Liscosky in the opening remarks of his report listed the names of the officers in charge when he attended his first meeting seventeen years ago on July 6, 1976 which was also held at Atlantic City.

Six of the eleven named have since passed away while two still hold the same offices of seventeen years ago.

Thomas E. Mack, Esq. celebrates his 20th year as President and his 32nd year as a member of the Alliance. Treasurer Leocadia Donarovich has held her position for the past 26 years

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years and previously served as a trustee. Mrs. Donarovich has been a member of the Alliance since 1952.

Mr. Liscosky noted that the Pennsylvania Insurance Department examiners, upon a completion of a five week examination of Home Office records, commented that the Alliance is one of the finest operations he has encountered and that everything was in proper order and easily accessible.

He pointed out that, although we've had an increase in enrollments during 1989-90, there was no way we were able to compete with the loss of members through cash surrender, death and matured endowments.

Additional expenses incurred during the years 1989-1992 included expenses for reports required by various State Insurance Departments. These reports mean additional work for our CPA and Actuary that increasing the costs for these services. There were Aids questionnaires and reports to be prepared, dividends and a Triennial Examination.

Mr. Liscosky noted several improvements were undertaken at the Home Office, including painting of the exterior of the building and new electric ceiling light fixtures. A new gas heating furnace was installed, replacing the Wilkes-Barre Steam Heat system when the heating authority terminated its operation. "The change was financially a good deal," Liscosky said, "since the cost for City Steam from 10/90 to 7/91 was \$4,623.22 and the cost of gas heat for the first year amounted to \$1,718.43."

New rules were established during the Board of Directors' Meeting on July 6, 1990, stating the Alliance will only sponsor a child who is a member of the Alliance and also in need of financial assistance for attendance at Camp Ausra, Elmhurst, PA.

Continuing with his report,

Mr. Liscosky noted the Constitution and By-Laws Committee joined with the Resolutions Committee on June 6, 1991 at the Home Office to review the By-Laws. Mandated changes were made dealing mostly with discrimination.

The Resolutation Committee presented Lodge 30's submission of rule changes dealing with the election of officers of the Board of Directors. The resolution, as required, was published in the Garsas and should be voted on at this convention.

The Lithuanian Catholic Alliance Foundation became very active since the Lithuanian Liberation. Attorney Salius

Kuprys has been in touch with the Home Office, informing us what is being accomplished. He noted the Foundation continues to financially support the children who are interested in attending Camp Dainava at Manchester, Michigan.

Mr. Liscosky told the delegates of a surprise visit by Msgr. Anthony Norkunas to the home office accompanied by Bishop Jouzas Zemaitis of Marjampole, Lithuania; Kunigis N. Gustaitis, also from Lithuania; and Msgr. Vitautas Balchunas of Putnam, Connecticut. They came to thank the Alliance for the generous contributions to the Lithuanian Catholic Religious

Aid. "Bishop Zemaitis took me aside and personally expressed his gratitude," Mr. Liscosky said.

The Alliance also received a thank you letter from Father Pugevecius for the financial support given the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid.

Mr. Liscosky closed his report thanking the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee and the Home Office Staff for their continued cooperation given whenever needed.

In submitting their report, Trustees Rosalie Kizis and Geroge Sadauckas noted they were pleased to report that due to the competent and dedicated work of the Executive Director, Mr. Liscosky and Treasurer Mrs. Donarovich, there were no problems with the report.

They also expressed gratitude to the office personnel for their time and cooperation which enabled them to fulfill their duties as trustees.

Medical Director Dr. Joseph A. Stankaitis welcomed the delegates on the occasion of the triennial convention. He pointed out that, during the past three years, the staff of the Alliance has continued to support the functions of the Medical Director in its usual professional and efficient manner and noted these people deserve the continued support of our organization.

The activities of the office of the Medical Director from September 1989 through June 15, 1992 are summarized as follows:

Membership applications approved - 98; denied - 3; Disability forms approved - 46.

In closing, Dr. Stankaitis expressed his appreciation for the confidence shown him by the Alliance during his tenure as Medical Director and said, "I trust that this convention, with God's help, will successfully address the challenges that face the Alliance in our ever-changing world."

**CPS Actuary Report - March 6, 1989**

Gentlemen:

We have completed a valuation of the outstanding certificates of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance as of December 31, 1991 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%.....	\$617,645
1941 Standard Industrial 3%.....	120,096
American Men Ultimate 3% .....	447,451
1980 CSO 4 1/2%.....	3,472
1980 CSO 5 1/2%.....	48,006
1926-33 Intercompany D.I. with	
1941 CSO 2 1/2%.....	158
150% Class 3 with 1941 CSO 2 1/2%.....	55
Reserve for non-deduction of deferred	
premiums.....	1,037
Extra mortality reserve.....	4,266
Unearned premium reserve.....	1,426
Total Life Reserve.....	\$1,243,612
Reserve for Accident & Health Certificates.....	11,292
Total Reserves.....	\$1,254,904

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 Alliance at the net rates then being collected, together with the admitted assets as they appeared in the Alliance's 1991 annual statement, were sufficient to meet all certificates as they mature by their terms with a margin of safety of \$948,663 (or 73.35%) above the statutory standards.

Ratios of assets to liabilities: 1991-173.35%; 1990-170.79%; 1989-167.94%; 1988 -171.02%; 1987-169.40%.

Sincerely yours,  
George R. Schaumann,  
Vice President

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In citing his activities during the past three years, Director Jonas A. Vainius gave the following account:

1989-90 - Represented LCA at the Lithuanian Foundation's 27th Annual Members meeting which was held during March 1990 in Chicago, Illinois and submitted a written report to the Home Office.

Notified the Home Office of Father Bucmys' 25th Anniversary of his Perpetual Vows in the Franciscan Order and a congratulatory article was placed in the GARSAS.

Provided the Home Office with current addresses for members whose dividend checks are being returned.

1990-91 - Represented LCA at the annual meeting of the Lithuanian National Foundation where I learned of the retirement of the foundation's president, Mr. Juozas Giedraitis, who is a member of Lodge 115.

The Foundation reported an unprecedented annual revenue gross of over one million dollars. Dr. Bobelis, a member of Lodge 29, reported on the current developments in occupied Lithuania.

I also participated at the 4th World Lithuanian Sports Festival in Vilnius & Kaunas, Lithuania.

1991-1992 - Wrote an article on my 1991 experiences while visiting Lithuania prior to the Russian Communist Coup. The article was published in the December 1991 issue of the GARSAS.

Per the request of the executive committee, I investigated preliminary arrangements for the 1992 convention.

On May 9, 1992 I participated at the annual meeting of the Lithuanian National Foundation held at Kulturos Zidinys, Brooklyn, NY.

Acknowledged the death of our Lodge secretary, Bronius Bobelis, who also was a former

director of the LCA Board of Directors.

Director Charles A. Mack in his report to the delegates noted that since being elected to the Board he has attended the annual meetings at which time he gave his annual reports.

He told of a project to assist the people of Lithuania which was undertaken by Rev. Anthony Chepanis formerly of Chicago, IL. With the help of several neighboring parishes, Father Chepanis and the members of his parish St. Lucy's, collected and packed 422 boxes of clothing, medicine, canned goods, soaps, detergents and household items and shipped them to the Blessed Trinity Church in Truskunai, Lithuania. This was shipped in 1991 in hopes that it would reach Lithuania by Christmas of that year. Another shipment was sent in 1992.

Mr. Mack noted that Father Chepanis told him one of the greatest needs was financial assistance to cover shipping and handling charges. Mr. Mack generously assisted in this area and was thanked for this much needed assistance.

He also told of the plight of the much publicized Kimberly Bergalis, a member of St. Anastasia Parish in Fort Pierce, Florida. Miss Bergalis, who had contracted AIDS from her dentist, had appeared before a Congressional Committee on September 26, 1991 in support of testing health care workers for AIDS. The bill failed. Miss Bergalis died in December of that year. A native of Pennsylvania, she was buried in Tamaqua, PA.

In closing, Mr. Mack was proud to announce the enrollment of his three grandsons, whose photos appeared in the June issue of GARSAS.

In the opening of his report Director Edwin Sites expressed his feelings of honor in having been elected to the Board of Directors at our last convention.

Mr. Sites noted he has been a member of the Alliance since

1934 and since our last convention has enrolled 21 new members including 16 members of his own family which includes: children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, wives, and husbands as well as five friends for a total of \$77,000.00

Mr. Sites visits the home office from time to time to keep in touch with the operations and the staff. "I am pleased to report that everything is in good order," he said, "and the staff is doing an outstanding job."

He reported having attended two annual meetings of the Board as required and participated in matters that came before the Board. He also served on a committee and met to review and recommend necessary changes to the constitution and by-laws.

In closing, Director Sites said, "I am pleased to report, from my observation, that our Alliance is still strong and financially in good condition."

Garsas Editor, Florence Eckert noted that the second day of the convention, August 25, marked her 6th year with the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance.

After almost 3 years of publishing the Garsas in Stroudsburg, Mrs. Eckert found the service was beginning to deteriorate and a sudden rise in cost prompted her to check out some of the local printers in hopes of finding a more reliable business arrangement within a reasonable cost.

"Grapevine Publishing", Forty Fort, PA made the best offer, and after presenting the details to President Mack he agreed to accept "Grapevine and to sever our relations with Pocono Today of Stroudsburg. A contract was signed in May of 1990 and we have just completed our 2nd year with our new publisher and are well pleased with our business relationship.

She noted 1990 was an exciting year for Lithuanians and Lithuanian publications. The GARSAS kept abreast with news from Lithuania and published

messages for our readers to send to their Congressmen and Senators in support of a free Lithuania.

Exciting news began to flow from Lithuania shortly following our 71st Convention in Baltimore. The January 1990 issue of GARSAS headlined a story out of Vilnius noting the Lithuanian Communists' separation from the Soviet Union and in February we wrote of Gorbachev's visit to Vilnius and the Lithuanians' vote to elect their own parliament.

The GARSAS reported all the rapid changes that were taking place in Lithuania right up until September 6, 1992 when Lithuania was finally freed from Soviet domination.

The Garsas continued to publish all reports coming out of a free Lithuania and assisted in promoting organizations that were helping in areas where help was most needed.

Continuing in her report Mrs. Eckert noted that as things quieted down in Lithuania the Garsas now began to draw attention to the upcoming Diamond Jubilee that would be celebrated by the GARSAS in May of 1992. A membership campaign was begun and awards were offered for individual memberships.

In seeking a theme for the 75th anniversary Mrs. Eckert felt it proper and fitting to dedicate the anniversary edition to the late Matus Zujus, editor of 52 years.

Digging out the very first issue she used it for the back page of the anniversary edition just as it appeared in 1917. Mrs. Eckert noted she then had this irreplaceable copy laminated. It is now well preserved for future generations.

In closing Mrs. Eckert appealed to the delegates to take an interest in GARSAS not only as readers, but contributors as well, "Send in your birthday pictures recipes, old time stories, etc.," she said, "we'll be happy to print them whenever space permits."

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The Constitution and By-Laws Committee reported one resolution submitted since our last convention. This resolution was published in the 1991 issue of the GARSAS and will be acted upon at this convention.

The Committee consisting of Anna Stranch and Anthony Snipas reported they also served with the committee reviewing the Constitution and By-Laws.

Mary Kozerski reported no Grievances or Appeals during the past three years. She noted her pleasure in serving on the Judicial, Grievances and Appeals Committee.

Reporting for the Press & Information Committee, Mrs. Eckert noted that 1990 had been a very busy, interesting and history-making year. The little Baltic Republic of Lithuania was dominating the headlines and soon became a household word.

On March 11, 1990, when Lithuania declared its independence and Vytautas Landsbergis was elected President, the home office of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance soon began to feel the effect. We were contacted by members of the news media for comments and interviews and the phones were busy with office personnel answering questions and directing people to the proper agencies.

We made copies of letters to be sent to the President, Congressmen and Senators in support of a free Lithuania and informed our members to place calls to Western Union numbers given to the home office. These phone numbers and letters were printed in the GARSAS.

Mrs. Eckert noted that, in continuing our effort to keep the name of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance in the public eye, we participated in the annual Folk Festival held at the Kingston Armory, Luzerne County, PA. We set up a booth with literature and information on Lithuania and the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance. We met many local

Lithuanian people and introduced them to our organization.

Following our 71st convention in Baltimore, we submitted pictures and write-ups of newly elected officers and board members to various newspapers and also sent copies to our Lithuanian reporters to translate and submit to the Lithuanian press. The news media was most cooperative in all instances.

Mrs. Eckert noted we sponsored a bus trip to the Lithuanian Festival in Baltimore, Md. and we had travelers from 6 to 96 with all having a grand time.

Mr. Liscosky and Mrs. Eckert attended the Proclamation signing and photo session in celebration of Fraternal Week at the Governor's residence in Harrisburg.

Mrs. Eckert noted she wrote President Bush announcing the 75th anniversary and received a letter of congratulations which was published in the June issue of the GARSAS. Press releases were also sent to all media announcing our 75th anniversary. We received good coverage locally and in the Lithuanian press.

Lithuanian television and motion picture star, Ann Jillian appeared at the Kirby Center in Wilkes-Barre and, prior to her appearance, telephone interviews were arranged for members of the news media. Mrs. Eckert noted that, being the only Lithuanian member of the media, she had a long conversation with Ann Jillian and later when the star appeared on stage, she presented her with a "Lithuanian" umbrella which Miss Jillian received most graciously, opened and proceeded to sing a few bars of the Lithuanian National Anthem.

A call from the White House requesting participation in a Baltic Round Table/Teleconference with Vice-President Dan Quayle was accepted by Mrs. Eckert who was

joined by 40 other participants from all over the nation. "Having had experience in telephone conferences, I jumped in early and was one of the few to ask a question of the Vice-President," Mrs. Eckert said.

One of the Alliance's former Vice-Presidents, Mr. Joseph B. Laucka, was one of the White House participants.

Reporting on behalf of the Benevolent Committee, Verna Sadauckas noted that no requests for financial aid were received in 1989; a \$50 grant was made to one member in 1991, and \$250 to another in 1991. Other offers were made by the home office, but not accepted.

Three members were granted scholarships of \$500 each in 1989.

Mrs. Sadauckas reported that a total of 8 children (representing 3 families) attended Camp Asura in Elmhurst, PA which is run by the Sisters of Jesus Crucified and Sorrowful Mother. Five children benefitted in 1989 at a cost of \$900; 6 in 1990 - \$1260.00; 4 in 1991 - \$840.00. Only one of the campers was a member of the Alliance. The others were children/grandchildren of Alliance members. (2 children attended all three years; 3 attended for 2 years; 3 attended only 1 year.)

Continuing with her report, Verna noted that at the 1989 convention, delegates approved a one-time gift of \$100 to members upon reaching age 90. The home office came up with the names of 52 members having reached or surpassed age 90 and checks were immediately issued to all 52 members. Before the close of that year, 2 more members became eligible followed by 7 in 1990 and 7 more in 1991. Records show a possible 13 members will be eligible in 1992.

Members with Ordinary Life certificates who became eligible for dues exemption upon reaching age 78 totalled 20 in 1989, 26 in 1990 and 22 in 1991.



*Dr. Michael Raklewicz addresses the delegates at the closing banquet of the convention. Seated from left are Msgr. Frank Yashkas, Spiritual Advisor; Thomas Mack, President; and Leocadia, Donarovich, Treasurer.*

Lodge Secretaries are reminded to alert the home office if any of their members are undergoing financial hardship. All referrals will be handled promptly.

Following presentation of all committee reports, the meeting was adjourned for lunch.

Chairman Pocius reconvened the meeting at 1:40 p.m. and opened the floor for the presentation and discussion of new business.

A motion was made by Anna Stranch to consider accepting persons interested in joining the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance but who are not eligible for insurance as social members. A discussion favorable to this suggestion ensued with the understanding that social members would not possess voting rights. The motion was seconded by Mary Kozerski and was passed.

A motion was made by Leocadia Donarovich for payment of dividends to members and was seconded by Dr. Joseph Stankaitis and passed.

Dr. Stankaitis suggested the Alliance explore the possibility of establishing a subsidiary in Lithuania. This idea will be further explored by the Executive Committee.

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Thomas E. Mack introduced a proposed amendment submitted by Lodge 30 in Philadelphia regarding the nomination for office of official delegates who for serious reasons such as health, sickness or death in the family are unable to attend the convention yet whose services could be invaluable to the LCA, would be able to be nominated and elected in absentia. This proposal received considerable discussion and was favorably received provided that instances of its applicability were sustained by serious reason for non-attendance. The discussion also permitted that its effectiveness would be immediate upon passage. A motion to accept this proposal; was made by Leocadia Donarovich, seconded by Dr. Stankaitis and unanimously approved by the delegates.

Thomas E. Mack introduced a request received from Dr. Charles Bobelis of St. Petersburg, Florida. Under the auspices of the Veterans Administration, four medical doctors from Lithuania will be provided room, board and training at the Hines VA Medical Center in Chicago, ILL. Travel and out-of-pocket expenses are not included however and Dr. Bobelis requested that the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance sponsor one of these doctors to take advantage of this valuable opportunity. The cost of travel and providing a modest personal stipend is \$1550. A discussion of this program and others which benefit Lithuania's medical needs such as Project Hope and the efforts of Dr. Michael C. Raklewicz supported the need for such continuing programs which will be of great benefit to the Lithuanian people. A motion to provide the requested amount of \$1550 was made by Florence Eckert, seconded by Joseph Liscosky and passed.

A suggestion was made to explore the possibility of using facilities in the LCA Home Office for monthly women's club meetings.

Pursuant to the passage of the earlier approved motion regarding election of officers and the necessary departure of two delegates prior to the regularly scheduled election, Thomas E. Mack made a motion to suspend the rules from regular order and to conduct the election of three directors and Medical Examiner. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stankaitis and passed.



John Pocius, convention chairman, is seated at left as Director Charles Mack presents his report.

The three incumbent directors, Jonas Vainius, Edwin Sites and Charles Mack were nominated and approved.

The incumbent medical director, Dr. Joseph Stankaitis was also re-elected for another term.

Tuesday's meeting opened with a prayer by Msgr. Yashkas followed by recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by all in attendance.

Reading of Monday's minutes were given by Mr. Liscosky and Mr. Machinist.

The first order of business of the day was the election of officers.

A motion by Thomas Mack to accept Msgr. Yashkas as Spiritual Director for another term was properly seconded and passed unanimously.

Thomas E. Mack was nominated for the office of president by Charles J. Mack and seconded by Victoria Borasz. Msgr. Yashkas made a motion to close nominations seconded by John Kozerski and Mr. Mack was approved.

John Pocius was nominated by

Mary Kozerski for the office of vice-president seconded by John Kozerski and George Sadauckas was nominated by Victoria Borasz and seconded by Margaret Purcell. A tie vote resulted in the office being decided by the flip of a coin with Pocius winning the seat of vice-president.

Charles Liscosky was nominated by Anna Stranch for the office of secretary seconded by Joseph Liscosky and approved.

Leocadia Donarovich was nominated by George Sadauckas for the office of Treasurer and seconded by Dolores Liscosky and approved.

George Sadauckas was nominated by Mark Mack for the office of Trustee seconded by John Kozerski and Rosalie Kizis was nominated by Anne Lenkaitis with a second from Frances Shoppel. Mr. Sadauckas and Mrs. Kizis were elected as trustees.

The newly elected officers were then sworn in by Msgr. Yashkas.

The new officers were seated and President Mack called for suggestions for the location of the next convention. Among several sites mentioned were Chicago, Kennebunkport, and St. Petersburg, Fl. A motion to let the Executive committee select the site was presented by Joseph Liscosky, seconded by Mary Kozerski and approved.

President Mack urged the



In the absence of Patricia Mack, Verna Sadauckas read the report of the benevolent committee.

members to read the report of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance Foundation which was sent in by Saulius Kuprys. Alena Miskinis commented on the past practice of urging members to contribute their dividend checks to the Foundation.

There being no further business, it was properly moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Msgr. Yashkas offered the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

## Babies Are Our Business

Nicole Gleich is the latest addition to our bevy of beautiful babies for the year 1992.

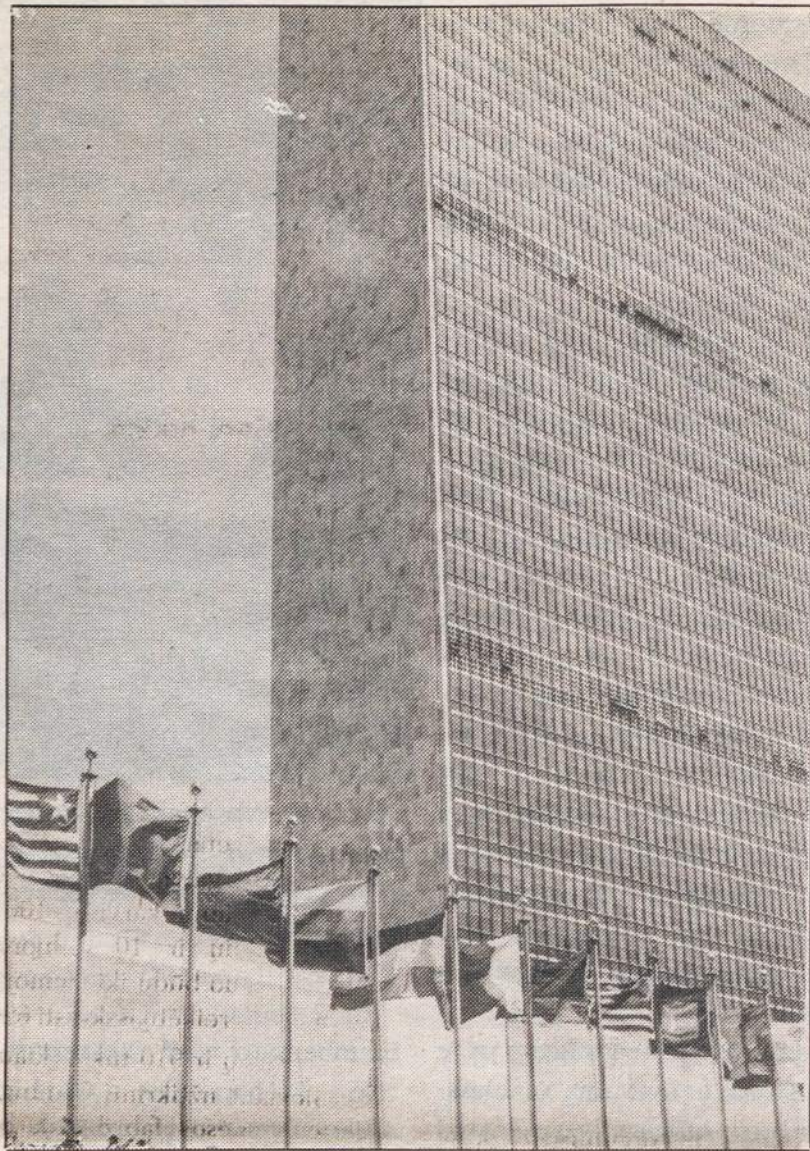
Sixteen months old Nicole is the daughter of Robert and Jennifer Gleich of Burtonsville, Maryland and the grand-daughter of Frank and Kathleen (Sites) Gleich of Rockville, MD.

The proud great grandparents are Mary and Edwin Sites of Pittston, PA. Ed serves as Director on the LCA Board.

Lodge 7 is pleased to welcome another member of the Gleich Family.



Nicole Gleich



Lietuvos trispalvė, ketvirta iš kairės, plevėsuoja prie Jungtinių Tautų rūmų New Yorke, tarp Lichtenšteino vėliavos iš kairės ir Liuksemburgo — iš dešinės. Nuotr. S. Narkeliūnaitės

## LABAS! KAIP GYVUOJI?

*Vieneri metai, kai prie JT plevėsuoja Lietuvos trispalvė*

Salomėja Narkeliūnaitė

Nuo to laiko, kai pernai rugsėjo 17-ąją prie Jungtinių Tautų Generalinės Asamblėjos rūmų suplevėsavo Lietuvos vėliava, New Yorko lietuviai ir atvažiuojantys, praeidami pro šalį, sveikinasi ją kaip kokią giminę, kaip brangų šeimos narį. Tai juk spalvos, už kurias guldė galvas partizanai, kurios stiprino patriotinius jausmus tremtinių amžino įšalo žemėje, pabėgėlių stovyklose, emigracijoje, už kurias šiemet, po daugiau kaip penkiasdešimt metų, kovojo Lietuvos sportininkai Barcelonoje.

Tai buvo istorinė diena lietuvių tautos ir valstybės gyvenime. Tai buvo pirmoji Generalinės Asamblėjos 46-osios sesijos diena, kada tarp naujai priimamų narių buvo Estija, Latvija ir Lie-

tuva. Sesijos pradžioje įvyko oficialus priėmimo posėdis, po to — delegacijų vedėjų kalbos, o užbaigta — iškilmėmis priešais Generalinės Asamblėjos rūmus pakeliant naujai priimtųjų narių vėliavas.

Dabar, metams praėjus nuo tų dienų, Jungtinėse Tautose atsirado ir daugiau naujų narių. Nuo to laiko į šią tarptautinę organizaciją priimta eilė naujų, daugiausia buvusių Sovietų Sąjungos respublikų.

Tokiu būdu dabar bendras skaičius siekia 179. Ir jų vėliavos įsijungs į bendrą paradą, kai 47-oji GA sesija savo darbus pradės rugsėjo 15 d.

### Į antruosius metus

Į naujosios sesijos darbus Lietuva ateina su vienerių metų pa-

tyrimu. Jie oficialiai prasidėjo pernai spalio 8 d., kai Lietuvos ambasadorius Anicetas Simutis įteikė savo kredencialus JT Generaliniam sekretoriui.

Kad ir nepilnu sąstatu, Lietuvos delegacija Jungtinėse Tautose dalyvavo posėdžiuose ir savo nuomonę reiškė daugeliu organizacijai ir Lietuvai rūpimų klausimų.

Šioje sesijoje Lietuva, kartu su Latvija ir Estija, ateina su degančiu klausimu. Baltijos valstybių prašymu, į sesijos darbotvarkę įrašytas punktas dėl Rusijos kariuomenės atitraukimo iš Estijos, Latvijos ir Lietuvos respublikų teritorijos.

Ši jų žygį parems pabaltiečiai ir už sesijos ribų. Jie Dago Hamarskjöld aikštėje, esančioje beveik skersai nuo Jungtinių Tautų rūmų, rugsėjo 17 d. ruošia demonstraciją, reikalaujanti, kad Rusijos kariuomenė būtų neatidėliotinai išvesta.

### Istorinė vieta

Toji aikštė yra viena istorinių vietų, kurioje New Yorko pabaltiečiai rinkdavosi, protestuodami prieš Baltijos valstybių okupaciją, reikalaujanti sau lygių teisių ir narystės Jungtinėse Tautose.

Čia taip gyvai prisimena lietuvių jaunimo žygis į Jungtines Tautas 1965 m. Tada, jau vėlyvą vakarą, demonstrantų kolonos, atžygiavusios iš Madison Square Garden vykusio mitingo, toje aikštėje išklausiusios kalbų, savo delegaciją pasiuntė prie Jungtinių Tautų vartų.

Deja, juos JT sargybiniai uždarė ir delegatų neįleido. Tada trys jaunuoliai, gedulo kaspinais aprištas Lietuvos, Latvijos ir Estijos vėliavas palenkė į Jungtinių Tautų pusę, simboliškai belsdamiesi į tą tarptautinę šeimą.

Kas galėjo pamanyti, kad, pasaulio įvykiams susiklosčius, tasai Baltijos tautų troškimas taps realybe! Dabar pabaltiečiai toje aikštėje pradeda naują veiklą — reikalauja Rusijos kariuomenės išvedimo. Tai vėl pareikalaus daug budrumo ir energijos. Baltijos valstybių išėvijai atsiveria naujos veiklos dirvos — demonstruoti, reikalauti, įtaigauti vietinius ir tarptautinius atstovus.

## ĮVYKIAI LIETUVOJE

— Lietuvos Krikščionių Demokratų partijos ataskaitinė-rinkiminė konferencija įvyko Kaune, Vytauto Didžiojo Universitete. Lietuvos Krikščionių Demokratų partija priimta į Europos Krikščionių Demokratų sąjungos nariu stebėtoju. Partijos rinkimuose valdybos pirmininku išrinktas Kauno miesto tarybos deputatas P. Katilius.

— Lietuvos Seimo rinkimams artėjant, apskaičiuota, kad rinkimų išlaidos sudarys 229 milijonus rublių.

— Šiaulių miesto Gytarių mikrorajone sustabdytos statybos, nes čia archeologai atkasė akmenis ir dvi geležies amžiaus gyvenvietes.

### Kita vieta

Kalbant apie demonstracijas Jungtinių Tautų artumoje, prisimena ir kita vieta, esanti visiškai skersai gatvės — priešais Sekretoriato dangoraižį.

Toje vietoje, kur dabar yra pradžia "Boys' Club" rūmų, savo metu buvo garažas, kuriame Pavergtųjų Europos Tautų Asamblėja ilgus metus turėjo įrengusi savo kampelį. Būdavo aukštai pastatomas didelis progai pritaikytas plakatas, kurio viršuje nuolatos plevėsavo pavergtųjų tautų vėliavos, gedulo ženklai nuleistos iki pusės stiebo.

Tenai dažnomis progomis, ypač prieš JT sesijų pradžią, rinkdavosi New Yorko pabaltiečiai ir dėl savo tautų kančių skūsdavosi, reikalaujanti teisybės. Jų vėliavas galima būdavo aiškiai matyti, žiūrint iš Jungtinių Tautų Generalinės Asamblėjos rūmų.

JAV valstybės sekretoriaus John Foster Dulles laikais toje garažo vietoje buvo suplanuota statyti ir Pavergtųjų Europos Tautų Asamblėjos būstinę. Gerai, kad jos ir nėra.

Dabar Jungtines Tautas pusrutulio supančių vėliavų tarpe vėlyje plakasi ir visų tų buvusių pavergtųjų tautų vėliavos, simbolizuojančios jų politinę nepriklausomybę ir šios tarptautinės organizacijos visuotinumą.



## SAUSRA PRIDARĖ NUOSTOLIŲ LIETUVAI

Niekad Lietuvos žmonės taip nelaukė lietaus, kaip šiemet. Parudavę laukai, sausros išdegintos pievos, liūdesio šydu dengė vienodai kaimiečių ir miestiečių veidus. Dėl įvairių problemų sprendimų pasidalinusių ir besiginčijančių Lietuvos parlamentarų šią vasarą tebejungė tik vienas dalykas — troškimas, kad palytų.

Trijų mėnesių sausrą pagaliau pralaužė lietus. Palijo smarkiai rugpjūčio 13-ąją ir 14-ąją. Ciklonas, praėjęs pro Skandinaviją, savo pietiniu sparnu palietė Lietuvos žemę. Akmenės, Radviliškio rajonuose iškrito po 26 milimetrus kritulių, kurie sudarė pusės mėnesio normą. Vilniuje iškrito 13 milimetrų, Trakuose — 15, Lazdijuose, Marijampolėje, Varėnoje — po 10 milimetrų. Mažiausiai lietaus gavo šiaurės rytiniai rajonai — nuo 2 iki 4 milimetrų.

Lietuvoje po šio lietaus temperatūra atvėso, žemė atsigėrė, tapo puresnė. Daugelyje vietų viršutinis dirvos sluoksnis jau drėgnas, bet dar užtruks ligi žemę atlis, kol drėgmė pasieks gilesnius dirvų sluoksnius. Žemdirbiai, pasinaudodami palankiomis sąlygomis, pradėjo kuo greičiau ruošti dirvas žiemkenčių sėjai.

### Sausros rekordai

Šiometinė sausra pasiekė kelis rekordus. Tokios ilgos sausros nebuvo užregistruota per 111 metų, nuo 1881 m. 1959 m. liepos 13 d. Varėnoje buvo užregistruota karščio 36,8 laipsniai Celsijaus, o šiemet rugpjūčio 10 d. ne tik Varėnoje, bet ir Šilutėje, Šiauliuose, Dotnuvoje, Panevėžyje buvo 36 laipsniai karščio, o Vilniuje — 35 laipsniai. Vilniuje tokio karščio nėra buvę.

Sausra išdžiovino žolę, pakirto vasarą. Vien tiesioginiai šios sausros padariniai — apie 22 milijardai rublių. O kur dar būsimieji gyvulininkystės perdirbimo pramonės nuostoliai. Tai sunki nelaimė ne tik žemdirbiams, bet ir visai jaunai nepriklausomai Lietuvos valstybei.

### Reikia skaičiuoti kiekvieną

### grūdų kilogramą

Kalbėdamas apie planus, kaip lengviau pergyventi sunkumus, kuriuos atnešė sausra, Žemės ūkio ministras Rimvydas Survila "Lietuvois aido" žurnalistui taip aiškino:

Sausra supainiojo mūsų planus, sumanymus, balansus. Dabar kuriamas naujas balansas, tik jau ant mažiau patikimo pagrindo.

Specialistai apskaičiavo, kad šiemet surinksime 1,5 mln. t, arba maždaug 40 proc. grūdų mažiau, negu turėjome pernai. Tai labai didelė netektis ir, aišku, tiek grūdų nepajėgsime nusipirkti.

Neseniai į labiausiai sausros nukentėjusius rajonus nuvežėme užsienio šalių ambasadorius, kreipėmės pagalbos į tarptautines organizacijas, užsienio valstybes.

Žmonės mandagūs, žada, tačiau iš patyrimo žinome, kad jokia parama visų nuostolių nepadengs. Turėsime patys savo vargą vargti, suktis, ieškoti išeities. Pašarų sukauptume perpus mažiau negu pernai. Todėl reikės būti labai taupiams, skaičiuoti kiekvieną grūdų kilo-

gramą, kiekvieną šieno ar siloso centnerį. Iš valstybės išteklių galbūt galėsime paremti tik kai kuriuos paukštynus, gyvulininkystės kompleksus.

Bet patariu gerų dėdžių nelaukti: nori gyventi, dirbti ir uždirbti, sukis pats, ieškok partnerių, dalį produkcijos keisk į grūdus.

### Prisieis mažinti gyvulių skaičių

Deja, to neišvengsime. Tačiau labai svarbu išlaikyti kuo daugiau karvių, veislinių telyčių, veislinių kiaulių. Dauguma ūkininkų pašarų nestokos. Atliekamus grūdus, pašarus reikėtų parduoti kompleksams, paukštynams. Vyriausybė numato skirti dideles premijas tiems žemdirbiams, bendrovių nariams, kurie per žiemą išlaikys daugiau gyvulių. Apskritai Vyriausybė žemės ūkiui remti numato skirti ne vieną milijardą rublių.

Nuo š. m. rugpjūčio 15 d. gerokai padidinos mėsos, pieno, vėlyvųjų bulvių, cukrinių runkelių palaikomosios kainos. Vien tik dėl to žemdirbiai šiemet papildomai gaus 6 milijardus rublių.

Kita vertus, turime žinoti, kad, sutrikus pinigų atsiskaitymams, dabar Rusijai nebetiekiamės mėsos ir pieno produktų. Todėl jų atsargos pas mus didėja. Deja, mūsų saugyklos, šaldytuvai ne tokie talpūs. Nereikėtų laukti ir tikėtis, kad mėsos kombinatai supirks visus gyvulius. Vertėtų daugiau skersti patiems ir pasirūpinti atsargomis.

### Pašarų derlius

Kaip Žemės ūkio ministerija savo pranešime skelbia, esant sausiems orams, išaugintas mažas pašarinių augalų derlius. Įvairių rūšių pašarų žiemai bus sukaupta tik pusė (50%) pernykščio kiekio.

Atsižvelgiant į šiais metais numatomą sukaupti pašarų kiekį, tikimasi per 1992/1993 metų žiemą laikotarpį išlaikyti tik 1500 tūkst. galvijų (iš jų 620 tūkst. melžiamų karvių), 1000 tūkst. kiaulių ir 10 milijonų paukščių. Tuo būdu iki žiemojimo pradžios reikėtų išskersti 620 tūkst. galvijų ir 910 tūkst. kiaulių. Siekiant užtikrinti ritmingą Lietuvos mėsos fabrikų darbą, reikia papildomai (virš numatyto 70 tūkst. tonų eksporto į NVS šalis) eksportuoti apie 30 tūkst. tonų mėsos ir mėsos produktų.

(nukelta į 10 psl.)



Biržuose minint birželio išvežimus, prekybiniai vagonai papuošiami gėlėmis ir plakatais, reikalaujančiais rusų kariuomenės išvežimo. Nuotr. Viktoro Kapočiaus



Naujasis Lietuvos Respublikos premjeras Aleksandras Abišala ir Aukščiausiosios Tarybos pirmininkas Vytautas Landsbergis parlamente. Nuotr. Viktoro Kapočiaus

## DABARTINĖ LIETUVOS VYRIAUSYBĖ

Naujoji, vadinama ketvirtoji Lietuvos respublikos vyriausybė yra šios sudėties. Skliausteliuose A raide pažymėti taip pat Lietuvos Aukščiausiosios Tarybos atstovai.

Aleksandras Abišala (A) — ministras pirmininkas; Bronislavas Lubys (A) — ministro pirmininko pavaduotojas; Vytenis Aleškaitis — tarptautinių ekonominių santykių ministras; Leonas Vaidotas Ašmantas — energetikos ministras; Jonas Biržiškis — susisiekimo ministras; Audrius Butkevičius (A) — krašto apsaugos ministras; Zenonas Juknevičius (A) — l. e. teisingumo ministro pareigas; Leonas Kadžiulis — ministras be portfelio; Rimantas Klimas — miškų ūkio ministras; Stasys Kropas (A) — mi-

nistras be portfelio; Darius Kuolys — kultūros ir švietimo ministras; Teodoras Madaiskis — socialinės apsaugos ministras; Audrius Misevičius — finansų ministras; Algimantas Nasvytis — statybos ir urbanistikos ministras; Juozas Olekas — sveikatos apsaugos ministras; Romualdas Ramoška — l. e. pramonės ir prekybos ministro pareigas; Algirdas Saudargas (A) — užsienio reikalų ministras; Rimvydas Raimundas Survila (A) — žemės ūkio ministras; Gediminas Šerkšnys (A) — ministras be portfelio; Albertas Šimėnas (A) — ekonomikos ministras; Petras Valiukas — vidaus reikalų ministras; Gintautas Žintelis — ryšių ir informatikos ministras.

(kkm)

## SAUSRA PRIDARĖ NUOSTOLIŲ LIETUVAI

(atkelta iš 9 psl.)

Atsižvelgiant į tokį ženklų gyvulių skaičiaus sumažinimą, Lietuvai dar truks 1200 tūkst. tonų grūdų (iš jų 400 tūkst. tonų maistinių) ir 150 tūkst. tonų sojos išspaudų. Minėtas importuotų pašarų kiekis sudarytų sąlygas 1993 m. pagaminti minimalią gy-

vulininkystės produktų apimtį, kad Lietuvos gyventojai būtų aprūpinti produktais, o tarpvalstybinių susitarimų pagrindu — energetiniais ištekiais.

### Pašarų importas

Žemės ūkio ministerijos žiniomis, iki 1990 metų Lietuvos Re-

publika importuodavo apie 1300-1400 tūkst. tonų pašarinių ir maistinių grūdų ir 200-300 tonų baltyminių ir kitų žaliavų kombinuotųjų pašarų gamybai. Tai leisdavo Lietuvoje papildomai pagaminti apie 500 tūkst. tonų pieno ir 60 tūkst. tonų mėsos (skerdienos).

1991 m. pradėjus irti Sovietų Sąjungai, grūdų buvo gauta tik 787 tūkst. tonų, o 1992 m. Rusija griežtai atsisakė parduoti grūdus mainais į mėsos ir pieno produktus.

Dėl to šių metų pradžioje buvo susidariusi grėsminga situacija, aprūpinant Lietuvos žmones duonos-pyrago gaminiams, miltams ir kruopoms, o stambias gyvulininkystės ir paukštininkystės įmones, neturinčias žemės — aprūpinti bent minimaliu koncentruotų pašarų kiekiu.

### Kultūriniai augalai

Nuo gegužės mėnesio vidurio vyraujanti sausra padarė didelę žalą kultūriniais augalams.

Išankstiniais duomenimis Lietuvoje visų kategorijų ūkiuose nuo sausros žuvo: vasariniai javai — 148 tūkst. ha plote (20% nuo visų vasarinių javų ploto), 10 tūkst. ha bulvių (8%), 8 tūkst. ha linų (36%), 2,7 tūkst. ha cukrinių runkelių (8%), 2,3 tūkst. ha

## LIETUVOJE IR APIE LIETUVĄ

— Kazimieros Prunskienės, parlamento deputatės ir buvusios Ministrės pirmininkės, civilinė byla dėl sąmoningo bendradarbiavimo su KGB po ilgesnės pertraukos vėl tęsiama Lietuvos Aukščiausiojame teisme. Vienas svarbiausių daiktinių įrodymų šioje byloje — rašytinis ekspremjerės pasižadėjimas bendradarbiauti su saugumo organais. Lietuvos Aukščiausiojame teisme jau baigėsi trys panašios bylos. Visose teismas patvirtino juridinę reikšmę turinti faktą, kad deputatai Virgilijus Čepaitis, Jokūbas Minkevičius ir Vladimiras Beriozovas sąmoningai bendradarbiavo su KGB.

— Vilniuje, Dailės Muziejuje, rugsėjo 3 d. atidaryta išeivijos dail. Antano Petronio paroda. Menininko darbai Lietuvoje eksponuojami pirmą kartą. Išstatyta daugiau kaip 40 akvarelių. A. Petrikonis gimė 1923 m. Alytuje, mirė 1982 m. JAV.

— Lietuvos statistikos departamentas paskelbė, kad perieitais metais Lietuvoje buvo pats mažiausias gyventojų prieaugis — tik 10,000. 1992 m. pradžioje Lietuvoje gyveno 3 milijonai 761 tūkstantis žmonių, 31,2% jų gyveno kaime.

(12%) lauko daržovių.

Žymi dalis išlikusių vasarinių augalų ir žiemkenčių taip pat yra pažeisti sausros. Prognozuojamas vasarinių kultūrinių augalų derlius bus 2-3 kartus mažesnis, lyginant su išaugintu praėjusiais metais.

Bendro grūdų derliaus tikimasi tik apie 1,5-1,7 milijonų tonų, t.y. tik 45-50% ankstesnių metų derliaus (1991 m. buvo prikulta 3,347 milijonai tonų grūdų).

Bulvių derlius numatomas tik apie 800 tūkst. tonų, kai tuo tarpu pernai jų buvo prikulta daugiau kaip 1,5 milijono tonų.

Ypač stipriai nuo sausros nukentėjo linai: linų pluošto bendras derlius numatomas tik apie 4,3 tūkst. tonų arba 33% gauto pernai.

Cukrinių runkelių bendras derlius gal sieks apie 500 tūkst. tonų (60% ankstesnių metų derliaus).



Prie Palangos tilto 1992 m. vasarą. Nuotr. Viktoro Kapočiaus

## MUITŲ TVARKA LIETUVOJE

Rugpjūčio 18 d. Lietuvoje įsigaliojo nauja muitų tvarka. Ji įteisinta šių metų rugpjūčio 11 d. Vyriausybės nutarimu.

Taisyklėse reikalaujama daiktus (prekes), valiutą, vertybinius popierius iš Lietuvos ir į Lietuvą gabenti tik per muitinių postus. Juos būtina pateikti muitinės kontrolei kartu su užpildyta deklaracija, asmens dokumentu. Neteisėtai vežami daiktai bus konfiskuojami, o pažeidėjai — baudžiami. Augalinės ir gyvulinės kilmės daiktai turi būti ga-

benami tik per tuos muitinių postus, kuriuose yra pasienio veterinarinės bei augalų kontrolės tarnybos.

Ribojamas alkoholio gėrimų įvežimas į Lietuvą: be maito vienas asmuo gali atvežti litrą spirito arba degtinės, likerio bei du litrus vyno ir šampano.

Taip pat be maito, pateikus atitinkamus dokumentus, leidžiama išvežti ir įvežti paveldėtą turtą. Už kultūros ir meno vertybes, ne senesnes kaip 30 metų, maito mokėti irgi nereikia.

## Skaičiai kalba apie...

...tai, kad kiekvienoje kvadratinėje mylioje Rusijos kareivių yra: Estijoje — 1.1, Lietuvoje — 1.4, Latvijoje — 3.25, o pačioje Rusijoje tik — 0.3. Gal šių skaičių nežino Rusijos prezidentas?

...tai, kad Latvijoje gyvena 90,000 sovietinės armijos karininkų-pensininkų.

...tai, kad Rusijoje, 290,000 karininkų ir jų šeimų narių yra benamiai.

...tai, kad JAV Kongresas pasiūlė suteikti 1.2 bilijono pagalbą Rusijai.

Gauti kreditai iš Tarptautinio Valiutos Fondo, Pasauli-

nio Banko ir, tikriausiai, bus patvirtinta Kongreso pagalba. Pinigų Rusija turi. Vietos yra. Statykites sau butus Rusijos kareiviai. Rusijos delegacija deryboms su Lietuva dėl kariuomenės išvedimo reikalauja nekelti atlyginimo už padarytą Sovietų kariuomenės žalą Lietuvai klausimo. O Lietuva ir nežino kokį skaičių išstarti. Ji tik mato kaip jis atrodo — randas kiekvieno doro lietuvio širdyje, pražilę iš skausmo plaukai ir sušaudytos viso gyvenimo viltys...

A.J.

## ŽINIOS IŠ LIETUVOS

— **Dzūkijos ūkininkai**, žemės ūkio įmonės ir bendrovės buvo pirmieji, pradėję žiemkenčių sėją. Ši sėja Lietuvoje labai svarbi, nes iš visų javų žiemkenčiai duoda geriausią derlių. Sėklos yra pakankamai. Valdžia žemdirbiams iš valstybės rezervinio fondo paskyrė 10,000 tonų dyzelinio kuro. Sunkiau su mineralinėmis trąšomis, kurių Kėdainių chemijos gamykla birželio mėnesiais pagamino vos 320 tonų.

— **Ignalinos atominės elektrinės darbuotojų gyvenvietei** Sniečkui (siūlomas naujas pavadinimas — Visaginas), pastatyta vienoje gražiausių Lietuvos vietų — Nacionaliniame parke, sukako 15 metų. Sniečkus gyventojų skaičiumi (38,000) pralenkia daugelį Lietuvos miestų, bet jam dar nesuteiktas miesto statusas. Daugiatautėje gyvenvietėje yra tik 6% lietuvių, nes anksčiau į šią atominę elektrinę buvo sukviesti specialistai iš visos Sovietų Sąjungos. Dabar 90% Sniečkaus žmonių yra priėmę Lietuvos pilietybę.

— **Lietuvos vyriausybė**, stengdamasi sumažinti bedarbybę, priėmė nutarimą dėl naujų darbo vietų sukūrimo ir darbininkų perkvalifikavimo. Į šį procesą numatoma įtraukti ir priva-

tųjų sektorių. Organizacijos ir firmos, kurios plės gamybą — sukurs naujų darbo vietų, galės gauti lengvatinių kreditų su 50% nuolaida. Taip pat joms bus sudaromos sąlygos trečdaliu pigiau mokėti patalpų nuomą. Vasaros metu užregistruota apie 5,000 bedarbių. Manoma, kad vasaros darbų sezonui žemės ūkyje pasibaigus, darbo ieškančių žmonių skaičius žymiai pakils.

— **“Baltic Info 92”**, didžiausia Baltijos šalyse informacijos ir telekomunikacijos technikos paroda, spalio 6-9 dienomis veiks Lietuvos parodų centro “Litekspo”. Įvairių naujausių produkciją demonstruos 60 firmų iš 18 šalių. Parodoje dalyvaus ir 10 Lietuvos firmų.

— **Krikščionių demokratų partijos** nepaprastoje konferencijoje sutarta Lietuvos Respublikos seimo rinkimuose dalyvauti atskiru sąrašu. Kandidatūros dar tebederinamos. Kreiptasi į Lietuvos vyskupų konferencijos pirmininką su prašymu leisti keletui kunigų kandidatuoti į seimą. Šiuo metu krikščionių demokratų partija yra stipri politinė jėga, turi apie 6,000 narių, o jos skyriai veikia beveik visuose miestuose. Narių daugiau turi tik Lietuvos Demokratinė Darbo partija — pakeitusi pavadinimą buvusi Lietuvos komunistų partija.

— **Lietuvos Geležinkelių ministerija** sudarė kontraktą su Vokietijos traukinių gamybos koncernu DWA dėl 25 keleivinių traukinių pirkimo. Kiekvienas traukinys kainuos virš milijono Vokietijos markių. Kad apmokėtų kontrakto sumą, Lietuvos vyriausybė kreipėsi dėl kreditų į Pasaulinį Banką ir Europos Rekonstrukcijos ir Vystymo Banką. Vokietijos pusė tieks traukiniams įrangą, kad jie būtų pritaikyti Europos ir sovietinių geležinkelių reikalavimams.

— **Jaunojo džentelmeno mokykla** akcinės bendrovės “Kvadratas” rūpesčiu atidaryta Kaune. Būsimieji džentelmenai mokysis gerų manierų, kelių eismo taisyklių, vairuoti ir prižiūrėti automobilius, taisyti radijo ir kitokius aparatus. Bus mokomasi anglų ir vokiečių kalbų. Į mokyklą bus priimami vidurinių mokyklų moksleiviai.

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**Lithuanian Physicians to Observe VA Medical Care**

Physicians from Lithuania will observe American medical practice at one of the nation's largest Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hospitals as part of an assistance project between VA and the newly independent republic.

Four physicians currently assigned to hospitals in Kaunas and Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, will spend six months at Hines VA Medical Center near Chicago beginning in September. While there, they will observe medical examination and treatment procedures, take part in continuing education programs, and monitor a variety of administrative and record-keeping activities. The Hines hospital, with more than 1,000 medical and nursing-home beds and 3,000 employees, provides a broad range of general and specialized services and is one of the VA system's major

referral centers for organ transplants and spinal cord injury.

In approving the project, VA Secretary Edward J. Derwinski said, "This is a fundamentally humanitarian opportunity to willingly share our medical expertise and further cement our close ties with Lithuania. We are proud to have been asked to help with this important effort."

VA has thus far assisted the new government of Lithuania through Agency for International Development (AID) channels with three shipments in the past year of surplus medical equipment and supplies. Derwinski's consultant on medical matters in this country is Dr. C.K. Bobelis, a St. Petersburg, Florida, surgeon. Lithuania is in the process of establishing its own health-care system following its separation from the former Soviet Union.

**Boy Scout Advocate Daileda Dies**

William Daileda, 83, of Exeter, PA died September 17, 1992 at Nesbitt Hospital in Kingston, PA where he had been a patient for two weeks.

Mr. Daileda was a leader of Boy Scout Troop 311, Exeter, PA for over 60 years. Through his leadership, the first Boy Scout Home in the United States was built in Exeter in 1953.

He was awarded the Silver Beaver Award by the Boy Scouts.

He and his wife, the former Anna Wierbowski celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on Sept. 11, 1992.

They were both members of Lodge 183. His wife has been suffering with Alzheimer's and he was caring for her.

His friends say Bill was a staunch Lithuanian devoted to his church. His sister, the late Anna Morris, was secretary of Lodge 183 for many years.

**Scranton Native Wilchinsky Dies**

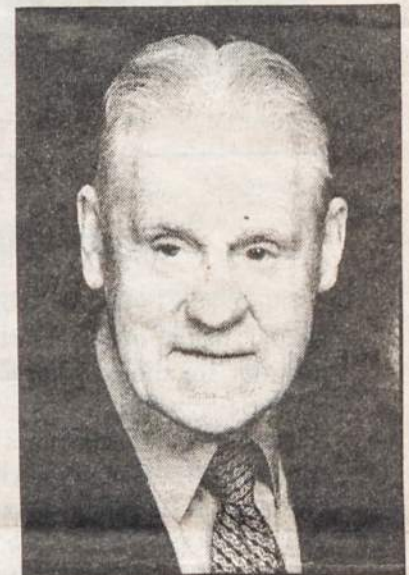
John A. Wilchinsky, of Scranton, PA died September 14, 1992 in Mercy Hospital following a brief illness.

He and his wife, the former Nancy Stankevich, celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary June 16, 1992.

Mr. Wilchinsky was an Army veteran of World War II and was employed by Tobyhanna Army Depot until his retirement.

Following his death, we learned from Trustee George Sadauckas that Mr. Wilchinsky was an avid reader of GARSAS and was also the anonymous donor who had given several donations to Garsas along with complimentary notes to the Editor.

Funeral services were held from the Carl J. Savino Funeral



John A. Wilchinsky

Home with Mass in St. Michael's Church. Interment was in Cathedral Cemetery.

Mr. Wilchinsky was a member of Lodge 155.

**Sympathy extended**

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to Rev. Joseph Mazaika, member of Lodge 7, on the death of his brother Albert who died Sept. 17, 1992.

Also to Adam Montville, Lodge 7 on the death of his brother, Joseph Montville, of Hemet, CA, who died Sept. 10, 1992.

Heartfelt sympathy also goes out to Linda (Williams) Hughes, member of Lodge 7, on the death of her father-in-law, Orwig Hughes, who died Sept. 28, 1992.

While in the United States, the Lithuanian physicians' lodging will be provided by VA. Travel and personal expenses for the group are being donated by the Lithuanian National Foundation, the Lithuanian Alliance of American and the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance.

The VA health-care system - Othe nation's largest - provides medical services to eligible veterans of the American armed forces through its nationwide network of 171 medical centers and more than 300 outpatient and community-based clinics.

Dr. Bobelis is a member of Lodge 44.