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Merry Christmas Happy New Year

A message from:

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After decades of enduring and resisting the yoke of foreign occupation, Lithuania declared her independence on March 11, 1990. Unfortunately, Russia's occupying army still remains on her soil. It poses an ever-present threat and certain imperialist circles still in power have not only delayed but hindered its withdrawal from Lithuanian territory.

Lithuania's religious rebirth is taking its first faltering steps. The forces working toward this are very limited for such a staggering task. Only now is the scope of the spiritual and the moral damage inflicted by the atheist regime becoming apparent, especially among the youth.

In the face of such a challenge, we are convinced that human means alone are unequal to the task of freeing Lithuania completely. We need supernatural help for it is known to bolster the weakest of forces.

We therefore urge all Lithuanians to join in praying the readily available Rosary as a way of beseeching God through the intercession of his Blessed

Mother Mary. We ask you to pray at least one mystery of the Rosary every day, starting in Advent. A mere 10% response will result in a powerful army of prayer invisibly fighting for true freedom, and moral and religious rebirth in Lithuania.

When Austria tried to force the Soviet Army to withdraw from its soil at the end of World War II, it lacked the military forces to do so (7 million Austrians against 220 million Soviets.) Austria's faithful banded in a campaign of prayer; 10% of the population pledged to say the entire Rosary every day.

This 700,000 strong army was victorious with its sole weapon, prayer; the Soviet army withdrew on May 13, 1955. To this day, military strategists and historians marvel at this.

In the summer of 1990, when the world's nations did not venture to recognize Lithuania's independence, the Knights of Lithuania began a Rosary chain recited day and night by one of their members until such time as the world community recognizes Lithuania's independence. At their convention in the summer of 1991 the Knights of Lithuania adopted a resolution to continue this form of prayer until the last Russia soldier is withdrawn from Lithuania.

These two examples encourage us to begin a wide-reaching prayer campaign, using a weapon that is readily available to us all. Let us wield it to strengthen our nation's existence and promote her spiritual and national well being. Let us form Rosary groups. Let every parish establish a committee to promote this campaign. Let us continue this movement until Lithuania becomes truly free and independent and her religious life begins to blossom.

Paulius OFM

WORLD YOUTH DAY

World Youth Day attended by the Holy Father will take place on August 11-15, 1993 in Denver, Colorado. Some 100,000 young people ranging from 13 to 29 years in age are expected to attend.

Ssiter Marijosiute and Lione Kazlauskiene (Bradunaite) from Denver are organizing a Lithuanian delegation.

When Bishop Baltakis attended the fourth Annual Meeting of the Pastoral Council in Chicago last July he spoke of his pastoral visits to Lithuanians in England and Scotland and called for Lithuanian youth to participate in the 1993 World Youth Day in Denver, Colorado which is to take place August 11-15.

U.S. BISHOP'S AID TO LITHUANIA

Two years ago the U.S. Bishops' Conference established a committee to Aid the Eastern European Church. This committee's work is already bearing considerable fruit for Lithuania and the other countries that have shrugged off the Soviet yoke. Lithuania has already benefitted in the amount of \$1,500,000 from special Sunday collections and financial aid from American Catholic educational institutions. This aid is used to train Lithuanian priests and seminarians at St. Casimir's College in Rome and U.S. Schools, to buy religious textbooks, books and modern teaching tools, to build a Catholic printery and to promote religious and philosophical studies.

CHURCHES RECONSECRATED

St. Michael's Church in Kaunas was reconsecrated on March 22nd of this year and Sts. Philips and James Church in Vilnius was reconsecrated on May 3rd. The communists had earlier used both of these churches as warehouses.

Florence Eckert ... Forgotten Birthday Child

They say Christmas is for children
But I'll have to disagree.
Christmas is for everyone
Including you and me.

To children Christmas is the day
That Santa comes to call.
Without this fat and jolly man,
T'would be no fun at all.

For weeks they've had to be real
good.
No food left on the plate;
No toys tossed all around the
room
And bedtime never late.

They visited the toy stores
Selected what they wished;
Then sat on weary Santa's knee,
And gave him their big list.

I want a doll
I want a train
I want a bike
I want a plane.

Bring ME a sled
Bring ME some games
Bring ME a racer
And l'electric trains.

On Christmas eve excitement
mounts
As they climb into bed.
Will they get all they asked for
The bike, the train, the sled?

Before the night makes way for
day
They're up and wide awake.
They rush into the bedroom
And Mom and Dad they shake.

C'mon, let's see what Santa
brung
And headfirst they take lead
Into the livingroom they dash
With jet propulsion speed!

Wow! Lookit all the stuff I got!
The bike - the sled - the doll.
Boy, Santa was real good to ME
I love HIM best of all!!!

It's quite a task for little ones
To leave their toys behind
They see no need to go to church
T'was SANTA was so kind.

What do they know of
CHRISTmas?
Are we the ones to blame?
That they rate SANTA, No. 1
While Christ's not in the game?

Christmas is for everyone
That's how it's meant to be
If we dont' understand it
How will they ever see?

The party is for JESUS
A gift should be HIS too.
All year HE gives to everyone.
Today give HIM His due

So spread your giving far and
wide
Not just within your home
Extend CHRIST's love to ev-
eryone
Especially to those who are
alone.

Merry Christmas
Florence Eckert

C.S.C.E. Human Rights Resolution Passes House

Dear Friends,

The demise of the Soviet Union has brought 15 new independent countries in the community of nations. Some, like the Baltic States, have at long last regained independence, and some, like the states of Central Asia, are independent for the first time in their history. Significantly, all of these states, both old and new, have become members of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) and it is in their capacity of CSCE members that they have pledged to uphold the recognized standards for the protection and promotion of human rights, democracy and rule of law in their societies.

As Chairman of Congress' Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (the Helsinki Commission) I feel that it is essential that, in the euphoria over the end of communist totalitarianism, we do not lose sight of the fight for fundamental freedoms and human rights for the people of the former Soviet Union. After all, we cannot expect the habits of the communist era to die quickly, and many human rights abuses are still being reported in several of the new states. We must therefore continue to insist that human rights in the former republics are respected, especially during this era of rapid change.

In November 1991, I introduced a resolution expressing the importance the U.S. Congress attaches to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the new states of the former Soviet Union. The resolution declares that the newly independent states should accept and implement all CSCE commitments on human rights and humanitarian cooperation and urges the parliamentary leaders of each of the new states to consider the establishment of appropriate mechanisms for the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

The resolution came before the House for a vote on June 9, 1992 at which time I reported to my colleagues on the current state of affairs in each of the new states regarding human rights and democracy, and urged them to pass this important resolution. I am pleased to report that the resolution unanimously passed the House. With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,
Steny H. Hoyer
Chairman

Baltic Council Members Meet

On November 2, 1992, Radio Lithuania reported that Chairman of the Lithuanian Supreme Council Vytautas Landsbergis would host his Estonian and Latvian counterparts, Lennart Meri and Anatolys Gorbunovs, at a meeting of the Baltic Council in November.

The meeting will take place in Vilnius where the three will discuss the internal political situation in their countries as well as their policies on Russia's decision to renegotiate the conditions of its troop withdrawal from the Baltic States.



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Christian Children's Fund Assists Children and Families in Lithuania

When World War II ended in Europe, Christian Children's Fund was on hand to provide food, shelter and medical assistance to the youngest victims of the conflict. CCF is once again providing assistance to children in Europe--this time in response to the Cold War.

Working with the Lithuanian Children's Fund, Christian Children's Fund became the first international child care agency to provide ongoing help to Lithuania's suffering children. Since May of this year, Christian Children's fund has shipped over one million dollars worth of vaccines, medical supplies, food, clothing, books, and toys to Central and Eastern Europe. In June, Christian Children's fund shipped 1,300 pounds of mumps, measles and rubella virus vaccines to children's hospitals in the Baltic States.

Dr. Paul McCleary, executive director, recently met with President Landsbergis to discuss in detail the needs of Lithuanian children and the opportunities for providing assistance. According to McCleary, funneling money into Eastern Europe would do more harm than good, exacerbating the staggering inflation in the region. "If we simply send money that will only reinforce the inflation cycle," he said. "We can have a greater impact by working in direct partnership with existing groups in Lithuania and providing the supplies that they need to assist the children," said McCleary.

As the world's largest independent child care agency, CCF brings years of experience and expertise to Lithuania. As an international not-for-profit, non-sectarian agency, free of political associations, CCF provides education, medical care, food, clothing and shelter to children in over 40 countries.

The CCF is primarily supported by sponsorship dollars provided by people who want to help children into productive, self-sufficient citizens. The hallmark program of child sponsorship links and sustains sponsors in one-to-one relationships with children enrolled in CCF programs.

In bringing together people who genuinely care about helping those in need, a personal relationship between the sponsor and child is ripe to develop. The child not only benefits from the services provided but from the knowledge that someone cares and from the encouragement received through sponsor correspondence.

It takes only \$21 a month to provide sponsorship to a needy child. Each sponsored child receives the assistance he or she needs including food, clothing, medical care and school supplies. Each sponsor receives a photograph of the sponsored child and details about the child's life, family and community.

CCF is deeply committed to the efficient and effective use of funds.

To insure that contributor's funds reach the children effectively and efficiently, we constantly examine and evaluate the work of our programs. CCF is committed to making sure that 80 cents or more out of every dollar contributed goes directly into benefits and services for children and their families.

Christian Children's Fund has made a commitment to the children of Lithuania, and we believe that sponsorship offers the most effective way to help.

Currently there are 500 Lithuanian children waiting for sponsors. If you would like to sponsor a Lithuanian child or make a donation to assist children in need, call 1-800-776-6767.



Mentally handicapped children are able to smile because of the assistance they receive through the Christian Children's Fund working along with the Lithuania Children's Fund.

Christian Children's Fund Ships Vegetable Seeds to Lithuania

A shipment of vegetable seeds valued at \$369,000 has been shipped to Lithuania for distribution to needy families. This announcement came from Dr. Paul F. McCleary, executive director of Christian Children's Fund. There were 720,000 packets of seeds in the shipment.

CCF is the largest independent child care agency in the world providing assistance to 2.5 million children and their families in more than 40 countries and the United States. An international not-for-profit nonsectarian agency, free of political associations, CCF provides education, medical care, food, clothing and shelter to children around the world. CCF is currently assisting children throughout Lithuania through the Lithuanian Children's fund.

"The people of Lithuania are struggling daily with the changes brought on by the formation of a free market economy," said McCleary. "Lithuanians are faced with a break down in the food distribution system so home gardens are

essential. These seeds will allow many families to become self-sufficient and prevent hunger and malnutrition," said McCleary.

CCF will pay all handling fees and shipping charges and work through the Lithuania Children's Fund to distribute the seeds to those families in need.

CCF currently assists Lithuanian children through three projects. In much of Central and Eastern Europe, state institutions are overflowing with healthy, intelligent children. Often the children are taken to state institutions because parents are unable to take care of them because of alcoholism, economic hardships or the children have been orphaned or abandoned. Two CCF projects work to remove children from state institutions and reunite them with relatives of volunteer foster families allowing the children to grow up in loving family environments. CCF assists these families by helping to

(See Vegetable Seeds, page 6)

Lithuanian-Russian Withdrawal Agreement Voided?

Aleksandr Udaltsov, identified as a deputy chief of the Russian foreign Ministry's 2nd European Department, said on November 2nd that the September 8th Lithuanian-Russian troop withdrawal agreement had been "formally voided" by President Yeltsin's October 29th directive suspending the Baltic pull-out. That agreement had specified that all Russian troops would be out of Lithuania by August 31, 1993. Udaltsov said that temporary agreements containing social

guarantees for Russian servicemen were being prepared by the Russian government and would be presented to the Baltic governments shortly, and that Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Vitali Churkin would soon visit Tallin to discuss Yeltsin's instructions. He said that Russia would defend firmly the rights of Russians in the Baltic States. His remarks were reported by Balt-Fax. (Stephen Foye) Lithuanian American Council

KFGB Building Becomes Memory Museum

On October 24, a Genocide Museum was opened for a short period of two days in the former KGB building in the center of Vilnius.

After two hours of standing in a queue, people could walk into the ill-famed prison wards, punishment cells and interrogation rooms. One of the cells, used for beating up prisoners, is lined with a thick layer of sound-proof rubber.

People stood in line for two hours to get to walk into the ill-

famed prison wards, interrogation room and cells. Thick layered sound proof rubber walls lined one of the cells used for beating up prisoners. A search is under way to find the execution room.

The KGB museum will be reopened sometime in the near future. It is expected to retain an authentic KGB-prison atmosphere where visitors will view hundreds of death and pain carrying instructions on display.

Energy Crisis Drags on

With the present supplies of crude oil, the Mazeikaiai oil refinery will be able to operate until December 10. According to director General Bronislovas Vainora, Russian authorities have issued a license to ship 700 thousand tons of oil to Lithuania. Twenty percent of the refined products, mostly fuel oil and liquid gas, will be left in Lithuania as payment for processing.

Meanwhile Russia continues to block the shipment of fuel oil to Lithuania, in spite of the fact that contracts have been signed with CIS suppliers on bringing in 0.5 million tons of fuel oil. The problem is political and not economic, maintains Evaldas

Bivilis, director of commerce of "Lietuvos Kuras" (Lithuanian Fuel). *(Lith/Wkly)

Landsbergis Talks to Yeltsin on Troop Withdrawal

On November 2, Lithuanian Supreme Council Chairman Vytautas Landsbergis spoke to Russian President Boris Yeltsin by telephone and was told that the final withdrawal of the Russian troops from Lithuania: The summer of 1993, remained unchanged, Radio Lithuania reported. Yeltsin also told Landsbergis that Russia was satisfied with the Lithuanian government's policy on minorities. (Saulius Girnius)

U.S. - Baltic Foundation Hosts Lithuanian Prime Minister

The U.S. Baltic Foundation (USBF) sponsored a luncheon in honor of Aleksandras Abisala, Prime Minister of Lithuania for forty U.S. business and private sector representatives at the Cosmos Club in Washington D.C. recently.

Mr. Abisala gave a broad overview of economic and business opportunities and problems in Lithuania. Referring to the current elections in Lithuania which have seen victories for the former Communist party (now the "Democratic Labor Party"), Mrs. Abisala stated, "There is no road back. Lithuania will not return to communism. Private property, price decontrol, expanded international trade and other free market reforms will be continued by any future government." The Prime Minister also stressed the importance of

intra-Baltic and regional cooperation in the fields of economics, trade, energy and transportation.

In his introduction to Mr. Abisala, USBF President Linas Kojelis stated, "The Prime Minister represents the type of leaders who have brought Lithuania from the wastelands to its proper place as a full member of the world community."

Attending the luncheon were representatives of Raytheon Corporation, Brown and Root, Caterpillar Corporation, APCO, Ahlstrom Pyropower, American League of Exports and Security Assistance, the U.S. Agency for International Development, International Republican Institute. Also attending was Lithuania's U.S. Ambassador, Stasys Lozoraitis.

News Briefs from Lithuania

November 1, the government liberalized tobacco prices which are expected to jump by 80- to 100%.

Beginning November 1, all motor vehicles are charged a special fee for entering and parking in the Old Town of Vilnius.

On November 2, Lithuania and Bangladesh established diplomatic relations. Bangladesh is the 66th state to set up diplomatic ties with Vilnius.

On November 3, a Baltic Festival opened in Saporu, Japan. Lithuania is displaying national costumes, wood carvings, paintings and amber jewelry.

On November 3, the Lithuanian Ministry of Economics registered 35 joint ventures and foreign capital firms, bringing the total number of such enterprises to 1,953.

Air travel rates have jumped an average of 80% with a flight from Vilnius to Moscow or St. Petersburg costing 3,500 coupons. A flight to Tashkent - 13,000 coupons.

A Gift of 170 Tons

A cargo of 170 tons of food stuffs from the United States military bases in Europe arrived at the Vilnius railway station in nine freight cars. The U.S. Embassy organized the shipments which will be distributed by the Lithuanian Health Ministry.

Snowstorm in Autumn!

An Autumn blizzard hit the eastern and southeastern regions of Lithuania the weekend of October 16 inflicting great damage on local economies.

Electricity lines were ruptured; 30,000 people were cut off from the telephone network; several thousand hectares (1 hectare is equal to 2.47 acres) of forest land were devastated with trees toppling from the heavy weight of wet snow. Approximately 1,000 km of telephone and 30 km of electricity lines will have to be restored. (Lith/Wkly)

Local Interest in Lithuania Grows

by Florence Eckert

Paris, Rio de Janiero, and Hawaii have been the choices of vacationers and sightseers for years but the picture's changing. Local travelers with Lithuanian roots are boarding flights to Lithuania, the tiny Baltic republic recently freed from 50 years of communist rule.

Last month we highlighted the trip of a couple from Exeter, PA and this month we have some pictures and points of interest from George Wanta, a traveler from Hudson, PA.

Some people may leave their hearts in "San Francisco" but Mr. Wanta left a part of his with a 12-year-old boy named Arunas. "He was quite the guy," Wanta said. "He was really anxious to visit America."

George met Arunas at their hotel in Klaipeda. The boy's mother and father both worked at the hotel and the little boy liked talking with the visitors from America. In a casual conversation, George asked Arunas if he'd like to visit America and, before he knew what was happening, the youngster flew out to where his mother was working in the kitchen and asked her if he could go to America.

When George told us the story, the office here at the Alliance was quick to offer treating Arunas to a day of fun and sight-seeing if he came to America. Women are softies like that when it comes to making children happy.

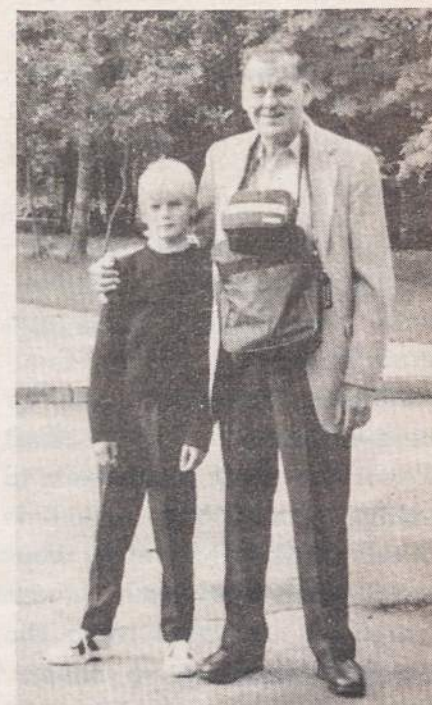
"It was tough to say good-bye" George said. "Youngsters don't understand the involvement of such an undertaking."

George wrote to Arunas who was overjoyed to hear form his friend in the United States and was quick to send a letter in return.

George Wanta enjoyed every minute of his visit to Lithuania and is looking forward to a return trip sometime in the future. As for young Arunas, should he make it to America, we hope



Once a beautiful city of private buildings, Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania seen from the TV tower is row after row of high rise apartment buildings.

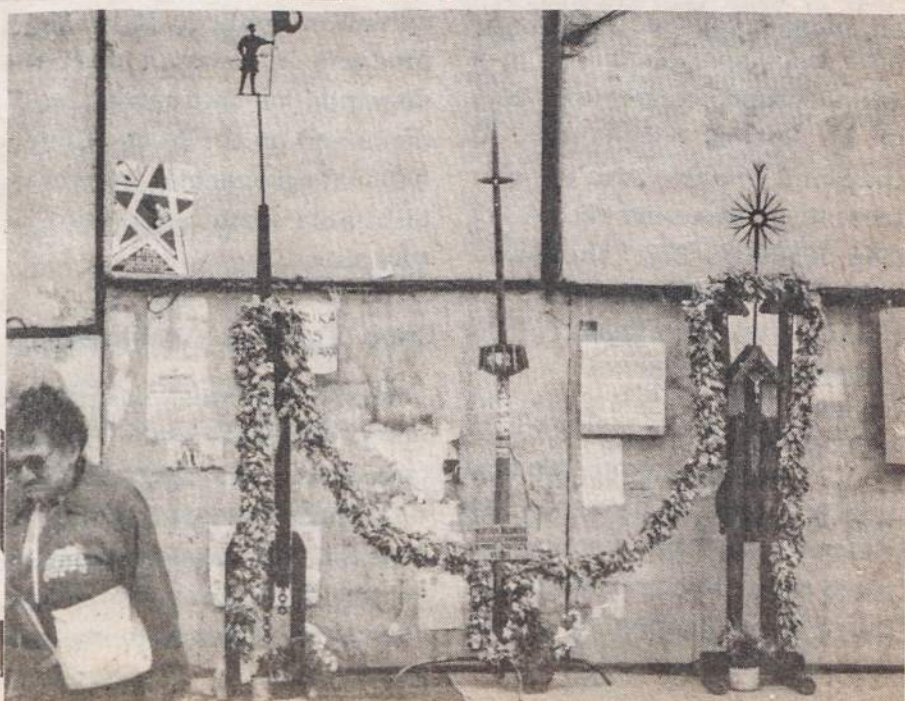


George and his 12-year-old buddy, Arunas.



George brings him to the office so we can get to meet him and then maybe get a chance to treat him to some shopping American style.

This cemetery, pictured at right, is located in the town of Agluoneru Kaimas, the birthplace of Mr. Wanta's grandmother. Take notice of the sign over the cemetery's gateway. It reads, 'KAS TU ESI - IR AS BUVOU KAS AS ESU - IR TU BUSI. English translation: "What you are - I also was. What I am - you will also be."



Pictured, left, is the barricade put up in front of the Parliament building as protection from the anticipated Russian attack. Many shrines have been erected on the barricade which, along with a stone barricade on the street, will not be removed until the last Russian soldier leaves Lithuanian soil.

Lithuania Suffers Drought Damages

It was reported in the Baltic News that Agricultural Minister Rimvydas Survilla has presented the following information to the Embassies and Consulates of the Republic of Lithuania.

Until 1990, Lithuania was importing about 1,300 - 1,400 thousand tons of fodder grain and grain for food and 200-300 thousand tons of albumen and other raws for production of combined fodder. It enabled Lithuania to produce about 500 thousand tons of extra milk and about 60 thousand tons of extra meat (carcass.) In 1991 when the Soviet Union started to collapse, Lithuania received only 787 thousand tons of grain and in 1992 Russian refused to sell its grain in exchange for meat and milk products from Lithuania. Therefore, at the beginning of 1992, Lithuania had to face a dangerous situation concerning the supply of bread and cake products, cereal and flour for the Lithuanian people, and big farms and poultry enterprises - which have no land possessions - had a very minimal quantity of concentrated fodder.

Since mid-May the drought has caused an enormous amount of damage to cultured plants.

According to preliminary data, farms of all categories in Lithuania because of the drought have lost: spring crops - ; in a 148 thousand hectares area (20% of all spring cornfields) 10 thousand hectares area of potatoes (9%); 8 thousand hectares of flax (36%); 2.7 thousand hectares of sugar beet (8%); 2.3 thousand hectares (12%) of field vegetables.

The major part of spring wheat as well as winter crops are also inflicted upon by drought. The estimates for crops of spring cultured plants this year will be 2-3 times lower compared to the crops of 1991.

The expected total yield of grain is 1.5 - 1.7 million tons this year, i.e. only 45-50% of the total crops of previous years (in 1991 the yield of grain was 3.347 million tons).

The expected crop of potatoes will make up about 800 thousand tons this year and last year it was more than 1.5 million tons.

According to the foreseen quantity of accumulated fodder, only 1,500 thousand livestock is expected to be kept throughout the 1992-93 winter season (from this amount - 620 thousand milk cows), 1,000 thousand pigs and 10 million poultry. Therefore 620 thousand livestock and 910 thousand pigs must be butchered before the winter season. In order to insure a steady rhythm of work in Lithuanian meat plants, we must export about 30 thousand tons of extra meat and meat products (the fixed export to the CIS is 70 thousand tons of meat and meat products.)

Regarding such a notable reduction of livestock, Lithuania will still be short of 1,200 thousand tons of grain (400 thousand tons from this amount = grain for food) and of 150 thousand tons of soy oil-cake.

The amount of imported fodder mentioned above, would enable Lithuania to produce the minimum quantity of livestock products in order to meet the demands of Lithuanian residents and on the basis of international agreements - to provide Lithuania with energetic resources.

New Vatican Ambassador

Kazys Lozoraitis, Lithuania's new Ambassador to the Vatican, presented his credentials to the Holy Father on July 11. The Pope took this occasion to accept an invitation from church and government officials to visit the Baltic states in September of 1993.

LCRA Dialysis Project Continues

One focal point of LCRA's medical aid efforts has been the provision of dialysis equipment and supplies to the Lithuanian Kidney Foundation. Prior to the inception of this project, dialysis treatment was unavailable in Lithuania to all but a miniscule number of patients due to the lack of Western-made equipment and the unreliability as well as scarcity of Soviet machines.

As the Kidney Foundation President, Dr. Balys Dainys, has written to LCRA, "Clinics which previously had a strong foundation, sufficient equipment, or performed simple procedures are still capable of operating. Times are extremely difficult for us, however, because the nephrology clinic is entirely new. Your aid is the only thing which gives us hope. It is thanks to your assistance alone that the dialysis situation in Lithuanian has begun

to improve."

To date, LCRA has shipped 32 dialysis machines which are currently saving the lives of kidney patients throughout Lithuania. Water filtration equipment, disposable parts and concentrates needed to carry out the dialysis process have also been shipped to insure that the machines will continue to operate.

LCRA's largest donor of dialysis equipment and supplies has been Dialysist, Inc., of Morristown, N.J. Other contributors to the project who have facilitated donations of equipment or assisted in covering costs associated with procurement and shipping include: Mr. George Ward, the Free Lithuania Committee (Baltimore, MD), Americans for an Independent Lithuania (New Jersey), Dr. Michael Yudd of South Orange (NJ) V.A. Hospital, the Knights of Lithuania and Lutheran Medical Center (New York.)

Barcelona Games Participant Shot in Kaunas

Vidas Markevicius, a 29-year-old heavyweight boxer, a member of the Lithuanian Olympic team in Barcelona, was shot to death on the outskirts of Kaunas. Markevicius was among of a group of allegedly armed racketeers who demanded a pay-off of 100,000 rubles from a small business owner at his suburban house. In defiance, the

middle-aged entrepreneur fired a hunting rifle, inflicting a mortal wound on Markevicius and injuring one of his friends.

The businessman claims that he was threatened by the same men earlier and that his garage door was broken in an attempt to steal a new Mercedes. (Lith/Wkly)

Vegetable seeds

provide necessities such as food, clothing and school supplies and lessening the economic burden of additional family members.

Through the Lithuanian Society of Families with Mentally Handicapped Children, CCF is helping mentally handicapped children by assisting with transportation to special education schools, therapy and counselling sessions. In addition, a toy library of educational and development toys is being developed.

John Paul II to Visit Baltics Late Next Year

In an Associated Press story from Moscow it was reported the Holy Father will arrive in Lithuania on September 4, then head to Latvia on September 7 and later go to Estonia.

While in Lithuania, he will offer Mass on the Hill of Crosses (pictured in our last issue).



Holiday Recipes



APPLE NUT DESSERT

In a 2-quart bowl, mix with a fork 1 cup. Sugar, 3/4 cup sifted all-purpose Flour, 2 tsp. Baking Powder and 1 Tblsp. Soft Shortening. Stir in 1/2 cup Pet Evaporated Milk and 1 tsp. Vanilla until well blended.

Stir in 1/2 cup broken nuts and 3 cups cut-up peeled apple until coated with batter. Spread evenly in a greased 9-inch square pan.

Mix with a fork until crumbly 2 Tblsp. Brown Sugar, 1/3 cup Flour and 2 Tblsp. softened Butter or Margarine. Sprinkle over apple mixture in pan. Bake in 400 oven (hot) 30 to 35 min., or until top is golden brown. Serve warm or cold. Spoon into dishes or cut into 9 squares. If desired, top with ice cream.

RASPBERRY DELIGHTS

1 cup Butter or Margarine
1/2 cup Brown Sugar
2 Egg Yolks slightly beaten
2 cups sifted Flour
1 cup chopped Walnuts
2 Egg Whites
Seedless Raspberry Jam (Sole Ridge)

Cream butter, blend in sugar, add yolks then flour.

Roll into small balls. Dip into unbeaten whites. Roll in chopped nuts and roll again in palm of hand to firm.

Place on greased cookie sheet and press in center with thumb. Bake for 5 minutes at 300 degrees. Remove from oven and let set for about one minute. Press center of each once again. Fill center with jam.

Return to oven for 15 minutes at 300 degrees. Makes a real treat anytime, especially during the Christmas holidays.

ALMOND NUT BALLS

1 cup Fleischmann's Regular or Sweet Unsalted margarine softened

1/4 cup confectioner's sugar
1 cup blanched almonds, ground
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
1/4 tsp. lemon extract
1/4 tsp. almond extract
2 cups all-purpose flour

Cream margarine and confectioner's sugar until light and fluffy. Mix in almonds, vanilla, lemon and almond extracts until well blended. Stir in flour until well mixed. Shape mixture into 1-inch balls and place on ungreased baking sheets.

Bake at 325 until very lightly browned, about 18 minutes. Remove from sheets and cool on wire racks.

CALIFORNIA FRUIT COCKTAIL

(Makes 6 servings)

1/2 cup California Port Wine
1/4 cup grape or currant jelly
1 Tblsp. lemon juice
Salt (optional)
1 cup pitted canned Royal Anne cherries
1 cup diced canned pineapple
1 cup diced orange sections

Heat wine to simmering; add jelly and stir until melted. Remove from heat; add lemon juice and salt. Cool. Combine cherries, pineapple and orange sections (thoroughly drained) in a bowl. Pour wine mixture over fruit. Cover and chill several hours. To serve, heap fruit in cocktail glasses and pour some of the wine mixture over each serving.

PORTED CHERRY SUNDAE

(Makes six servings)

1 (No. 303) can prepared cherry pie filling
1/2 cup California Port Wine
1/2 cup orange marmalade
1 Quart vanilla ice cream

Empty pie filling into small saucepan. Stir in wine and Marmalade. Heat on medium high stirring until mixture is thoroughly heated. Spoon warm sauce over vanilla ice cream.

PECAN OATMEAL CHEWIES

1/2 cup margarine
1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1/3 cup honey
1/3 cup wheat germ
1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
1 1/2 cups old fashioned oats, uncooked (not instant)
1 cup chopped dried apricots
1/3 cup pecans, coarsely chopped
1/4 cup dark seedless raisins

Combine margarine, brown sugar and honey in a saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring constantly. Reduce heat and simmer for 4 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Mix in wheat germ and cinnamon. Stir in oats, apricots, pecans and raisins. Drop mixture by level tablespoons onto waxed paper, shaping into a mound. Chill until firm. Store refrigerated in a tightly covered container.

TIPSY PUNCH BOWL

1 Fifth brandy
1 Bottle Burgundy
1 Bottle Port Wine
1 1/2 cups sugar
Crushed Ice
6 Orange slices
6 Lime slices
1 Quart Club Soda

Combine all ingredients except ice, fruit and club soda in a punch bowl. Chill. When ready to serve, add the ice and club soda. Garnish with fruit slices. Yields 25 punch cups.

MILK BRANDY PUNCH

12 ounces Brandy
4 1/2 cups cold milk
6 teaspoons sugar
Crushed ice
Nutmeg

In a punch bowl, combine all ingredients except nutmeg and ice. Chill. When ready to serve add ice; garnish with nutmeg. Yields 6 to 8 punch cups.

Give your buffet spread the true professional touch with just a little effort. Prepare your appetizers the night before -- refrigerate until ready to use, then just set out on serving trays and garnish to your fancy.

Stand a penguin here and there on the tray by peeling a hard cooked egg for the body and attaching a black olive for the head. Cut two more olives in half for the wings and feet. Insert a piece of toothpick for the bill and a whole toothpick against the back for a stand.

PRETTY POSIES

Spread round crackers or toast rounds with Planters Peanut Butter, add a thin slice of unpeeled cucumber, a slice of radish and a slice of stuffed olive.

BANANA PEANUT BUTTER WHIRLS

Peel three bananas, brush with orange juice and slice in two lengthwise. Spread each half with Peanut Butter and put back together. Roll in finely chopped peanuts, cut 3/4" slices and spear with pick.

Instead of using bowls for sauce or dips, cut a large lemon or small grapefruit in half and carve a sawtooth pattern along the center cut on each halve. Scoop out the fruit and fill with your favorite sauce or dip. Oranges may also be used to add color.





1990 m. kovo 12 d., vos dieniai praslinkus nuo Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atkūrimo paskelbimo, Vytautas Landsbergis, dešinėje, ir Algirdas Brazauskas vieningai stovėjo prieš džiugaujančią minią. Dabar, nepilniems trejiems metams praslinkus, šių dešiniųjų ir kairiųjų partijų vadų takai išsiskyrė. O gal dar labiau išsiskirs vėliau, kai ateis rinkimai į respublikos prezidentus.

LANDSBERGIO PAREIŠKIMAS

Lietuvos Aukščiausiosios Tarybos pirmininkas Vytautas Landsbergis lapkričio 16 d. išleido tokį pareiškimą:

Lietuvos Seimo rinkimų antrojo rato balsavimas patvirtina, jog pirmojo rato rezultatai nebuvo atsitiktiniai. Jie turi priežastis, kurios glūdi ne tik Sąjūdžio suskilime ir jo veiklos trūkumuose, ne tik Lietuvos ir tarptautiniuose pastarojo meto įvykiuose bei ekonominiuose energetiniuose sunkumuose, bet kai kas jų glūdi dar giliau buvusios sovietų santvarkos per keletą dešimtmečių suformuotose mąstymo stereotipuose bei dabartinėje Lietuvos visuomenės sanklodoje.

Tos priežastys dar bus ilgai analizuojamos, ir jos nėra be sąryšio su pokyčiais aplink mus. Rinkimų rezultatai turės ir pasekmes, kurių pirmoji — galima LDDP vienvaldystė, su satelitu arba be jo, panaši į tą, kokia buvo

ligi 1988 metų. Yra, žinoma, ir esminių skirtumų — tai atkurta valstybės nepriklausomybė su jos institucijomis ir nutiestais politiniais tiltais į Vakarus, tai jau iš dalies susiformavę demokratinio visuomenės ir ūkinio gyvenimo bruožai. Labai svarbu, kad tie esmingiausi laimėjimai nebūtų prarasti. Mano sveikiniams laimėjusiems rinkimus yra grindžiami būtent šia viltimi.

Rinkėjai patikėjo LDDP pažadais išspręsti einamuosius gyvenimo sunkumus ir suteikė mandatą, kuris gali pasirodyti siekiantis kur kas toliau. LDDP dabar tenka visiška atsakomybė už Lietuvos ateitį, už nepriklausomybę ir demokratiją šioje šalyje. Sukaupusi daug kompetencijos valdyti ankstesnėmis sovietinėmis sąlygomis, LDDP turės pritaikyti šią kompetenciją demokratinėse nepriklausomos valstybės struktūrose.

Pagrindinis klausimas, į kurį

NAUJOJO LIETUVOS SEIMO SUDĖTIS

Lapkričio 15 d. Lietuvoje įvyko antrasis rinkimų turas. Išrinkti atstovai iš tų rinkiminių apygardų, kur pirmame ture kandidatai nebuvo surinkę reikiamos balsų daugumos.

Su lapkričio 15 d. išrinktais seimo atstovais dabar naujame Seime LDDP (buvusi komunistų partija) turi 80 atstovų,

Sąjūdis — 26 atstovus, Krikščionys demokratai — 15, Socialdemokratai — 8, visi kiti — 12 atstovų.

Marijampolės apygardoje kandidatavęs dr. K. Bobelis išrinktas į Seimą. Jis gavo 11,809 balsus, kitas kandidatas — Justas V. Paleckis — 6,937 balsus.

“ATSIRADO” MOLOTOVO-RIBBENTROPO PAKTO ORIGINALAS

Ilgus dešimtmečius Sovietų Sąjungai neigė Molotovo-Ribbentropo slaptųjų 1939 m. paktų egzistavimą. Tačiau šiemet spalio 29 d. Rusijos prezidento Jelcino padėjėjas gen. Dmitri Volkogonov per Maskvos TV pranešė, kad tų paktų originalai surasti SSSR Komunistų partijos archyvuose. Jie atrasti byloje tarp devynių dokumentų.

Tarp tų dokumentų yra Molotovo ir Ribbentropo pasirašytoji

sutartis, pasidalijant Rytų Europą įtakos sferomis. Tie patys susitarimai, kaip žinia, davė pagrindą Stalinui prisijungti Lietuvai, Latvijai ir Estijai.

Gen. Volkogonov TV programoje parodė ir tuos dokumentus, išėmęs juos iš raudono aplanko, pažymėto “visiškai slaptai”. Jis dar pridėjo, kad šalia pagrindinio Molotovo-Ribbentropo pasirašyto dokumento buvo ir priedas, datuotas trim dienom vėliau. “Ypatingai įdomiu” dokumentu generolas dar pavadino vieną iš kitų penkių dokumentų, kur yra Rytų Europos žemėlapiai, Molotovo ir Ribbentropo pasirašyti 1941 m. sausio mėn.

— Vilniuje, Lietuvos nacionalinėje Martyno Mažvydo bibliotekoje spalio 14 d. atidaryta Vytauto Landsbergio 60 m. sukaktuvinė paroda. Čia rodomi profesoriaus darbai iš muzikologijos bei meno istorijos — knygos, straipsniai, taip pat publikacijos apie Vytautą Landsbergį kaip mokslininką ir kaip valstybės veikėją.

— Šveicarijos konfederacija pažadėjo Lietuvai suteikti iki 10 milijonų Šveicarijos frankų sveikatos apsaugai, energetikai, infrastruktūrai plėtoti. Tokia neatlygintinos finansinės paramos sutartis bus pirmoji. Jos pasirašyti į Berną spalio 21 d. buvo išvykusi Tarptautinių ekonominių santykių ministerijos delegacija.

atsakys LDDP politika ir veiksmai, yra ir bus tas: ar Lietuvos nacionaliniai interesai bus LDDP veiklos prioritetas, ar mūsų valstybės ir jos žmonių ilgalaikiai interesai nebus aukojami trumpalaikiai politinei naudai, o juolab — kitos valstybės interesams.

Negerai būtų jei prioritetą gautų partiniai interesai ir seni partiniai įpročiai, kurie tada skandindavo triuškindami opoziciją ir vėlgundyti pažeisti jau turimą demokratiją.

Tikiuosi, kad to nebus, kad LDDP vadovai gerai suvokia, kokią didelę galią jie gauna, o kartu — atsakomybę už visą šalį, už teisėtumą, rimtį ir stabilumą Lietuvoje. Tai pagrindinis nacionalinis interesas tame nepastovume, sunkumuose ir svyravimuose, kuriuose yra atsidūrusios visos buvusios komunizmo imperijos šalys. Europinė demokratinė Lietuvos kryptis turi likti išsaugota.

KOKIA BUVO AUKŠČIAUSIOJI TARYBA

Nors buvusioji Aukščiausioji Taryba Lietuvoje yra pagarsėjusi savo peštynėmis (ir žodžiais ir fiziškai), bet vis tiek ji yra istorinė. Ji buvo savotiškai unikali ta prasme, kad joje būta pasaulio praktikoje negirdėtų parlamentinės rezistencijos pavyzdžių ir labai nedidelių, palyginus su kitų kraštų praktika, kautynių.

Bet ne tai lemia įstatymų leidžiamosios valdžios veiklą. Žmonės nepamirš, kad pirmojo šaukimo Lietuvos Respublikos Aukščiausioji Taryba kovo 11 d. paskelbė Nepriklausomybės atkūrimo aktą, tų sausio, rugpjūčio pučo dienų ir naktų, kai visų Lietuvos žmonių žvilgsniai buvo nukreipti į Lietuvos parlamentą, jo deputatus, ištvėrusius, nepalūžusius.

Baigdami savo kadenciją, deputatai sugebėjo pasiekti susitarimą, parengti Konstitucijos projektą, pagrindinį būtiną valstybės gyvenime dokumentą. Per palyginti labai trumpą laiką — dvejus su puse metų taip pat paruošta ir priimta nepaprastai daug įstatymų, nutarimų, kitų dokumentų, tvarkančių atsikūrusios valstybės gyvenimą.

Nuo 1990 metų kovo 11 d. LR Aukščiausioji Taryba priėmė 2984 dokumentus, įstatymus, nutarimus, kreipimusis. Vien tik įstatymų priimta 320. Parengtas ir referendumui pateiktas Lietuvos Respublikos Konstitucijos projektas.

Nuo kovo 11-os gauta 48.6 tūkstančio telegramų, laiškų. Iš jų 11.5 tūkstančio — dėl sausio įvykių, o 5.5 tūkstančio — dėl referendumo, prezidento institucijos atkūrimo bei kitais politiniais klausimais. Visi kiti laiškai, — žemės ūkio reformos, nuosavybės teisių atstatymo, butų, socialiniais, teisėsaugos klausimais.

Į Aukščiausiosios Tarybos primamąjį kreipėsi apie 9 tūkstančius piliečių.

Per savaitę vidutiniškai lankydavosi po 2-3 užsienio delegacijas.

Pirmininkas Vytautas Landsbergis viename Tarybos posėdyje apžvelgė per dvejus su puse metų Parlamento nueitą kelią. Nuveikta nepaprastai daug. Ši AT buvo visų reformų ir pertvarkymų variklis bei gynėjas. Tiesa,

būta įvairių nesusipratimų, bet jie, matyt, neišvengiami.

Priešpriešos tarp frakcijų būdingos net valstybėms, kurios neturi tokio blogo palikimo. Svarbiausia, kad svetimai jėgai priešintasi kartu.

Landsbergis pabrėžė: nėra tokios aukos, kuri būtų per didelė, kai ji atiduodama už Tėvynės laisvę. Jo manymu, jau lapkričio mėn. Vilniuje ir Vilniaus rajone nebeliks svetimos kariuomenės. Bent taip susitarta.

Baigdamas pranešimą, AT pirmininkas padėkojo visiems deputatams, su kuriais teko dirbti.

O premjeras Aleksandras Abišala savo veiklą — 100 dienų apžvelgė pasikalbėjime su Lietuvos televizija. Šis jo susitikimas su žiūrovais gal paskutinis. Po antrojo Seimo rinkimų turo bus formuojama nauja Vyriausybė.

Vertindamas dabartinės Vyriausybės veiklą, Abišala pažymėjo, kad pasikeitė darbo stilius. Jis kolegialus. Visi kabineto nariai pajuto atsakomybę už sprendimus. Ar jie teisingi, ar klaidingi, sprendžia Lietuvos žmonės. Nors, kaip jis pažymėjo, rinkimai parodė, kad Vyriausybės darbas nebuvo aukštai įvertintas. Rinkėjai balsus atidavė kairiesiems.

Pasak premjero, didžiausias ir mažiausias pavykęs Vyriausybės darbas — žemės reforma. Bandyta ją gerinti, spartinti, daryti ne taip skausmingą. Dar viena sunki problema — produkcijos supirkimas. Bloga ekonominė padėtis neleido laiku atsiskaityti su žmonėmis, parduodančiais pieną, mėsą. Tačiau Vyriausybė

ieškojo ir rado būdų, kaip išspręsti šį klausimą.

Kalbėdamas apie privatinimą, premjeras pasakojo, kad, siekiant apriboti nusikaltėlių grupuočių dalyvavimą šiame procese, Vyriausybės teikimu pakeisti kai kurie privatizavimo įstatymo straipsniai, rengiamas išstis priemonių planas. O kol jis bus paruoštas, aukcionai sustabdyti.

Kalbėdamas apie energetiką, premjeras pažymėjo, kad tai tokia pat skaudi problema, kaip ir žemės ūkis. Padėtis šioje srityje

susijusi su Lietuvos-Rusijos prekybiniais santykiais. Vyriausybė stengėsi, negailėdama laiko ir jėgų, derėtis su Rusija. Padaryta nemaža. Pasirašyti susitarimai dėl tarpusavio atsiskaitymų, prekybos 1993 metais ir kiti dokumentai.

Dėl naftos ir dujų pirkimo Rusijoje niekaip nepavyksta susitarti. Unikaliai, pasak premjero, atrodo ir paskutinis vicepremjero B. Lubio vizitas į Maskvą, kai nebuvo kam pasirašyti jau paruoštų dokumentų. Santykiai su Rusija liudija, kad ir esantis parašas nebūtinai galioja. Tai, pasak premjero, įrodo ir paskutinis prezidento Jelcino įsakas dėl kariuomenės išvedimo iš Baltijos šalių pristabdymo.

Todėl, kaip nurodė Abišala, ieškoma galimybių pirkti dujas ir naftą Vakarų šalyse. Netrukus

jau turėtų būti atgabenta jūra nafta, gautos pirmosios siuntos suskystintų dujų. Tai palengvins mažų miestelių gyventojų buitį.

Toliau Abišala kalbėjo apie socialinę pagalbą, kuri bus teikiama Lietuvos žmonėms dėl padidėjusių naftos ir dujų kainų, prie Vyriausybės įsteigtos Globos ir socialinės rūpybos tarybos veiklą.

— **Dzūkijoje**, miškingiausioje Lietuvos krašte, kuriasi privačios firmos, superkančios miško gėrybes. Ypač perkami grybai — vien tik voveraičių kasdien superkama po 1-3 tonas. Už voveraičių kilogramą mokama po 8-10 Vokietijos markių, nes daugiausia grybų gabenama į Vokietiją.



Kaune, Laisvės alėjoje, paminklas Vytautui Didžiajam. Ant paminklo užrašyta: "Lietuvos galybės kūrėjui. (1430-1930).
Nuotr. Viktoro Kapočiaus

RŪPESČIŲ CENTRE LIETUVA IR VISI LIETUVIAI

— Pasaulio Lietuvių Bendruomenės valdybos veiklos gairės —

Pasaulio Lietuvių Bendruomenės valdyba, kaip demokratiškai išrinkta pasaulio lietuvių išeivijos vadovybė, ryždamasi tęsti 1949 birželio 14 paskelbtos Lietuvių Chartos nurodytų uždavinių vykdymą, tik atsižvelgdama į Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės atgavimą ir pritaikiusi juos prie naujų aplinkybių bei sąlygų, savo ketverių metų kadencijai skelbia tokias veiklos gaires.

1. Nekeičiamas Pasaulio Lietuvių Bendruomenės tikslas yra rūpintis lietuvių tautos, Lietuvos valstybės ir lietuvių išeivijos išlikimu bei gerove.

2. Iš anksčiau vykdomų dviejų pagrindinių uždavinių — Lietuvos laisvinimo ir lietuvių išlaikymo išeivijoje, pirmasis pakeičiamas į pagalbą Lietuvai, o antrasis lieka toks pat, kaip ir buvęs. Pasaulio Lietuvių Bendruomenės valdyba visomis jėgomis ir turimomis priemonėmis uoliai stengsis tuos abu uždavinius vykdyti.

3. Pasaulio Lietuvių Bendruomenės valdyba pasilieka nuomonės, kad tauta tegali išlikti ir geriausiai tarpti tik susiorganizuavusi į savarankišką valstybinę organizaciją, todėl remia 1990 m. kovo 11 d. atsikūrusią Nepriklausomos Lietuvos demokratišką valstybę ir jos demokratiškai išrinktą vadovybę. O tai reiškia, kad PLB valdyba nesieja savęs nė su kokia nors viena politine partija, grupe ar judėjimu, nei su kokia nors viena idėja bei pasaulėžiūra, nei su kokia nors viena religija. Jos veiklos pagrindinis tikslas ir darbų atrama yra **Nepriklausoma Lietuvos Valstybė** ir už jos ribų gyvenančių tautiečių lietuviybė.

4. Pasaulio Lietuvių Bendruomenės valdyba taip pat mano, kad ir išlaikymas tarp už Lietuvos valstybės gyvenančių tautiečių lietuviybės, kurią sudaro lietuvių kalba, būdas, kultūra, papročiai, tradicijos, tegali būti paveikus tik visiems lietuviams susibūrus į vieną bendrą junginį, kur visi, nusistatę bendras veiklos gaires ir periodiškai jas įvertindami, persvarstydami bei pritaikydami prie laiko bei sąlygų, galėtų kartu dirbti, bendrauti, bendradarbiauti, vieni kitiems

padėti. O tokia jungtis kaip tik ir yra Pasaulio Lietuvių Bendruomenė.

5. Todėl savo kadenciją pradėdama, PLB valdyba kviečia visus už Lietuvos ribų gyvenančius lietuvius jungtis į Pasaulio Lietuvių Bendruomenės šeimą per Kraštų Bendruomenes bei kitus padalinius ir dirbti bendrą darbą, koordinuojamą bendros vadovybės, demokratiškai visų už Lietuvos ribų gyvenančių lietuvių išrinktos Pasaulio Lietuvių Bendruomenės valdybos, neatsisakant savo savarankiškumo ir suprantant, kad bendradarbiavimas tegali būti pagrįstas tik bendruomeniško solidarumo

principais, tolerancija ir abipusiu sutarimu.

6. PLB valdyba, visomis jėgomis remdama demokratiškai išrinktą Nepriklausomos Lietuvos Respublikos vadovybę ir pati teikdama arba ieškodama paramos Lietuvai, Lietuvos Seimui, Vyriausybei, visas organizacijas ir pavienius žmones kviečia atsižvelgti į išeivijos bei jos vadovybės puoselėjamus tikslus, padėti jų siekti ir bendradarbiauti su Pasaulio Lietuvių Bendruomenės valdyba, kaip su vyriausia už Lietuvos ribų gyvenančių lietuvių taip pat demokratiškai išrinkta vadovybe.

Pasaulio Lietuvių Bendruomenės įvairios vadovybės, pada-

liniai bei pavieniai išeiviai visomis jėgomis ir ištekliais uoliai darbavosi dėl Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atgavimo savo gyvenamuose kraštuose, visada jausdamiesi esantys tos pačios lietuvių tautos ir tos pačios, daugelio Vakarų valstybių niekada sovietams nepripažintos, Lietuvos valstybės dalis, niekada neatsisakę nei pareigų, nei teisių. Todėl ir mano, kad, Lietuvai nepriklausomą valstybinį vyksmą sukliudžiusių jėgų atsikračius, už jos ribų gyvenantieji lietuviai turi turėti tokias pačias teises Lietuvos valstybėje, kaip ir jos ribose gyvenantieji žmonės, nepaisant į kokias valstybines ar kitas organizacijas išeiviškas gyvenimas juos būtų įjungęs.

7. Po penkiasdešimt metų vergijos ir sunkios lietuvių tautos kovos Lietuvos žemėje ir nuolatinio darbo už jos ribų pagaliau laimėjome Lietuvai nepriklausomybę ir dabar visomis jėgomis turime ją išlaikyti, apginti, rūpintis jos pažanga, gerove, visapusišku gyvenimo sužydėjimu visiems jos žmonėms.

Bet yra ir išeivija, ir kiti už Lietuvos ribų gyvenantieji lietuviai. Tik maža jų dalis tegrįš į Nepriklausomą Lietuvą. Visi kiti liks gyventi tarp kitataučių. Gims ir augs naujos kartos. Jos turi būti lietuviškos, ir tokias jas išlaikyti yra mūsų visų ir Lietuvoje ir už jos ribų gyvenančių lietuvių — pareiga. O ją tegalime atlikti tik visi glaudžiai bendradarbiaudami, kartu dirbdami, vieni kitiems padėdami, vieni į kitus atsižvelgdami, susiprasdami, būdami tolerantiški, pakantūs, vieni kitus gerbdami.

Tepadeda mums Dievas tokiomis būti, taip gyventi ir kartu bendrai dirbti.

Pasaulio Lietuvių Bendruomenės valdyba:

Bronius Nainys — pirmininkas, Rimas Česonis, Kostas Dočkus, Vacys Garbonkus, Vytautas Kamantas, dr. Petras Kisielius, Baniutė Kronienė, Milda Lenkauskienė, Paulius Mikus, dr. Vitalija Vasaitienė.

Lemont, 1992 spalio 24 d.



Vilniuje, šalia barikadų į Parlamentą, prie Marijos altoriaus vis dar meldžiasi žmonės už laisvą Lietuvą. Nuotr. Viktoro Kapočiaus.



NATO karinio komiteto pirmininkas generolas Vigleik Eide spalio 13 d. su oficialiu vizitu buvo atvykęs į Lietuvą. Pasimatė su Aukščiausiosios Tarybos pirm. Vytautu Landsbergiu, premjeru Aleksandru Abišala, užsienio reikalų ministru Algirdu Sandargu ir kitais aukštais pareigūnais. Buvo aptarti Lietuvos integracijos į Europos kolektyvinio saugumo sistemą klausimai. Nuotraukoje svečias su Lietuvos Apsaugos ministru dr. Audriumi Butkevičium. Nuotr. Viktoro Kapočiaus

LIETUVOJE IR APIE LIETUVĄ

— Vilniuje lapkričio 4 d. rytą nuo kryžių, stovinčių prie TV pastatų, žuvusiems sausio 13-ąją ir Medininkų aukoms, buvo nuluptos lentelės su Algimanto Petro Kavoliuko ir Rolando Jankausko vardais. Kryžių kalnelį tvarkantis Justinas Baurėnas pasakė, kad nieko panašaus dar nėra buvę. Prieš pučą suplėšydavo vėliavas, plakatus, tačiau prieš kryžius rankos pakelti nedrįso net užkietėję komunistai. Šioje vietoje dar ir dabar vakarais renkasi žmonės, ateina žuvusiųjų artimieji, filmuoja užsieniečiai. Šalia esančiame nedideliame muziejuje į knygą surašyta daugiau nei 4000 atsiliėpimų. Kryžiai Kavoliukui ir Jankauskui stovi iš krašto, matyt, todėl lentelės nuluptos tik nuo jų. Jos rastos numestos šalia. Kaip sako Baurėnas, šias lentelės atiduos į muziejų, o jų vietoje pritvirtins naujas.

— Saulius Kolyta, AT pirmininko patarėjas ekonomikai, pranešė, kad spalio 30 d. įvykusiame Lito komiteto posėdyje svar-

styti atsiskaitymų su Rusija reikalai ir analizuotas pirmasis savų pinigų įvedimo etapas. Talonas stabilizavosi. Jo įvedimas leido suskaičiuoti cirkuliuojančių pinigų kiekį. Dabar galima planuoti tolimesnius žingsnius, tačiau litų nebus, kol kils kainos ir nenusistovės atsiskaitymai su Rusija.

— Vasaros kaitra pridarė Lietuvai didelių nuostolių. Apskaičiuota, kad šįmet gauta pusantro milijono tonų grūdų ir 20% bulvių mažiau, nei pernai. Šiuo metu aruoduose turimų grūdų užteks juodai duonai tik iki ateinančių metų vasario mėnesio, o kviečių pakaks tik iki sausio mėnesio. Kas po to — didelis klausimas.

— Lietuvos Katalikų Mokslo Akademija spalio 17 d. minėjo veiklos 70 metų sukaktį. Ta proga Vilniuje, Šv. Kazimiero bažnyčioje, vyko jubiliejinė konferencija. Minėjimas prasidėjo mišiomis. Pranešimus skaitė akademikas dr. Tyla, docentė Vasiliauskienė, prof. dr. Žygas, prof. dr. Uždavins, prof. dr.

Karčiauskienė. Paliestos temos: "Katalikų Akademijos vaidmuo mokslui ir kultūrai", "Katalikai inteligentai šių dienų pasaulyje", "Stasio Šalkausio pedagoginė sintezė ir dabartinės mūsų pedagogikos problemos". Popietinėje programoje vyko diskusijos, Akademijos statuto tvirtinimas, svarstyti organizaciniai klausimai ir ateities perspektyvos.

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