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The Swartz's are members of Lodge 155, Scranton, Pa.

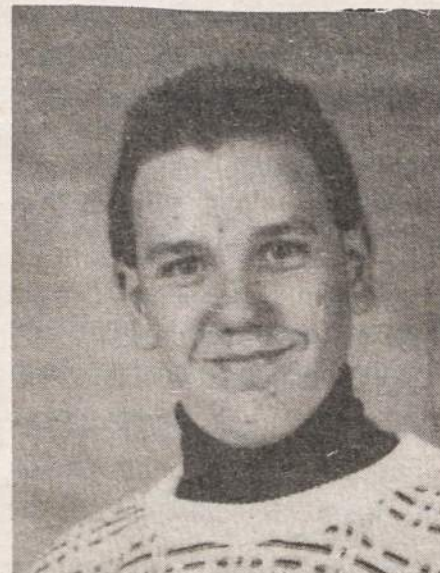
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We also welcome three year old

Sarah Elizabeth Lewis of Lewisville, N.C. This SINGLE PREMIUM LIFE member is enrolled in Lodge 222, Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Six year old Jessica Lea Harper and her two year old sister, Jacquelyn Suzanne are two more SINGLE PREMIUM LIFE

certificate holders. The Harpers are enrolled in Lodge 33, Chicago, Il.

Dario Fiorelli of Archbald, PA. is another of our SINGLE PREMIUM LIFE members.

Dario was born September 21, 1992 and is enrolled in Lodge 155, Scranton.

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Lithuanian World Community Opens Vilnius Office

Dear Friends,

The last few years have dramatically changed Lithuanian history. Many events taking place in Lithuania have affected us too. We shared their sufferings and their joys since Lithuania is a part of our lives. We helped the Lithuanian people to regain their independence with our work and monetary support, donated by many generous people like you. We thank you sincerely for everything you did and we ask once again for your generous support of the many projects sponsored by the Lithuanian World community.

We are assisting the Lithuanian citizens outside of Lithuania to regain their rights and property which was confiscated during the fifty years of occupation by the Soviet Union. During those years many innocent Lithuanians were persecuted, tortured, killed, tried, sentenced to prisons and hard labor camps in Siberia. They lost their homes, their families, their freedoms. This suffering in the entire Lithuanian nation should not be forgotten nor repeated. It should be told to the entire world. The Lithuanian World Community is sponsoring the writing of a book of Lithuania's suffering during the past half a century. We need donations and sponsors for this undertaking.

The Lithuanian World Community opened its office in Vilnius, Lithuania, for improv-

ing our communications and coordinating of various activities and projects between the Lithuanian communities in Eastern Europe and various institutions in Lithuania. The Lithuanian World community publishes "Pasaulio Lietuvis"

(The World Lithuanian) magazine and "Lithuanian Customs and Traditions" book;

sponsors educational and cultural projects in South America; supports preparations for the upcoming Lithuanian Song Festival and Lithuanian World Youth Congress in Europe; raises

funds for undergraduate and graduate studies for Lithuanian students and scholars at the Endowed Chair of Lithuanian Studies at the University of Illinois in Chicago, and other universities in the United States and Lithuania; and provides funds for other Lithuanian educational and cultural activities.

We again thank you for the work and support you gave for Lithuanian causes. Your contribution will be most welcome. Make checks payable to: Lithuanian World Community Foundation and mail to: Lithuanian World Community Foundation, 1059 Maplegrove Drive NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

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Barricades Fall at Seimas



A place of worship at the Lithuanian Parliament - complete with a statue of the Virgin Mary - becomes a part of history as Lithuanians help dismantle the barricades that surrounded the parliament building since January 1991.

Nearly two years after being set up, the concrete barricades surrounding the Seimas, or Lithuanian parliament, began to be removed on December 8, 1992.

The reinforcements, made of iron-reinforced concrete blocks and a steel framework, were erected near the parliament during the attempted Soviet coup in January 1991. At the time, it was expected that the parliament would be stormed by Soviet forces.

The clean-up around the Seimas was started with the instructions of Lithuanian

President Algirdas Brazauskas. Part of the reinforcements will remain near the fountain outside the parliament building and will serve as a reminder of the tragic January events.

The previous leader of Lithuanian parliament, Vytautas Landsbergis mentioned several times earlier that the barricades would be taken apart only after the last Russian soldier leaves Vilnius.

The Russian army presence in Lithuania's capital has now been reduced to a minimum - only the 466th Anti-Aircraft Brigade and military servicemen remain (BNS) Baltic Observer

Russia's Foreign Minister Shocks CSCE Conference

Speaking at the 52-nation Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), Russia's Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev warned, in no uncertain terms, of a return to the cold war.

In his Dec. 14 speech to the conference, Kozyrev demanded that sanctions against Serbia be lifted or, if this was not done, Russia would take "unilateral

measures." Instead of advancing freedom and democracy, Russia would defend its interests with military and economic means, he said, and would press 14 former Soviet republics, including the Baltics, back under Soviet rule. Kozyrev's hard line speech shocked the conference and even dismayed Russia's own delegations. Later, Kozyrev explained that his speech simply

USIA Announces Grants for Donated Book Projects

The United States Information Agency has awarded a total of \$225,000 to three organizations which will administer three donated book projects. USIA funding will help the Sabre Foundation, Inc., of Somerville, Mass., the International Book Bank, Inc., of Baltimore, Md., and the Brother's Brother Foundation of Pittsburgh, PA. in shipping and distributing approximately 421,000 books to readers in Eastern Europe.

The Sabre Foundation received \$117,000 to administer a 216,000-book project in urban and rural communities in Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. The International Book Bank received \$98,000 to distribute 180,000 donated books in Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Albania. The Brother's Brother Foundation received \$10,000 to distribute 25,000 books in Albania.

In commenting on the grant, USI Director Harry Catto said, "USIA's role in furthering mutual understanding between Americans and the people of Eastern Europe has a direct impact on improved relations among our countries. In addition, these grants will build an appreciation overseas for the American authors and publishers."

presented the position of the most extreme conservative elements in Russia. Speculations as to why Kozyrev spoke in such terms at the closed-door session ranged from Yelstin's desire to placate conservatives in Russia to Kozyrev's own interest in retaining his post under Russia's new Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin. Kozyrev had been accused of being too pre-Western.

The grants, awarded through USIA's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, were partially funded (\$150,000) under the support for East European Democracy (SEED) Act, which established a U.S. government-wide assistance program aimed at building democracy and promoting economic reform in Central and Eastern Europe.

The United States Information Agency is an independent foreign affairs agency within the executive branch that explains and supports U.S. foreign policy and national security interests abroad through a wide range of information programs. The agency promotes mutual understanding between the United States and other countries through a series of educational and cultural exchange activities.

USIA's educational and cultural programs include the Fulbright academic program, the International visitor program, the Citizen Exchanges program, Arts America, book translations, English teaching and a network of overseas libraries and cultural centers. Other USIA programs include the Voice of America, Radio/TV Marti, the Worldnet satellite television system, the U.S. Speakers Abroad Program, and three Foreign Press Centers in the United States. The agency has over 200 posts in over 130 countries.



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PA. Governor Signs Bill Regulating Fraternal Benefit Societies

HARRISBURG (Dec. 15) -- Robert P. Casey today signed legislation governing the structure, organization and operation of fraternal benefit societies.

The bill, Senate Bill 186, brings Pennsylvania laws governing fraternal societies into line with other states.

"The new law will help fraternal benefit associations upgrade operations to meet higher standards and help them continue to assist their policyholders as well as the community at large," Gov. Casey said.

Fraternal benefit societies are nonprofit organizations which use a local lodge system to perform charitable work and provide insurance programs for members.

The new law:

-- requires fraternal benefit societies to establish reserves in accordance with standards ap-

plied to commercial life and accident and health insurers.

-- authorized fraternal societies to establish separate accounts in order to offer variable benefits.

--requires contracts issued by fraternal societies to have the same provisions of contracts issued by commercial life and accident and health insurers.

--brings agents for fraternal societies within the general authority and requirements of the insurance laws rather than only the provisions set forth in the fraternal act.

-- permits fraternal societies to organize subsidiaries to provide insurance benefits to members.

--clearly brings fraternal societies within the coverage of the Unfair Insurance Practices Act.

A mock bill signing with the governor and representatives of fraternal benefit societies is being planned for the near future.

Sports Center Turns into Supermarket

The "German Autumn Fair", held at the Vilnius Sports Center, is enjoying extreme popularity among Lithuanian shoppers. Organized by the German firm Primus, the fair is the first supermarket of the western type, where people can purchase anything from yogurt to a TV set for both hard currency and Lithuanian coupons.

Crowds of potential buyers have flocked the shopping stands for a whole month, most of them lining up for beer, wine and foodstuffs.

The Panevezys-based firm Lordas concluded four contracts on selling 70-100 Chinese-made mini tractors for \$1,300 each. Eighteen tractors were bought by private farmers.

PRIMUS, has the following shows written down on its 1993 exhibition calendar:

-2nd International Lithuanian Exhibition, Consumer Goods and Cooperations (Apr. 7 - Apr. 12, Vilnius);

-TechnoBalt, Investment Exhibition for Industrial Production (May 6 - May 10, Klaipeda);

-Remontas + Sanitaria, Building-Renovations-Furnishing+Living-Sanitation-Heating-Air Conditioners (July 7 - July 11, Vilnius);

-ECO, Electronic Computer-Office, Office Furnishings and Supplies (July 21 - July 25, Vilnius);

-AutoBalt, Automobile Exhibition (Oct 20 - Oct. 24, Vilnius).

All foreign companies are welcome to participate. The Price for one square mile of exhibition space is 300 Deutsche Marks.

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In Touch With Lithuania and Lithuanians

Travel to Lithuania has really picked up since that nation was freed and many people are making the trip to visit with long separated friends and family.

Some are traveling just to visit many of the historical places they read about and while there, they become acquainted with the friendly people of that country and continue that friendship upon their return home.

These people sometimes share their letters with us and we in turn, are happy to share some of the contents of those letters with our readers.

After 50 years of Communist rule the chains that bound them are removed but many of the scars are still visible and the healing is often a long, slow process.

Some are willing to make the necessary sacrifices required in a healing process. Others seek quick solutions often in areas which could prove to create new and more difficult problems.

When the bitter winter cold chills your bones and food is not too plentiful, it's easy to forget what it was like under Communist rule. Too often the human intellect sees no farther than immediate needs and accepts these without looking to the possible price he may pay in the future.

Some of these hardships are described in a letter received by the Gustitus's of Exeter, PA who

recently visited Lithuania and were featured in the November issue of GARSAS.

"We are freezing", their friend writes, "It's good we are all grown-ups in our family". She goes on to say that little children everywhere are getting ill.

She points out that the worst part of it all is they have to pay Russia for gas and 70% of the people can't afford to pay because they are below the poverty level. She further notes in her letter that foreign charity groups are beginning to open charity canteens but that won't help.

Two thirds of a workers salary goes for taxes and the other third for poor food.

Regarding the elections, the letter notes the former communists won and she is concerned that now the West may turn away from Lithuania. The letter points out that the village people didn't think. They wanted a good life so they voted for the communists and that was the main turning point in the elections.

If you care to share any of your letters from friends or relatives in Lithuania we'd be glad to print any news of interest to our readers.

Mail a copy of your original letter to GARSAS, 71-73 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-3033.

PLEASE---ONLY LETTERS IN ENGLISH CAN BE ACCEPTED.

Newsline

FEMINISM TAKES OFF

On December 12, 1992 the Lithuanian Women's Association staged its founding congress in Vilnius. Uniting several groups of feminist movement, the association has as its objective the participation of women in state and public activities on equal conditions with men.

Kazimiera Prunskiene, former

Prime Minister, was elected President of the Association.

GOODWILL LETTER

In a letter to Vytautas Landsbergis, Russian President Yeltsin promised to hand over all document copies, concerning the January crackdown in Vilnius, the Medininkai massacre and the back-up of the August abortive coup in Moscow, to the Lithuanian authorities.

Dividend Checks are Welcome Christmas Gifts

"What a pleasant surprise!"
"Couldn't have come at a better time!"

"Today, every penny helps. Thanks."

These were some of the comments from surprised recipients of the 1992 dividend checks which were mailed during the Christmas rush hoping they would be received in time for the holidays.

It all began with a resolution passed at the 72nd Convention.

Dividends are distributed according to specific guidelines such as length of time policy is in effect, present status of policy, etc.

Amounts of dividends also vary with some receiving substantial checks and some policy holders not eligible this time around.

Preparation of these checks put a hold on much of the day to

day operations of the Home Office as the staff dug deep into mounds of paper work once the records came in from the actuary.

Your patience in late payment notices and delayed mail replies during this busy time was most appreciated and for this --- we thank you most sincerely.

As our Executive Director, Mr. Liscosky noted in his cover letter which accompanied each dividend check we are presently approaching our 107th year of Fraternal insurance and activities and we are thankful to all who made this possible.

"Your continued assistance is needed", he wrote. "Will you please solicit your family members and friends to join our Society? Only one new applicant from each of us would be a great help. You also will benefit by receiving a bonus for every new member you enroll.



Preparation of the divided checks required many steps. Alena Miskinis is pictured working at her desk on membership files while Joanne Karaska punches up a member record on the newly-installed computer.



The office staff took over the table in the board room where they were able to spread out all the many books, envelopes, address files, form letters and, of course, the all-important checks for sorting and finally stuffing into envelopes to be individually sealed and stamped for delivery to the Post Office whose duty it then became to deliver them to a few thousand homes.

We Get Letters

Dear Fraternity,

I wish to thank you for the nice surprise of a dividend check.

I also want to say how much I related to Florence Eckert's article in the November issue of Garsas titled Super Market Blues. I like all her articles. I do wish continued success in all your endeavors.

I send the "Garsas" to a cousin of mine in Pottstown, PA. Especially when pictures and articles are in about your President Thomas E. Mack. She is a cousin on his maternal grandmothers side.

A cousin of mine recently was in Lithuania trying to find his roots. He writes me how hard life is there, and he was not so successful as towns are renamed, and documents lost. They do have faith in God.

Sincerely yours,
Anna Sokoloski
Elizabeth, N.J.

Florence Eckert,

I enjoy reading your articles in the Garsas. I have a problem with your Lithuanian. My Lithuanian is American. I'm too old to learn the proper Lithuanian, 89 last month.

Wishing you every happiness at the Christmas season.

William Shepard

Editor's note: The four Lithuanian pages come from our brilliant Lithuanian Editor, Rev. Cornelius Bucmys, OFM, Brooklyn, NY

Make no excuse to me for your Lithuanian. Mine is just navigable. My reading and writing Lithuanian is probably even more American than yours. ...

P.S. Many thanks also to those who sent little personal notes along with subscription renewals.

\$5.00 Border-Crossing Fees

The Latvian and Estonian Embassies presented the Lithuanian Foreign Ministry with notes asking to explain Lithuania's unilateral decision to collect border-crossing fees.

The Latvian and Estonian governmental institutions were not informed that car drivers now

must pay 300 coupons or US \$5.00 when entering the Lithuanian territory.

According to international practice, information about changes in border-crossing rules should be provided to another country 30 days in advance.

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Pallises note 50th anniversary



Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Pallis

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Pallis of Forkston, observed their 50th wedding anniversary, December 17, 1992. They were married December 17, 1942 in Springfield, Mass.

Mrs. Pallis is the former Mary Dugan, daughter of the late Gene and Hilda Dugan of Bristol, Pa. Mr. Pallis is the son of the late Joseph and Edna Pallis, Hanover Twp., Pa.

Mr. & Mrs. Pallis owned the Pallis Funeral Home in Hanover Township and Plymouth for 43 years.

Mr. Pallis, a licensed funeral director, is also Wyoming County director of Veteran's Affairs; a director on the Selective Service Board; a member of the Chamber of Commerce; past president of Luzerne County Taurus Club; past president of the advisory council at the Soldiers and Sailors Home in Erie. He served as National Service Officer of Amvets for 20 years, and is active with all veterans organizations.

Mrs. Pallis was employed at Lazarus Store in Wilkes-Barre until its closing. She is a volunteer at Tyler Hospital and is also active at the Kirby Center for the Performing Arts, Wilkes-Barre.

The couple are parents of two children: Leonard, Harvey's Lake, PA. and Jere, Lake Carey, PA. They also have six grandchildren.

Mr. & Mrs. Pallis are members of Lodge 111. Mr. Pallis served on the L.C.A. Board of Directors from 1981-84.

Lithuanian Minister of Transportation Addresses Business Representatives



The Honorable Jonas Birziskis, Lithuanian Minister of Transportation, after speech sponsored by U.S. - Baltic Foundation (USBF) to U.S. business representatives in Washington, D.C. From left to right: USBF Executive Director Joseph Lukitsch, USBF President Linas Kojelis, USBF Program Officers Cliff Carnes and Charles Omstead, Min. Birziskis and USBF Senior Program Administrator Audrone Pakstys.

Mrs. Stogis

Outlives Insurance Table of Mortality

We are pleased to add the name of Mrs. Anastazija Stogis of Joliet, Ill. to our ever-growing list of Alliance members who have outlived the insurance Table of Mortality.

Our President, Mr. Thomas Mack coined the phrase "Lithuanians Live Longer" and Mrs. Stogis is another Lithuanian who is living proof of this statement.

Mrs. Stogis celebrated her 96th Birthday, on August 21, 1992. She enrolled in the Alliance on December 1, 1930 at the age of 34.

We wish Mrs. Stogis a very Happy Birthday and pray God will bless and watch over her in



Mrs. Anastazia Stogis

the coming years.

New Member



Kaitlyn Antoinette Buehlmann

The newest addition to our SINGLE PREMIUM LIFE family is Kaitlyn Antoinette Buehlmann of Lackawanna, New York.

Kaitlyn was born April 15, 1992 and is the niece of Trustee George Sadauckas.

George tells us Kaitlyn visited with him and his wife Verna during the Christmas holidays and was a busy little beaver who has mastered the art of crawling and uses it to her advantage quite well.

Kaitlyn, her mother Mary, Aunt Verna and Uncle George all belong to Lodge 155, Scranton.

Kudos

Executive Director Charles A. Liscosky and his staff at the Home Office of the Lithuanian Catholic Alliance wish to express their appreciation for the many cards, phone calls and special gifts of homemade treats received during the holidays.

To each and every one who wished us a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in whatever special way, we extend a very warm "Thank You" and pray you and yours are blessed with a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Editor's note:

While visiting former Congressman Dan Flood and his lovely wife, Catherine, during the holidays, I was shown a beautiful Christmas card.

They had singled this card out to show to me because it was from someone I could relate to.

The card was signed, Stasys and Danielle Lozoraitis. Mr. Lozoraitis is Lithuania's U.S. Ambassador.

Mr. Flood was remembered by the Ambassador as a friend of Lithuania during his many years in Congress.

College Senior Helping Bulimics, Anorexics Take Control of Their Lives

by Florence Eckert

Kim Liscosky is an attractive 27 year old college senior who will soon earn her degree in social work. But Kim has begun her social work even before that degree is in her hand.

After 10 years of being controlled by an eating disorder she is now looking to a future where she is not only gaining control but is also helping others to reach that recovery goal.

Just 10 short years ago, Kim was diagnosed as anorexic and bulimic having cut her body weight practically in half. Dropping from 160 pounds to a mere 87 her days were filled with continuous trips to the bathroom or any hidden spot where she could empty the contents of her stomach unnoticed by family or friends.

An anorexic person has the fear of becoming obese so they constantly diet. Kim's anorexia was coupled with bulimia, a psychosomatic condition where one gorges themselves with food and then purges what they've consumed, either by vomiting or using diuretics or laxatives.

Kim's eating disorder began when she was about 16.

Although the teens should be the happiest, most carefree years of a person's life, the pressures of our so-called "modern society"

have made these the most difficult times for many young persons.

With morality all but dead in the modern world, the young women are pressured into an image many find it difficult to project.

Television screens depict the slim sun bathers prancing around on the beach in string bikinis surrounded by admiring men, Soap opera stars with perfect slim figures win all the handsome men. And never, ever, ever, has a 160 pound woman wore the crown of Miss America no matter how beautiful, talented, or educated she happened to be.

In view of this image, the teen who does not make the cheer-leading squad, or get asked to the dances, or can't even get a date, places all the blame on her weight.

Other circumstances such as low self-esteem, family problems and trying to please people can all lead to eating disorders.

Kim was active in sports at Bishop Hoban High School and during a relationship that caused her some anxiety she gave up sports and gained weight.

When boys stopped calling, she blamed it on her weight.

Kim felt she had no control over anything in her life. "The

coach, my Mom, the teachers, everyone had control over me," she said, "but I found one thing I could control, and that was food."

When does a person discover they have an eating disorder? "When it begins to interfere with your life," Kim says.

It is taking her 10 years to complete four years of college studies.

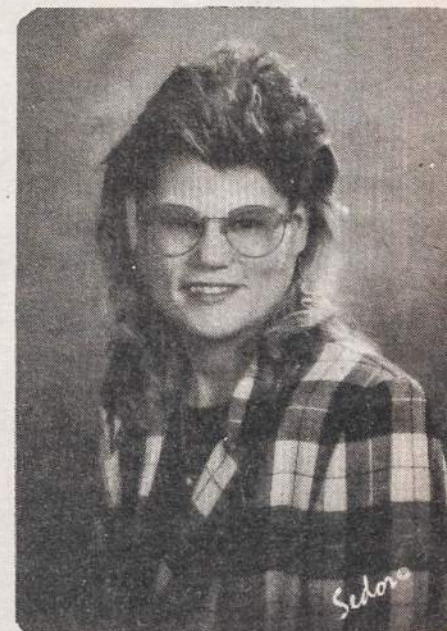
Kim says, "Parents can help by not helping." She tells parents not to make excuses for their bulimic child.

"When she's too weak to get up for work because she was throwing up all night, don't offer to call her boss and make excuses for her. Let her do the calling and let her tell him the truth."

A turning point in Kim's life was when she met her husband Joe at a wedding. For a while she kept her secret and when they talked of marriage she bared all. "He was so understanding," she said, "and yet I don't think he really understood."

Her bouts with vomiting had reached a peak of 21 times a day and she was hospitalized twice in an eating disorders unit at Penn State's Hershey Medical Center.

It wasn't until last Spring that she really found the help she needed. "I read about the Renfrew Center located in



Kim Liscosky
...battled anorexia

Philadelphia and I checked myself in vowing to stay until I was cured," she said. It took 45 days and now she is in recovery.

After graduation in May, she is looking to earning a Master's degree and continuing helping others. She presently conducts three counseling sessions a week.

Kim is married to Joseph Liscosky a member of Lodge 222. She is also daughter-in-law to Charles A. Liscosky, Executive Director of LCA and his wife Dolores Liscosky who are both member of Lodge 222.

Jonkaiyte Named Director of New U.S. - Baltic Foundation Office in Vilnius

VILNIUS, LITHUANIA - Linas Kojelis, President of the U.S.-Baltic Foundation (USBF), announced that Vilija Jonkaiyte has been named Director of USBF's Office in Vilnius, Lithuania.

In making the announcement, Mr. Kojelis stated, "We are very excited with Ms. Jonkaiyte's appointment to head our opera-

tions in Lithuania. As a long-time activist in the Vilnius chapter of Sajudis, she brings great organizational talents, as well as a deep commitment to the Foundation's mission of strengthening democracy and free markets in Lithuania and the Baltic States." Mr. Kojelis also announced that Ms. Birute Voveriene has been appointed

Office Administrator of the USBF Vilnius office.

The Foundation's Lithuania office is in the heart of Vilnius. USBF's office is located at Gagarino gt. 4, Room 108, Vilnius, Lithuania 2039 phone 620-942, fax 623-012. "Our location in downtown Vilnius will greatly improve our access with key Lithuanian government and

private sector institutions," stated Ms. Jonkaiyte.

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PASKELBTA LIETUVOS NAUJOJI KONSTITUCIJA

— Dokumentas iškilmingai pasirašytas lapkričio 6 d. Vilniuje —

Lapkričio 6 d. Aukščiausiosios Tarybos Prezidiumo posėdžių salėje iškilmingoje aplinkoje, dalyvaujant Prezidiumo, Vyriausybės nariams, AT komisijų pirmininkams, Lietuvos konfesijų hierarchams, politinių partijų ir judėjimų, visuomeninių organizacijų atstovams, Vilniuje akredituotiems užsienio valstybių diplomatom, pasirašyta ir paskelbta Lietuvos Respublikos Konstitucija.

Iškilmes pradėjęs Aukščiausiosios Tarybos sekretorius Liudvikas Sabutis informavo susirinkusiuosius, kad spalio 25 d. referendumu priimta Konstitucija ir įstatymas dėl Konstitucijos įsigaliojimo tvarkos. Jis perdavė Aukščiausiosios Tarybos pirmininkui Vytautui Landsbergiui abu specialiuosius dokumentų egzempliorius, įrištus žalios spalvos aplanke. 12 val. 5 min. AT pirmininkas pasirašė abu dokumentus ir pasakė trumpą kalbą. Landsbergis padėjo visiems, prisidėjusiems prie Konstitucijos rengimo.

Konstitucijos tradicija

Tokiais svarbiais istorijai momentais būtina atsigręžti į praeitį ir jos patirties dėka dar kartą įvertinti visus žingsnius, kurie taip sunkiai vedė lietuvių tautą į šią istorinę dieną.

Lietuva turi labai seną Konstitucijos tradiciją. Žinomiausias yra senosios Lietuvos įstatymų kodeksas, sulaukęs trijų redakcijų — 1529, 1566 ir 1588 m., kurių kiekviena vadinama I, II ir III Lietuvos Statutu. Pirmasis Lietuvos įstatymų kodifikacijos bandymas, vadinamas Kazimiero teisynu, datuojamas 1468 m. III Lietuvos Statutas galiojo iki 1840 m., kada po 1831 m. sukilimo rusų valdžia įvedė Rusijos įstatymus.

1918 m. vasario 16 d. Lietuvos Taryba, remdamasi tautų apsisprendimo teise ir Vilniaus konferencijos (1917 m. rugsėjo 18-22 d.) nutarimu, paskelbė atkurianti nepriklausomą demokratinę Lietuvos valstybę su sostine Vilniuje. Iki 1940 m. sovietų

okupacijos Lietuva turėjo keturias laikinas (1918, 1919, 1920, 1928) ir dvi nuolatinės (1922, 1938) Konstitucijas. 1922 m. Konstituciją priėmė Steigiamasis seimas, ji neatlaikė politinių kovų įtampų. 1938 m. Konstituciją priėmė 1936 m. Seimas. Tą Konstituciją galima pavadinti "prezidentine". Jos galiojimas pertrauktas 1940 m. birželio 14 d.

Primestos sovietiniu laikotarpiu konstitucijos neišreiškė lietuvių tautos laisvai pareikštos valios. Jos išliko istorijoje kaip okupanto noras įteisinti savo grobišką politiką ir užgniaužti tikrąsias žmogaus teises po gražiai surašytais šūkiais. Visą šį laikotarpį kiekvienas lietuvis ėjo savąjį kovos kelią į išsivadavimą: vieni pasirinko atvirą rezistencinės kovos būdą, kiti vykdė nebylaus pasipriešinimo politiką. Abi Tautos grupės buvo neprastai svarbios.

1991 m. kovo 11 dienos Aukščiausiosios Tarybos Aktas "Dėl Lietuvos Nepriklausomos Valstybės atstatymo" padėjo pirmąjį teisinį

pamatą Nepriklausomos Lietuvos Respublikos atkūrimui. Šis Aktas tapo dvasiniu švyturiu kiekvienam ir per kruvinojus sausio 13 d. įvykius, ir per visus sovietų kariuomenės teroro mėnesius, jis būrė Tautą į vieną nenugalimą jėgą.

Su kiekviena diena augo supratimas, kad būtina stiprinti ką tik padėtus pirmuosius valstybės pamatus, nes priešiškos Nepriklausomybei jėgos kėlė galvas.

1991 m. lapkričio 5 d. Aukščiausioji Taryba priėmė nutarimą "Dėl Lietuvos Respublikos konstitucingumo raidos", kuriame visiškai konkrečiai pirmą kartą buvo išreikštas požiūris į tai, kaip turėtų būti rengiama Konstitucija.

Kita labai įsidėmėtina Konstitucijos rengimo diena — šių metų gegužės 1 d. "Lietuvos aidas" ir kiti laikraščiai tą dieną paskelbė Lietuvos Respublikos Konstitucijos projektą visuomenei svarstyti. Įvairiausių nuomonės buvo reiškiamos visuose visuomenės lygiuose. Vyko gyvos diskusijos spaudoje, parlamente, jos dažnai išsiliedavo į tam tikrų visuomenės ir politinių sluoksnių savus Konstitucijos projektus. Laukė įtemptas darbas. Landsbergio kabinete iki išnaktų buvo tariamasi, ieškoma optimalių sprendimų, kurie būtų priimtini ir suartintų įvairias nuomones.

Siekta visiems priimtino varianto

Parlamentas, svarstydamas Konstitucijos projektą ir jam pritardamas, atsižvelgė į Lietuvos valstybės konstitucines tradicijas — visapusiškai buvo įvertintos Lietuvos Respublikos 1922 metų bei 1938 metų Konstitucijos, jų atskiros nuostatos.

Atsižvelgta ir įvertinta pokario metų Europos valstybių konstitucijų įvairovė, susipažinta su Skandinavijos ir kitų šalių konstitucijomis.

Pritardami Konstitucijos projektui ir nutardami jį pateikti referendumui, Aukščiausiosios Tarybos deputatai atsižvelgė į tai, kad tikroji Tautos valia atsiskleis referendume. Tai, kad Tauta spa-



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(atkelta iš 8 psl.)

lio 25 d. pasakė "Taip", įrodė, jog deputatai ir parlamento komisijos nuveikė didžiulį darbą ir suartino įvairių visuomenės judėjimų ir partijų skelbtas nuostatas.

Beveik visi į Aukščiausiąją Tarybą atėjo su Sąjūdžio vėliava ar jo remiami. Nors ir susiskaldė į konkuruojančias grupes, Konstitucijos rengimas vėl sutelkė bendram darbui; Konstitucijos rengimo grupė, sudaryta iš įvairių frakcijų deputatų, įveikė tarpusavio nesusipratimo sunkumus. Nors naujam Seimui lieka nemaža darbų, svarbiausias darbas padarytas.

Lietuva tėra pusiaukelėje į ūkio atkūrimą, įtampų mažinimą, dar prireiks daug pastangų, kad dingtų pavojai jos saugumui, bus negandų ir abejonių. Tačiau Konstitucija bus stabilumo garantas, liudijimas pasauliui, kokio nori būti Lietuva.

Lietuvos Respublika, prisikelianti po 50 metų, vėl turi savo Konstituciją, pagrįstą Lietuvos konstitucinėmis tradicijomis ir tarptautinėmis piliečių teisių konvencijomis. Tai kertinis ne lengvai atkuriamos valstybės pamatų akmuo. Pirmasis valstybės atkūrimo etapas baigtas, antrąjį jau gins Konstitucija.

Kokia ta konstitucija?

Konstitucijos įžangoje sakoma:

LIETUVIŲ TAUTA,

— prieš daugelį amžių sukūrusi Lietuvos valstybę,

— jos teisinius pamatus grindusi Lietuvos Statutais ir Lietuvos Respublikos Konstitucijomis,

— šimtmečiais atkakliai gynusi savo laisvę ir nepriklausomybę,

— išsaugojusi savo dvasią, gimtąją kalbą, raštą ir papročius,

— įkūnydama prigimtą žmogaus ir Tautos teisę laisvai

gyventi ir kurti savo tėvų ir protėvių žemėje — nepriklausomoje Lietuvos valstybėje,

— puoselėdama Lietuvos žemėje tautinę santarvę,

— siekdama atviros, teisingos, darnios pilietinės visuomenės ir teisinės valstybės,

atgimusios Lietuvos valstybės piliečių valia priima ir skelbia šią KONSTITUCIJĄ.

Konstitucijoje yra 154 straipsniai, sudarantys 14 skirsnių, ir baigiamieji nuostatai.

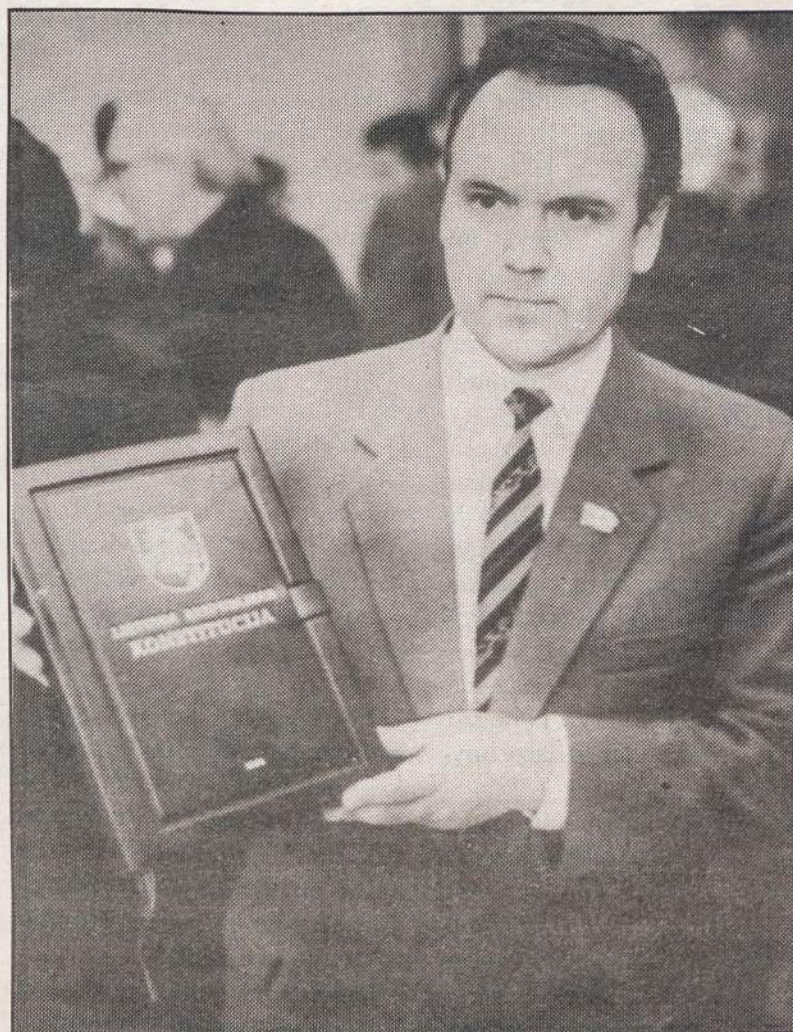
Pirmas skirsnis — Lietuvos valstybė. Pirmasis straipsnis skelbia, kad Lietuvos valstybė yra nepriklausoma demokratinė respublika. Sekantys straipsniai pabrėžia pagrindinį principą, kad Lietuvos valstybę kuria Tauta, kuriai priklauso suverenitetas, kad niekas negali savintis visai Tautai priklausančių galių. Nustatoma valstybės kalba, vėliava, himnas, sostinė.

Konstitucija sako, kad Valstybės valdžią vykdo Seimas, Respublikos Prezidentas ir Vyriausybė, Teismas. Valdžios galias riboja Konstitucija.

Antrame, trečiame ir ketvirtame skirsniuose aptariamos žmogaus ir piliečio teisės, toliau — visuomenės ir valstybės teisės. Ketvirtas skirsnis kalba apie tautos ūkį ir darbą, penktas skirsnis — apie Seimą, jo rinkimus, kadenciją, atstovų pareigas ir kt. Šeštasis skirsnis nustato Respublikos Prezidento, septintasis — Vyriausybės, aštuntasis Konstitucinio Seimo, o devintasis — Teismo pareigas. Dešimtas skirsnis nustato vietos savivaldos kompetenciją ir darbus. Vienuoliktasis — Finansai ir biudžetas. Dvylikasis — Valstybės kontrolė. Trylikasis — užsienio politika ir Valstybės gynimas ir 14-asis — apie Konstitucijos keitimą.

A. J.

Kiekvienas būkime lietuviškos spaudos platintojas, palai-kytojas, nes tik spauda yra mūsų lietuviškos gyvybės ženklas.



Naujoji Lietuvos Respublikos Konstitucija deputato Liudviko Sabučio rankose. Nuotr. Viktoro Kapočiaus

LIETUVOJE IR APIE LIETUVĄ

— Švedija patvirtino savo investicijų Pabaltijui programą. Pagal ją Lietuvai skiriama \$30 milijonų. Tuo tarpu Kanados vyriausybė nusprendė Lietuvai suteikti \$10 milijonų kreditų įsigyti technikos reikmenims.

— Europos spaudos agentūrų sąjungos generalinė asamblėja savo sesijoje Zūriche priėmė Lietuvos telegramų agentūrą ELTA sąjungos nare.

— Užsienio prekybos akcinė bendrovė "Agrolitas" sudarė ilgalaikį prekybos kontraktą su Lenkijos firma "Jowa". Į Lenkiją bus gabenami pieno produktai — sviestas, sūriai. Lietuvon bus įvežamas cukrus, kakavos milteliai, prieskoniai.

— Kaune lapkričio 18 d. pašventintas paminklo Steponui Dariui ir Stasiui Girėnui kertinis akmuo. Šį paminklą tautos didvyriams numatyta iškilmingai atidengti 1993 m. liepos 17 d., minint "Lituanicos" skrydžio per Atlantą 60-ąsias metines.

— Alytaus šaldytuvų gamykla "Snaigė" ir Kanados PEM-The Hermo Brick firma pasirašė bendros įmonės, pavadintos PEM Snaigė, sutartį. Įmonė gamins termoblokus — sienų plokštes namams.

— Į Vilnių atvežtas 200 tonų humanitarinės pagalbos krovinys. Tai Italijos vyriausybės dovana Lietuvai. Geležinkeliu atgabentoje siuntoje — sausos jautienos milteliai, tinkami gaminti įvairiems patiekalams ir sriubos koncentratai. Labdara yra dalijama per Socialinės apsaugos ministeriją. Ją gaus visi 31 Lietuvos senelių ir vaikų namai, kiti Socialinės apsaugos ministerijos žinioje esantys pensionatai.

— Prof. Antanas Praškevičius, Kauno Medicinos akademijos katedros vedėjas, išrinktas Europos Mokslų ir menų akademijos nariu. Akademijos centras yra Salzburge, Austrijoje. Lietuvos mokslininkas įvertintas už nuopelnus medicininės biochemijos mokslui.

Žvilgsnis į Lietuvą po Seimo rinkimų

Lapkričio 15 d. papildomieji Seimo rinkimai dar labiau sukrėtė visą pasaulį, o labiausiai laisvojo pasaulio lietuvius ir dalį gyventojų tėvynėje. Niekas netikėjo, kad laimės buvę komunistai, dabar besivadinantys Lietuvos Demokratinio Darbo Partija. Bet taip yra — jie laimėjo didžiumą Seimo atstovų.

Kai New Yorke lankėsi Aukščiausiosios Tarybos pirmininkas Vytautas Landsbergis ir kai jis kalbėjo Kultūros Židinyje, atrodė jis ramus ir užtikrintas, kad taip nebus, kad jis išsilauks valdžioje. Jie sudarys tik koaliciją su kitom partijom. Deja, dabar koalicijos sudaryti nebegalima, nes didžiumą sudaro buvę komunistai.

Amerikos ir kitų kraštų spauda daug rašė, nusistebėjo, kaip tai atsitiko. Lietuva taip veržėsi į laisvę, pirmoji išstojo iš Sovietų Sąjungos, o dabar pirmoji vėl atsisuko į Maskvą. Žinia, visiems, labiausiai gyvenantiems užsienyje, tai didelė gėda. Ir ką sakyti kitų tautų bičiuliams, kaip pateisinti padėtį?

Taip yra — reikia žiūrėti rimtai: kaip keisis įvykiai, kaip jie rutuliuosis. Vytautas Landsbergis liks Lietuvos istorijoje kaip žmogus, kuris tautą išvedė „iš nelaisvės namų“. Jis privedė prie nepriklausomybės, ją įtvirtino, ir Lietuva dabar egzistuoja kaip valstybė. Privedė ir prie konstitucijos paskelbimo ir tuo padėjo pagrindus toliau kurti ir vystyti nepriklausomą gyvenimą.

Jis ir jo vyriausybė dirbo sunkiose sąlygose, nes dalis Aukščiausiosios Tarybos sabotavo jo darbą, tiesiog griautė griovė ir stengėsi kraštą įstumti į chaosą. Taip Lietuvoje darėsi vis sunkiau ir sunkiau gyventi, o to ir norėjo kairioji opozicija, nes tai priartino jų laimėjimą.

Dabar laimėtojam yra atviras kelias parodyti savo sugebėjimus, ką jie gero gali padaryti Lietuvai. Tokio kelio neturėjo Landsbergis. Dabar išrinktasis Seimas stovi prieš bandymą: griauti jie mokėjo, ar mokės statyti, ar mokės Lietuvos naudai spręsti visas problemas.

Žmonės baiminasi, kad vėl atgims senoji tvarka, vėl bus iš-

rinktisiems specialios krautuvės, ligoninės, medžiojimo draustiniai su varovais ir šernais, liuksusinės pirtys su gausiu gražuolių būriu. Ir vėl atkurs vienos partijos diktatūrą.

Reikia tikėtis, kad jie to nepadarys. Tai būtų pražūtis visiems.

Prieš akis begalės darbo. Reikės tvarkyti krašto ekonomiką, įvesti litą, įvykdyti žemės reformą, užmegzti ryšius su užsieniu. O tai nebus taip lengva. Šis rinkimų šuolis pakirto Lietuvos pasitikėjimą užsienyje. Niekas nenorės investuoti, prekiauti, nenorės ir turistai Lietuvos lankyti.

Svarbiausia, reikės ugdyti žmonių moralę, kurią taip sunaikino okupantai. Kiekvienam kelia didelį rūpestį, kad dabar yra sukurta „vagių Lietuva“, o kadaise buvo doras, pavyzdingas kraštas. Štai ką padarė 50 metų sovietinė okupacija!

Jau dabar žmonės šneka, kad reikia persvarstyti visą paramą Lietuvai. Sustabdyti bet kokį jos rėmimą, kol paaiškės, koku keliu ji eina. Stiprinant sovietines komunistines idėjas, bus nutraukta bet kokia Vakarų parama. Ir tai bus naujos vargo die-

nos Lietuvai, nes nieko negaus ir iš Maskvos, kuri pati nieko neturi, nieko negali duoti, tik laukia iš kitų.

Stebėjime ir budėjime, kad Lietuva nebūtų nuvesta prie Maskvos vartų ir parduota naujon vergijon!

Atsiminkime, kad kiekvienas pralaimėjimas yra ir naujo laimėjimo pradžia. Taip negalime nesirūpinti savo ateitimi, kaip dabar buvo daroma. Turime dabar visur ir visada skleisti pozityvias demokratines idėjas, ugdyti naują, sąmoningą lietuvį.

Išivija Lietuvos neužmirš, jos neišduos! Jei reikės, suorganizuos ir naujus judėjimus, kurie pasieks laisvųjų pasaulių sostines ir kalbės apie Lietuvos nepriklausomybės išsaugojimą. Negi tik didieji tegali būti laisvi, o mažieji turi jiems vergauti? Tie laikai seniai praėję — visi esame lygūs ir visi turime tą pačią teisę būti laisvi!

Jokie komunistuojantys Seimo atstovai negali nužudyti Lietuvos laisvės!

Neužmirškime lietuviškos knygos. Ji šaukte šaukiasi mūsų pagalbos. Nusipirkime bent vieną lietuvišką knygą per mėnesį.

LIETUVOJE

— Lietuvos jūrų laivinkystės speciali komisija, pasitarusi su kraštotyrininkais ir istorikais, pakeitė Klaipėdos jūros prekybos uoste registruotų laivų pavadinimus. Daugeliui laivų suteikti Lietuvos miestų vardai.

— Vilniuje, prie namo Tauro gatvėje Nr. 10, lapkričio 24 d. atidengtos memorialinės lentos trijų lietuvių literatūros klasikų atminimui. Čia gyveno ir kūrė Vincas Krėvė (1940-1944), Vincas Mykolaitis-Putinas (1944-1967) ir Balys Sruoga (1940-1947). Memorialinių lentų autorius — skulptorius Antanas Žukauskas.

— Plungė iškilmingai pažymėjo 200 metų savivaldos sukaktį. Šv. Jono bažnyčioje mišias aukojo Telšių vyskupas Antanas Vaičius. Po mišių visi dalyviai procesijoje su bažnytinėmis vėliavomis nuėjo prie atstatyto paminklo, skirto nepriklausomybės dešimtosioms metinėms. Paminklas buvo pastatytas 1928 m. ir pokario metais sunaikintas. Dabar atnaujintą skulptūrinę kompoziciją pašventino ir kalbą pasakė vysk. A. Vaičius.



Vilniuje studentai demonstruoja po spalio 25-os dienos rinkimų. Plakatai aiškiai apibūdina antikomunistines jaunimo nuotaikas (Karoliui Marksui "Baigės atostogos").
Nuotr. Viktoro Kapočiaus



Sovietinis tankas traisko Loretą Asanavičiūtę 1991 m. sausio 13 d. Vilniuje. Dabar, po rinkimų į Seimą, į kurį išrinkti komunistai, Loretos motina Stasė Asanavičienė "Lietuvos aide" kreipėsi į Lietuvos žmones, išreiškėdama savo nusivylimą, kad dingio lietuvių užsidegimas išverti sunkioje kovoje už laisvę ir nepriklausomybę. Nuotr.

Remigijaus Zolubo

KĄ SAKO LORETOS MOTINA

Loreta tai jauna patriotė, sausio 13-osios naktį prie TV bokšto paaukojusi savo gyvybę už Lietuvos laisvę. Dabar, kai Lietuvoje pasibaigusieji rinkimai vėl gražino komunistus į valdžią, Lietuvos spaudoje vis pasirodo žmonių pasisakymų. "Lietuvos aidas" lapkričio 13 d. laidoje pirmajame puslapyje atspausdino rašinį, pavadintą "Tėvyne, tu mano Tėvyne, su kuo ir prieš ką tu eini"? Ten pasisako Loretos motina Stasė Asanavičienė.

Perspaušdinamas ištiesai motinos balsas, kurį užrašė "Lietuvos aide" žurnalistė Ona Balčiūnienė:

Į redakciją atėjo Stasė Asanavičienė, Loretos Mama. Susijaudinusi ir sakanti, kad nieko nebesupranta. Tauta iškentė tremtį, kalėjimus, svetimus tankus, bet aukojosi ir žinojo už ką. Motinai ir dabar akyse vaizdas: sėdi sykį Loreta prieš televizoriaus ekraną, iš ten sklinda daina: "Tėvyne, tu mano Tėvyne, su kuo ir prieš ką tu eini"? Loreta verkia... Toliau motina pasakoja:

"Mudvi su Loreta nuo pat Atgimimo pradžios eidavome vi-

sur: nuo pirmojo mitingo prie A. Mickevičiaus paminklo iki televizijos bokšto sausio naktį...

Buvome ir didžiajame mitinge Vingio parke, į kurį, rodėsi, suvažiavo visa Lietuva. Ten Vytautas Landsbergis tūkstančių tiesiai klausė: "Bus sunku. Ar iškentėsime? Bus tikrai labai sunku. Ar ištersim?" "Iš-tver-sim"! — linko pušų viršūnės nuo pasiryžusiųjų tariamo pažado vienu atsikvėpimu.

Ir kentėjom, ir ištvėrėm — netektį ir skausmą. Bet, žmonės, sakykite, kas atsitiko dabar? Nejaugi jūs nesate niekada sunkiau



Loreta Asanavičiūtė

gyvenę negu dabar: praeisiančių vargų metu, kad taip greit sumišote? Mes, šeimoje šeši vaikai, ištvėrėme pirmuosius kolūkių badmečius. Po karo, sudėgus namams, likom kaip stovim. Džiova mirė mama. Globojom vieni kitus, kibom į gyvenimą. Atvažiavau į Vilnių — likau viena su trim vaikais bendrabučio kambarėlyje ir septyniasdešimčia rublių algos. Ačiū Dievui, vaikai užaugo geri.

Aš — ne išimtis. Dauguma žmonių Lietuvoje kentė skurdą. Tad pakentėkime ir dar — juk neilgai. Kai po sovietų tanku žuvo mano vaikas, Loreta, Lietuvoje buvo dvi politinės jėgos: Sąjūdis ir komunistų partija. Aš nenoriu nė girdėti apie jokus pavadinimų keitimus, nes žinau, kad Brazausko partija yra komunistų partija. Mano Loreta savo gyvybės kaina balsavo už Sąjūdį.

O pasakykite, žmonės, kodėl jūs dabar balsuojate už komunistus? Kokia auka aš, motina, galėčiau dar jums paaiškinti, kas yra komunistų partijos valdžia Lietuvoje? Gal dar tebegyvos kankinės motinos, kurios savo akimis žiūrėjo į išniekintų sūnų,

LIETUVOJE

— Plungė ir Pabradė yra pirmieji Lietuvos miestai, atsikratę buvusios sovietų kariuomenės. Ta garsioji diena — tai lapkričio 11-oji.

— Vyriausybės rūmuose lapkričio 3 d. įvykusiame Globos ir rūpybos tarybos posėdyje buvo konstatuota, kad neretai gauta labdara neteisingai paskirstoma, blogai saugojama. Taryba pareikalavo iš atsakingų darbuotojų garantuoti griežtą ir tikslią humanitarinės pagalbos apyskaitą ir teisingą paskirstymą žmonėms. Kiekvieno mėnesio pirmą savaitę jie turi pateikti "Lietuvos aidui" suvestines, kuriose turi būti nurodyti aukotojai, aukų dydžiai ir paskirtys.

partizanų kūnus Ukmergės aikštėje. Aš pati tai mačiau, dar vaikas būdama.

Rėgėjau, kaip sukmenėjusiom širdim pro išdarytus žuvusius sūnus praeidavo kaimynės. Jos negalėjo net verkti — ir viena ašara būtų išdavusi, pasmerkusi žūti Sibiro toliuose kitus jų vaikus.

Kaimo motinos, pokariniame kaime augę vaikai! Argi jūs jau nebepamenate didesnių sunkumų, kad balsuodami vėl iškeliate, — o Dieve! patys, savo rankomis! — tą politinę jėgą, netgi tuos pačius stribus, enkavedistus ir atiduodate jiems valdžią?...

Aš jau nieko nebebijau prarasti ir jokie sunkumai, jokios kančios manęs nepalauš. Po Loretos mirties aš net užmiršau, kiek man metų. Dabar kiekvienas tesielgia, kaip kas išmano: kiek aprėpia jo atmintis ir protas, kaip liepia sąžinė.

Aš irgi žinau, kaip elgsiuos. Vytautas Landsbergis visus garbinguosius mūsų Valstybės svečius vesdavo į Antakalnio kapines, prie Sausio 13-osios aukų kapų. Pasakau iš anksto: Brazausko prie Loretos kapo niekada neleisiu — tai būtų jos atminimo išniekinimas. Ji savo gyvenimą paaukojo ne už komunistus — už Lietuvą be komunistų. Ilsėkis, mano vaikelai, ramybėje — aš saugosiu tave. Ateis laikas, kai visa Lietuva supras ir įvertins tavo auką".

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Immediate and widespread action is needed to defeat FOCA, the federal bill that would mandate abortion-on-demand throughout our country. FOCA, if passed, will prevent the states from limiting abortion in any way, for any reason, even during the final months of pregnancy.

Under this bill, Congress would impose on all fifty states a pro-abortion policy even more extreme than **Roe v. Wade**, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion nationwide.

In an August 10, 1992 fundraising letter, President-elect Clinton said, "**I will make passage of the Freedom of Choice Act one of my top priorities.**" Therefore it is expected that FOCA will come up for a vote soon after Congress convenes in January.

Consequently, it is **imperative** that members of Congress and President-elect Clinton receive a deluge of letters and phone calls in opposition to this radical bill.

Only mass reaction from people letting Congress know how they feel will stop this radical bill from passing Congress.

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