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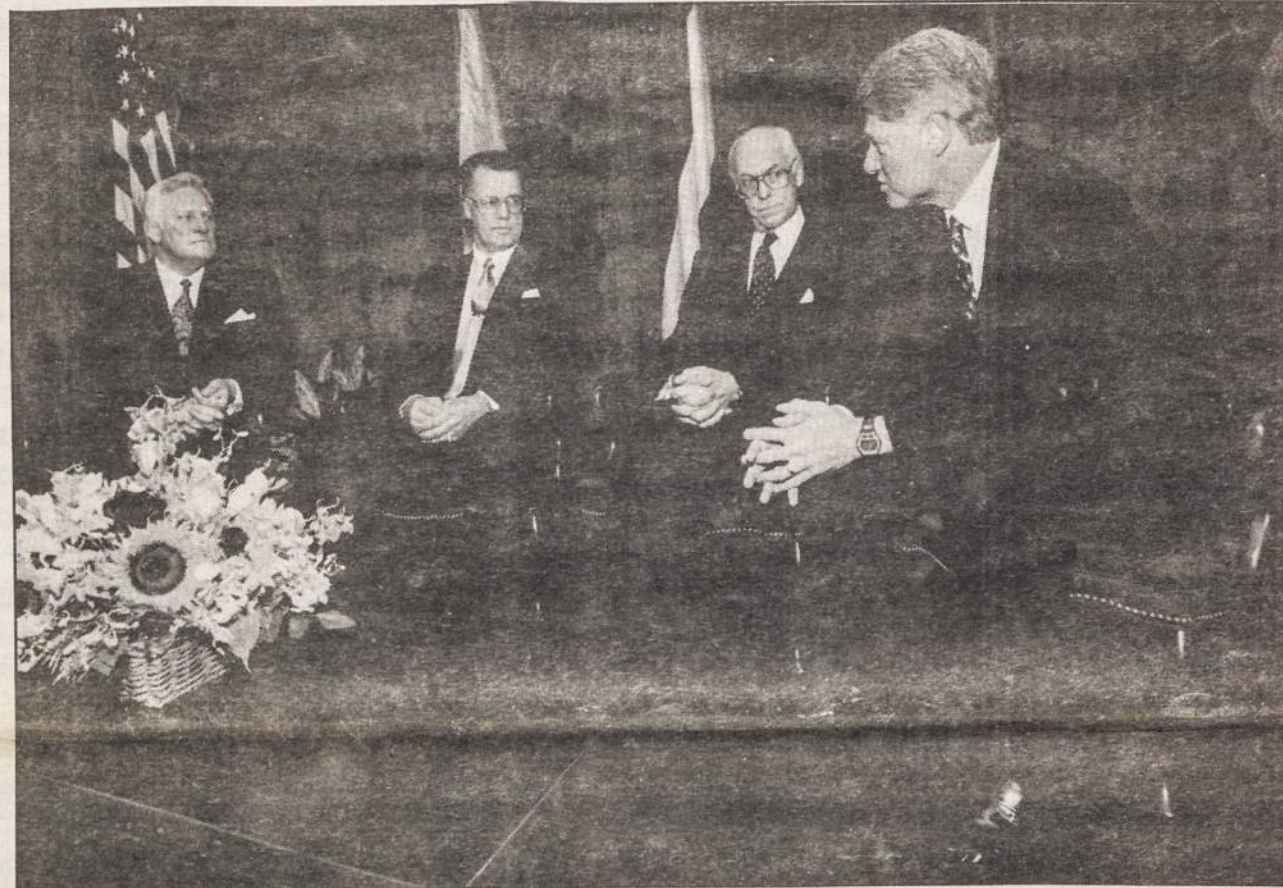
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Seated with President Clinton from left: Algirdas Brazauskas, President of Lithuania; Guntis Ulmanis, President of Latvia; Lennart Meri, President of Estonia.

President Clinton met at the United Nations with President Lennart Meri of Estonia, President Algirdas Brazauskas of Lithuania and President Guntis Ulmanis of Latvia. It was the President's first meeting with the heads of state of the Baltic countries.

The President expressed his admiration for the remarkable progress the Baltic peoples have achieved during the last two years in establishing democratic institutions and promoting economic reform. The President assured them of the strong U.S. interest in building close relations. The President reaffirmed U.S. support for reform and indicated the U.S. would move forward promptly on the new

\$50 million Baltic-American Enterprise fund.

The President welcomed the recent withdrawal of all Russian military forces from Lithuania. He also reiterated strong U.S.

support for the early, unconditional and rapid withdrawal of

the remaining Russian forces from Latvia and Estonia. The President noted that he had raised this matter in a number of recent discussions with Russian Federation leaders. The

United States intends to be helpful to all parties concerned in promoting an amicable resolution of the withdrawal issue.

The President also discussed concerns raised by the Russian government about the treatment of Ethnic Russians in Latvia and Estonia while noting that international observers had found no evidence of human rights violations in those countries. The President expressed the hope that practical solutions could be achieved on this difficult issue. In this regard, the U.S. welcomes the constructive role played by the United Nations, the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) and The Council of Europe (COE) in helping to promote a resolution of all outstanding differences between Russia and the Baltic countries.

Florence Eckert - - - "One nation under God"

A few short years ago, the former Soviet Union was the largest country on earth but it fell! Why?

Heaven had announced the downfall of communism in 1917 to three little shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal but few people paid attention to that announcement.

This is God's world, and whether you believe it or not, doesn't change things one bit.

Any nation that thumbs its nose at God suffers for a period in history and is eventually brought back to God, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

It's His world and He rules!!!

The U.S.S.R. officially proclaimed its collapse in December 1991 and the Baltics regained their legitimate independence and immediately began establishing their own identity in the world.

There are no more Soviet troops in Lithuania, churches are being reopened, and the country now has its own banks and currency.

The Baltics and the other newly freed nations are looking to the West for direction in building a truly free society. What does the West have to offer?

America may be able to assist in bringing new technology and much needed new equipment to these countries, but what examples of morality do Americans have to offer?

Looking to America, young Easterners are bombarded with a rash of fractured values.

First and saddest of all, the voters of the nation elected a president who believes a mother has the right to murder the helpless infant growing in her womb.

Easterners lived through difficult times for close to 75 years yet all this time they kept close family ties.

Looking to modern America they will see single parent families, live in friend families, two male parent families, two female parent families and two working live-ins who choose the luxuries of life over children.

While the newly freed nations are rejoicing over the fact that they can now openly practice their religion, Americans who have always enjoyed that freedom are gradually allowing it to be slowly snatched away from them while they are just too busy to care.

In America, the land of the FREE and the home of the BRAVE, drugs can be purchased on many street corners and even on school property. Pre-marital sex is condoned for any age as condoms are handed out in schools and advertised on TV.

While the countries of the former Soviet Union are reopening their houses of worship, the Catholic churches in America are closing their doors.

While young men are anxiously studying for the priesthood in Europe, the seminaries are drying up in America and there is a critical shortage of priests.

It doesn't take a college profes-

sor to figure out why there is a shortage of priests and all the paid advertising on television isn't going to remedy the situation.

Pope John Paul II, John Cardinal O'Connor, and the late Father Patrick Peyton aren't the products of a T.V. commercial for priests! Priests are groomed in the home from a very early age. A loving mother and father and a happy, healthy home life develop priests. The priesthood is more than just another profession. It's a calling -- a vocation!

There is a shortage of priests in America because there is a shortage of Christian family life.

The American family has been fractured and we may even have murdered some of our future priests in the wombs of their mothers.

America should send food, clothes, medical equipment and technology to help the Baltics and other newly freed nations. But America needs first to improve her own image before sharing it with other nations.

America thumbed her nose at God when she gave in to ONE woman's demand. Our forefathers founded this nation on belief in God and wrote a constitution allowing worship of God. Yet we, the descendants of these God-fearing men sit back and allow ONE woman to say our constitution doesn't allow for prayer in school and on her word and the interpretation of a SUPREME group, prayer is removed from our schools. If this is what the authors of the constitution meant, why was prayer allowed at the time of the writing of the constitution and for over 100 years after?

Just take a look at what has happened in our schools since prayer was removed! Must we elaborate? While you go in to

check out the school system it would probably be a good idea to say a prayer before you walk inside those doors.

This past week we find the Girl Scout oath being challenged. How much longer before the pledge of allegiance?

While America remains "one nation under God" America has a chance of remaining a free nation. But America has been squeezing God out "inch by inch". If we, the God fearing citizens continue to sit back and give inches, we'll soon find we've lost a "foot" and when that "foot" is lost, the door to freedom slams shut! Think about it! It's still not too late!

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where a democratically-elected president was drilled on many issues, some of which were not in his control, by a far-away constituency that left the country two generations ago. The American Lithuanian constituency should no longer matter, as its interest is limited to occasional tourism, the acquisition of cheap property or, for the insecure, the possession of a second passport. As a group, American Lithuanians account for little meaningful investment in Lithuania.

American Baltic News

SMILE

Behind the nuns sat some anti-Catholics. One anti-Catholic said very loud, for the benefit of the nuns, "Let's go to Texas; I hear there aren't many Catholics there." His companion replied, "Let's go to Oklahoma; there are even fewer Catholics there." And the first one said, "Let's go the Alaska; there are almost no Catholics there." At that point the nun turned around and said, "Why don't you go to hell? There aren't any Catholics there."

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Americans Question Brazauskas

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While in America, the three Baltic presidents had an opportunity to meet with their countrymen in the U.S.

The American Baltic News noted the most interesting meetings were those open to the general public.

In spite of the fact that a Lithuanian-language New York Weekly published an editorial recommending boycotting of the scheduled meeting of the Lithuanian community, the attendance was around 300, filling up the hall at New York's Lithuanian Cultural Center.

ABN reports Mr. Brazauskas gave a brief presentation and then fielded questions from the audience. The session lasted nearly two hours with Brazauskas answering questions on privatization, censorship of the press, citizenship issues, the mafia, crime, etc.

Due to the large number of questioners, they were asked to kindly state their questions and refrain from making long

statements.

Some of the questions came from people who had visited Lithuania and who had encountered specific events while on their visit.

In reply to the questions President Brazauskas answered; no, there is no press censorship by the state government. Privatization is a difficult question, as it means the eviction of thousands from their homes - and the government does not have the resources to relocate that many people. Yes, the government recognizes the criminal element and is working to control it.

Overall, President Brazauskas handled the questions well. It showed him to be a well-informed individual, in command of an American-style public meeting such as this. His answers also projected a conciliatory tone towards American Lithuanians. Yet one could not but feel sadness that the meeting ever took place. A meeting

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Senior Services

Check with the state you live in for the support programs offered to meet the particular needs of the senior citizens.

You are urged to take full advantage of any programs for which you may qualify, and to call your state senators office if you have any questions.

Listed here are some of the services offered seniors residing in Pennsylvania provided to us from the offices of Senator Charles D. Lemmond, Jr. 20th District, PA.

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reduced dental rates of at least 15% under the Pennsylvania Dental Association's "Access to Care Program." For more information call: 1-800-692-7256.

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If you are:

* 65 years of age or older; you may be eligible for reduced admission to Pennsylvania State Historical and Museum Commission sites, properties and museums.

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If you are:

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you may be eligible for a reduced registration fee of \$10 on any vehicle not weighing more than 9,000 lbs.

For more information call: 1-800-932-4600

Abortion stops
a beating heart



Turkey and all the Trimmings

Cooking your Thanksgiving meal can be an enjoyable project if planned properly. A very important thing to remember is to plan your cooking time to have the turkey done at least 1/2 hour before the scheduled time to eat.

Most all thanksgiving turkeys come with a schedule of thawing and roasting time on the wrapper. Follow these directions carefully. The temperature suggested is usually 325 degrees and the roasting time for a stuffed bird is about 1/2 hour more than for an unstuffed one. A shallow open pan also requires 1/2 hour more roasting time than a covered enamel roaster.

An 8 to 12 pound stuffed bird roasted at 325° in a shallow open pan should take about 3 1/2 to 4 hours. So if dinner is scheduled for 6 p.m., that turkey should be in the oven around 1:30 p.m.

Give yourself plenty of time to prepare the turkey. Once it has been properly thawed, rinse it under running water and dry it with a cloth.

Stuffing is never done in advance. Wait until right before roasting. Lightly spoon in the stuffing and bake the remainder in a casserole.

Use pins or skewers to hold the skin together when closing the cavity. You can sew up the opening with an old-fashioned needle and thread method or lace the opening closed with crisscrossed string. Tie the ends of the drumsticks together so that the legs will be close to the body. Turn the wings back behind the shoulders and fasten a piece of string around the skin of the neck or sew it down if preferred.

Place the bird breast side up on a rack in the particular pan you have chosen to use and rub the skin with a bit of oil. If using a shallow open roasting pan, cover the turkey lightly with aluminum foil. During the last 45 minutes of roasting time,

take off the foil and cut the string binding the legs.

If you have a meat thermometer, insert it in the center of the inside thigh muscle being careful not to touch the bone. The turkey is done when the thermometer registers between 185 and 190 degrees.

If you don't have a meat thermometer, about 20 minutes before you feel the turkey should be done, prick the skin of the thigh and if the juice is no longer pinkish in color, the bird is done. You should also be able to move the drumstick up and down and freely twist it in its socket.

When done, remove the turkey from the oven and let stand 30 minutes before slicing and serving.

TURKEY GRAVY

Fat
Drippings
Milk
1/2 cup flour
1 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper

Pour drippings from roasting pan into large liquid measure. Spoon 4 tablespoons fat from top of drippings and return them to the roasting pan. Spoon any remaining fat from drippings. To the drippings add enough milk to make 4 cupfuls. Blend flour into fat in roasting pan and stir and heat to brown. Gradually add liquid, stirring to blend. Stir and heat to make a smooth gravy. Add finely chopped giblets, if desired. Season with salt and pepper. Bring to a boil. Stir and cook 5 to 10 minutes.

OLD FASHIONED BREAD STUFFING

Yield: 8 cups (enough for 12 pound turkey)
1 and 1/2 cups finely chopped onion

1 and 1/2 cups finely chopped celery
1 stick (1/2 cup) butter or margarine
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning
1/2 teaspoon sage
Pepper
8 cups dry unseasoned bread cubes
1/4 cup water or broth

Cook onion and celery in butter until tender. Mix seasonings together and sprinkle over bread cubes. Add onion mixture and water. Combine. Stuff turkey and roast immediately.

PUMPKIN PIE

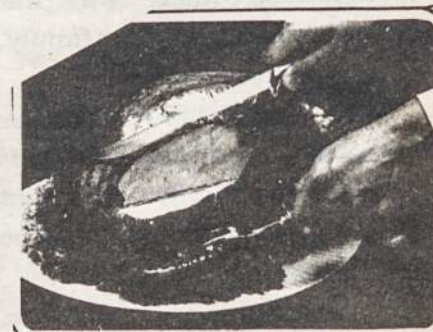
1 nine-inch unbaked pie shell
1 and 2/3 cups cooked pumpkin
2/3 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 tsp. cloves
1/4 tsp. ginger
2 tblsp. molasses
2 eggs
1 and 2/3 cups milk

Chill pie shell. Combine ingredients in order given and beat with rotary beater until blended. Pour into chilled pie shell and bake in a 400 degree oven for 50 minutes.

FRESH BROCCOLI AND CARROTS

Scrape or peel carrots and slice. Cut broccoli into florets.

Place sliced carrots in collapsible steaming basket and put steamer in medium sized saucepan of rapidly boiling wa-



ter. Lower heat and simmer for about 20 minutes. Add broccoli florets and steam about 5 minutes longer.

Remove steamer from pot and put in serving dish. Add salt, pepper and butter or for those watching their fat content, flavor with lemon juice.

CANDIED SWEET POTATOES OR YAMS

6 medium sized yams
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 tsp. ginger
4 tblsp. butter
1/3 cup sugar
Juice 1 lemon

Peel and slice the sweet potatoes or yams. Put half in a heavy flat saucepan; sprinkle over half the spices. Add half the butter and half the sugar. Then put on a second layer of the yams, spices, butter, and sugar. Add the lemon juice. Cover with cold water. Put on a lid and simmer very slowly, basting frequently. Cook until tender, about 35 minutes; then brown in the oven or under the broiler.



A PETITION ASKING ABC NOT TO SHOW SOFTCORE PORNOGRAPHY AND TO SHOW RESPECT FOR OUR FAMILIES

Tell a friend about this ad!

WE ARE

Help Us Get 2 Million Petitions

FED UP!

Will Steven Bochco's upcoming ABC cop show, *NYPD Blue*, become the first "R-rated" series to feature softcore pornography? Producer Steven Bochco and ABC plan to include even greater **NUDITY, VIOLENCE AND LANGUAGE ON NETWORK TV**. USA Today said this about *NYPD Blue*: "A clip shown at the New York presentation (of *NYPD Blue*) featured a cop—Dennis Franz—in bed with a prostitute. Another scene had a colleague undressing a woman in a steamy sex scene. All this, and **blood and guns and racy language**, too, from Bochco...." When casting notices went out for the series, Hollywood agents were told that **nudity would be required** of the actresses who'll portray the show's two female leads!

USA Today said the pilot had **A SEX SCENE THAT SHOWS A WOMAN'S BREASTS AND INCLUDES RAW LANGUAGE**. James Conslather of WLOS in Asheville said of the show: "I'm surprised they went as far as they did. I don't think they needed to do that to have a successful program." Clyde Helton of KSPR in Springfield, MO, said the show was "more graphic" than he would have liked. "I don't think it will play well in Springfield." Perry Chester of WQAD in Moline, IL, called the sex scene "a little strong."

Bochco told USA Today: "TV has always been 30 years behind the times. It's no secret I've been trying to drag these folks kicking and screaming into the 1990s. And I must say, **ABC...has been terrific**." He told ABC's *Good Morning, America*: "I would hope...that networks will begin to allow those of us who are making serious dramas to bring, to produce more explicit material for network television...Language, sex, the whole panoply."

After the networks begin showing softcore pornography on "R-rated" programs, the next step is hardcore pornography on "X-rated" programs. The time to **STAND UP** against the filth on television is now!

We will no longer remain silent—it is time to fight back

We're a group of **MORE THAN ONE MILLION** mothers, fathers, grandparents and citizens who are **FED UP** with the sex, violence and profanity on television. We say it is time to **draw the line** on this medium which has such potential for good but which has been used in such a destructive manner by those who control it.

If we act alone, the networks and advertisers will ignore us. But by joining with two, three, four or more million households, **WE HAVE CLOUT!** The advertisers, the people who pay the bills, will pay attention. The Washington Post (4/17/93) said that people who are **FED UP** should "make their feelings known to sponsors of shows." The networks care only about money. They don't care about the damage their programming is doing to our children and families. It is time to **fight back** by hitting them where it hurts—in the pocketbook.

Our families and our children are precious to us. Enough is enough. **WE ARE FED UP** and are **FIGHTING BACK**. If you are fed up, too, join with us. Return the petition below.

If you have already responded to our earlier "WE ARE OUTRAGED" ad, you need not return this petition. We already know you are with us.

Together We Can Make It Happen

American Family Association is an organization composed of more than 1,000,000 supporters in all 50 states. AFA is a member of the national financial accountability group ECFA (P.O. Box 17456, Washington, DC, phone 703-713-1414) and registered in every state that requires registration. We are audited annually. **Not one penny of the money which comes in from this ad will be used for salaries, administration, etc.** All donations will be used to buy ads in other papers.

The Roanoke (VA) Times & World-News checked on AFA and wrote: "The American Family Association...has operated for 15 years with a good record for honesty. We checked four sources...No one doubted the money will be used as the donors specify. Words like 'sincere,' 'up front,' and 'pretty clean ship' were offered in describing the American Family Association."

We're asking every reader of this ad to help us run it all over America...**AND send in the petition on the right**. ABC and TV advertisers will **KNOW** that American families are **FED UP** and are **joining together** to fight back!

Forget the censorship lecture, ABC and those of you in the entertainment industry. The First Amendment doesn't guarantee you a profit nor prohibit the American public from joining together to fight back. As individuals, we have a right to contact the advertisers and to spend our money where we want.

Right now, mail in the petition on the right. Please enclose a **contribution** to help pay for another ad like this. We'll do the rest. And we will keep you informed on which companies help sponsor *NYPD Blue*. All it takes is for enough of us who are **FED UP** to **ACT**. Can we count on **YOU**? Join the fight for our families and our children.

Mail the petition now!

A PETITION TO ABC And Every Advertiser on Network Television

Mail to: American Family Association, Dept.80B
P.O. Drawer 2440/107 Parkgate Drive
Tupelo, MS 38803

Yes, I am fed up with ABC's plans to show the "R-rated" program *NYPD Blue*, and their desire to show **nudity, more extreme violence and more profane language**. I agree it is time to draw the line. I want to be a part of this Grass Roots effort to bring common sense, respect for our families and responsibility back to the TV industry. You agree to notify ABC and **EVERY NETWORK TV ADVERTISER** every two weeks of the number of households joining this effort and to use funds from this ad to run ads in other papers. You agree to let me know which companies sponsor this program so I can hold them accountable. I want to help you recruit another two million homes to fight the filth on television. With this understanding, I am enclosing a tax-deductible contribution of \$_____ to help pay for this ad to get more parents, grandparents and concerned individuals involved.

Please print legibly

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P.S. It is the total number of petitions which come in that is important. You can duplicate and distribute this petition. This project is so important that even if you cannot send a contribution please mail in this petition to add to the total we receive.

A Project of American Family Association, Dr. Donald E. Wildmon, President
Approved by the I.R.S. as a 501-c-3 not for profit organization
This petition can be duplicated and passed on to others.
One petition per household, please.





Rachel Carey, great niece of L.C.A. Trustee George Sadauckas is pictured driving a pitch into centerfield for a double in the A.S.A. Dickson City PA Tournament. In Game One, Rachel hit an inside-the-park home run. Rachel is the daughter of Floyd and Nancy Sadauckas Carey and she is a member of Lodge 155.

Judge Brominski Feted on Birthday

Senior Judge Bernard C. Brominski was honored by staff and friends with a small reception in his offices on the occasion of his 71st birthday anniversary.

Although judges in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania are required to retire on their 70th birthday anniversary, Brominski has continued to serve in a senior judge capacity.

Judge Brominski who resides in Swoyersville, PA was appointed to the Luzerne County Court in December, 1958, the youngest judge to be named to the local court, 36 years of age.

He was elected to full 10-year terms in 1959, 1969, and 1989. He served many years as president judge of the local court and has served the county court longer than any other jurist.

He retired from active full-time status as of January 1, 1993. He is still serving as a senior jurist.

Judge Brominski is married to the former Dorthea Stevens of Swoyersville and the couple has a daughter, Mrs. Louis (Libby) Sieminski, and one grandson, Jason Sieminski. He is a member of Lodge 6.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Charles J. Raklewicz, Harveys Lake, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 15.

They were married in St. Casimir's Church, Larksville, PA.

The couple are the parents of Dr. Michael Raklewicz, orthopedic surgeon, Kingston and Harveys Lake who made several

mercy trips to Lithuania delivering medical supplies and performing surgery on needy Lithuanians.

Dr. Raklewicz was the principal speaker at our last convention in Atlantic City.

The anniversary couple have two other children: Pam, Los Angeles, CA and Hope, Idaho; and Suzy, Los Angeles, CA.

Arbacheskis Celebrate 25th

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Arbacheski, of Plains, PA celebrated their silver wedding anniversary October 12.

They were married in St. Casimir's Church, Pittston, PA by the Reverend Paul G. Molesky.

Mrs. Arbachesky is the former Rosemary Skechus of Pittston, daughter of Mrs. Ursula Skechus and the late Frank Skechus. She is employed at Gruen Marketing Corporation, Exeter, PA.

Mr. Arbacheski is the son of Mrs. Mary Arbacheski, Duryea, and the late John Arbacheski. He is employed at Owens-Illinois, Pittston.

The couple have two sons, Lenny, a senior at Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, N.Y.; Jason, a junior at Coughlin High School, Wilkes-Barre.

An anniversary Mass was held in St. Casimir's Church



Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Arbacheski

where they renewed their wedding vows. The Mass was officiated by the Reverend Frank Skechus, brother of Mrs. Arbacheski. The couple were honored at a party.

Mr. Arbacheski's mother is a member of Lodge 7.

St. Casimir's Celebrates Centennial

On October 3, 1993, St. Casimir's Church of Philadelphia marked 100 years of service to the community. An anniversary Mass was offered with Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua as principal celebrant.

Following Mass, a dinner-dance was held at Penn's Landing Caterers in Philadelphia.

Before acquiring their own church, the Lithuanian people of Philadelphia attended Mass at various churches in the area.

Starting with 60 Lithuanian families in 1893, the late Rev. Joseph J. Kaulakis saw that number increase to 1,000 families by 1918.

After celebrating Mass in various churches in the Diocese, a Protestant Church was purchased in 1894 but it soon became too small for the ever increasing number of parishoners and a larger building (the current location) was purchased. The first Mass was offered on July 2, 1905 and the church was named St. Casimir.

The present pastor of St. Casimir Parish is Rev. Eugene Wassel and although the parishoners are smaller in number, it is still a Lithuanian parish.

St. Casimir parish has the distinction of being the only church in South Philadelphia with Eucharistic Adoration all day on Fridays.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hicks, 502 Stanley St., New Britain, Conn. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary October 16, 1993.

They were married at St. Andrews Church, New Britain, Conn. by Rev. Joseph Matutis who was co-pastor and is now living in Hartford, Conn.

An anniversary Mass was held at St. Andrews at which time the couple renewed their wedding vows. A reception followed at St. Andrews Friendship Center where they celebrated with family and friends. Mary Hicks is the former Mary Aboyas of Scranton, PA and is a member of Lodge 109.



**Mr. & Mrs.
Charles Hicks**



George Sadauckas, President of the Northeast Pennsylvania Fraternal is pictured seated in the First Base Box at the Flag Day Baseball game at Lackawanna County Stadium. Mr. Sadauckas gave the pledge of Allegiance and had the honor of throwing out the first ball. He is also Trustee of LCA and secretary of Lodge 155.

Letters from Lithuania

George Wanta and Vicki and Norbert Gustitus are keeping up their correspondence with the friends they made while visiting Lithuania. Norbert brought in his latest letter from Lithuania relating present conditions.

The letter notes Lithuanians are still experiencing inflation.

Farmers are suffering since the government doesn't buy their grain and vegetables and if the government does, the farmer

isn't paid for a long period of time.

Heating costs have increased 3 times, food prices are higher than in the West and salaries are 10 to 15 times lower.

Vicki and Norbert were told the Pope's visit was "a great holiday for our worn out souls," and "an event too difficult to describe." People who were formerly at odds with each other seemed friendlier.

Lodge Secretary Resigns

Mary E. Chepulis, long time secretary of Lodge 137 reluctantly resigned from office October 1, due to ill health.

Mary was employed in the office of Boss Manufacturing Co. in Peoria, Illinois, for thirty-one years before leaving in January 1949 to marry Louis Chepulis the following month. The newlyweds moved to Rockford, IL and for the next four years she enjoyed her role as a loving housewife/homemaker. In 1953, she began working as a timekeeper at General Cement where Louis was also employed and she put in thirteen years before retiring in 1966.

"Mary is very sharp and alert considering she will be 90 years of age on December 9th of this year," writes her brother Joseph Peters. "She has been in the nursing home for two weeks now and is adjusting quite well."

Joseph notes the decision to enter a nursing home was a very difficult one for Mary but the phone calls and visitors help in the adjustment. She is also taken to daily Mass at the nursing home and this means a great



Mary E. Chepulis

deal to her.

Mary and her husband Louis enjoyed many happy and active retirement years before he passed away in 1989. Louis was treasurer of Lodge 137 for many years.

For all of Mary's friends who would like to remember her on her birthday, the address is:

Mary E. Chepulis
St. Anne Center
4405 Highcrest Road
Rockford, IL 61107



Governor Jim Edgar recently appointed William Margalus to the Board of Trustees of the State Employees Retirement System. Margalus is Assistant Supervisor in the Unclaimed Property Division of the Department of Financial Institutions.

In a letter of congratulations,

the governor remarked that Margalus' experience and judgement would be 'a valued asset' to the board.

Margalus is a member of the Lithuanian World Center in Lemont, Illinois.

Pictured, from left, are William Margalus and Governor Edgar.



Baltijos valstybių ir JAV prezidentų susitikime JAV misijoje prie JT. Iš k.: Lietuvos Prezidentas A. Brazauskas, Latvijos — G. Ulmanis, Estijos — L. Meri, JAV — B. Clinton, JAV Valstybės dept. sekr. W. Christopher, JAV Ambasadorė M. Albright, JAV Nacionalinės saugumo tarybos atstovas A. Lake. Dangės Širvytės nuotrauka

IŠ LIETUVOS IR APIE LIETUVĄ

-- **Vitas Lingys**, 33 metų žymus Lietuvos žurnalistas, spalio 12 d. buvo nušautas netoli savo namų. Lingys buvo įkūrėjas ir leidėjas vieno populiariausių Lietuvos dienraščių "Respublika". Paskutiniai žurnalisto straipsniai buvo apie organizuotą nusikalstamumą ir mafiją. Pranešama, kad Lingui buvo ne kartą grasinama mirtimi.

-- **Lietuvos Seimo** Tėvynės Santara nuo spalio 12 d. atidarė nemokamą konsultacinį punktą, kuris konsultuoja nuosavybės teisių į žemę ir kitą nekilnojamą turtą atstatymo ir gynimo klausimais. Punktas veikia Vilniuje, Jakšto g. 9, 301 kabinete, antradieniais ir penktadieniais nuo 10 iki 14 val. Telefonas pasiteirauti - 22 73 87.

-- **Šeštasis tarptautinis džiaz** festivalis spalio 8 d. prasidėjo Vilniuje. Ryškiausia festivalio žvaigždė - 1987 m. iš Lietuvos į Izraelį emigravęs muzikantas ir kompozitorius Viačeslavas Ganėlinas.

-- **Apie 80% kuro** rezervuarų jau pripildyta Lietuvoje. Vidutiniškai kiekviena mazuto tona kainavo po \$45. Prognozuojama, kad šiemet mazuto kaina gali išaugti iki \$70-\$75 už toną. "Lietuvos kuro" bazėse jau dabar sukauptų

akmens anglių turėtų pakakti mažiausiai iki kitų metų pradžios.

-- **Policijos darbuotojų** diena spalio 1 d. pažymėta Šiaulių kapinėse prie kriminalinės policijos valdininko Juozo Smulkevičiaus, kuris dirbo Šiauliuose ir 1938 m. eidamas tarnybines pareigas žuvo, kapo. Būrys jaunų policijos darbuotojų davė priesaiką.

-- **Dar 7 personalines** pensijas paskyrė Lietuvos vyriausybė: skulptoriui P. P. Aleksandravičiui, rašytojui J. Avyžiui, žemės ūkio mokslininkui ir Seimo nariui A. Būdvyčiui, sporto veteranui S. Butautui, kultūros veikėjai E. Dirsienei, gydytojui V. Kleizai bei A. M. Pladytei, nukentėjusiai per 1991 m. sausio agresiją. Personalinės pensijos iki šiol paskirtos 54 asmenims. Dabar ši pensija yra 166 litai ir 84 centai per mėnesį.

-- **Lietuvos tautininkų** sąjunga išplatino pareiškimą, kuriame reikalaujama, kad LDDP turi pasitraukti, nes tik tuomet bus įmanoma įgyvendinti idealą, kur būtų saugus ir laisvas žmogus, saugi ir demokratiška valstybė.

-- **Lenkijoje** prie Lietuvos ambasados pradėjo veikti Generalinis konsulat.

-- **Lietuvos prezidentas** A.

Brazauskas gavo NATO generalinio sekretoriaus Manfred Woerner laiška, kuriame reiškiamas noras gilinti NATO ir Lietuvos ryšius ir tikimasi tolesnio aktyvaus dalyvavimo NATO Parlamentinės asamblėjos darbe. M. Woerner pakvietė A. Brazauską apsilankyti NATO būstinėje su oficialiu vizitu kitų metų pradžioje.

-- **Lietuvos kariuomenės** vadu Lietuvos Prezidentas pasiūlė 49 metų Krašto apsaugos mokyklos viršininką Joną Andriškevičių. Nuo 1966 m. Andriškevičius buvo Sovietų Sąjungos komunistų partijos narys. Iš partijos išstojo 1990 m. Nuo 1984 m. spalio iki 1991 m. spalio mėn. pulkininkas buvo Vilniaus universiteto karinės katedros viršininku.

-- **Lietuvos ir Islandijos** bendra įmonė "Proguna" pradėjo veikti Klaipėdoje. Joje bus gaminami nedidelių gyvenamųjų namų elementai ir iš jų bus montuojami modernūs vienaaukščiai ir dvi-aukščiai kotedžai. Manoma, kad namai bus populiarūs ne tik Skandinavijoje ir kitose Europos šalyse, bet ir Lietuvoje, nes jie bus patogūs, jaukūs, šilti ir kainuos ne brangiau už lietuviškus.

-- **31 Kinijos kompanija** ir 4 kinų restoranai jau atvėrė savo duris Lietuvoje. Šiemet Lietuva iš Kinijos jau importavo \$223,000

vertės grūdų, \$133,000 vertės tabako, \$56,000 vertės arbatžolių ir prieskonių. Tai pat Lietuva iš Kinijos įsivežė metalo dirbinių, tekstilės, keramikos dirbinių, avalynės.

-- **Trečiasis tarptautinis** popmuzikos festivalis "Vilnius-93" vyko Vilniuje spalio 8-10 d. Konkurso programoje dalyvavo atlikėjai iš 15 šalių, pirmą kartą festivalyje skambėjo gyva muzika.

-- **Šiaulių miesto** valdyba Dainų mikrorajone išnuomojo žemės sklypą Naujosios apaštalu bažnyčios bendruomenės nariams, kurių mieste beveik 400. Tokios bažnyčios jau statomos Vilniuje ir Šilutėje, gauti leidimai statyti Kretingos rajone ir Klaipėdoje.

-- **Laikinas Lietuvos banko** valdytojas J. Sinkevičius, pakeitęs R. Visokavičių, pareiškė, kad bankas ir toliau vadovausis vadinamuoju reguliuojamu kintamu valiutos kursu lito atžvilgiu. Jis mano, kad bankui pavyks išlaikyti lito ir dolerio santykį nuo 4,1:1 iki 4,3:1. Sinkevičius paskelbė, kad popieriniai 1,2 ir 5 litų banknotai pasirodys kiek vėliau negu buvo žadėta (ne spalio pradžioje). Laikinas Lietuvos banko valdytojas yra profesionalus teisininkas.

-- **Istatymo projektas** dėl gyventojų santaupų kompensavimo ir akcijų vertės atstatymo bus artimiausiu metu svarstomas Seime. Rugsėjo 30 d. posėdyje projektą pateikė G. Vagnorius. Seimas 81 balsu pateikimui pritarė.

ŽUVYS SU LIETUVIŠKAIS VARD AIS!

Gana daug lietuvių prisideda prie plačiai paplitusio žvejybos ir meškeriojimo sporto. Gaila, kad pokalbiuose labai dažnai žuvis minimos tik angliškais vardais. O žuvis juk turi ir lietuviškus vardus! Štai keletas jų:

Eel — ungurys, cod — menkė, flounder — plekšnė, salmon — lašiša, trout — upėtakis, perch — ešeris, pike — lydeka, tench — lynas, minnow — reišnūtė, sturgeon — erškėtas, smelt — stinta, chab — šapalas, mackerel — skumbrija, wels — šamas, eel-pout — vėgėlė, shark — ryklis, whale — banginis, seal — ruonis, porpoise — dolfinas...

LIETUVOS AUKŠTOJO PILOTAŽO MEISTRAS

— Jurgis Kairys pakeliui į pasaulio taurės laimėtojus —

Pasaulinės aukštojo pilotažo varžybos tebevyksta ir baigsis šiemet Miami Beach, Floridoje, lapkričio mėnesį. Tarp kandidatų iš viso pasaulio dalyvauja ir Lietuvos nepaprastas aukštojo pilotažo meistras Jurgis Kairys, kuris šios rūšies sporto pasaulyje dabar žinomas taip gerai, kaip krepšinio Sabonis ar Marčiulionis.

Vilniuje, minint Dariaus ir Girėno skrydžio per Atlantą šešiasdešimtmetį, už 20 km esančiame Kyviškių aviacijos poligone liepos 18 d. įvykusios šventės padangėje pasirodė ir Jurgis Kairys. Jis čia savo akrobatinius skraidymus išdarinėjo lėktuvu SU-26, kurį nusipirko drauge su bendražygiu Vytautu Lapėnu, pasiryžęs dėti pamatus Lietuvos akrobatinio skraidymo tarptautinei mokyklai.

Savaiame suprantama, kad Kairys ir buvo didžiausia atrakcija, nors publikos nebuvo tiek daug, kiek susirenka jos užsieniuose, kur jo valdomas lėktuvas "danguje šoka, maudosi, eina kulkverščia, krenta žemyn lyg pašautas paukštėlis ir vėl gręžiasi į dangų", kaip sako viena Lietuvos sporto žurnalistė. Rudenį, kai pasibaigs didysis pasaulio taurės varžybos sezonas, jis ketina dar sykį pasirodyti Lietuvoje.

Jis atskris naujaisiu Suchojaus firmos lėktuvu SU-31, kuriuo jis dalyvauja varžybose ir kuris tokios modifikacijos yra vienintelis pasaulyje. Net Rusijos rinktinė tokio lėktuvo neturi, o Kairys juo skraido ir Lietuvai laurus skina.

Iš kur tokia privilegija? Pasirodo, Kairys yra tos Rusijos bendrovės lakūnas-bandytojas. Jisai nuo 1984 metų dalyvauja lėktuvų konstrukcijoje. Inžinieriai atsižvelgė į jo aukštojo pilotažo supratimą ir į tai, koks, jo manymu, turėtų būti akrobatinis lėktuvas. Jis kainuoja apie 200 tūkstančių dol. Tačiau galutinė kaina bus nustatyta po visų bandymų.

Firma jo bandymais patenkinta ir neprieštarauja, kad jis varžybose dalyvauja Lietuvos

vardu. Mat firmai reikalingas toks bandytojas-lakūnas, o Kairiui reikalinga firma, nes be tokio lėktuvo pasaulinėse varžybose pirmauti būtų sunkiau. Todėl Kairys Maskvoje praleidžia didžiąją savo laiko, Vilniuje gyvenančią žmoną Birutę su vienuolikmečiu Mantu ir ketverių metų Simu aplankydamas retkarčiais.

Kairys labai susirūpinęs, kad Lietuvos jaunimas labiau susidomėtų aukštojo pilotažu. Jis viliasi, kad ateinančiais metais pasaulio aukštojo pilotažo čempionate Vengrijoje dalyvaus jau ne vienas, nes Lietuva turi gerų

lakūnų.

Aukštojo pilotažo pagrindiniai vertinimo kriterijai yra: programos įvairumas, originalumas, harmonija, ritmas, atlikimo kokybė, tikslumas ir dar kartą tikslumas. Kairys pabrėžia, kad skraidymo meistrui nereikia gimti, bet šio to įgimto reikia turėti. Tačiau daugiausia meistriškumas pasiekiamas darbu, atsidėjimu, užsidegimu.

Kairį aviacijai paskatino "kukurūzninkai". Šilalės rajono Beržės kaimo laukuose jie barstė trąšas. Jis lakūnams talkino žemėje, o tie kaimo vaiką pavėžiodavo dangumi.

Baigęs vidurinę, išvyko laikyti egzaminus į lakūnų mokyklą Vilniuje. Deja, medicinos komisija rado "ligą", bet tikrovėje kalta buvo jo biografija — mat buvo gimęs Krasnojarsko krašte, kur augo aštuonerius metus, jo tėvus

ten ištrėmė 1950 m. Tad Vyborgo aviacijos technikos mokykloje studijavo trejus metus ir ją baigęs sugrįžo į Lietuvą. Didžiausiam džiaugsmui, Kauno sporto klubas jį priėmė nariu. Nuo tada viskas ir prasidėjo, nors darbo reikėjo daug.

Ar pakilęs į pasaulines aukštumas, žemiškais dalykais domisi? Dar ir kaip! Sugrįžęs į Vilnių, J. Kairys visada džiaugiasi naujais dalykais, kad žmonės vaduojasi iš pasyvumo, ir pasakojo, būtų tragedija, jei Lietuva sugrįžtų ten, kur buvo.

G. P.

APIE LIETUVĄ

-- **Įvairios Lietuvos visuomeninės** organizacijos prie Seimo rūmų spalio 1 d. surengė piketą. Jame dalyvavo apie 400 žmonių. Piketo dalyvių plakatai skelbė: "Reikalaujame istoriškai teisingos sutarties su Lenkija", "Sutarčiai su Lenkija - taip, Želigovskiui - ne".

-- **Lietuvos vyriausybė** pritarė Energetikos ministerijos pasiūlymui patalpų šildymo temperatūrą padidinti nuo 13 iki 15 laipsnių Celcijaus (nuo 55 iki 59 F), žiemą kasdien tiekti šiltą vandenį, imti mokesį iš gyventojų po 50 centų už 1 kvadratinį metrą šildymo ploto. Šilumos padidinimas 2 laipsniais Lietuvos biudžetui kainuos apie 16 milijonų litų.

-- **Kauno Krašto Apsaugos** tarnybos rinktinėje pravesta kadru reforma: pakeisti Kauno SKAT ir teritorinės gynybos štabo vadovai, susikompromitavę savanorių akcijos metu. Teritorinės gynybos štabo viršininkas spalio 11 d. paleistas į atsargą. šiose pareigose pradėjo dirbti jo pavaduotojas V. J. Sinkevičius.

-- **JAV firma** "Kraft Jacobs Suchard" įsigijo Kauno konditerijos fabriką, investuodama apie \$16 milijonų ir įsigydama 67% fabriko akcijų. 33% akcijų turi įsigiję fabriko darbuotojai. Dabar Lietuvoje iš viso yra investuota apie \$60 milijonų užsienio kapitalo.

-- **Šlaulių pedagoginis** institutas priimtas Pedagogikos mokslo tinklo (NESA), kurio centras yra Amsterdame, tikruoju nariu. Pavasarį ŠPI įstojo į Europos mokytojų rengimo asociaciją (ATEE).



Jurgis Kairys prie savo lėktuvo SU-26, kuriuo atliko akrobatinę programą Kyviškėse įvykusioje aviacijos šventėje, su gvardiku, jam padovanotu sporto entuziastės. Vėliau jis iš Lietuvos aviacijos viršininko gavo ir civilinio lakūno licenciją, pirmąją nepriklausomos Lietuvos istorijoje. Gintauto Prašmuto nuotr.

ĮŽIEBTA VILTIS, NURODYTAS KELIAS

„... lietuviai sugebės kurti gėrį, vieningai ir taikiai gyventi.“ — Jonas Paulius II

Simboliška, kad Popiežius Jonas Paulius II pradėjo ir baigė savo kelionę būtent Vilniuje - Lietuvos sostinėje. Čia visa Lietuva pirmą kartą išvydo Popiežių, bučiuojantį Lietuvos žemę, išgirdo pirmuosius Šv. Tėvo žodžius ir čia buvo pirmasis palaiminimas. Dar ilgai bus įsiklausoma į Popiežiaus pasakytus žodžius, prisimenama kiekviena viešnagės akimirka, apmąstomas kiekvienas sakinytis. Kiek daug nuveikta, kiek pasakyta kalbų. Prasminga prisiminti Šv. Tėvo žodžius kiekviename gyvenimo žingsnyje, sunkiame ar laimingame. Popiežiaus šypsena ir mintys tapo kelrodžiu Lietuvai jos sunkiame kelyje.

Prisiminkime pirmąją vizito dieną - rugsėjo 4-ąją, kai Popiežius aerouoste tarė savo pirmąjį sveikinimo žodį Lietuvai. Šv. Tėvo lūpomis lietuviškai liejosi meilė ir pagarba Lietuvai ir jos žmonėms:

"Nepaprastai jaudindamasis ką tik pabučiavau Lietuvos žemę, dėkojau Dievui už man duotą malonę atvykti pas jus.

Trokšte troškau aplankyti ypač man brangią jūsų žemę! Vos tik neižvelgiama Dievo valia buvau išrinktas į Apaštalo Petro sostą,

nuskubėjau į Gailestingumo Motinos lietuvių koplyčią Vatikano Bazilikos požemyje. Ten, prie Mergelės Marijos kojų, meldžiausi už jus visus.

Ši jūsų žemė yra brangi visai krikščioniškajai tautai, pasklidusiai penkiuose žemynuose! Lietuva - tyli liudininkė karštos meilės religijos laisvei, kuri, ne kartą pabrėžiau, yra visų kitų žmogiškų ir visuomeninių laisvių pagrindas. Lietuva visad stengėsi paliudyti savo ištikimybę Katalikų Bažnyčiai, nuėjo ilgą, skausmingą kelią į laisvę ir išgarsėjo kaip kankinių ir išpažinėjų žemė".

Šv. Tėvas savo pirmoje kalboje surado vietos ir karvedžiui Mindaugui, Vytautui Didžiajam, Šventajam Kazimierui. Kalbos pabaigoje Jonas Paulius II tarė:

"Atkeliauju pas jus pirmiausia kaip Ganytojas, tad trokštu padrašinti toliau kurti naują Lietuvą, štai jau laisvą ir siekiančią kuo geriau išvystyti savo galimybes".

Iš aerouosto Šv. Tėvas patraukė tiesiai į Lietuvos širdį - šventovę - Vilniaus Arkikatedrą. Čia jau Popiežius sakė ilgą kalbą Lietuvos kunigams, vienuoliams, vienuolėms ir klierikams. Jis išryškino

šiandieninį kunigo pašaukimą:

"Kaip Gerasis ganytojas priimkite ir eikite pasitikti kiekvieno žmogaus. Visi, ypač jaunimas, ieško "dvasios tėvų", gerų vadovų ir Evangelijos dvasia gyvenančių mokytojų. Išklauskite, padrašinkite, palaikykite ir vadovaukite Dievo tautai, žengiančiai tiesos ir šventumo takais. Štai kur jūsų pasiuntinybė, akivaizdžiai reikalaujanti, kad be atvangos stengtumėtės būti ištikimi ir mylėti Kristų, žmonijos gelbėtoją. Prieš akis visada turėkite Jėzaus pavyzdį, su dieviškuoju Mokytoju kasdien kalbė-

kitės, jo klausykite ir ištikimai sekite, kad taptumėte jo atsiųstos Šventosios Dvasios įnagiais".

Šv. Tėvas nurodė ir naujo žmogaus bruožų kūrimo būtinybę ir metodus:

"Po kiekvieno reikšmingo visuomeninio pasikeitimo žmogaus elgesys ir siela būna žaizdota. Tokiais laikotarpiais itin svarbu, kad Dievui pasišventusieji žmonės parodytų gyvą teologinių ir bendražmogiškų savybių sąsają, kuri pagimdo naują, vidinių prieštaravimų neturinčią žmoniją. Sąžiningumas, garbingumas, darbštumas, tvarkingumas, pasitikėjimas

tarnavimo dvasia, nuoširdumas, pagarba, santūra, kilniadvasiškumas, teisingumo ir atsakomybės jausmas, dvasinė pusiausvyra, romumas, atvirumas, - štai kai kurie "naujojo žmogaus" bruožai".

Atvykimo dienos vakare Šv. Tėvas meldėsi Aušros Vartų koplyčioje. Čia prie atnaujinto ir restauruoto Šv. Mergelės Marijos paveiklo Jonas Paulius II kalbėjo Šv. Rožinį. Po maldos Popiežius suteikė susirinkusiems apaštališkąjį palaiminimą ir lietuvių, lenkų, baltarusių kalbomis kreipėsi į tikinčiuosius. Popiežiui paliekant Aušros vartų koplyčią, skambėjo giesmė "Marija, Marija".

Rugsėjo 5-oji, antroji Popiežiaus diena Vilniuje. Po kasdienio atidaus ir rūpestingo susitelkimo, pusryčių, Šv. Tėvas susitiko su 23 provoslavų, musulmonų, žydų, evangelikų ir religijų atstovais nunciatūroje. Po šio trumpo pokalbio Popiežius aplankė miškingose Antakalnio kalvose nusidriekusius kapus. Šv. Tėvo rūpestingas, atidus žvilgsnis slydo per nuo lietaus apsunkusias eglų šakas, žydinčias gėles, o ypatingai per apsamanojusius ir dar visai naujus kryžius. Štai kodėl Popiežius savo maldoje, kurią jis skyrė dėl Lietuvos laisvės žuvusiems 1991 m. sausio 13-ąją prie televizijos bokšto, nukankintiems Medininkuose ir visiems didvyriams ir aukoms, minėjo kryžius:

"O kad Tavojo Kryžiaus šviesa, Viešpatie, nušviestų ir įprasmintų visus kryžius! Žvelgdamas į juos, kiekvienas Lietuvos sūnus teprišmena, jog žmogus - jo paties ir visų brolių - orumas remiasi į Tave, miręs ir prisikėlęs Kristau, laiko ir istorijos viešpatie, kiekvienos žmogiškos būties pradžia ir pabaiga. Amen!"

Lietus nesutrukdė tūkstančiams žmonių susirinkti į Vingio parką, kur Šv. Tėvas aukojo mišias. Popiežiaus pamokslo mintis: "Kas gimė iš Dvasios, yra Dvasia" (Jn 3,6). Šv. Tėvas pabrėžė tuos laikus, kai buvo stengiamasi įskiepyti materializmo dvasią, todėl Popiežius ragino: "Šiandien kartu su atgautąja laisve nauju įkarščiu reikia skelbti Kristaus apie žmogaus "širdį" pasakytus žodžius: "Kas gimė iš Dvasios, yra Dvasia".

Savo pamokslo pabaigoje Šv. Tėvas pasakė: "Krikštu priartėjame prie Kristaus, - prie žmonių ir tautų



Popiežius Jonas Paulius II, ką tik išlipęs iš lėktuvo, ruošiasi bučiuoti Lietuvos žemę. Algirdo Sabaliausko nuotrauka

(nukelta į 11 psl.)



Popiežių Joną Paulių II Vilniuje sveikina Lietuvos Respublikos Prezidentas Algirdas Brazauskas. Viktoro Kapočiaus nuotrauka.

PREZ. A. BRAZAUSKAS JUNGTTINĖSE TAUTOSE

Lietuvos Prezidentas Algirdas Brazauskas rugsėjo 29 d. perskaitė kalbą Jungtinių Tautų Generalinės asamblėjos 48 sesijoje New Yorke. "Mes kreipiamės į Jungtines Tautas prašydami paramos, ginant mažųjų valstybių interesus", — sakė Lietuvos vadovas. Jungtinių Tautų asamblėjos dalyviai buvo informuoti, kad Lietuva kuria demokratinę, pilietinę visuomenę, pagrįstą teisės viršenybe, kur žmonės neskirstomi, priklausomai nuo jų tautybės, religijos ir politinių įsitikinimų.

"Mūsų šalyje nėra įtampos tarp lietuvių ir nacionalinių mažumų. Reformuojame ir stabilizuojame Lietuvos ekonomiką, ieškome būdų, kaip garantuoti bent minimalias socialines garantijas", — kalbėjo Lietuvos Prezidentas. Jis pažymėjo, kad Lietuva, kaip ir kitos valstybės, ieško savo vietos naujajame Europos žemėlapyje.

"Mes savo žvilgsnį kreipiame į glaudesnę Baltijos jūros regiono

valstybių bendradarbiavimą. Svarbus tokio bendradarbiavimo ir Lietuvos santykių su Rusija aspektas — mūsų ryšiai su Kaliningrado sritimi". Buvo pabrėžta, kad Lietuvos, kaip ir kitų regiono valstybių, interesas yra laipsniškas šios srities demilitarizavimas, vystantis joje laisvos prekybos zonos, didėjant tarptautinių organizacijų, ypač Europos Bendrijos, įtakai.

A. Brazauskos nuomone, ateityje Baltijos jūros pakrantės turėtų būti laisvos nuo ginklų. Todėl jau dabar reikėtų imtis pasitikėjimą ir saugumą didinančių priemonių.

Primindamas, kad trumpiausias kelias iš Paryžiaus, Berlyno, Varšuvos į Maskvą ejo ir eina per Lietuvą, Lietuvos vadovas akcentavo, jog ilgus dešimtmečius juo per mūsų žemę riedėjo karo vežimai, puolancios ir besitraudien mes norime, kad per mūsų teritoriją riedėtų prekių srautai. Mes tikimės ir dirbamė tam, kad

mūsų sudėtinga geopolitinė padėtis naujoje, antagonistinių ideologijų nebedraskomoje Europoje taptų naujų galimybių, naudos ir gerovės šaltiniu", — kalbėjo A. Brazauskas.

Dėkodamas visoms — didelėms ir mažoms — valstybėms, parėmusioms teisėtą Lietuvos siekį — išvesti Rusijos kariuomenę, Lietuvos Prezidentas priminė, kad svetima kariuomenė dar yra Latvijoje ir Estijoje. Buvo išsakyta viltis, kad padedant Jungtinėms Tautoms, pavyks išspręsti šią tarptautinę problemą ir tuo pačiu sutvirtinti stabilumą regione.

Lietuvos vadovas sakė remiąs prieš metus Jungtinėse Tautose išsakytą idėją — Saugumo tarybą papildyti naujais nuolatiniais nariais. "Lietuva ne tik remia taikos palaikymo operacijas, bet ir ir pasirošusi jose dalyvauti, tapti karinius dalinius teikiančia šalimi". — kalbėjo A. Brazauskas.

ĮŽIEBTA VILTIS

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istorijoje rėsto pastato kertinio akmens. Statykime ant Jo visą mūsų ateitį. Bukime gyvieji akmenys tos Sandoros, kurią mūsų protėviai sudarė su Dievu. Amen!"

Popiežius Vingio parke sukalbėjo "Viešpaties Angelo" malda.

Po pietų Popiežius susitiko Vilniaus universitete su mokslo ir kultūros veikėjais. Čia Popiežius savo kalboje apžvelgė kovingojo ateizmo ir marksizmo žalą žmogiškai dvasiai. Šv. Tėvas pabrėžė intelektualų vaidmenį visuomenėje:

"Dabarties įvykiai verčia mus teisėtai galvoti, jog gyvename epochinę pasaulio istorijos lūžio akimirką. Šiuo sunkiu keliu į ateitį, kurios niekas šiandien negali nuspėti ar nubrėžti jos ribų, tikrai lemiamą reikšmę turi intelektualų vaidmuo. Jį reikia iš naujo pabrėžti, ypač nūnai, kai žlugusios ideologijos sugriovė pasitikėjimą, o filosofinė mintis, ko gero, pakrypusi į spepticizmą ir pavojingą pragmatizmą".

Rugsėjo 8-ąją Vilniaus aerouoste nuskambėjo Popiežiaus atsiveikinimo kalba. Paskutinieji žodžiai, ištarti Lietuvos žemėje, skambėjo ypatingai jautriai ir prasmingai:

"Lietuva gerai žino, ką reiškia tvarkyti žmogaus gyvenimą be Dievo. Liūdną praeities patirtį visi puikiai mena. Brangūs Broliai ir Sesės, reikia atverti duris kitiems akiračiams. Šiam tikslui Bažnyčia siūlo remtis Evangelija, kuri yra šviesa, apšviečianti žmogaus vertą visuomeninės pažangos kelią. Šiame kelyje kiekvienas asmuo pripažįstamas kaip gyvojo Dievo paveikslas. Dėka šios šviesos ir lietuviai sugebės kurti gerį, vieningai ir taikiai gyventi. Šiuos mano nuoširdžiausius linkėjimus telydi mano Palaiminimas".

Atsiveikindamas Popiežius įžiebė Lietuvai viltį, kuri nuo sunkaus kasdieninio gyvenimo jau buvo pradėjusi gesti. Šv. Tėvas nurodė ir kelią, kuriuo einant ta viltis taps gyvenimu.

A. J.

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Died: 10/7/93
Buried: 10/11/93
St. Casimir's Cemetery
Chicago, IL

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Pittston, PA 18640
Died: 11/3/93
Buried" 11/8/93
St. Casimir's Cemetery
Pittston, PA.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Andrea Flisik and Philip Sowinski, members of Lodge 2, on the death of their mother, Helen Zefran, who died September 30.

Also to Peter Kashatus of Lodge 222 on the death of his brother, Joseph Kashatus, November 2, in Grass Valley, California.

Charles V. Zujus Dies
Charles V. Zujus, Colonels Road, Wilkes-Barre, PA died October 20 at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where he had been a patient for three weeks.

He was the son of the former Editor of Garsas, Matas Zujus who died in 1979.

Surviving are his wife, the former Janine Cardell; son, Charles J., at home; daughters, Sharon, Dallas, Texas; Maureen Mayer, McLean, Va.; Jennifer, Baltimore, MD.; one grandson; sister, Ona Lanning, Hanover Township, PA.

A brother, Matthew, died in 1976.

Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

Charles and his four children are all members of Lodge 17 as is his sister, Ona Lanning, and her two daughters.

Life . . .

- At conception all 46 human chromosomes are present. A unique new human life begins.
- At about 6 days after conception the new life burrows into the uterine wall to obtain nourishment.
- Between the 18th & 25th day after conception the unborn baby's heart begins to beat.
- During the 5th week the eyes, arms and legs take shape.
- By the sixth week, brain waves are detectable on an EEG and the mouth and lips begin to form.
- During the 7th week the eyelids and toes begin to form and the nose takes shape.
- By eight weeks the child can grasp an instrument with his hands, swims freely in the amniotic fluid, and has his own unique set of fingerprints.
- At 9-10 weeks old the baby responds to touch. All major organs and systems are present and functioning.
- At 11 weeks the baby can smile and move amniotic fluid in and out of the lungs.
- At 12-13 weeks the baby teeth, bones, fingernails and toenails have begun to develop. The baby can kick his legs, curl and fan his toes, make a fist and suck his thumb..
- In the 4th month he grows to 8-10 inches in length and may more than quadruple his weight.
- In the 5th month the unborn baby can sleep, wake and hiccup. Fine hair begins to grow on his head and eyebrows and eyelashes appear.
- During the 6th month the baby responds to light and sound, can hear his mother's heartbeat and recognizes her voice.
- By the 7th month consciousness exists and the unborn baby begins to retain memories.

Urgent "Health" Warning

LETTERS & PHONE CALLS ARE NEEDED RIGHT AWAY

Tell your U.S. Senators and Congressman to vote to keep abortion coverage out of the national health care plan and to vote against weakening of the House-passed Hyde amendment that would limit federal funding of abortion.

Address for House members:
The Honorable _____
House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Senator _____
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

PHONE CALLS

OTHER THINGS THAT YOU CAN DO

- Here are some other steps you can take to help defeat the president's abortion proposals:
- 1 Write a short letter (about 200 words) to the "Letters to the Editor" column of your local newspaper, explaining what the President's proposals would do and why you are opposed. Mention whether or not your senators and congressmen have taken a position on the issue.
 - 2 Telephone local radio talk shows and make the same points. Make a special effort to alert the listeners of local Christian radio stations to the importance of this issue.

PLEASE DUPLICATE THIS ALERT AND DISTRIBUTE IT AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE!

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