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AMERICAN LITHUANIANS

Ask Sen. Vandenberg To Aid Lithuania

The following letter was given to Senator A. H. Vandenberg of Michigan by the Delegation of the Lithuanian American Council on the occasion of a special appointment in Grand Rapids, Mich. on August 22, shortly before the Senator's departure to the Peace Conference in Paris.

"The Honcrab'le
Arthur H. Vandenberg
United State Senator
from Michigan
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Sir:

We wish to address to you, as a member of the United States Delegation to the Peace Conference, the following communication:

In the first place, may we express our sincere appreciation for your noble and courageous stand at international conferences, as well as on the floor of the Senate, in defense of the rights of subjugated nations, and especially for the sympathy for the cause of Lithuania which you expressed in your letter to the Lithuanian American Congress held in Chicago on November 29, 30 and December 1, 1945.

Over a year has passed since hostilities ended on all the fronts in Europe and Asia, and yet the land of our origin is still occupied by the armed forces of the Soviet Union, which not only controls the country militarily, but also strives to impose upon it a political and economic system, entirely alien to its traditional way of life.

We are distressed to learn of the indescribable hardships to which the population of Lithuania is being subjected. In the course of the war it was devastated by consecutive invasions of the contending German and Russian armies. It has been looted and plundered by the occupying authorities, and now it is being denied a chance to restore its shattered economy, to rebuild its towns and the dwellings of the country population, and to live in peace under its own freely chosen government.

These facts have already been brought to the attention of the President of the United States and the Secretary of State in a statement recently submitted by the Lithuanian American Council, which represents the vast majority of American citizens of Lithuanian birth or extraction, numbering to about one million. A copy of the statement had been forwarded to you on or

about July 25th. May we now add a few more facts concerning the above-mentioned Baltic country.

Lithuania is a victim of unprovoked aggression. She was among the first to fall prey to German Nazi imperialism; on March 21, 1939, Hitler forced Lithuania to cede to Germany her only port and district of Klaipeda-Memel.

When Germany started the second World War, Lithuania proclaimed her neutrality and strictly maintained this position through all the years of the war. At the height of the drive into Poland, the German Government, attempted to induce Lithuania to join in the attack against the prostrate Polish nation and share in the loot. But Lithuania, notwithstanding her previous grievances against Poland over Vilna, refused to be a party to the crime. Instead, she gave refuge to thousands of Polish soldiers and civilians, seeking to escape death at the hands of the German or Russian invaders.

While Lithuania was trying to avoid any breach of international law during this conflict, those two aggressors were already conspiring against her rights and independence. As the evidence of the Nuremberg trials shows, a secret pact had been entered into on September 28, 1939, between Germany and the Soviet Union, by which the former gave its consent to Russia's aggression against Lithuania. Yet the Moscow Government still pretended to be friendly toward Lithuania and on October 10, 1939, made her sign a mutual assistance treaty for five years, whereby the Soviet Government solemnly promised to respect the sovereign rights of Lithuania and not to interfere in her internal affairs. The only favor it asked from Lithuania at the time, was the privilege of establishing a few military bases on Lithuanian territory, for the purpose of main-

PUTTING THE HEAT ON BOTH ENDS!

By JOHN RANCK



"If the Price De-Control Board, the OPA and the Secretary of Agriculture have not taken vigorous steps to restore effective price control on food, clothing and other basic necessities, we shall demand adjustments in our wage structure."
—UAW-CIO Executive Board, Aug. 16, 1946.

New Book Club Started By Thomas More Book Shop

CHICAGO — A new book club in the Catholic field has been organized by John C. Tully, editor of the magazine "Books On Trial," and will begin operations by the middle of September. One of the chief features of the new club will be the offering of a wide variety of books from which its members may choose.

For September, there are two books — *Truths Men Live By*, by Fr. John A. O'Brien, Professor of Religion at the University of Notre Dame; and *The Miracle of the Bells*, a novel by Russell Janney, co-author of the musical play, *The Vagabond King*.

Printing Trades Warn Against Communism

A resolution urging that a "solemn warning be sounded throughout America against Communist penetration, especially in the fields of government, labor, and publicity," was approved recently by the New York State Council of Allied Printing Trades.

The resolution termed Communism "repugnant to our ideals and way of life," maintaining a limited number of Red Army troops for the alleged security of Lithuania as well as of the Soviet Union.

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Members may take both books, at a considerable saving in cost; or they may take no book at all. They agree to buy only four books a year. If a member takes only one of the books, this will count toward a free dividend.

The club is sponsored by the Thomas More Book Shop, 220 W. Madison St., Chicago, which was founded by Mr. Tully, in 1939, and which has since been instrumental in helping a number of book shops in other cities to get started in business.

"The Thomas More" is a unique "not for profit" organization which performs various services for the benefit of readers. Beginning in October, another new service for dealers and librarians will get under way. They will be supplied at 10 day intervals with appraisals of current books, prepared by the Staff of "Books On Trial", which now numbers nearly 100 of the leading Catholic book-reviewers of the Country.

Un - Political Football Field

By: The Observer

Any person who desires to see for himself what travesty of truth and honesty international life built on the foundations of the Teheran and Yalta agreements is, should be a frequent observer at the various UN Security Council and Committee meetings at Lake Success, L. I. This new U. N. home, located in the beautiful setting of luxurious parks and forests of Long Island, provided with the most advanced facilities any modern office could demand, is the highest tribute to democratic civilization and ingenuity. By strange paradox however, it is also the theater of constant and most aggressive communist attacks on Democracy. Indeed, it is due to Yalta, that the Security Council and all UN Commissions are packed with Soviet puppets, no more independent in their policy nor more entitled to UN membership, than the State of Minnesota or Virginia. Playing like a football team, with Mr. Gromyko as captain, they keep up a steady offensive carrying the ball into the democratic field. The democratic repartee however, is just a defensive one, hardly ever trying to catch the Soviets on their own ground.

Let us take for example Wednesday September 11th as a typical day at Lake Success. Dr. Oscar Lange, the Polish puppet of Moscow created by the Yalta agreement, proudly reclined in his armchair presides over the Security Council's meeting. Sharp accusations against the British and American policy in Greece are leveled by Mr. Manuilsky, who sits as the delegate of "independent" Ukraine also due to the Yalta agreement. Actually he is a veteran Soviet statesman, whose first official act was to conduct in 1919 negotiations for the Moscow Bolshevik government with the then autonomous Ukraine. To-day he appears as a "sovereign Ukrainian". The next speaker, Mr. Gromyko, captain of the team and the boss himself, in a very long speech develops the Ukrainian charges against British intervention in Greece and the Greek government. He brings the ball close to shooting the goal. His attacks are so direct and insulting, that even the impassive and composed British delegate, Sir Alexander Cadogan, loses patience and heatedly asks; how the Soviet or Ukrainian delegates would feel, should Britain bring accusations against the Red Army's behavior in non-Russian lands. Finally, Mr. Gromyko has the ball returned to him, he did not shoot the goal yet. His oratory however, is already a powerful propaganda weapon used for the communist saber-rattling throughout the Balkans and Greece.

In the social and Economic Commission debating in the next hall, the picture is hardly different. There, Dr. Andrija Stampar, the representative of Tito's Yugoslavia and another Yalta product, also presides. Again a Soviet move made by two Russian satellites, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia, is on the agenda. They present claims demanding the return of danubian vessels detained in the American zone of Austria. This is part of the Soviet pressure to monopolize the Danube as an exclusive artery of the Russian zone. The ships were actually held by the Americans, lest they be stolen with the rest of movable danubian property by the Russians and removed to Volga or another Russian river. The American delegate carries the demand, requesting that the problem of the ships be discussed on the general platform of freedom of shipping on the Danube now subject of the Peace Conference.

The report on the refugees and displaced people in Europe made before the Commission on that same day by Mr. Fiorenzo La Guardia, director of UNRRA, deserves special mention. Giving recommendation for a speedy establishment of the International Refugee Organization which is to succeed UNRRA after July 1st, 1947, and appealing to governments to accept as many refugees as possible in their countries, the former Mayor of New York assures the Commission that UNRRA will do its best to have most of the displaced people return home, before the organization is dissolved. And what are Mr. La Guardia's methods to that end? He believes that all the people who are afraid to return to their communist controlled countries, are merely victims of a vicious propaganda pumped into them by "reactionary London Poles and Yugoslavs", attached to the camps as liaison officers. Henceforth, says Mr. La Guardia, these liaison officers will be replaced by people sent from Poland and Yugoslavia proper. He failed to add only, that such people will most probably be communist agents disguised in UNRRA uniforms and entrusted with the task of blackmailing

The Good Samaritan

Christ was a Jew, yet many Gentiles scorn
The race from which their own religion's born;
Charity in thought, alive with deed,
Their Saviour taught to be the soul's prime seed;
Still charity seems more of hand than heart,
A gesture rather than of them a part,
While Jews once more are homeless on the earth —
No Palestine, no Promised Land, no hearth.

The Hebrews bravely fought for every land
Where freedom marched for footholds in the strand;
Now freedom won, where is their sacred sod
On which they may like others worship God?
Once more they wander, flying refugees,
Persecuted, across the seven seas;
And sometimes hearts turned bitter in dire stress
Rise to violent passions of lawlessness.

What tragedy of suffering compares
In years and poignancy to turn gray hairs,
With that which trial has graven on this race?
The Gentiles' scorn has marked the Jewish face
With thought-worn brow, grave eyes and mystic fire,
Brands of survival and the heart's desire.
And so the Jew by long tradition tried
By grace as well as strength is fortified.

Do Gentiles in their proud majority
Fear to set this dwindled people free
That they may grow in all their scope and power?
Was not an Einstein born in happy hour?
Did not a Heine in his suffering
Voice lyrics which with deathless beauty sing?
Has a Baruch accumulated gold
Save that he might serve mankind, growing old?

The Jew is man, no ism mars his name;
Just human nature, as you and me the same;
Scion of Moses and of Solomon,
With good and evil of the father's son;
A small minority, which, seared by time,
Scales the ridiculous to the sublime.
Should Gentiles, then, ignore their fellow-man,
Forget Christ and the Good Samaritan?

James Patrick McGovern

Talking It Over

ARE WE FREE?

We moderns would like to boast that the world in our age has seen the zenith of freedom of human spirit and enlightenment of mind. Yet we realize sadly enough that the blunt facts of international strife and disorder so characteristic of our day tell a far different story from what we would like to believe of ourselves both as nations and individuals.

To be sure ours has been the supreme advancement in science, the scientific arts, All of this has given us a wonderful material progress in the things that make for human comfort and convenience. No previous age can come close to the progress we have made

in the knowledge and use of physics.

On the other hand, our knowledge and practice of what makes for liberty of human spirit, freedom from fear and want seems to have diminished rather than to have expanded with our progress we have made

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the displaced people into returning home. With a gruesome sense of humor he recounted his answer to a refugee who complained that he cannot return home because he disagrees with the type of government ruling his country: "I also often disagree with my government, nevertheless I stayed all my life in America". It seems that the UNRRA director is unaware of the difference between life in a democracy and in a communist totalitarian state.

Impressed by the colorful flags of all nations that flutter gayly in the wind against the lovely background of Lake Success, one is tempted to believe, that this is the center of a better world in the making. A quick glance however at the debates inside the building changes one's mood of optimism. The very foundations of international life must be revised according to a minimum of morality, if the UN is ever to succeed.

Edward J. Kubaitis

COMMENTARIES

Any day, now, we expect to see a large display ad in Vilnis and Laisve, et al., reading something like this: "URGENTLY NEEDED! Due to the course of international events, and to a sudden and fast-spreading epidemic of common sense among the American people, we are sadly in need of a new supply of RED HERRINGS. Our stock is dwindling very rapidly, and unless we get some new Red Herrings to drag across the trail pretty soon, we shall be forced to drag out our old, battered, and odoriferous ones. The situation is very serious, comrades! If our depleted supply of red herrings is not replenished very soon, there is a great danger that those stinkers Byrnes, Bevin, Bidault and Co. may even decide to ask for a peek behind our Matushka's Iron Curtain! All donors will be rewarded with our Party's Sign of the Double-Cross complete with a cluster of hammers and sickles. Address all herrings, well-packed with organized propaganda to offset odor, directly to the Kremlin or to Communist Headquarters in the U. S. They will immediately be forwarded to us."

Alas, for the poor genus *Clupeidae Rubrae* (Red Herring to you, Bub!) His is a tough and thankless job! To give you just one sad example: Remember what a gallant fight he put up for Joe Stalin at San Francisco to keep that no-good Fascist Juan Peron of Argentina from getting a seat in the United Nations? He did his best to smell up the atmosphere—but he lost, poor fish! So what does his boss, Stalin do? He throws that poor red herring out on his finny and immediately starts cuddling up to Fascist Peron! You can imagine how that forlorn little red herring feels today when he reads in the newspapers that Joe has teamed up with his former enemy in Buenos Aires and has even sent a Soviet Trade Commission to the Argentine capital to drum up a little business between the two countries.

And all those other hard-working little red herrings — they carefully dug up Fascists everywhere they were told — in Spain, in England, in Italy, in Belgium, in Ireland, in the Displaced Persons Camps throughout Europe — even in Willow Springs! So what happens? Nothing happens! Those Fascist so-and-so's just keep right on plotting to put Hitler and Mussolini back into power! And lately — most discouraging thought of all — even an outstanding official of the U. S. State Department has gone over to the Hitler camp! Can you imagine anybody being such an ingrate? — one, who knows darn well (if he listened to Stalin's recent speech) that the American people have only Joe Stalin to thank for the fact that they have Truman and not Tojo sitting in the White House today.

And so the little red herrings, looking forlornly about them at their depleted numbers, shake their heads sadly as the tears trickle down their gills. And far off in the Kremlin, two mustachioed Sir Galahads (one smoking a pipe, the other holding a cigarette upside down) also honk noisily into their large red bandanas and loudly bewail the ingratitude of the fair Lady Columbia, who has begun to give them the cold shoulder — and after they saved her all by themselves from the evil clutches of the Fascist villains!

It's a sad, cruel and ungrateful world!

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scientific enlightenment. The scientific genius of our age has discovered and utilized the terrific force that is atomic energy in the atomic bomb. Nevertheless our complete inability to assure that this terrible power will not be unleashed in a civilization-destroying war is the strongest argument for our one-sided development. The task that our age must set for itself is to

learn, or rather, to rediscover the fundamental truths about man. We do not mean the chemical man of flesh and blood, but rather that part of man that is higher and nobler, his intellectual and spiritual side which we call his soul. What the Creator intended in creating man — how he can best live among his fellow men according to the map of life the Creator has

An Old-Fashioned Welcome



HOLLYWOOD rolled out the welcome mat to greet Robert Taylor, back at the M-G-M studios after three years in the Navy. Warmest 'hello' was delivered by Margaret O'Brien, who calls him her 'favorite favorite' actor. Taylor will make his return to the screen in "You Were There," co-starring with Katherine Hepburn. 63H

Are you saying —

"I Have No Time To Read"

Ona C. Aksomaitis

"I just don't have the time to read", a mother of two youngsters said with a mixture of apology and complacency, after I had asked her to subscribe to a Lithuanian Catholic paper.

And the truth is she doesn't have time for reading — and won't until she convinces herself that her mind is just as important than her home.

She'll spend hours at sewing so that the curtains in her bathroom will cause feminine guests to exclaim with fluttering glee, but she has no time left for reading and thinking in order to make her mind be as active as her hands, and her thoughts at least as original as her fancy work.

Her home has personality, but she is content to let her mind remain as colorless as the draperies she threw out years ago.

If she hadn't done anything to refreshen her home in five years she would be ashamed, but for a longer time she hasn't done anything mentally to keep in stride with the times. And she wipes it all away with: "I just haven't the time".

given him — if carried out on a world-wide scale by the peoples of earth, might really give us the recipe for happiness we people of the earth crave. The cure for the political and social evils of our day, and assured freedom from fear and want, and a true liberty of spirit might well be the visible fruit of such a concerted effort by nations and individuals.

But so long as "she's a wonderful housekeeper" is regarded as higher compliment than "she is such an intelligent woman", and "she is a companionable person", women will find time for their homes at the expense of having time for themselves.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Mrs. Harry S. Truman does not drink. She's modest, retiring, and dry." — *Methodist Board of Temperance.*

"We'll spend \$2,500,000 to defeat him in 1948." — *A. F. Whitney, head of Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, on Pres. Truman's message to Congress.*

"Men are too inhibited — too muscle-bound!" — *Rosamond Marshall, best-selling novelist.*

"OPA controls have prevented some manufacturers from deriving profitable returns from their businesses." — *OPA Chief Paul Porter.*

"The blighting effect of an unbalanced budget must be immediately removed from the nation's economy." — *Gov. Ralph F. Gates, Indiana.*

LITHUANIA TODAY

Today, as before, Lithuania is under the Russian yoke. The last remnants of independence have been taken from her and she is being INCORPORATED BY FORCE into the Soviet Union. The Lithuanians are slaves in their own homes and their own country.

As before the energies of Russia are directed particularly against all cultures. All higher education is suppressed, private schools, forbidden, Lithuanian books, pictures and language are being destroyed. The freedoms of speech, press and radio are no longer known, and professions and arts discouraged. In place of the Catholic priest, Russian teachers are substituted.

The Lithuanians are a hungry people! Most of what is raised is taken up by the occupants to feed their troops and their people, leaving the Lithuanians hungry, causing deaths and sickness. From recent reports eighty-five per cent of the children are victims of tuberculosis due to lack of food and clothing.

The last time the Russians occupied Lithuania by force, they thought this land was theirs for keeps, but because there remained the patriotic fighters for the Lithuanian independence, Lithuania regained her independence after World War I. These courageous fighters and patriots fought and built up the country destroyed by war, in an amazingly fast manner because of their will to work and survive. Lithuania gained a great deal for her loss, but her prosperous future was shattered by World War II when Russia again occupied Lithuania.

Lithuania is not wiped off the map forever! For there still remains those ardent patriotic fighters who will go on fighting and never giving up to seek independence for their Fatherland.

If the case of Lithuania is presented before the Democratic nations of the World, and decision made, FAIR ONE, then the future of the Lithuanian people and their country will be a happy one and again her thoughts of the future will be to build a bigger and better peaceful country.

CRIME DOES NOT PAY, is an statement we have all heard! Is it not a crime to take a country, destroy all its cultures, and above all try to destroy its people? Yes, this is CRIME of the highest degree! A criminal must pay when his day comes and sooner or later the criminal is brought to justice. Therefore, with this in mind, let us go on hoping and praying, working to regain the independence our forefathers fought and died for, for the sake of those boys who so bravely gave

their lives that peace and justice would prevail.

We Lithuanians must wait patiently and proudly, remembering that old saying: "KAS BUS, KAS NE BUS, BET LIETUVIS NIEKAD PRAZUS". (Things May Come, Things May Go, But the Lithuanians Will Remain Forever). Let us keep our faith in God, work and fight for no good deed is ever done in vain.

Frances Mary Siedlik

Flying Nun Takes First Solo Flight

ST. PAUL — Sister Maxine, 39-year-old Benedictine, wrapped her flowing habit around her, climbed into an airplane and took off on her first solo flight.

Her instructor, Harold Youngmans, chief pilot for American Aviation company, said she did an excellent job.

Sister Mexine, a member of the teaching staff at Cathedral high school in St. Cloud, said she learned to fly so that she could teach classes in aviation this fall.

Radio Maker Tunes Help on Nylon Wave

Because they like nice things, an Eastern radio manufacturer gives each of his women employees who brings in a new woman worker, a pair of nylon hose — and then gives the new employee a pair after her first two weeks of perfect attendance.

As a further inducement to keep employees on the job, the factory gives all workers with two weeks of perfect attendance a chance to buy nylons from the firm at ceiling prices or under.

British Loan



PAT KIRKWOOD has come over from London to try her hand at the American Cinema after a successful career in Britain. M-G-M will give her a head start by teaming her with Van Johnson in the musical "No Leave, No Love."

"A SAINT DIED IN MY ARMS.."

By STANLEY PIEZA

Chicago Herald-American Writer

A bright sun was sending its rays through the trees of Villa Borghese, Rome, and into the simple reception of the mother house of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart where we were talking of Chicago's saint — Mother Cabrini.

Her blue eyes brightened with joy as Mother Antonietta Della Casa, superior general, spoke:

"She's our own saint, our dear Mother Cabrini!"

A bell tinkled in the nearby chapel. Mother Della Casa paused briefly, her lips moving in silent prayer. I looked at her with reverence and tried to understand the deep feeling that surged in Mother Della Casa's heart... it was in her arms that a saint had died!

Mother Della Casa continued:

"Yes, she died in my arms in a tiny room in Columbus Hospital in your city — Chicago, I'll never forget the moment..."

It was a simple but dramatic story which Mother Della Casa unfolded. We were seated near a beautiful photograph of Mother Cabrini at the age of 30. She seemed alive in the picture, with her saintly eyes directed at us.

Smiling graciously, Mother Della Casa said:

"I was a little girl when Mother Cabrini accepted me into her fold, and the congregation of sisters was quite small. Today we have at least 4,000 sisters and over 125 houses over the world.

A MEMORABLE DAY

"I'll never forget the day our Mother died. It was on Dec. 22, 1917, when she was in her room at the hospital. She was 67 then. As it was three days before Christmas, she was wrapping candy for the little children of the Assumption Church on Illinois St. She was seated in a wicker rocking chair.

Geraldine Schultz Given Bridal Shower

Miss Geraldine Schultz of 8115 South Justine was honored at a Bridal Shower September 15th at the home of her aunt, Mrs. A. Phillips, 6955 South Maplewood.

Approximately sixty-five friends and relatives were present. The future bride received many beautiful and useful gifts for her future home.

Geraldine, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Schultz, 8115 South Justine, is to be married to Leonard Kardelis, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Kardelis, 6939 South Washtenaw, on September 29th at 3 P. M. Nativity B. V. M. Church, 69th and Washtenaw Ave.



Stanley Pieza

"She was always so thoughtful of others, especially children. While doing this work she suddenly became ill. Then she died while I was holding her in my arms. She just seemed to fall into a deep sleep, with a smile on her benign face."

Then Mother Della Casa asked me whether I wanted to see some of Mother Cabrini relics. In a room near the reception office we saw an exhibit of pictures of all the houses Mother Cabrini founded, including those of Cuneo Memorial Hospital, Columbus and Mother Cabrini hospitals.

MORE RELICS

In another room we saw other relics. In a gold case is a small bit of Mother Cabrini's blond hair. There are also her scissors, eyeglasses, prayer book, the cup used to sprinkle holy water on her head during her baptism, small clock, crucifix and a comb. I stood there admiring the personal belongings of a saint. Mother Della Casa broke the silence with these words:

"You know Mother Cabrini always loved America and that country's people. She always prayed for them. She brought love and comfort to everybody, irrespective of faith or color. The reason she became an American citizen is because she loved Americans so much."

I asked her how a woman of a poor Italian family, unknown and without influence, was able to accomplish so much and in so few years. Mother Della Casa's eyes twinkled as she said:

"Ah, but she had faith. There was nothing difficult for her. She believed God was helping her."

I then seemed to understand how Mother Cabrini became a saint.