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## Father A Jerk

WE were looking forward with pleasure to "Father's Day," Sunday, June 20, until we bought the July issue of the magazine "Esquire" and had the misfortune of running across, and digesting, "Papa Is A Patsy," authored by one Dick Reddy.

Says Mr. Reddy, among other things unknown to us: "The American father is a miserable, chinless half-wit. He is ignorant, incompetent and immature, and has barely enough mechanical skill to tie his own shoes. All that's kept the oaf from going to hell in a handbasket are the tact and wisdom of his wife and children, who treat him like a dear retarded child."

This is more than enough to make us bow our head in shame, more than enough to convince us that we had best stay in bed on Sunday, June 20, and permit our family to celebrate "Father's Day" without going through the misery of making a fuss over the miserable, chinless half-wit that Mr. Reddy holds us and other papas to be.

While we have never looked at Stephen F. Brkich in the mirror and came away convinced that there stood the world's smartest human being, we didn't know, until Mr. Reddy sized us up, that S. F. B. is an ignorant, incompetent and immature oaf.

But not all is lost, not so long as our dear wife and three children now know that only their tact and wisdom have kept us from going completely to pot long ago. For that we thank them sincerely.

Never again will we cross the threshold of the something less than lavish Brkich Homestead and proclaim to the family that His Nibs is home from the office, that His Lordship is ready and willing to impart of his wisdom to those who would profit from his years of experience.

No, from now on we are going to sit down with our pet dog and prove to it that leading a canine's life is held to be on a higher level than the one we find ourselves to be pursuing as a papa who is strictly from hunger and a moron to boot.

Woe is us fathers as we near Sunday, June 20, for now we have been exposed for what we are — dear retarded children, pure and simple jerks schooled only in the art of tying our own shoes.

Please, Mrs. B and you other three little B's, don't think too unkindly of the Old Man. After all, he's all you happen to have in the way of a hubby and pappy.

As for you, Mr. Reddy, will you please go fly a kite on "Father's Day?"

## Sad, But True

LIKE it or not, the sad truth is that entirely too many of our Croatian people insist upon going around knocking each other for no good reason at all.

Those who indulge in this pastime of smearing others of their descent would do well to remember that our people are no longer one generation removed from the shores of Europe, that they have been part and parcel of the United States for decades.

If our people still cannot see themselves in this light, then let them be so convinced by two outstanding men in public life, Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan and United States Congressman John P. Saylor, Johnstown, Pa., both of whom are on record as thinking a great deal of America's citizens of Croatian extraction.

Governor Williams praised our people on high during the May 9, 1954, Banquet which brought to a close the running in Detroit of the Croatian Fraternal Union's 20th Annual National Tenpin Tourney.

Congressman Saylor spoke in like vein May 16, 1954, during the Banquet which climaxed the 60th Anniversary Celebration of our "St. Rochus" Lodge 5 of Johnstown, a Lodge which has played an important role in the history of this industrial center.

True, some took the words of Governor Williams and Congressman Saylor with a grain of salt. Others dismissed them as representing political talks aimed at "pocketing" Croatian voters. Still others probably "slept through" their addresses and don't remember what either had to say.

The fact remains, however, that both the Governor and the Congressman could have passed up their invitations to the affairs in question if — yes, if — they thought for a moment that our people amounted to little, or nothing, in America.

Now, the sooner our people see themselves as others see them, in the light of the truth, the sooner all of us will be recognized by the only thing that counts, the fair-minded American public.

## Big Difference

MR. Lendon A. Knight, President of the National Fraternal Congress, recently criticized societies that sell life insurance and ignore the fraternal side.

The NFC leader said as much in an address delivered at the Chicago meeting of the Fraternal Field Managers' Association and, in effect, urged that the NFC rid itself of those societies which have abandoned the lodge system and fraternal activities in favor of selling life insurance for all that the public traffic will bear.

We are only too pleased to point out that the Croatian Fraternal Union, a member of the National Fraternal Congress, does not enter into the scope of Mr. Knight's very well placed criticism.

The Croatian Fraternal Union does, of course, sell life insurance on a large scale. It is pardonably proud of its many millions of life insurance in force.

But our Society does not keep one eye trained on its millions and the other blinded to just two of the countless things which have made it a great institution, to wit, a flourishing lodge system and fraternal activities of the first magnitude.

Our Society boasts of some 1,100 Lodges and Nests scattered from coast to coast in the United States and Canada, subordinate units which, in the great majority of cases, hold monthly meetings.

Quite a few of our Lodges own their own Homes or Clubs, which are used for purposes other than those coming under the definition of business of the Society, worthy purposes designated to keep their members all the more united.

As for fraternal activities, the Croatian Fraternal Union stands in a class by itself when it comes down to promoting undertakings which appeal to the tastes of all.

Its Annual Tenpin, Duckpin, Five Pin and Basketball Tournaments are attended by thousands of members. Its promotion of Kolo Dancing, Choral Singing, and other allied arts, is a story of activity in itself. So are its numerous Fraternal Day Celebrations, its Annual Junior Summer Camp at Des Plaines, Illinois, and so on, ad infinitum.

These are but a few of the virtually endless reasons why there is a big difference between the Croatian Fraternal Union and the societies Mr. Knight took to task in his Chicago speech.

## Coming Events?

NOTHING but trouble lies ahead for the world in the opinion of Mr. William R. Matthews, editor and publisher of the famed Tucson, Arizona, "Daily Star."

"In my opinion, we have started down the traditional road to a world war," warns this widely known and highly respected member of the Fourth Estate. "Within six months we will be directly involved in Indo-China. Within a year we will be at war with China. If these hostilities last two years, before the end of the third year, we will probably be at war with the Soviet Union. This war will end in a stalemate of exhaustion and will be followed in this country (the United States) by a violent revolution and the eclipse of freedom here and throughout most of the world."

While we must hope that Mr. Matthews will eventually have to confess that he was 100% wrong in his outlook of the moment, we nonetheless cannot dismiss his dire prediction with the wave of a hand and close our eyes to the facts of life which are currently our collective lot.

Make no mistake about it, America is in danger — grave danger — of becoming involved in another, perhaps final, war. We cannot honestly write otherwise.



### In Passing

Outside the bitter years of the Civil War, when we became a united nation after severe travail and brother-against-brother strife, our nation has never faced problems of greater urgency and moment that it does right now. The technical advances which have created on this continent a tremendous economy and way of life geared to the machine have brought us face to face with the necessity of modernizing our political ideas and action to conform to the realities of today's world.

— United Mine Workers Journal



## Carved Tribute To Great Instrument

MUSICANA . . . Shown above is the photo of an original 27 1/2 x 30 inches woodcarving executed by Joseph Bogdanich, Eveleth, Minnesota, as a lasting tribute to our Croatian "tambura," the instrument which has made our nationality world renowned. Mr. Bogdanich has informed the editorial offices of the Zajednicar's English Section that this original will be found hanging on the walls of the Minnesota Museum of Mining at Chisholm when that institution opens its doors to the public in the near future.

## The Mission Of Preradovic

It is not easy for the average traveler to catch the spirit and the heart beat of a people and their national aspirations. Their music is one of the clues to this knowledge. A few years ago Dorothea Orr, in a book entitled "Portrait of a People", caught the spirit of Croatia when she wrote so understandingly and poignantly in the concluding paragraph of her book:

"At dusk we started down the road toward Zagreb. From out of the ethereal grayness, the haunting, thrilling cry of native music followed us. We knew that years from now, if only we could wander up the dusty road towards the villages and hear above us, as we walked, the melancholy, throbbing music of the peasants, and finally see the figures whirling in their gay costumes, we would feel once more this same poignant joy. For Croatia was in our blood, with the intensity of its colors, the endless winding of its roads, the purple shadows on its mountains, and the life of its vital peasantry. We knew that we desired nothing more than once again to walk over its countryside, past women washing in streams, past rumbling, hand-made carts, past men sitting on their doorsteps fingering on their instruments the music that lives in their valleys and hills."



This was the atmosphere in which Preradovic, Croatian bard, was born, the place from which he drew his breath and gained his inspiration. In his very soul there breathed a romantic love for medieval traditions which found expression in two dramas, Marko Kraljevic and Vladimir i Kosara. But some of his best works were lyric poems which have been put to music and has given expression to the melancholy music sung and fingered on instruments as described in the above passage. His sensitive melancholy was beautifully expressed in the Allegory Putnik, (The Wanderer):

"Who has stirred thee, heart of mine,  
That thou art so restless now?  
As a bird in a cage thou longest,  
In the heaven to wing thy way.  
Be still, my heart, be still! . . ."

Music expresses feeling and thought, without language. It is below and before speech, and it is above and beyond all words. Beneath the waves in the sea—above the clouds in the sky. The old music for the most part expresses emotion, or feeling through time, and emphasis and what is designated as melody.

As one listens to the poetry of Preradovic put to music, he sees pictures, forms, glimpses of the perfect, the swift movement and swaying of the kolo dancers, the happy laughs of costumed peasants in all their Sunday finery, gathering in front of the village church. Before us pass the endless panoramas. We see vast landscapes with valleys of verdure and vine, with soaring crags, ringed beneath by trees of all description in Lika, Bosnia, Slavonia. We find ourselves again on the Blue Adriatic where the billows burst with joy on Dalmatian shores surrounded by white karst mountains. There at night once again we see the cloudless sky dotted with countless stars. In a moment the verses of Preradovic break into song. The music becomes a river of melody, flowing through wondrous Croatia; suddenly it falls in strange chasms and the mighty cataract is changed to seven-hued foam.

It is said that great music is always sad, because it tells us of the perfect, and such is the difference between what we are and that which music suggests, that even in valleys of joy we are bound to find some tears. This is and has been the story of Croatia which Preradovic was able to understand and put into beautiful poetry and music. It is the responsibility of the Croatian Glee Club "Preradovic" of Gary to carry on this fine tradition of culture in this great country of ours. The tolerance and freedom which the United States of America symbolizes have made it possible to enrich this country with the traditions, music and culture of many nations.

Long live Preradovic! May the society carry on for many generations its great mission of making known to our younger generation and the American people the music and poetry of Croatia.

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## National Conference On Citizenship To Attract Thousands To Washington

### Croatian Fraternal Union Officers To Attend Gathering In Nation's Capital

Washington, D. C. — Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr. and William G. Carr, executive secretary of the National Education Association, announced last week that the Ninth Annual Conference on Citizenship will be held in Washington September 15, 16, and 17. The Conference, under the auspices of the Board of Directors of the Federally chartered National Conference on Citizenship, co-sponsored by the Department of Justice and the National Education Association, will bring together about 1,200 men, women and youths from far flung sections of the country. They will represent approximately 800 private and public organizations and agencies.

Representing the Croatian Fraternal Union of America at the Conference will be Supreme President V. I. Mandich, English Editor of the Zajednicar Stephen F. Brkich, and Legal Counsellor Thomas R. Balaban.

### Opens September 15th

This year's conference theme is "The Three Branches of the Federal Government — Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

President Dwight E. Eisenhower has issued a proclamation for the observance of Citizenship Day in commemoration of the signing of the Constitution, September 17, 1787. An appropriate ceremony will mark the occasion on the closing session of the Conference of Friday, September 17.

"Citizenship Day" is also the occasion to honor the native youths who reach voting age, and those from other lands who attain United States citizenship through the naturalization process. It further provides a time for all citizens to rededicate themselves and to advance the ideals and principles upon which our Nation was founded and built.

### Plan Citizenship Day

The Attorney General and the President of the National Educational Association will formally open the Conference with welcoming messages.

The American Legion National Guard of Honor, led by Captain Gail T. Judd, will advance the colors at the opening session. Colonel Justice M. Chambers, Congressional Medal recipient of World War II, will lead the delegates in the pledge of allegiance.

A citizenship induction ceremony will be held on the final day of the Conference wherein a class of qualified foreign-born persons will take the oath of allegiance on becoming United States citizens. A Federal Judge will conduct the ceremony at the Hotel Statler.

Friday afternoon the delegates will participate in the District of Columbia's "Citizenship Day" program. The local program is in charge of Colonel Waldron E. Leonard, Director of the District of Columbia Division of Services for Veterans and War Workers.

### Book Famous Keynote

The Honorable Justin Miller, President of the Conference and former Judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, will make the keynote address at the luncheon session, September 15.

At each general session a youth winner in a national oratorical contest will speak. The 1,200 delegates will be divided into 30 member groups where, in a spirit of unity, everyone has the opportunity to ex-

press his viewpoint concerning matters relating to the Nation and the community that would help to further and strengthen our American way of life.

The annual Conference dinner, which will be addressed by a distinguished American, will be held Thursday, September 16, at the Statler Hotel.

### Group Talks Arranged

The closing session Friday will be devoted to a summarization of group discussions.

The Executive Committee has invited the Governors of the States comprising the Thirteen Original Colonies to send wreaths for the occasion—the state flower if in bloom.

The delegates come from all sections of the country, including the territories. They represent hundreds of organizations and agencies that deal with every wholesome aspect of our way of life, and embrace nearly our entire population.

They represent all levels of government — National, State and local; the schools — public, parochial and private; the major religious faiths; bar associations — International, National, State and local; Veterans and related organizations — American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and auxiliaries; Fraternal Organizations; — farm groups — Farmers Union, Future Farmers of America; labor groups — business groups — and other established groups.



### 11th Convention — 1912

[Part No. 1]

The 11th Convention of the National Croatian Society, forerunner of today's gigantic, multi-million dollar Croatian Fraternal Union of America, was held September 9 to September 24, 1912, in Grossman Hall, Kansas City, Kansas.

The Convention got under way with the seating of Kosty Unkovic as Chairman of the proceedings, following which a motion was immediately made and passed to deny admittance to representatives of the newspapers "Narodni List" and "Rodoljub" for publishing uncompromising articles regarding NCS officials.

With this out of the way, the Delegates next listened to and promptly adopted a Resolution condemning the government of Austria Hungary.

Next came a pleasing report showing that the membership of the Society stood at 30,174 men and women affiliated with 473 Lodges. The assets of the NCS at the time were \$292,906.96.

Supreme President Hajdic informed the Convention that the purchase of the Society's Home Office at 1012 Peralta Street, North Side Pittsburgh, entailed \$17,000. He also revealed that the NCS was now issuing certificates to all members.

The Supreme President went on to express satisfaction over the way the Zajednicar was being edited and published and suggested that the Official Organ be made a daily publication. This was quite an about-face on the part of the Supreme President, for at the previous Convention, held in 1909, he strongly urged the abolition of the Zajednicar.

A draft of by-laws was submitted to the Convention and these were bitterly criticized by Supreme President Hajdic as centralizing too much power with the Supreme President, who was to be permanently located at the Home Office. Bro. Hajdic feared that this would lead to the establishment of a dictatorship and a subsequent disregard for the rights of the members.

The Convention criticized the Society's Supreme Board for permitting the division of North Side Pittsburgh Lodge 29.

Time out was taken at this point to hear an address by the Honorable John Marshall, candidate for Vice President of the United States of America. Mr. Marshall will be remembered as the man who made famous the statement: — "What this Country needs is a good five-cent cigar!"

Petar Pavlinac criticized the Home Office for delays in sending out monthly assessments to Lodges and stated that there were evidences of gross mismanagement. Supreme Secretary Josip Marohnic retorted that the NCS never had such a Supreme Board as the one in power at the time, the members of which were continually arguing with one another.

To add to the wrangling angle, the High Trial Board reported that it had taken action on 245 cases since the last Convention and urged more peace in the NCS.

So many were the debates, discussions, etc., at this gathering of 1912 that we will report on the remainder of the Kansas City Convention in the next issue of the "Z's" English Section.

[To Be Continued]

## Joseph Bogdanich Executes Carving

### Latest Work To Hang In Museum

Eveleth, Minn. — Joseph Bogdanich of this city recently executed a 27 1/2 x 30 inches woodcarving as his tribute to the tamburitza, the oldest string instrument in use by a Christian nation. A reproduction of the woodcarving appears on this page.

Mr. Bogdanich inscribed the following on this attractive woodcarving: "Tamburitza . . . The Tamburitza, oldest string instrument in use by a Christian nation, was devised by Carpathian mountain shepherds more than fifteen centuries ago. It originally had two strings and was a 'dangubica' then (pronounced 'd'ong-g'o-bitza'), meaning 'passing the day'."

"The 'dangubica' later became the household instrument of the Croatians, and very popular with the Serbians and Slovenes. Improvements followed rapidly.

"Today, throughout America and the rest of the world the modern tamburitza is a favorite orchestral and solo musical instrument."

When the Minnesota Museum of Mining at Chisholm opens its doors to the public in the near future, Mr. Bogdanich's woodcarving will be found hanging on the walls of that institution. Some 200,000 people are expected to visit the Museum annually.