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Human Rights Day

ON December 10, 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations, meeting that year in Paris, France, adopted and proclaimed the historic Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The Declaration was proclaimed to the world as "... a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations,



to the end that every individual and every organ of society, keeping this Declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance, both among the peoples of Member States themselves and among the peoples of territories under their jurisdiction."

To celebrate its adoption, the General Assembly in 1950 asked that in future years December 10 be set aside as "Human Rights Day" by governments and interested organizations and that reports of these celebrations be made to the United Nations Secretary-General.

The Croatian Fraternal Union of America is glad to do as much as an organization interested since its very inception in 1891 in the dignity of all mankind.

Now, you say you are an American. And Freedom is your proud heritage.

Then what reason is there to concern yourself with Universal Human Rights? Of course you must have a reason.

The reason is PEACE!

In these days of jet planes, of H-bombs, the other side of the Atlantic and the other side of the Pacific have become America's front yard. What happens to Human Rights in some far-off corner of the earth may spell the difference between peace and war for our own children.

People and nations that uphold Human Rights are working for Peace. People and nations that allow Human Rights to be threatened or destroyed are definitely working openly for War.

Food and technical assistance, as vitally important as they are, cannot satisfy the hungers of millions of restless Asians, Africans and Europeans. Far from it.

They feel other needs that are equally pressing. They want to be recognized as equals in individual dignity, in national independence, in self-government. They look to us — to the Government and people of the United States — to understand them and their great needs.

It was willed our generation to witness the creation of the United Nations, under whose aegis epoch-making steps in human history have been taken.

The Declaration of Human Rights is one of these. It crystallizes the hopes and aspirations of millions of people, most of whom have not had the advantage of living under a Bill of Rights such as we enjoy as free Americans.

We are all involved in the problems of civil rights and liberties which come under the label of "Human Rights."

And "we" means every member of the Croatian Fraternal Union of America.

Minority Rule

WE have no way of knowing what percentage of the members of the Croatian Fraternal Union turn out for their Annual Lodge Election Meetings.

But we do know that the percentage is unbecomingly so huge an electorate.

We know also that this isn't the case when elections are held for Delegates to a Quadrennial Convention. Yet isn't a Lodge Officer as important as a Convention Delegate?

Conventions come but once in four years. Which, to us, is often enough.

But the Lodge is a year-around proposition requiring qualified leaders. Without the Lodge System there would be no Croatian Fraternal Union. Nor Conventions.

Who to blame for the lack of interest in Annual Meetings and Elections?

Why not start with yourself!

I DON'T agree with him, but you gotta admit he's right. — Rube Rustie

50-Year Members

WE pause today to pay our respects to 283 men and 29 women who are about to observe their 50th year of affiliation with the Croatian Fraternal Union.

These aged members, whose names appear on Page 10, joined the Society back in 1906 and will be eligible to celebrate their 50th year of membership during the year ahead.

Each of the 312 celebrants has already been forwarded a Gold 50-Year Membership Pin by the Home Office with sincerest best wishes for future happiness.

What have these 312 members lived to see these past fifty, long years?

A very interesting question.

When they joined the then National Croatian Society, now the Croatian Fraternal Union, in 1906 the organization boasted of 26,375 members (there was no Junior Order Department in those days), assets of \$86,001.41, and insurance in force of \$18,309,200.00.

Today, decades later, the Croatian Fraternal Union points to over 106,000 members, adult and juvenile, almost \$25 millions in assets, and around \$84 millions of insurance in force.

This is but one side of the amazing growth of a Society which was organized 61 years ago and began business with some 600 members and \$42.52 in assets.

Call it the material side.

There is the other side, the moral side, which has seen the Society come to the aid of its members in countless ways with help during disasters, labor strikes, persecution and prosecution, and so on. It was this side which made the CFU great.

It is this same side which to this day makes your Society an "Organization With A Heart," one in which membership is a privilege in every sense of the word.

Frank Masokato

WITH the passing November 18, 1955, in Cleveland, Ohio, of bro. Frank Masokato, the Croatian Fraternal Union lost a fraternalist of the first magnitude and we a personal friend.

The news of his death came as a great shock, for we had chatted with him time and again during the Society's 9th National Quadrennial Convention of September 19-26 last at Philadelphia and were as elated as he was when the Delegates to that gathering made him an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Croatian Fraternal Union and elected him a High Trial Board Alternate Member.

He did not appear to us to be ailing at Philadelphia. But what we could not see he knew all the while. Yet we cannot help but feel that the honors which befell him during the recent Convention remained among the most pleasant memories of his last days on earth.

What finer tribute to pay the late bro. Masokato than these lines from the ever beautiful poem "Going Home":

"I leave with thee a memory of the days gone by, the happy moments we shared, you and I."

A man who believed in his fellow men, bro. Masokato gave liberally of his lifetime to the promotion of the Croatian Fraternal Union and served it in many capacities. He was ever proud of it, ever loyal to it. R. I. P.

Winter Nights

The Summer hath his joys,
And Winter his delights;
Though love and all his pleasures
are but toys,
They shorten tedious nights.

— Thomas Campion

In Passing

In an effort to get out the vote, some citizens of Maplewood, New Jersey, left a leaflet on doorsteps, which read:

"Be a suburbanite. Stay away from the polls on election day. Eighty percent of your neighbors never vote in an off-year election, so why should you? Russia gets by with only 3% of the population voting; maybe we can do it here with your help."

The irony worked. Sixty-five percent of the voters showed up. Maybe this is something to remember come next election day!

— Cleveland "Plain Dealer"

PENN GOVERNOR SIGNS FRAT ACT



HISTORIC — Governor George M. Leader of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is shown above signing Act 161, which amends Section 15 of the State Fraternal Code to allow fraternal societies to draw from their surplus for operating expenses all over 100% of their reserves. Looking on, left is State Senator William Lane, Washington-Greene Counties, co-sponsor of Act 161, and Roy Furman, Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Act had the blessings of the Commonwealth's Insurance Department, of which Thomas R. Balaban, former General Counsel of the Croatian Fraternal Union, is First Deputy Insurance Commissioner. By the way, the CFU is the largest fraternal benefit society chartered in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Senate Judiciary Subcommittee Opens Hearings On McCarran-Walter Statute

Religious, Labor And Other Leaders To Urge Amendment Of Widely Debated Act

By Sen. Harley M. Kilgore, Chairman, Judiciary Comm.

Washington, D. C. — The Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization of the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary, under my chairmanship began public hearings in Washington Monday, November 21, 1955.

These will be the first public congressional committee hearings on basic immigration and nationality laws of the United States since enactment of the McCarran-Walter Act of June 27, 1952 — over three years ago.

In keeping with sound legislative practice to examine periodically whether our laws are truly reflecting the best opinions on methods of promoting the general welfare of the United States, our people and our institutions, and of strengthening our foreign relations in a positive manner, the Subcommittee will hear from leaders and representatives of various groups comprising our national life.

We seek their views on broad principles involved in our laws, in addition to comments on pending legislation.

Our attention is focused primarily on the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 because it contains virtually all of the laws relating to the entry of aliens — including visitors as well as immigrants for permanent residence — into the United States and to the acquisition and loss of United States citizenship — by native-born as well as naturalized citizens.

There are several bills before the Committee to amend the Act, in whole or in part. For the record, these bills by number are: S. 519, S. 846, S. 1151, S. 1152, S. 1206, S. 1258, S. 1315, S. 2076, S. 2146, S. 2554, and H. R. 6888.

Several bills to amend the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 have been handled by the Refugee Subcommittee under the chairmanship of Senator Langer; therefore, the Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee is not directly concerned with such proposals, except as they affect general immigration law.

It is to be hoped that our witnesses in these hearings will not cover the same ground except insofar as some may propose greater flexibility in the basic laws to meet with emergencies.

We approach these hearings with open minds. Obviously it would be inappropriate for any of us to be committed to an unbrid-

ing preservation of the status quo or to specific proposals to revise the law.

Some complaints may prove to be unfounded. Some remedies may be effected through changes in administrative regulations.

Some objections of long standing may necessitate our considering drastic changes that go to the heart of the laws.

We intend to examine all ideas on their merits, no matter how new or novel they may be. On the other hand, old arguments brought up to date also deserve attention — again, strictly on their merits.

No one that I know of has seriously proposed a return to unlimited uncontrolled immigration into the United States, such as came to our shores during the 17th, 18th and most of the 19th century.

Yet there is serious difference of opinion as to how many new immigrants we should be receiving each year. No respectable opinion favors removing all restrictions, yet there is disagreement about the design and application of provisions to protect our health, institutions and general welfare.

I firmly believe there is more unanimity of opinion on these matters than is generally realized.

We are all interested in the common purpose of established laws in the best interests of the United States. We should discuss how best we achieve that common goal.

Await Top-Level Reply

We had intended to commence these hearings in an orderly manner with, first, the testimony of top-level policy spokesmen for the Executive Branch of the Federal Government.

Homecoming For Tammie Director

Dukes To Appear In County Dec. 7

Ambridge, Pa. — On Wednesday, December 7th, the Duquesne University Tamburitzans will be appearing at Ambridge High School. This show is more than just another performance for the collegiate ensemble, for it will serve as a homecoming for the director, Walter W. Kolar.

Wally, a member of the "St. Nicholas" C.F.U. Lodge 304, is a native of Ambridge and attended school there in his youth. He left Ambridge High to come to prep school at Duquesne, after which he entered the university and later the service.

While attending Duquesne prep school, he was an active member of the Tamburitzans, appearing as a bass instrumentalist.

While living in Ambridge, he began his musical career with the Bright Stars, a youthful group, many of whom went on to become members of the Duquesne group.

Mr. Kolar became the director of the famed Tamburitzans in 1952. In the few years that he has been in the directorship, he has gained the honor of being recognized as one of the finest arrangers of Slavic music in America. Evidence of this is seen in the fine musical productions that the group have been presenting to their public.

Besides Mr. Kolar, two other Ambridge youngsters will be appearing in this year's group. They are Joyce York and Edward Kaizer.

I have not even received official word on the newspaper article to the effect that the Attorney General will suggest amendments to the immigration laws to lighten the workload on President Eisenhower, regarding private immigration relief bills.

In the absence of top Government witnesses, we shall proceed to hear spokesmen for public and private interest groups in the country.

In these next several days, we will receive testimony from representatives of major American labor organizations, sponsors of pending legislation to amend the Act of 1952, the great religious faiths in our country, and a point of view on the relationship between immigration and a healthy economy.

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Indiana Fraternal Congress Delegates Urged To Put Emphasis On Younger Set

Speakers Ask Delegates To Tell World That Fraternalism Is Anything But Dead

By Sylvia Niksic, Member, CFU Board of Trustees

Gary, Ind. — The Indiana Fraternal Congress had a most interesting meeting in the Marrott Hotel in Indianapolis on October 24 and 25th. Quoting Miss Agnes Koob, Past President of the National Fraternal Congress: "We should always put our best foot forward."

So it is with the Indiana Fraternal Congress — each year they put their best foot forward with the result that the annual meetings bring

most satisfactory results and send the participants back into the fraternal field imbued with enthusiasm to promote better fraternal activities.

Some of the addresses were of the nature which dispelled the air of complacency which at one time or another envelopes most fraternalists, and instilled an urge to strive for better results, or, shall we say, created enthusiasm and as one speaker said "Without someone's vision and enthusiasm we would not be here."

It takes vision and enthusiasm to outline and promote good lodge programs and carrying on fraternalism without lodge meetings would be quite difficult and in the opinion of some — impossible, for fraternal brotherhood is based primarily on the lodge system.

This system creates the feeling of togetherness and takes care of the urge and desire to be together.

In spite of all the contemporary entertainment available, radio, television, the automobile, most people sense an inward solitude — a lonely feeling, from which we get the urge for togetherness and this is fraternalism.

Today fraternalism is like a huge giant that is asleep and needs only the right feather to awaken it.

Require Sound Programs

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put aside a sufficient sum for emergencies, whereupon fraternalism was inaugurated. Where would the fraternal societies be today if it was not for this membership?

This group needs the helping hand of fraternalism more than the higher bracket. We need them and they need us, for it is the average member who is the backbone of our lodge meetings.

The young people in teens and the young married couples cannot afford the sizeable sums, but in our societies we must work on those who are members (small certificate holders) and ask them to increase as their income permits, for as the negative side brought out, the term "small sales" depends upon how you look at it and in comparison to the income.

Measure the income of 1933 and the present income and the size of the certificate, CFU Interest Not \$\$\$\$

This, however, is not a problem in our society, as we are primarily doing business with the small income bracket group and we are well aware of the fact that growth and progress of our fraternal system depends on numbers — for in numbers there is strength.

This debate brought out in my mind that the C. F. U. is operating as a fraternal society and not on a commercial basis. That our primary interest is not dollars, but fraternalism, speaks well for our society.

As Chairman of the Credential Committee, it was my pleasure to report that 22 societies doing business in the State of Indiana were represented by 73 members and 19 national officers.

Among the distinguished guests was Mrs. Judy I. Hubble, President of the State Congress Section of the National Fraternal Congress and the President of the New York Fraternal Congress, who extended greetings.

It was indeed a pleasure to make her acquaintance which during the two day session developed into a warm friendship, and we certainly extend to her our warmest congratulations and best wishes.

Mr. Clem Smith of Indianapolis presided as President and Ann Wells served as Secretary-Treasurer.

Rathbun Monthly Meet On December 11 Docket

Rathbun, Iowa — C. F. U. Lodge 27 will hold its Annual Meeting Sunday, December 11, in the usual place beginning at 9:30 AM. All members are urged to attend this very important session.

William Baretich, Sec'y.