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Step Forward

IN THEIR ANALYSIS of the 1958 operations of the Society, the actuarial firm of Harley N. Bruce and Associates, Chicago, had this to say about Conventions of the Croatian Fraternal Union:

"A concerted effort should be made to limit the duration of the Convention. The Croatian Fraternal Union's Conventions are excessive in length and serve no real useful purpose except to provide some Delegates with a paid vacation."



The Croatian Fraternal Union has the longest Conventions of any fraternal with which we are associated. We are confident that they can be shortened if a serious effort is made in that direction."

Which is hardly complimentary to the Society as a whole, for we are told in so many words — and this by neutral observers — that the Croat penchant for long drawn out Conventions serves no useful purpose save that of providing some Delegates with well paid vacations, days and nights on the town costing hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Steps in the direction suggested by the Chicago actuarial experts were taken in connection with the Society's Los Angeles Convention of 1951 and its Philadelphia Convention of 1955.

Both were to consume no more than eight (8) working days in spite of the fact that they were held at the opposite sides of the United States and conceivably — but not excusably — might have been "held over a day or two, or three," to give the more distant Delegates a chance to catch their breaths and take in the sights.

Now another step has been taken in the right direction with the announcement that the Croatian Fraternal Union's 10th Nat'l Quadrennial Convention will take place Sept. 21-26, in the City of Detroit, Michigan, to pare to six (6) the number of actual paid working days.

It is also expected that the Detroit Convention will be less costly than were its Los Angeles (\$175,056) and Philadelphia (\$167,521) predecessors of 1951 and 1955, thanks to the cut from 8 to 6 in the number of day work cycles.

Who can possibly be in opposition to any Convention which is designed to save time and — more important — money?

We can only wonder.

Spring's Here

THREE MAJOR CFU social functions are scheduled to take place Sunday, April 12, 1959, to prove that Spring is here to stay and herald the year-long celebration in the United States and Canada of the Society's 65th Anniversary.

In Youngstown, Ohio, the United Mahoning Valley Lodges are to hold a Banquet and Program by way of commemorating this milestone in the history of the Society.

In Cleveland, Ohio, 33 members of Lodge 14 affiliated 50 or more years with the Croatian Fraternal Union will be the center of attraction during a long planned Testimonial Dinner and Program.

Moving westward, the same day will find the members of West Allis, Wisc., Lodge 391 celebrating the Golden Anniversary of the affiliation of their ranks with the Croatian Fraternal Union and the 65th birthday of the Society itself.

To all, best wishes for success.

Sunday, April 12, 1959, will also see the members of "St. Rochus" Lodge 5, Johnstown, Pa., unveil their 1st Annual Pennsylvania CFU Singles-Doubles Handicap Tenpin Bowling Tournament.

Whether this gathering is to go down as one for the books — or die, as they say, aborning — remains to be seen.

In the meantime, the members of Lodge 5 deserve much credit for coming up with such an event as a fitting prelude to the Croatian Fraternal Union's 25th Annual Nat'l Tenpin Tournament, which is to be held May 14-17 in Youngstown, Ohio.

Again, best wishes for success.

— MIGHT BECOME A HABIT —
• THE HARD PART of making good is that you have to do it again every day.
— Survey Bulletin

Canadian Big 4

THE APPROACH OF the 13th Annual CFU Canadian Five Pin Tournament, to be held April 17-18 in Hamilton, Ontario, brings to mind the fact that four of the Society's eight Membership Campaign Grand Prize Award Winners to date are Canadians.

All residents of the Province of Ontario, they are Danica Markusic, Schumacher Lodge 877, August Herceg, Schumacher Lodge 930; Michael Mijatovich, Toronto Lodge 375; and Joseph Stanovich, Hamilton Lodge 44.



Danica Markusic

In addition, sister Markusic was the campaign's 1958 "Woman of the Year" and appears to be an odds-on bet to merge as the queen of the Society's feminine recruiting forces when this two-year Campaign ends on December 31, 1959.

In fact, we cannot remember the recruiting likes of sister Markusic since our arrival almost two decades ago on the Society's Home Office scene, first to serve as a member of the Clerical Staff and in time become the English Editor of the Zajednicar. Ergo our admiration for "The Lady from Schumacher."

Two members of this Canadian Big 4 are certain to attend the April 17-18 Five Pin Tournament. They are bros. Mijatovich, Toronto, and Stanovich, Hamilton.

We would say that both are due to bask in the limelight during the April 18 Banquet which will climax the running of these annual championships, for present that evening to address the celebrants will be Supreme President V. I. Mandich and Sports-Educational Director Frank Braidic, neither likely to forget the importance attached in Canada to the successful pursuit of a CFU Membership Campaign.

It would be wonderful if sister Markusic and bro. Herceg could make the long trip from Schumacher to Hamilton and share the spotlight and acclaim with bros. Mijatovich and Stanovich.

However, the distance between these centers would seem to preclude such a meeting of the Canadian Big 4 at the Hamilton summit. We could, of course, be wrong.

Be that as it may, we wish our Canadian bowling brethren happy trophy hunting during their stay April 17-18 in Hamilton.

Chicago Story

PROBABLY ONE OF the largest public celebrations this year of the 65th Anniversary of the Society will be held by the Central Committee of Chicago Lodges Aug. 23 on the grounds of the CFU Children's Home at Des Plaines, Illinois.

To create widespread interest in the fete, the Committee is sponsoring a contest aimed at getting every Lodge and Nest in the area to participate in the Croatian Fraternal Union's 1959 Membership Campaign. The contest opened March 1 and is to terminate Aug. 23 in Des Plaines.

To the Lodge and Nest enrolling the most new members will go appropriate plaques, with the presentations to be made during the program which is to highlight the day-long celebration.

An excellent idea — one worth copying by other CFU Central Committees.



In Passing

ONE OF the most effective things the United States Information Agency does is the magazine "America," published in Russia and sold in the Soviet Union to Soviet citizens. While only 50,000 copies of "America" can be distributed under a mutual agreement that gives the Soviets the right to sell 50,000 copies of their magazine "USSR" in English in this country, the influence of "America" is much greater than this would indicate. Copies are said to pass from hand to hand, often selling at 10 times the original price, until they are worn out.

— Marquis Childs

Mary Belamarich In Frat Day Race

She Would Rule During CFU Fete

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — The first lovely young lady to announce her candidacy in the Popularity Queen Contest which will be held in conjunction with the United Lodges Fraternal Day, and the 65th



MARY LOU BELAMARICH First Under The Wire

Anniversary Celebration of the Croatian Fraternal Union, is Miss Mary Lou Belamarich.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Krsto Belamarich of Etina and all are members of Lodge 4.

Mary Lou is a graduate of Peabody High School, Class of '53, and is presently employed as a Secretary by the Loftus Engineering Co., of Pittsburgh.

A very aggressive and active young lady she participates in many dramatic and choral groups, including the Glenshaw Players and the Croatian Singing Society "Javor" of North Side Pittsburgh.

Miss Belamarich is wished the very best of luck and success in her campaigning for the Queen title, which will be bestowed on July 26 at the Croatian Center, Pittsburgh.

John A. Bozic Is Serving In Alaska

Trojans Wish Him Successful Career

S. S. PITTSBURGH, Pa. —

Pictured is John A. Bozic, member of "Trojans" CFU Lodge 76, who is now stationed at Fort Richardson, Alaska, as S.P. 4 with the 536th Transportation Co., as jeep driver. He arrived there January 27, 1958.

Entering the army in August of 1957, he completed



... John A. Bozic ...

his basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

The son of Frank and Mildred Bozic of 2534 Larbins Way, John was born June 1, 1939.

He graduated from South Vocational High School in 1957, and the same month he also transferred to Lodge 76 from the ranks of Nest 57.

His sisters, Marlane and Geraldine, are also members of CFU Nest 57.

The officers and members of Lodge 76 take this opportunity to wish John the best of health and success during his service with the Army and in the future.

Lawrence Delost, Pres. Catherine Buff, Secy.

The Meeting At Corfu — A Declaration Is Born

Yugoslavia In World History

IN APRIL of 1917 Premier Pasic invited Trumbic to Corfu to discuss the problems of the relationship between the Serbian Government and the Yugoslav Committee. He suggested that Trumbic take with him a Croat from Croatia (Trumbic was himself from Dalmatia), a Serb from Bosnia, and a Slovene.

The Committee decided that Hinko Hinkovic, Dusan Vasiljevic and Bogumil Vojnjak would accompany Trumbic to Corfu. The delegation reached Corfu at the beginning of June.

Dinko Trinajstić, the permanent delegate of the Committee to the Serbian Government, and Franko Potocnjak, a member of the Committee, who happened to be at Corfu, also assisted at the talks.

The Serbian delegation, composed of Premier Pasic, of Protic, Marko Gjuričic and Momilo Ninčić, and completed by the members of the Serbian Opposition, Davidovic, Milorad Drašković and Vojta Marinković, formed the counterpart of the conference. The conference started June 15, and ended with a declaration on July 20. All in all, twenty plenary sessions had been held.

Pasic Followed Line The attitude of the Serbian Government simply expressed the well-known political program followed by Premier Pasic.

The latter insisted on Serbia's right to liberate and to unite all the branches of the Southern Slavs still under the Habsburg Empire, emphasizing that the Serbian Government was the only power to possess the mandate for carrying out this plan.

In his opinion all the Southern Slavs had to be integrated into a Greater Serbia which would be organized as a centralistic, democratic, and parliamentary monarchy under the dynasty of Karagorgjevic.

He was most vigorously

opposed to the idea of a Yugoslavia and a declared antagonist to any sort of federation.

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By Stjepan Gazi Member, Lodge 20



KING PETER I Great In His Time

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it was finally agreed that the new state would be named the "Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes." The points upon which no agreement could be reached were omitted and on July 20, 1917, the following declaration was signed:

"At the conference held by the members of the former Coalition Cabinet and the present Cabinet of the Kingdom of Serbia, as well as the representatives of the Yugoslav Committee in London, both of whom having pursued similar interests to this day, and in the presence and with the collaboration of the President of the Serbian National Assembly, the views covering all the problems of the future common national life of the Serbs, the Croats and Slovenes had been exchanged.

One And The Same

"First of all, we the representatives of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes declare most firmly that our nation known under three different names, is one and the same nation by blood, language spoken or written, by a sentiment of unity, by its common interests vital to its national existence and general development of its moral and material life.

"The idea of its national unity has always been alive, despite the moral and material efforts of the nation's foes directed to prevent its unity, freedom, and existence. It was divided among several countries, and within Austro-Hungary partitioned not only under three different names, but also among eleven provincial administrations and thirteen legislations.

"The conscience of the national unity and the spirit of freedom and independence had been preserved through the centuries in constant struggle, in the East against Turks, and in the West against Germans and Magyars.

"Inferior in number to its

(Declaration — P. 11)

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65th Anniversary

By Stephen F. Brkich — English Editor —

Sixth Convention

• The 6th Convention of the former National Croatian Society, today the Croatian Fraternal Union of America, was held Aug. 27-Sept. 1, 1900, in Mozart Park Hall, Wheeling, West Virginia.

No sooner had President Ivan Ljubic opened the conclave than Josip Marohnic, then Financial Secretary of the Society, moved that the Convention elect its own Chairman instead of having the President preside.

This brought on bitter debates and acrimonious words. In the end, the motion was



A. C. JANKOVIC He Kept The Minutes

snowed under by the vote of the opposition and President Ljubic went on to rule the Convention roost — as he had done so often in the past.

Interesting to note is that during the CFU's 1951 Convention in Los Angeles and again at Philadelphia in 1955 the Chairman of the Convention was the Supreme President of the Society.

This procedure will be reversed at Detroit in September of this year when the Delegates to the CFU's 10th Nat'l Quadrennial Convention choose their own Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, and Recording Secretaries.

Opened With Prayer

• With the opening of the 1900 Convention came a motion by Petar Pavlinac to open the daily meetings with a prayer. Agreed.

Next came a report on the standing 59 years ago of the National Croatian Society, 8,276 members and \$20,482.58 in assets. Also revealed at the time was that the NCS and its predecessor, the Hrvatska Zajednica, had paid out \$104,186.12 in benefits since the birth of the organization in 1894.

Following these reports came a recommendation from the Supreme Officers to establish a "Safety Fund" of \$3,828.53. Agreed.

Delegate Skrivanic next moved that a Committee on By-Laws be appointed to suggest to this Convention necessary changes and amendments and thus avoid reading each section separately from the floor. Again, agreed.

Here the Delegates took time out to send Bishop Josip Juraj Strossmayer of Croatia cabled congratulations on the occasion of the Golden Anniversary of his elevation to that station in the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church.

Enter, Franjo Zotti

• This Convention of 1900 was to see Franjo Zotti, who died in 1953 at the age of 72 years, make his first bold move to become a powerful figure in the National Croatian Society.

A highly speculative type of man, who was primarily interested in a steamship agency and banking business, Zotti reported in 1900 that Croat immigrants to the United States were being abused by petty port officials.

He suggested that the Convention appoint someone to look after the interests of those newcomers to these shores, but the Delegates rejected the proposal on the grounds that it would amount to agreeing on a permanently located, salaried party who could promise nothing in the end.

Instead, the Delegates voted unanimously to send a protest to then United States President — William McKinley and urge him to order all port officials to treat immigrants with kindness and understanding.

Zotti went on in 1906, to (The Croatian — P. 10)

Andrea Bircsak Rising Star In Violin World

Braddock Junior Will Participate In Diocesan Festival

BRADDOCK, Pa. — Andrea Bircsak, 10-year-old violin soloist, will play a movement from the Concerto Vivaldi during the matinee performance of the Annual Pittsburgh Diocesan Music Festival at the South Hills Catholic High School Auditorium on Sunday, April 12.

The famed Diocesan Teacher's Symphony Orchestra will be the featured artists of both the matinee performance, at 2:30 p.m., and the evening performance at 8:00 p.m., which will be sponsored by the Catholic Laymen's Association.

The orchestra is composed of 69 nuns representing every order in the Pittsburgh Diocese.

They were organized by Wilbert Frisch, assistant maestro of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, their director, and Joseph Michaud, director of the Department of Music of the Pittsburgh Catholic Schools.

Proceeds of the festival will be used for the furtherance of education in the Diocesan Schools and for the Diocesan Child Center.

Andrea, a daughter of Andrew and Sylvia Bircsak, is a student at the St. Thomas School in Braddock and receives violin instructions from Mr. Max Shapiro and Sister Mary Grace.

She is a member of Croatian Fraternal Union Nest



ANDREA BIRCSAK . . . A Gifted Young Artist

192 in Braddock and her mother is an affiliate of Lodge 43.

Andrea will also perform during the program which will highlight the celebration Sunday, April 26, of the 65th Anniversary of Rankin, Pa.

CFU Lodge 6.

To this brilliant youngster, sincerest best wishes for success in the future; to her parents, many more moments of happiness with their talented daughter.

Stephan Cuhakovic