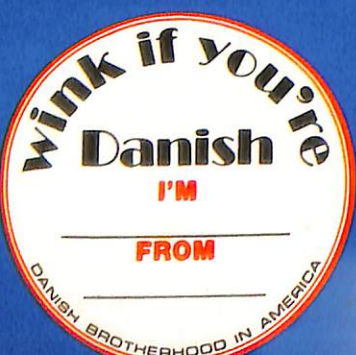
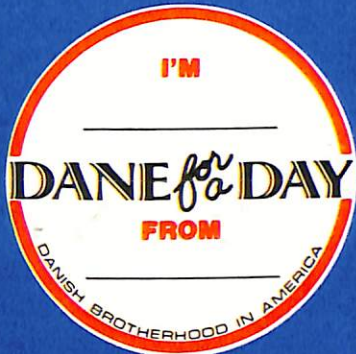


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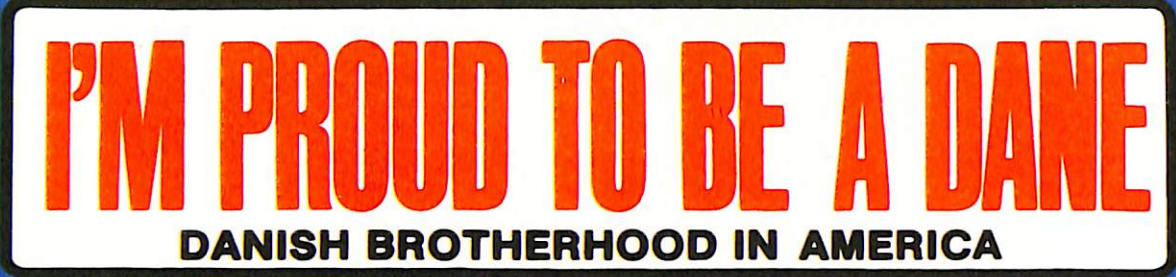
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What all this means is that "Time waits for no man". We all have to race so fast just to keep up with the clock that we seldom, if ever, reach enough momentum to get ahead of it.

So be prepared. Old Father Time still runs a mean foot race.

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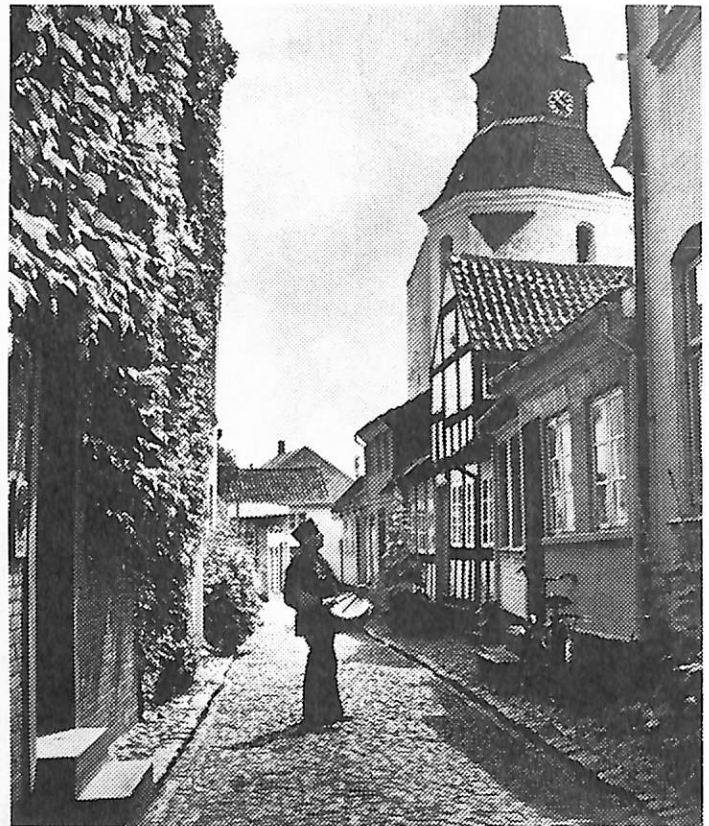
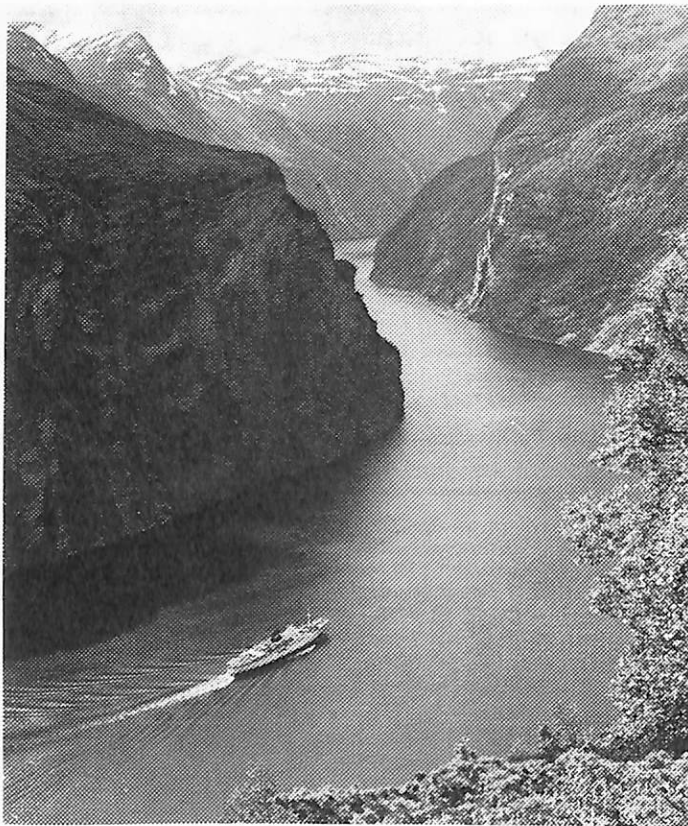
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This sunburst with flowers is again the work of Dr. Norma Suchy from Hastings, Neb. Spring means brightness and rebirth, and I hope you enjoy her interpretation of it as much as we did.



## NEXT TIME YOU GO HOME SPEND SOME TIME IN YOUR BACK YARD.

Every year thousands of people go home to visit their friends and relatives in Scandinavia and never even think about vacationing there.

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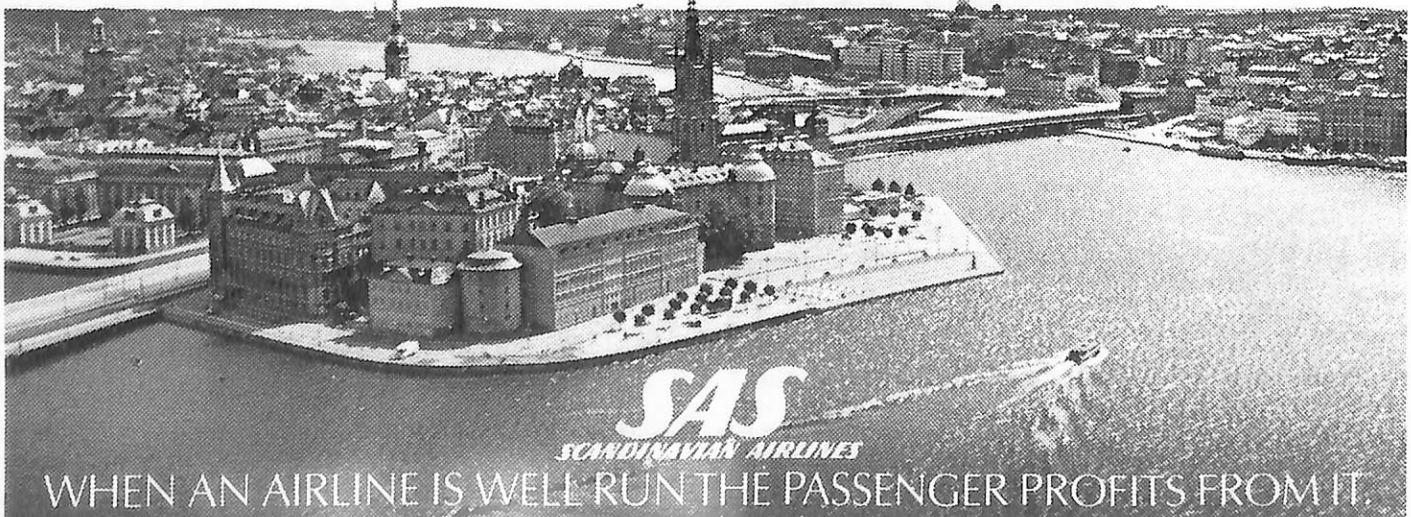
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# May 20, 1976

## A Remembrance

Fortunately there was a steady breeze cooling this particularly hot, humid, typical Nebraska summer day. And it was to prove an unexpected change from the cold, rainy weather in Boston, the Royal Couple's previous stop.

It was the 20th of May, 1976. And by proclamation of the Governor of Nebraska it had been declared Danish-American Day. For it was an historic first in Nebraska, at Dana College in Blair, and in Omaha. An authentic, legally crowned Queen was stopping by for a brief visit — the first visit of any consequence by a reigning monarch in the history of the state. Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II, the youngest monarch in the world, and her husband, His Royal Highness Henrik, Prince of Denmark, were due to spend 24 hours here in Nebraska.

We, in America, have a tendency to regard royalty as a ridiculous, illogical leftover from the Middle Ages — a lot of "Pomp and Circumstance" without benefit of diploma or ability. To us it is the Medieval European "Divine Right" of sovereignty versus the Revolutionary American "Divine Right" of capitalistic autocracy. Is one any more honorable than the other?

In Europe, one can become a King or Queen if one is born into the right royal family at precisely the right time. In America, one can become a President if one can coerce the gullible electorate into believing that they, and they alone, will do

"the least damage to the most people". A constitutional monarchy versus a capitalistic democracy! Six of one — half a dozen of another! And is there really much of a difference?

Queen Margrethe is an intellectual, humanistic monarch noted for her wit, her charm, and her genuine interest in the well-being of her countrymen. A figurehead with no legal authority and, as one of her accompanying Danish journalists so wryly put it, "Can you think of a more delightful way to find caretakers for our palaces?"

The chartered United B-727 landed precisely at 11:08 a.m. at the Strategic Air Command Headquarters, and, while it was taxiing towards the arrival point, the SAC band played marches, the honor guard strode commandingly into place, the hundred or so spectators began waving their Danish flags, the procession of Mercedes-Benz' rolled into line and the dignitaries walked slowly towards the loading ramp. Everything seemed so commonplace, so mediocre, so normal, one wondered if the excitement wasn't just a figment of someone's imagination.

The Danish journalists left the plane by the rear door and took their places with us, microphones ready, cameras clicking, people jabbering both in English and in Danish. Then the door opened. A brief fanfare. The American and the Danish flags flapped majestically in the breeze. The band began the Danish National

Anthem, "Kong Kristian Stod Ved Hojen Mast ...". Queen Margrethe appeared in the doorway, followed by Prince Henrik, and the ever-present Secret Service men. The ceremonies were brief, very proper, and to the point.

Then, almost before it began, the arrival ceremonies were over, the Queen and Prince had begun their official visit to Omaha.

Moments later, as the Queen and the Prince were touring the underground headquarters of SAC, the members of the press were bussed to the Officer's Club for lunch. It was a city bus driven by a woman. The Danish male journalists were immediately impressed by Omaha's sophistication. And this, after only ten minutes at an Air Force Base.

During lunch we held an animated discussion about Danish burial rituals — and the fascinating point of information that the deceased in Denmark must keep up the payments on the burial plot or find himself evicted and the final resting place reassigned to a better credit risk. Apparently in Denmark, the bill collectors have found a way to follow you even beyond the grave.

At precisely 12:50 p.m. the announcement was made that the Press Bus was boarding for Blair. But not only were we boarding, so were the official stewardesses from the Royal Charter Flight, as well as our own two personal Secret Service men, one of them a 1970 graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha. And, contrary to the usual impression of the Secret Service, these two gentlemen were delightful, and as surprisingly human as anyone else.

Meanwhile the stewardesses continued to function as official hostesses, passing out beer and wine to any and all who accepted. And from the general impression of the newcomers aboard, the Danish Press were not loath to indulge. Thus, the reasons for the reputation of the Danish people as being witty, urbane, and always ready to crack a joke seemed, understandably, apparent.

The bus trip to Blair was nothing short of hysterical. Jokes were flying like pollen across the Nebraska countryside.

And the Royal Family was not immune to the sardonic Danish humor. Unfortunately, the jokes one heard can not — or one might say should not — be translated.

Upon arrival in Blair, into the scorching heat of Dana College's Viking Field, the Danish Press seemed to wither on the vine. Ninety-plus degrees under a searing sun was a bit unlike the usual weather of their homeland. Of course, we, the Nebraska natives, were unaffected by such a "cool" summer day in the Midlands!

The official motorcade arrived shortly after we did, the Queen and the Prince taking their places on the dais. The one thing that impressed me the most, both at the Commencement exercise, and later that evening at the banquet, was the

brevity of the remarks. No one seemed to have the long-windedness that usually curses such functions. All of the speeches were short and to the point. A most welcome relief!

But the Queen's commencement address was of particular interest in that she placed the Danish immigration of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century into an historical perspective. Whereas the majority of the immigrants arriving in the United States during that period were attempting to escape either religious persecution or political tyranny, the Danes immigrated primarily because of the "prospect of becoming a free and independent farmer" thanks to the U.S. Homestead Act of 1862, entitling every immigrant to 160 acres. Denmark was primarily agrarian, but Denmark was also very small. And available land was at a premium. Thus, to a young Dane who only knew farming, the prospects of living as a farmer in Denmark were extremely unlikely. In the United States, however, he could claim 160 acres. The "Spirit of Adventure" had, also, become an integral part of the Danish character. Thus, immigration was not out of fear or anger or oppression, but rather out of adventure and a desire to own a piece of the land.

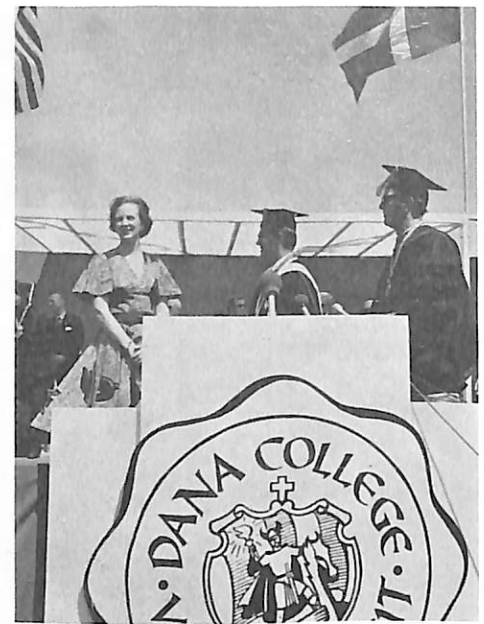
This point is particularly important when one considers the state of the monarchies that have existed during the past 200 years. The history of the Danish Royal Family is completely opposite the history of the other ruling families in Europe. The terror and oppression to the Tzars; the flagrant squanderings of the Louis'; the political tyranny of other monarchies; the insanity; the revolutions; none of them apply to the Danish Royal Family.

In fact, to the Danes, the Royal Family

is now, and has been for at least a hundred years, a simple extension of the individual Danish family. The Kings, and now the Queen, move unmolested and without formal protection among their countrymen. And the stories are manifold about their rather unique interaction. The legends of Christian X, Margrethe's grandfather, confronting the Nazis during the Second World War; the gentle paternal image of Frederick IX, her father, as he moved inconspicuously among his subjects; and now, Queen Margrethe's phenomenal reputation as a humanitarian.

The Danes feel about their Queen as we have felt about too few people in our history. According to one of the Danish journalists, "We, the Americans, have had our Queens, too. The Eleanor Roosevelts, and the Jackie Kennedys. We have just not given them the title. But the charismatic appeal remains the same. And if we wish to confer the title, is that really of any importance? Queen Margrethe would still be as beloved without it."

There are rumors abroad that the Monarchies of the world are short-lived — that they will disappear, swallowed by the pragmatic socialization of the world. But, to the Danes, the Royal Family represents more than just the Head of the State. "In Denmark, we have traditions that we love very much, the Royal Family is such a tradition," a reporter continued. "And what do you have in America? You are now 200 years old, a mere youngster in this world. And in your youthful frenzy, you try to create traditions because they give a sense of purpose, of belonging, of history, even a sense of immortality. But they cannot be created, they must develop of themselves. We have our Queen, and we love her as much as you love your



Her Majesty receiving an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Dana.

Fourth of July. Which, don't you forget, is rather popular in Denmark, too."

On the bus returning from Blair, the conversations became more serious, more subdued, although the beer and wine still flowed freely.

That morning Barbara Walters on the "Today" show had interviewed Queen Margrethe and Prince Henrik in Copenhagen. And during one of the segments, little Crown Prince Frederik, age seven, had slipped from his horse while riding with his father. He reacted as any little boy would — the tears and the fright being very real. But with the gentle encouragement of his father he conquered his fear and remounted his horse. It was a touching, human, lovely little episode.

But then Ms. Walters explained to the audience that Queen Margrethe had specifically requested the exclusion of that segment from the final video-tape to be shown in Denmark, fearing that this poignant little moment might prove embarrassing to the Crown Prince as he grew older. The Danish press denied this vehemently. The episode had appeared in the Danish version, and it had been received with delight. For the little Crown Prince is not only the oldest son of Queen Margrethe and Prince Henrik, he is also the adopted son of all the Danes. And to feel that a tender moment in the life of a little boy was something to be embarrassed about was difficult for the Danish journalists to accept.

"Why must you Americans approach everything as if it must be sold — like jello? A good point! Unfortunately, one of many that day.

At the banquet that night, given for Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II and His Royal Highness Prince Henrik by the Danish Brotherhood in America, the 800 guests, many of them second and third



Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II greeting Howard Christensen, secretary treasurer of the DBIA, while President Godthaab looks on.

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# THE VIKING ADVENTURE

## THE VIKING ADVENTURE

For many years the Danish Brotherhood National Headquarters produced a monthly newsletter for all lodge officers. It was called "The Viking Adventure" and was designed to offer suggestions, ideas, etc. to these officers regarding the successful and creative operation of their lodges.

And yet, this material was usually of a nature that should also be interesting to the membership in general. Therefore, I requested feedback: should we continue the "Viking Adventure" as it was; or should we incorporate the materials into the "American Dane" magazine. The response was excellent. And it ran six to one against continuing the "Viking Adventure" as a separate publication.

Therefore, ladies and gentlemen, I am proud to announce a new monthly feature in the "American Dane" magazine — "The Viking Adventure". I hope you enjoy it and I hope it also proves useful.

### "The Old Grey Mare, She Ain't What She Used To Be ..."

This seems to be the attitude of some lodges regarding new membership and active participation. But age is, after all, only a state of mind. If you believe something is going to fail, it will. If you think something's not going to work, it won't. Everything is in the attitude.

Granted, age is creeping up on us. But it's creeping up on all of us. And is that really any excuse? Some 80 year olds I know are much more intensely active than a lot of 20 year olds. Chronological years does not indicate wearability. We're not getting old, we're getting better.

So, let's not mumble, "we can't." Rather, let's say, "we'll try." And, after all, "trying" is what this life is all about.

As a philosopher once said, "Life is a smorgasbord of fantastic experiences, why settle for soda crackers and water?" I agree.

The old grey mare, she ain't what she used to be — yet she still walks along placing one hoof in front of the other. And the pace isn't nearly as important as the effort.

## Would You Forget Your Children?

Of course not. Yet sometimes, in the lodge, we do. We have juvenile members graduating into adult membership who have no interest in the lodge only because the lodge has done little to generate this interest. What have we done lately for our young people besides a summer picnic and a bag of candy at Christmas.

Think about it. Our young people are fantastic — energetic, idealistic, exciting. Let's not overlook them.

P.S. The DBIA offers scholarships, camp grants and youth contests, but we should do much, much more. If you have any ideas — especially you young people out there — please let me know.

## WE STILL HAVE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP CARDS AVAILABLE! AND IT WOULD BE NICE IF SOMEONE USED THEM.

All members of the Danish Brotherhood should have and carry their membership cards (obtained at no charge from your lodge treasurer). These wallet-size cards show the member's name, lodge number and location, and must be signed by the lodge treasurer to certify that the bearer is a member in good standing.

Show that you belong — have a card to prove it.

## Thoughtfulness is Caring ...

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## Need a Brainstorm?

### Mind-seeding in Progress

So, here are some "family-oriented" projects you might consider. Movies; Parties — both holiday and birthday;

Camping trips; Picnics; Live theatre group nights; Bowling, golf and tennis tournaments; Winter sports; Summer sports; Spring and autumn sports; Events for father-son, mother-daughter, or any combination thereof; Letters to servicemen or pen-pal clubs; Visits to the sick, the elderly, the handicapped; parties for the elderly, the handicapped, or the children in hospitals; Magic shows and puppet shows; Sight-seeing trips; luaus and buffets; or anything else you can think of.

I hope these help — imagination will add the dimensions.

## A Thought in Passing

The secret of happiness is enjoying what you have now until you earn the right to have something better. The problems of the world — nations, states, cities, families and individuals — usually stem from these three things:

- a. They spend what they don't have ...
- b. ...for things they don't really need
- c. ... to keep up with everyone else they don't like.

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Remember, parents may apply for their children — Vacations do have a way of creating enjoyment in both directions.

# BOWLING TOURNAMENT

It is time again for the Danish Brotherhood National Bowling Tournament. All lodge secretaries should have received by this time entry forms for their lodges. If you have not, write to the National Headquarters and request them.

There have been some changes in the tournament for this year. The dates for bowling are between April 1 and June 1. Prize money will be awarded for the top 20 teams. The top men's score, lady's score, and top "Young Viking" score will also receive prize money, as will the top series in each of the categories. Bowlers may bowl on an all men's team or all women's team or on mixed teams to be eligible.

There will also be prizes for top ladies team and top Young Viking team. In addition to the monetary prize, each winner will receive a certificate in recognition of their award.

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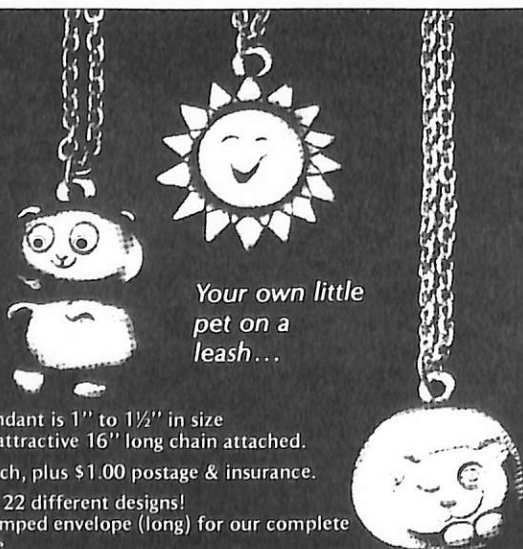
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sualedes ogsaa paa Jorden.  
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## HOLGER DANSKE

by David Valade

Alone in the dungeons of Kronborg Castle, there sits a statue of the Viking giant, Holger Danske. It is said that when Denmark is in peril he will arise, pick up his huge shield and mighty sword, then stride forth to protect his country. In a sense he walked during World War II, for a Resistance group was named after him.

On April 9, 1940, Hitler's troops invaded Denmark on their way to Norway. After two hours of intermittent brief encounters the Danish government surrendered to the German army, who promptly took over for five of the darkest years in Danish history. For three years many privately organized resistance groups spread their sabotage chaotically over the country until September, 1943, when a national resistance organization was formed. This was the Freedom Council who directed the many sabotage and resistance groups alive in Denmark. One of the largest groups influenced by the Council was "Holger Danske".

"Holger Danske" was started in the latter part of 1942 by three men, Josef Sondergaard (code name Tom), Jens Lillelund (Finn), and Carl Munck. These three wanted to achieve "Norwegian conditions" or, to have no cooperation with the Germans in Denmark. Many men joined this trio until "Holger Danske" became as large as "Bopa", another large resistance group, formed earlier in the occupation. "Holger Danske" made contact with the Freedom Council and S.O.E. (Special Operations Executive), who sent arms and ammunition. They also furnished instructors who taught the Holger Danske members more about the art of sabotage.

On August 27, 1943, the Forum in Copenhagen was sabotaged by "Holger

Danske" because it (the Forum) was going to be used as a German barracks. The Gestapo ordered the Danish government to execute the saboteurs involved. The administration replied, "We can't allow it. Any executions must be done by Germans, not by Danes." The Gestapo pressed the saboteurs so hard that all of the group except Jens Lillelund had to cross the Øresund to escape into Sweden.

Lillelund got together with a school teacher, Svend Otto Nielsen (John) to form a new "Holger Danske" group. This organization renewed its contacts with S.O.E. through a parachutist (Danes were trained in England for sabotage abroad and dropped into Denmark at night), and the group started growing once more. Two more parachutists and an already famous saboteur, Citronen, came to teach the new men how to do sabotage work.

In 1943 the "Holger Danske" organized itself into two groups. One consisted of naval cadets and medical students while the other "was the so-called lieutenants' group". These groups made up the new "Holger Danske" which was headed by Nielsen, Lillelund, and a young man, Flammen, one of the most wanted saboteurs during the occupation. Nielsen was the man in charge of the lieutenants' group and Flammen (Bent Fauschov-Hviid) was in command of the cadets and students.

"Holger Danske's" headquarters at this time was Mogens Staffeldt's (formerly of Dansk Samling) bookshop, Dagmarhus on H. C. Andersen's Boulevard in downtown Copenhagen. What makes this notable is **Dagmarhus was also the Gestapo headquarters.** Thus the bookstore was printing illegal newspapers and books and storing weapons in the basement. The Gestapo finally took over the store because they wanted all of Dagmarhus for their own purposes. Mogens then moved his

bookstore to Kongers Nytorv across from the Opera Cafe (which frequently served Germans). Here the group stole pistols from the cloakroom until the Gestapo discovered the culprits.

One of the "Holger Danske" leaders was Flammen, a famous young saboteur in his early twenties. His bright orange hair gave him his odd code name (Flammen means "The Flame"). On October 18, 1944, his identity was discovered so he committed suicide by swallowing a cyanide pill. He, as were many others in the underground, was in hiding with a Danish family. If it had not been for the numerous Danes that hid saboteurs and weapons, endangering their own lives, it would have been very difficult for the Underground to be as successful as it was.

Another famous saboteur within "Holger Danske" was Jorgen Schmidt or "Citronen", as he was called. Citronen (The Lemon) was an instructor for the group before he joined "Bopa". He died four days before Flammen in a private home where he was hiding from the Gestapo. Citronen's cover was also revealed. He fought an uneven battle with the Germans. Even with the odds against him, Citronen killed eight Nazis and wounded four others before he was killed. "He went out as he would have wished; fighting to the last."

Early in 1944 some of the "Holger Danske" went to Aabenraa, near the Danish-German border, to help local sabotage groups in an attack on the Aabenraa Motor Works, but it was unsuccessful. After months of hiding and running from the Gestapo, Svend Otto Nielsen, leader of the attackers from "Holger Danske", was sentenced to death and executed.

After the Aabenraa incident, "Holger Danske" almost disappeared because of many arrests relating to the incident at Aabenraa. The leaders were either dead or in Sweden. Finally, after a few new leaders, the organization built itself into about 300 people.

When "Holger Danske" was totally rebuilt, an outsider, Police Sergeant Harold Petersen (code name Soren Jensen) took over group leadership. The organization was split into military divisions, companies and sections. With this formation the group carried out many successful sabotage actions and a growing number of liquidations during the last year of the occupation. **There were heavy losses, many men were killed, arrested, tortured, sent to concentration camps or executed.** This did not hurt the group's size because others took the place of their fallen comrades so fast that by the end of the occupation "Holger Danske" was Denmark's largest Resistance group.

During the five years of German occupation the Danes were split in their feelings towards their oppressors. A few became informers or "stikkere". A saboteur had to be careful not to reveal

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# BEN HANSKE MILS

Thank you for seeing fit to name me as the Third Place winner in the 1976 Essay Contest. The trophy and \$25 Bond have added new meaning to my life, and I am happy to announce that I have decided to try once again to overcome my shortcomings.

Thank you again,  
**Steve Hansen,**  
Minden, Nebraska.

Dear Friends,

First of all, I have it just like you — the other way. I understand English fairly well, speak some and am now trying to write it because I would like to have an address from you. We are with Østjydske Folkedansere and I am sorry I have not got the address of the family, Gablehouse, to thank them for staying as friends in their home.

We made a wonderful time in Omaha, and was very glad to have the American Dane magazine sent. It was very nice of you.

You did a great job of organizing our visit, and we are happy to hear that you enjoyed it, too. You must come and dance for us, too. It's annoying it is so far between us.

With love from Frida Haysen and from my husband, Svend Aage.

**Frida Haysen,**  
Skanderborg, Denmark.

I just want to write you a note and let you know what I think about your magazine. I want to compliment you, but I also want to do more than that. I am an old Dane — 85 my next birthday, in May, and I'm stubborn, too. Many times during my life I've seen the Danes, me included, scream about changes in anything, disliking this and hating that. I've watched them fight tooth and nail against anything that doesn't come out of their brains first. And I've watched them run off those people who they feel are too progressive. **Danes don't like change unless it's their idea first.** So don't give up.

When it comes to dealing with the Danes, you will have your hands full. They are stubborn, self-centered, cantankerous, tight-fisted, loud mouths who enjoy nothing more than finding something wrong with everything. And they're going to start in on you. If they haven't already. I just hope you're Danish enough to fight them back.

Most of the time they don't mean anything by it. They just do it to see if the

other person's got the strength to stand up to their big mouths.

So what I'm telling you to do is to fight back. There are a lot of us SENSIBLE Danes out here who like what you've done already with the magazine. And we are expecting a whole lot more from you, too. Although I suppose those tightwads won't give you the money to do it, will they?

**You know the Scotch are related to the Danes.** That explains a whole lot, doesn't it?

Well, you tell them from me that this stubborn old Dane likes your magazine a lot. And if they give you too much trouble I'll come in to help you out. I may be old and stuck in a wheelchair, but there's nothing wrong with my mouth. And if they try to give me any trouble, I'll just run them over.

Now they probably won't let you print this. Because who wants to listen to the prattlings of an old woman. Especially one who tells them to their faces what she thinks of them.

But I wanted you to know. We old folks don't take enough pride in our youngsters, and that's wrong. I like young people and I like your magazine. Keep it up.

My grandson is typing this letter for me because I don't write so good anymore. But that doesn't mean I didn't think of it myself.

Best wishes,

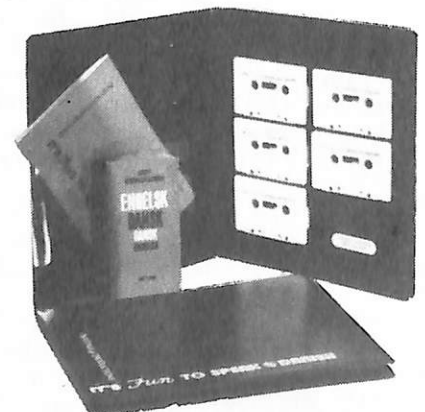
**Anna Hansen,**  
Los Angeles, Calif.

## “DET ER SJOV AT TALE DANSK” (IT'S FUN TO SPEAK DANISH)...and here's how!!!

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|                         |           |                  |           |                  |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|
| 294 Barre, Vt.          | 0         | 0                | 0         | 0                |
| 314 Hartford, Conn.     | 0         | 0                | 0         | 0                |
| 318 Copenhagen, Denmark | 0         | 0                | 0         | 0                |
| 332 Ripon, Calif.       | 0         | 0                | 0         | 0                |
| 337 Fremont, Calif.     | 0         | 0                | 0         | 0                |
| 343 Waupaca, Wis.       | 0         | 0                | 0         | 0                |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>37</b> | <b>\$ 67,000</b> | <b>55</b> | <b>\$104,000</b> |

## GROUP I (Lodges with 100 members or more)

| Lodge Number                 | Location | New Members | New Insurance    | Year to Date |                  |
|------------------------------|----------|-------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
|                              |          |             |                  | Members      | Insurance        |
| 341 Kimballton-Elk Horn, Ia. |          | 3           | \$ 76,000        | 7            | \$108,500        |
| 144 Dike, Ia.                |          | 3           | 47,341           | 3            | 47,341           |
| 45 Minneapolis, Minn.        |          | 2           | 34,083           | 2            | 34,083           |
| 227 Detroit, Mich.           |          | 5           | 14,000           | 10           | 26,500           |
| 14 Kenosha, Wis.             |          | 5           | 10,500           | 8            | 20,500           |
| 161 Ruskin, Neb.             |          | 5           | 7,500            | 10           | 28,300           |
| 16 Minden, Neb.              |          | 5           | 6,000            | 10           | 48,500           |
| 4 Racine, Wis.               |          | 2           | 2,000            | 12           | 69,000           |
| 34 Dwight, Ill.              |          | 4           | 2,000            | 4            | 5,000            |
| 299 Solvang, Calif.          |          | 5           | 0                | 6            | 500              |
| 328 Vancouver, B. C.         |          | 5           | 0                | 9            | 0                |
| 325 Nassau County, N. Y.     |          | 3           | 0                | 4            | 500              |
| 1 Omaha, Neb.                |          | 2           | 0                | 4            | 1,000            |
| 29 Seattle, Wash.            |          | 0           | 0                | 1            | 51,000           |
| 217 Humboldt, Ia.            |          | 0           | 0                | 4            | 7,000            |
| 126 Los Angeles, Calif.      |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 4,000            |
| 49 San Francisco, Calif.     |          | 0           | 0                | 1            | 500              |
| 46 Perth Amboy, N. J.        |          | 0           | 0                | 10           | 0                |
| 139 Viborg, S. D.            |          | 0           | 0                | 9            | 0                |
| 167 Portland, Ore.           |          | 0           | 0                | 1            | 0                |
| 17 Chicago, Ill.             |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 51 Ludington, Mich.          |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 75 Albert Lea, Minn.         |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 116 Newark, N. J.            |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 172 Philadelphia, Pa.        |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 242 Erie, Pa.                |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 263 Askov, Minn.             |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| <b>Total</b>                 |          | <b>49</b>   | <b>\$199,424</b> | <b>116</b>   | <b>\$452,224</b> |

## GROUP II (Lodges with 50 to 100 members)

| Lodge Number              | Location | New Members | New Insurance    | Year to Date |                  |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
|                           |          |             |                  | Members      | Insurance        |
| 92 St. Charles, Ill.      |          | 9           | \$ 28,000        | 10           | \$ 48,000        |
| 340 Wood Dale, Ill.       |          | 4           | 26,000           | 8            | 28,500           |
| 323 Alhambra, Calif.      |          | 6           | 6,000            | 9            | 11,000           |
| 15 Des Moines, Ia.        |          | 1           | 2,500            | 2            | 5,000            |
| 273 Dillon, Mont.         |          | 3           | 2,500            | 3            | 2,500            |
| 306 San Diego, Calif.     |          | 2           | 1,000            | 2            | 1,000            |
| 283 Dagmar, Mont.         |          | 1           | 500              | 2            | 1,000            |
| 184 Hayward, Calif.       |          | 1           | 500              | 1            | 500              |
| 342 Bucks County, Pa.     |          | 2           | 0                | 2            | 0                |
| 36 Milwaukee, Wis.        |          | 1           | 0                | 1            | 1,000            |
| 71 Penn Yan, N. Y.        |          | 1           | 0                | 1            | 500              |
| 113 Enumclaw, Wash.       |          | 1           | 0                | 2            | 0                |
| 35 Chicago, Ill.          |          | 1           | 0                | 1            | 0                |
| 143 Petaluma, Calif.      |          | 1           | 0                | 1            | 0                |
| 147 Newell, Ia.           |          | 1           | 0                | 1            | 0                |
| 211 Grand Island, Neb.    |          | 1           | 0                | 1            | 0                |
| 206 Blair, Neb.           |          | 1           | 0                | 3            | 0                |
| 164 New York, N. Y.       |          | 0           | 0                | 1            | 2,500            |
| 42 Spokane, Wash.         |          | 0           | 0                | 1            | 1,000            |
| 182 Waukegan, Ill.        |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 1,000            |
| 70 Greenville, Mich.      |          | 0           | 0                | 2            | 500              |
| 322 Santa Barbara, Calif. |          | 0           | 0                | 1            | 0                |
| 10 Council Bluffs, Ia.    |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 32 New Haven, Conn.       |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 39 Oakland, Calif.        |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 43 Denver, Colo.          |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 56 Kansas City, Mo.       |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 84 Lincoln, Neb.          |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 106 Trufant, Mich.        |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 117 Plainview, Neb.       |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 190 Schenectady, N. Y.    |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 225 Canton, Ohio          |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 261 Fowler, Colo.         |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| <b>Total</b>              |          | <b>8</b>    | <b>\$ 77,730</b> | <b>23</b>    | <b>\$ 80,230</b> |

## GROUP III (Lodges with up to 50 members)

| Lodge Number              | Location | New Members | New Insurance    | Year to Date |                  |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
|                           |          |             |                  | Members      | Insurance        |
| 219 Clear Lake, Ia.       |          |             | \$ 76,730        |              | \$ 76,730        |
| 230 Arcata, Calif.        |          | 3           | 1,000            | 3            | 1,000            |
| 257 St. Petersburg, Fla.  |          | 2           | 0                | 7            | 0                |
| 64 Rockford, Ill.         |          | 2           | 0                | 3            | 0                |
| 90 Port Reading, N. J.    |          | 1           | 0                | 2            | 0                |
| 89 Superior, Wis.         |          | 0           | 0                | 2            | 2,500            |
| 329 Long Beach, Calif.    |          | 0           | 0                | 2            | 0                |
| 264 Pocatello, Idaho      |          | 2           | 0                | 2            | 0                |
| 30 Muskegon, Mich.        |          | 0           | 0                | 1            | 0                |
| 62 Sioux City, Ia.        |          | 0           | 0                | 1            | 0                |
| 3 Davenport, Ia.          |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 9 Oshkosh, Wis.           |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 11 Clinton, Ia.           |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 26 Fremont, Neb.          |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 33 Tacoma, Wash.          |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 37 Bridgeport, Conn.      |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 41 Derby, Conn.           |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 50 Byram, Conn.           |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 65 Duluth, Minn.          |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 67 Fresno, Calif.         |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 73 Alden, Minn.           |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 77 Turin, Ia.             |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 78 Salt Lake City, Utah   |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 95 Ferndale, Calif.       |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 96 Jackson, Minn.         |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 102 Providence, R. I.     |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 103 Waterbury, Conn.      |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 107 Chicago, Ill.         |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 110 Winside, Neb.         |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 111 Austin, Minn.         |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 121 Tyler, Minn.          |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 125 Weeping Water, Neb.   |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 134 Ringsted, Ia.         |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 148 Cheyenne, Wyo.        |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 153 Dannevirke, Neb.      |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 155 Bellingham, Wash.     |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 163 Edmore, Mich.         |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 170 Rocky River, Ohio     |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 171 Jamestown, N. Y.      |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 173 Kansas City, Kansas   |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 177 Cordova, Neb.         |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 181 Sidney, Mich.         |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 183 Troy, N. Y.           |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 185 Madison, Wis.         |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 186 Luck, Wis.            |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 194 McMinnville, Ore.     |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 195 Omaha, Neb.           |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 202 Warren, Pa.           |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 213 Ord, Neb.             |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 233 Toledo, Ohio          |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 234 Woodstock, Ill.       |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 238 Juhl, Mich.           |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 239 Lake Forest, Ill.     |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 240 Rochester, N. Y.      |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 241 Sayreville, N. J.     |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 245 South Bend, Ind.      |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 254 Brush, Colo.          |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 255 Selma, Calif.         |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 260 Williston, N. D.      |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 262 Cozad, Neb.           |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 268 Junction City, Ore.   |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 278 Salt Lake City, Utah  |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 279 Hunter, N. D.         |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 281 Cincinnati, Ohio      |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 288 Cotesfield, Neb.      |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 300 Oneonta, N. Y.        |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 301 Akron, Ohio           |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 308 McCabe, Mont.         |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 319 Bakersfield, Calif.   |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 321 West Palm Beach, Fla. |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 326 West Branch, Ia.      |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 334 Geneva, N. Y.         |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| 339 Las Vegas, Nev.       |          | 0           | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| <b>Total</b>              |          | <b>8</b>    | <b>\$ 77,730</b> | <b>23</b>    | <b>\$ 80,230</b> |

(New insurance includes new insurance on old members and juvenile members.)

# Book Review

**Sleeper Agent: Ib Melchior; Pyramid Books, 1977, 757 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017; Order No. M4181; \$1.75.**

World War II. Remembered romantically today as a time of Mata Hari's and Resistance movements; Gestapo agents and American counter-intelligence; "Rosie the Riveter's" and Betty Grable calendars. Yet the war was a horrible, devastating, hideous period. A period of death and destruction; unbelievable cruelty and unexpected heroism; enormous catastrophes and little victories. It was a hellish time. Europe had crumbled in flames while millions of its victims lay rotting across the land.

Mr. Melchior has written a book grounded perhaps in the romantic legacy of World War II, yet overflowing with the cruelty and the horror of its last days. Rudolph Kessler, a fanatic Nazi agent, who is programmed to infiltrate the U.S. and, at the proper moment, to erupt like a time bomb spewing the Fourth Reich into existence, and Tom Jaeger, U.S. Counter Intelligence, who has a hunch that something lethal is occurring yet must

decipher the puzzle in time to intercept it — these are the two main characters.

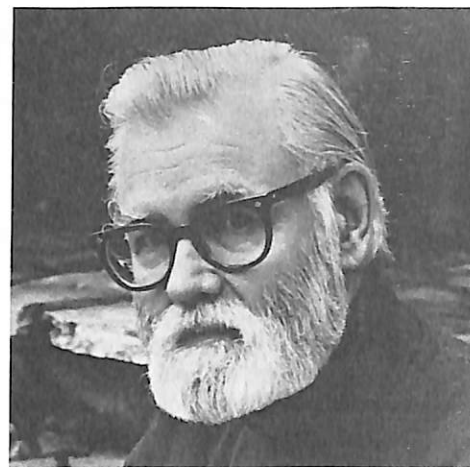
A fine spy story. And yet it also reflects much more. The terror and the agony of war is not pretty. *Sleeper Agent*, therefore, is not a pretty book. Mr. Melchior writes graphically (sometimes too much so) although its power does a great deal to dispel the frequently romantic aura that nowadays surrounds World War II. A fictional plot situated in a factual setting. And the setting is, in no way, colored in order to ease the pain of the reader.

The booby-trapped chest discovered on the grounds of the Schloss Ehrenstein and Rudolph Kessler's return visit to his foster mother in Copenhagen are but two examples of Mr. Melchior's devastating ability.

*Sleeper Agent* is a fascinating book. It drags the reader relentlessly from page to page, although I would not recommend it for the squeamish or the faint-hearted. It is a brutal book, yet it is an exciting one. Furthermore, Mr. Melchior's treatment of the Danish liberation days proved of particular interest to me.

*Sleeper Agent* is the thinking person's novel; a mystery full of intriguing clues and narrow escapes; a book about the way it was and not the way we think it might have been. Mr. Melchior's book is superb. And I cannot recommend it highly enough.

G.E.



Ib Melchior, as well as being a best-selling author, is also a motion picture writer-director-producer in Hollywood with some 12 feature films and numerous TV shows to his credit.

He was born and educated in Denmark, graduating from the University of Copenhagen. Just prior to the outbreak of World War II in Europe he came to the United States with a stage company to do a Broadway show.

He served with the "cloak-and-dagger" OSS for a while and was then transferred to the U.S. Military Intelligence Service. For his work in the war he was decorated by the U.S. Army, as well as by the King of Denmark, and subsequently awarded

**Is another Hitler rising to power?**

# Sleeper Agent

**IB MELCHIOR**  
"The suspense is equal to  
The Day of the Jackal."  
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the Knight Commander Cross of the Militant Order of St. Brigitte of Sweden.

After the war he became active in television. He has directed some 500 television shows, both live and filmed, ranging from the musical "The Perry Como Show" on CBS-TV, on which he served as director for three and a half years, to the dramatic documentary, "The March of Medicine" on NBC-TV. And he directed AIP's unusual movie, "The Time Travelers", which he also wrote.

Besides this extensive career as a director Ib Melchior's background as an author and writer includes over a million words published in story and article form.

He has won several awards for television and documentary film shorts that he wrote, directed and produced, and has written several scripts for various TV series including "Men Into Space" and "The Outer Limits". In 1976 he was awarded the GOLDEN SCROLL for best writing by the Academy of Science Fiction.

And he is the author of the best-selling, critically acclaimed novels, "Order of Battle" and "Sleeper Agent". "The Haigerloch Project" is his third full length novel.

Mr. Melchior is an avid collector of Military Miniatures and historical documents. He is married to the designer, Cleo Baldon, and has two sons, and he is the son of the late Wagnerian tenor, Lauritz Melchior.

#### THE DANISH FREEDOM FIGHTERS by Ib Melchior

This month marks the 32nd anniversary of the liberation of Denmark after five gruelling years of Nazi occupation. It is a time when our thoughts go back to the Danish Freedom Fighters and their gallant deeds and sacrifices to bring about the liberation of their country. The record of the Danish Resistance is a proud one.

Active resistance to the Nazi invaders had a slow start in Denmark. Generations of peace and neutrality had made such violence foreign to the Danish people. But so much greater was the impact when the Freedom Fighters finally "went all out".

The Gestapo Chief of Copenhagen bitterly complained that the Danish resistance was the most difficult encountered by the German occupation forces in Europe. It was so varied. He never knew what to expect next.

As a result, vast numbers of Nazi troops were kept from fighting on Germany's main fronts by Danish sabotage of railroads, factories, airfields, military supply depots — any target where the enemy could be hurt. The resistance groups were supplied with huge quantities of arms, ammunition, explosives and equipment by Allied air drops. So efficient were the Danish resistance fighters' recovery operations that only six percent of this vast amount of supplies were lost. This relentless sabotage also had the

effect of saving the Danish population from the large-scale air attacks of necessity visited upon other cities of Europe. The saboteurs and Freedom Fighters did the job on the ground.

Their valiant efforts were described by Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery as "second to none"!

Even though the fight for freedom and liberation was deadly serious, the Danes never lost their humor. For a time Denmark was forced to serve as Hitler's larder, and the Germans appropriated most of what the country could produce. Once, when the compulsory German newsreel, exhibited in every theatre before the main attraction, showed a German ship unloading all kinds of goods in Copenhagen's harbor, someone called out: "Hey! There's something wrong. The film's running backwards!"

A special group of patriots headed by Capt. Troels Branner carried out one of the most incredible feats of the resistance ever achieved; a daring exploit without equal.

It had become evident that King Christian X, upon whose life the Germans already had made one attempt, was virtually a prisoner in his castle, Amalienborg, in Copenhagen. Fighting around the Royal Palace earlier had proven that no way was open for supplies or communications to reach the castle, nor for the escape of the Royal family in case of danger — a very real threat.

The patriots decided to construct a secret passage from Amalienborg to the city outside. This tunnel was to run from a cleaning closet in the castle, under the street — and under a main sewer — to a Riding School outside the castle grounds.

Seemingly insurmountable obstacles were in the way. **The Nazis were billeted in the very houses under which the tunnel**

**had to be dug.** Work had to go on literally under the very feet of the German troops, and because the ground was old sea bottom, special construction equipment was needed.

Procurement of materials, especially cement, without arousing the suspicions of the Germans, was difficult, but sometimes even the Nazis themselves helped out — albeit unknowingly ...

One workman had a friend who was forced to work on a German defense construction project in the city. He asked this man, under some pretext or other, if he couldn't get a sack of cement from the plentiful stock of the Germans. He was told that if he would come around with a horse and wagon at a certain time, he could simply throw a sack from the storing shed onto his wagon and he could drive off. The workman followed the instructions carefully, but he had only just loaded the sack on his wagon and started away, when a brusque voice shouted: "Halt!"

With his heart in his throat the man turned around. There was a German officer glaring at him ... "You lazy Danish dog, come back here!" he ordered. "You think you will hold up our work by carrying only one sack at a time! If I see you once more doing such sabotage against the Third Reich I shall have you shot! Get that wagon loaded full — and be on your way!"

The Danes needed no second command to carry out this order.

The work went on. Electric pumps, hoists, tools, equipment and machinery were smuggled past the Germans' noses. Tons upon tons of earth were removed. Powerful air compressors forced 23 giant two-ton tubes of reinforced concrete into the earth carving out a 100-foot long underground passage directly under the



Nazi guards. There were numerous breath-taking near-discoveries and quick-witted explanations to suspicious Germans — but after a little over three months the tunnel was completed . . . a project, the discovery of which would have meant instant death to the workers . . . a project that is one of the truly great examples of a people's devotion to its Royal family.

The work of the Freedom Fighters was of necessity carried out in the strictest secrecy. When the day of liberation at last arrived there were many happy surprises. Thus a father and son met each other in the ranks of the resistance — where unbeknownst to one another they both had been intensely active.

When the day of liberation did arrive the Danish underground press had published a total of 25 million issues of "illegal" newspapers, and almost half a million feet of film showing actual sabotage raids and resistance actions had been shot by the Freedom Fighters' own cameramen literally under the eyes of the Gestapo. It is worth listening to one such

cameraman's own description of a raid . . .

"Early one Sunday morning we met outside Østerport Railroad Station. The day before I'd been to a meeting with the Svend Lind group to familiarize myself with the planned sabotage raid against a motor plant on Lyngbyvej, and now the three of us were ready to do our job, namely to film the action itself. We drove to Lyngbyvej. Where should we place the camera? It would not be wise to place it in any of the private houses directly across the street from the factory, for we had been warned that possible informers were in the neighborhood. However, a little further on stood an office building and from there we had an excellent view.

Exactly at eight a.m. the raid began. Every minute was filled with suspense. Time seemed eternal, and yet the entire action took only eight minutes — exactly according to plan. We waited for the blast — and it came. The entire roof of the main factory building shot skyward. Smoke and fire billowed forth — and I let the camera whirr. This is what I'd come for! I just couldn't get enough film exposed. I should

probably have stayed too long, if someone had not pulled my arm. We had to get away before the Germans came.

Down in the doorway of the office building a crowd of people had already gathered, and we were the targets of astonished and suspicious glances and murmurs as we emerged. But we allayed the suspicions and saved the situation, when in a grumbling tone of voice I said to my companions: "That's really too much! Not even on Sunday morning can you work in the office in peace."

In my book, "Sleeper Agent", a World War II military intelligence adventure, partly based on my own experiences while serving with the U.S. Counter Intelligence Corps, I describe some of these Freedom Fighters and their courageous actions, and the glorious day of May 5, 1945.

I hope I have captured the suspense, the exuberance and the boundless joy as well as the dangers on that memorable day — the heroism and courage of the Danish Freedom Fighters, as a small tribute to their patriotic devotion for which we are all in their debt.



# CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

Last year the Danish Brotherhood sponsored an essay contest. This year, we're going to do something different. We are going to have a **Creative Writing Contest** open to all members or relatives of members, young or old, poets or essayists. **Anything at all.** And on absolutely any topic you wish.

In fairness, we have established three age groups with three broad categories in each. Group I — open to any member or relative of a member, 12 years of age or younger as of the August 30 deadline. Group II — open to any member or relative of a member between the ages of 13 and 18 as of August 30. And Group III — any member or relative of a member who is over 19 years old.

Then, in each group we have three categories: Poetry, Fiction (short story) with a maximum of 1500 words; Non-fiction (essays, journalism, etc.) with a maximum of 1500 words. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded in each category in each group.

First, second and third prizes will be awarded in each category if we have 12 entries or more. Only first and second prizes will be awarded if we have more than five entries but less than eight. And only one prize will be awarded if we receive less than five entries in any one category.

So if you've ever had a secret ambition to be a writer, or if you've always thought you could but were afraid to try, or even if you're an established writer looking for a new outlet, try this on for size.

Selection of winners will be done by a national panel of judges.

Here are the prizes:

### Group I [12 and under]

Poetry: 1st-\$15; 2nd-\$10; 3rd-\$5.  
Fiction: 1st-\$25; 2nd-\$15; 3rd-\$10.  
Non-fiction: 1st-\$25; 2nd-\$15; 3rd-\$10

### Group II [13-18]\*

Poetry: 1st-\$15; 2nd-\$10; 3rd-\$5.  
Fiction: 1st-\$50; 2nd-\$30; 3rd-\$20.  
Non-fiction: 1st-\$50; 2nd-\$30; 3rd-\$20.

### Group III [19 and over]\*

Poetry: 1st-\$15; 2nd-\$10; 3rd-\$5.  
Fiction: 1st-\$50; 2nd-\$30; 3rd-\$20.  
Non-fiction: 1st-\$50; 2nd-\$30; 3rd-\$20.

\*all birthdates as of August 30, 1977.

And the rules are very simple:

1. All work must be original, typewritten or handwritten legibly, double spaced and on one side of a sheet of paper only.
2. No manuscripts can be returned unless accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope.
3. All entries must have a small snapshot or photo of the author.
4. All entries must be postmarked by August 30, 1977, and received by the Danish Brotherhood before September 10, 1977.
5. All winners will be announced in the October, 1977, issue of the "American Dane" magazine and the winning entries will appear shortly thereafter in the magazine.
6. You may enter as often as you like in as many categories as you like; however, no more than one prize per entrant per category will be awarded.

And there you have it. The Danish Brotherhood is offering all of our members and their families the opportunity to share in over \$600 worth of prizes. And we're also offering you the opportunity of seeing your work in print.

There are no restrictions as to topic, content or style, only length. The rest is up to your imagination.

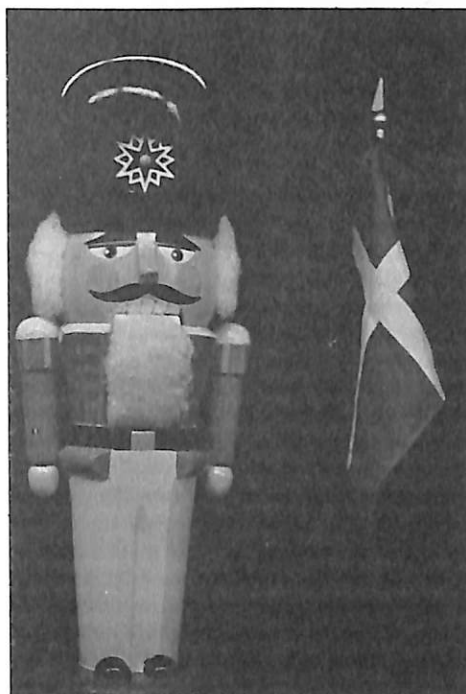
Send your entries to:

Creative Writing Contest  
c/o Danish Brotherhood  
P.O. Box 31748

Omaha, Nebraska 68131

Remember: The deadline is **August 30, 1977.**

# Our Lodges in Action




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## MIDWEST

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**Lodge No. 35, Chicago, Ill.** — At our March 25 meeting we initiated Harry Nissen. But we lost another brother on March 24, Holger Rasmussen, from Clearwater, Fla.

We have changed our meeting night to the second Friday each month beginning with the meeting of Friday, May 13.

Charles Jespersen, Correspondent.

**Lodge No. 4, Racine, Wis.** — The events for the summer and early fall have been finalized for our lodge. Here is a brief idea of what will be going on in Racine.

May 11 is our regular meeting with a smoker. May 18 Dania is invited to Lodge No. 4 for a smoker. May 25 is our regular meeting.

June 4 is the Midwest District picnic in Rockford, Ill. July 10 is Lodge No. 14's annual picnic. July 23 is the second annual trap shoot in Dwight, Ill. August 21 is our annual picnic in Franksville Park.

September 10 and 11 is the Midwest District Convention in St. Charles, Ill.

John Mollerskov, Correspondent.

**Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wis.** — Our meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays. The March corned beef and cabbage dinner was a fantastic success. Ninety-two people enjoyed the food and the companionship. A local barbershop quartet entertained after dinner. Thanks to the committee: the Ibsens, Roders and Nelsons.

Two thousand people attended the International Food Fair at the Eagles Club. It was a tremendous success. Again this committee is to be commended: the

Jensens, Neckars, Nelsons, Kasputis', Learmonts, Baas', Andersens, Ineles and Ibsens.

Kenosha hosted the Midwest District Target Shoot this year which drew eight teams — two each from Kenosha, Chicago, Dwight and Wood Dale. Kenosha won the team trophy, Bob O'Neal from Kenosha won the high score in team shooting; Ray Christensen from Wood Dale, second; Jim Andreasen from Dwight and Randy Ibsen from Kenosha tied for third. Individual shooting — first place to Bill Lee from Kenosha; Bob O'Neal from Kenosha, second; and tied for third, Gordon Andersen from Kenosha and Pat Zickler, Wood Dale. Forty-five people attended the luncheon afterwards.

May 21 is the date for the Candlelite Handicap Scotch Bowling Tournament. Everyone is welcome. Contact Dick Schold for further information.

Bob Ibsen, Correspondent.

**Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Ill.** — Our meetings are the second Monday at 7:30 p.m., VFW, Old Route 66, Dwight. Rudolf Schmidt of Chicago has received his 50-year membership pin and Leo Andreasen, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, his 25-year pin. Congratulations to both of them.

The rains came, sleet fell the size of marbles, a tornado did much damage about 3/4 mile down the road from the bowling alley as nine teams with cheering sections from Dwight blew into Milwaukee on Saturday, April 3. Second place team went to Team No. 3; K. Jensen, J. Andreasen, B. Andersen, J. Lauritsen and D. Perschnick. Trophies went to Elmer Jensen, high game handicap and Dick Perschnick, high series scratch; Ken Jensen, second high series, scratch; Bob Weller, third high series, handicap; Craig

Feddersen, third high game scratch; Gary Andreasen, third high game, handicap; and Kathleen Andersen managed to bring something home for the gals with second high scratch series. Rodney Feddersen filled in on a Detroit women's team that took last place and each of them got a Sportsman trophy. Congratulations.

I'm also proud to report that we had the most representation (even the band — as Brother Bud Hansen of our lodge played for the dance). We did have a good time (not too much sleep, but ...). Thanks to our hosts, Milwaukee No. 26.

Upcoming events include a Spring Bowlerama Scotch Doubles hosted by Kenosha on May 21. Four games of bowling, buffet dinner. Cost is \$15.00 per couple.

On Saturday, July 23, will be the second annual trap shoot to be held at Pontiac Sportsmen Club with supper following. More about this later.

Margaret Goodwin, Correspondent.

**Lodge No. 340, Wood Dale, Ill.** — More than 125 people attended our second anniversary party, with the theme "Hagar the Terrible". The decorations' committee did each table to resemble a Danish flag. The committee was chaired by Shirley Christensen with much help from the Seemans, Karsbaeks, Ploughmans, Hansens and Jensens.

Dinner was frikadelle, medisterpølse and pickled herring. Harry Ploughman performed as Master of Ceremonies and our Midwest President and National Director, Bob Ibsen, expressed some very meaningful words about Brotherhood and fraternalism.

The Past President's Award of Merit was presented to Hanne Farrar, Rose Hansen and Frede Hansen. Eleven other individuals were presented with Certificates of Appreciation. Brothers Raymond and Richard Christensen both received Booster awards for sponsoring five or more members.

On July 18 to 21, we will be hosting 60 young adults from Denmark, the "Viborg FDF Harmoniorkester" and the "FPF of Kfvx spejdnernes Tambourkorps". The group is composed of five adults and 60 Boy and Girl Scout musicians. Plans are to schedule concerts at the Daley Center and the Danish Old People's home. We need volunteers; contact Rune Karsbaek.

Janesville will be installed on May 28 and we're looking for good support and attendance. Dinner is \$8.50 per person.

On May 21 Kenosha is holding a Scotch Doubles Bowling for \$15 per couple, including food.

Our children's miniature golf tournament will be sometime late in June with prizes by age group and McDonald-type snack afterwards. No charge to children of members.

The Midwest District picnic is set for Rockford on June 4.

Dick Christensen, Correspondent.

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## MICHIGAN-OHIO

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Lodge No. 227, Detroit, Mich. — March 9 saw 120 brothers and sisters in attendance for our pre-meeting dinner. This event continues to be a favorite among our members and definitely contributes to our good attendance at the business meetings that follow.

At the meeting we had four new members join our ranks: Robert Baessler, George Corsi, Stephen Metzler and Brian Gorman.

At this meeting one of our brothers made the point that we neglect making our new members feel welcome. In fact we don't even take time to talk to them during the recess that follows their initiation. I agree.

Brother Egon Miller was presented with his 50-year membership pin. Egon had a few words to say about his memories of the Brotherhood in the years past.

At this same meeting Niels Stub, Preban Jeager, Niels Andersen and Paul Emmanuelsen were presented with 25-year membership pins. Our congratulations go to all of them.

In our long-range plans we have tentatively set the fourth Wednesday in May for our blood drive. Coming up June 5 is our annual Grundlov's Fest, to be at the same park as last year. You will hear more about it later. Also, the Chesining Showboat trip is tentatively set for July 16. You will be hearing more about that also.

Bob Sorensen, Correspondent.

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## CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

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Lodge No. 306, San Diego, Calif. — The anniversary supper party of Silver Gate Sisterhood and Brotherhood lodges on March 2 proved to be a most delightful evening. A large measure of its success is to be credited to the ladies who prepared the meal, the musical contribution of Oskar Jensen, and the interesting slides shown by Danish exchange students, Briget Petersen and Alfred Vestergood. Honored guest was the California-Nevada General Committee Vice President Harvey Rasmussen of Petaluma.

Plans are being shaped up for the annual bowling banquet in the Osbrow Inn on May 28. More information will be forthcoming.

Rudy Kring, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 323, Alhambra, Calif. — Our lodge mourns the death of Otto Kiertzner. Otto joined the Danish Brotherhood in 1934. He was an active member, going through the chairs and served as president in the 1960's. He also was a member of the Danish Singing Society.

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Music, sculpting and painting were a few of his many talents. His wife, Valborg, a sister, three sons and seven grandchildren survive him. Our condolences to his family.

Frank Jepsen, Correspondent.

California-Nevada District — Let's Go Cruising!! Sail on the Caribbean May 21-28, 1977. The District Committees of the California-Nevada Sisterhood and Brotherhood are sponsoring this air/sea cruise vacation to the Caribbean in May.

The most elegant Italian ship, the M.S. Carla C has been selected for this cruise and will be calling at six exciting ports; San Juan, Curacao, Caracas, Trinidad, Martinique and St. Thomas.

You will enjoy glorious fun filled days on board this luxurious cruise liner. To enhance this cruise there is swimming, a gymnasium with sauna, game rooms, deck tennis, skeet shooting, pre-release movies in the balconied theatre, orchestras for dancing, banquets, costume balls, entertainment and a lively Captain's Dinner.

The meals will prove an epicurean delight served with the Italian flair. Magnificent dinners, luncheon al fresco, between meal snacks and midnight buffets.

Anyone wishing to get in on this cruise should contact: Rudolph Olsen Travel Agency, 166 Geary Street, San Francisco, California 84108. Phone (415) 362-9135.

Alice Pinkerton, Correspondent.

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## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

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Lodge No. 29, Seattle, Wash. — Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 29 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 40 meet the first Wednesday except July and August at the Swedish Club, 1920 Dexter Avenue North, Seattle.

The birthday party at the Northwest Danish Home on Friday, February 25, was a big day for some of the residents who had birthdays during the month of February. The ladies had cake and cards for everybody while Birtha Eliassen and Susan Brobak entertained with music. We hope this can be a happy project for every month.

Clyde Langsted, Correspondent.

Lodge No. 42, Spokane, Wash. — Vind Lodge No. 42 and Princess Marie Lodge (DSS) No. 117 meet on the first Thursday at the Carpenter's Hall, W. 120 Mission Avenue. Each third Saturday of the month is a public pinochle party with many prizes, and refreshments for those who attend. It begins at 8 p.m.

Lodge No. 42 had ten members eligible to receive 25-year service pins. Eight from this year and two carryovers from 1976. To honor these people we are planning a "Salad Bar-Potluck" on May 5, 1977. We hope the honored guests from out of town will join with the Spokane people being honored for a wonderful night with a

Danish flavor. The ten candidates to be honored that evening are: Richard Bech, Henry Briggs, Jack Eskeberg, H. W. Gilbert, Andy Hansen, Ronald Jurgensen, Frank Kunz, Fred Paeper, Jr., Alvin Paulsen and Herbert Woodcock.

We sadly report Brother Fred Martin passed away at a local hospital on April 2. Fred was a 30-year member of the Brotherhood.

Lawrence Charneski, Correspondent.

Lodge no. 167, Portland, Ore. — Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at Nobel Hall, N.E. 62nd and Stanton.

Coming up on May 20-22 is the Northwest District Convention in Enumclaw. All are welcome to attend and to enjoy the meetings and social gatherings. June 1 is our regular meeting, with Grundlovsdag observance. On the 25th is the St. Hans Aften picnic celebration with bonfire and dance in the tennis courts at Mt. Scott Park. Swimming and roller skating is available. Come help chase the witches away. Picnic dinner at 7, bonfire at dusk. Danish beer. July 17 is the Portland Folkfest-Neighborfair-Waterfront Park, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Danish smørrebrød and Tuborg will be sold by DB and DS and a Danish display together with about 40 other ethnic groups.

August 7 is the Danish picnic at Benson State Park. Bring a lunch. Swimming and games for youth and adults will be held. The Dannebrog will mark the spot for the Danish picnic.

In the remainder of the year we have several activities planned. October 2 is the Danish Sisterhood aebleskiver breakfast. The usual wonderful things that go on with them will be there. November 12 is the Lucia Festival of the Scandinavian Club. Lucia Court finalists speak and are judged. Scandinavian entertainment.

November 19 is a potluck dinner for the Danish community at Nobel Hall. November 25 is Lucia Bride-crowning night in the Ice Pavillion at Lloyd Center.

December 16 is the Danish Christmas party at Norse Hall. December 23 is the Danish-language worship service, Lille Jule Aften at Bethany Lutheran Church at 7:30 p.m. Danish Christmas carols and complete service in Danish. Coffee and cake afterward in the Fellowship Hall.

January 28 is the Scandinavian Ball sponsored by Scandinavian Club. This event honors all presidents of all Scandinavian lodges and organizations and all Scandinavians decorated by their respective governments. Also honoring Portland's Scandinavian Consular Corps. Scandinavian "Man of the Year" is presented and a plaque awarded.

February 4 is Fastelavn Fest at Norse Hall. Masquerade Ball (costumes encouraged — prizes for many categories). Help knock the cat out of the barrel! Dancing throughout the evening.

Magnus Esrom, Correspondent.

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## EASTERN LODGES

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**Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy, N.J.** — On Saturday, March 19, the brothers of Thor Lodge turned out in force to help dismantle the old St. John's Episcopal Church which had earlier been destroyed by fire. By noon all that remained was the foundation. Such fellowship in one of the main reasons No. 46 is growing so fast.

Arrangements for our 86th anniversary are moving along fine. And we're striving to finish our lean-to in time for our summer picnics. More about coming events in the next issue.

**George Ferdinandsen, Correspondent.**

**Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, N. Y.** — The word from Penn Yan is that we are doing just fine. We took in two new members over this past winter, Clifford Straus and Thomas Jensen. We extend a hardy welcome to these new members.

The lodge is working hard getting ready for the Labor Day convention that the General Committee of the Eastern Lodges is holding here. More details about the Convention at a later date.

**Laurids Pedersen, Correspondent.**

**Lodge No. 164, New York, N. Y.** — Lodge No. 164 held its regular monthly meeting on March 19 at Mozart Hall in Manhattan with 18 members attending. A short business meeting was held, where we heard a report about the Danish Home for the Aged in Edison, N. J.

Our lodge brother, Paul Nielsen, is living at the home and is not in the best of health. He would welcome cards, letters, and visits from his brothers. Lodge No. 164 was 74 years old on April 3 and to celebrate the occasion they planned a smorgasbord on the same day as their regular April meeting. Several brothers received pins at the dinner to commemorate their 25 and 50-year memberships in the Brotherhood.

**Lois Wood, Correspondent.**

**Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, Pa.** — March saw the celebration of St. Pattie's Day in grand Danish style. "Dolly" was with us again, and as usual a large crowd gathered to dance to her lively music. Perry Sachs topped the evening with some good Irish humor while we enjoyed the frikadeller, potato salad and cakes turned out by the kitchen committee.

Looking ahead, it seems that June will be a very busy month. Tickets for our Hawaiian Luau on the 11th are nearly sold out, and we hope the few remaining will be grabbed up by Philadelphia lodge members. We expect over 200 people to attend.

A few days earlier, on June 5, we plan to hold our second annual picnic and kite-flying contest at Lars Jensen's farm. Among the many activities available will be fishing, swimming, boating, golf, badminton and volleyball. Hopefully the

day will be bright and sunny. Last year we made the best of things in the pouring rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Haag were initiated into our ever-growing lodge in March and we're happy to have them with us.

Some very long-range plans include a camping trip with the Philadelphia lodge in the late summer and a possible group trip to the Virgin Islands some time next year.

**Lorraine Malmquist, Correspondent.**

**Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, Pa.** — The Fastelavns Party held on March 6 was well attended by 50 people who thoroughly enjoyed the costumes and the gaiety. Those doing a superb job with costumes got a prize. They were Maren Thomassen, Jana Stoner, Rebbekah Konieczka, Erik Baratta, Heidi-Broadbent, Chris Baratta, Morris-Liberace and Svend Bilen. Congratulations!

We would like to welcome Bob Gorman into our lodge. Congratulations also go to Flemming Hinrichsen who was presented a bowl and a bond for bringing in new members.

**A. R. Thomassen, Correspondent.**

**Lodge No. 325, Long Island, N.Y.** — At our March meeting three applications for membership were received and they were immediately voted on and accepted. The applicants were Rosa Hansen and Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien Andreasen.

Something new will be added to our meetings from now on — a Suggestion Box. It is hoped that this box will be used by anyone who has something to say but feels uncomfortable speaking before an audience. Plans are already in the works for our annual dinner-dance. The date has tentatively been set for October 29 and is going to be held at the fabulous Huntington Townhouse. Save that date.

**Maurice Gruber, Correspondent.**

**Lodge No. 314, Hartford, Conn.** — On May 21 Hartford Lodge will celebrate its 60th anniversary. Plans have been made to hold a dinner-dance to celebrate the occasion properly. Reservations can be made with Peter Thomsen at 24 Johnson St., Newington, Conn. It is hoped that we will have a good turnout.

**Peter Thomsen, Correspondent.**

**Lodge No. 102, Providence, R.I.** — We are about to elect a delegate to the GCEL Convention to be held in the delightful city of Penn Yan, N.Y., over the Labor Day weekend. All are invited.

We are also nominating and electing lodge officers for the years 1977-78 at our May meeting. For your information, installation takes place at our June meeting.

We have been invited to the anniversaries of several lodges in this area, which is a reminder that our own anniversary

occurs in August of this year. Plans are in the making for a delightful affair.

Our guest for the evening was Kent Rasmussen, an exchange student from Denmark, now employed at Roitman and Son.

**Carl W. Sorensen, Correspondent.**

**Lodge No. 116, Newark, N.J.** — We in Lodge No. 116 hope it will strengthen the foundation of our lodge as it has done other lodges that have opened their doors to women. Applications are available. Contact our secretary.

We welcome Donald Heckmann, who was initiated into the lodge.

"Ladies Night" will be held on our regular meeting night, May 13. Only necessary business will be taken care of. Slides from the Queen's visit last year will be shown, coffee and cake will be served. Tommy Eliassen will be there with his accordion.

Tentative arrangements will be made for our fall "President's Night" dinner-dance. Brother Sorensen is chairman.

**Viggo Nielsen, Correspondent.**

**Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Conn.** — We held our annual "Torskilde" at our March meeting and it was well attended not only by our own members but also those from the surrounding lodges. We all enjoyed the codfish. Our thanks go to the women who did a superb job cooking and serving the meal.

Several members received their pins at the affair: Bjarne Abildgaard and Eric Tolboe, 25-year pins; and Anders Hansen, his 60-year pin.

Just a reminder that we have changed our meeting hall. We meet at the Mix Fire House, 905 Shepart Ave., Hamden, Conn. We still meet on the second Wednesday of each month.

The date for our annual picnic is set for June 19 at Art and Elaine Sorensen's home, Old Amity Road, Bethany, Conn. More details in next month's issue.

**Norman Edmonds, Correspondent.**

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## NEBRASKA

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**Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, Neb.** — We held our regular meeting March 12 with the initiation of two new members, Gayle and Carla Eitzmann.

Six new members were accepted into the lodge. They will be initiated at the April meeting.

The evening was spent playing cards, after which a cooperative lunch was served by the Jensbys, Kaldahls, Bargens and Olsens.

**Ginny Schultz, Correspondent.**

**Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Neb.** — James M. West was initiated into our lodge at our April 5 meeting. Brother West is the new area manager for Nebraska and Western Iowa. Happy to have you aboard.

There are so many things coming up

that it is hard to know where to begin. Our social night on April 19 was a birthday party to honor Queen Margrethe, whose birthday was the 16th. It was a tremendous success.

Brother Tom Nielsen is busy getting our bowlers together.

Lodge No. 1 will take part in the Arthritis Foundation Drive on Saturday, May 21.

The Nebraska State Fair is September 2-12. **The Nebraska Danes will be given a very large booth this year.** The committee is working hard. This is a big job, but I'm sure the rewards can be big, also.

The Omaha Ethnic Fair will be June 11 and 12, the committee is working on that. **The Danes will have a booth to sell Danish cookies and cakes; also one to display Danish articles.**

Danish Days in Minden will be June 10, 11 and 12. Hope everyone will try to attend a day at each doing.

Nebraska State Sisterhood and Brotherhood's picnic will be on Sunday, July 24, at Vennelyst Park in Omaha. There will be more in June and July issues of the magazine.

Chris Larsen, Correspondent.

**Lodge No. 211, Grand Island, Neb.** — Our March meeting was held in St. Paul

because we have many members there and this was more convenient for them. We invited the members from Lodge No. 288 of Cotesfield and No. 153 of Dannevirke. The attendance was excellent.

It was the 72nd anniversary of our lodge. Our thanks to Verla Goodman for baking a beautiful cake.

Andy Andersen from Omaha showed slides of Queen Margrethe's visit to Omaha last May.

We all enjoyed them very much.

Ann Chambers, Correspondent.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

### SPECIAL

**Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C.** — Though the **Danish Brotherhood National Convention isn't scheduled until 1979 in Vancouver, British Columbia**, the host lodge in that magnificent city is already hard at work preparing for our arrival. Hotel space is being booked, tours are being arranged, ideas are being developed that will insure our enjoyment.

Start saving now. Time passes so swiftly and missing a chance to visit Vancouver would be a shame.

### ADDRESS CORRECTION

Address of Representative Albert Larsen was incorrectly shown in the March issue of American Dane magazine.

Correct address is: 2571 South Shore Drive, Milwaukee, Wis. 53207.

**SECTION 7, PARAGRAPH 3 [b]** — Payment authorized in the laws of the Society under one or more of the laws following Section 5, paragraph 4, and/or Section 6, paragraph 2; Section 14, paragraph 2, is hereby published:  
APRIL, 1977:

George Godthaab, Salary, \$260.85.

George Godthaab, Travel Expenses to Florida, \$238.00.

## SOUTH DAKOTA

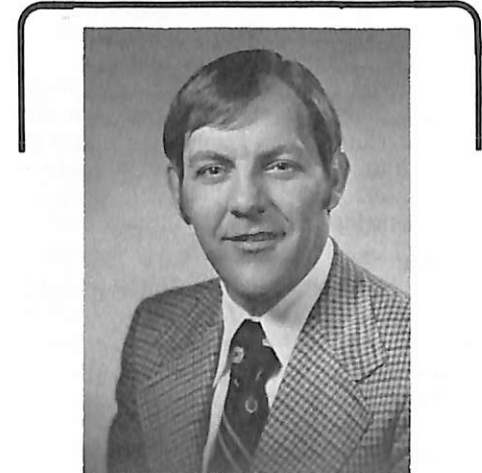
**Lodge No. 139, Viborg, S.D.** — Pork Show Days were held in Viborg recently. There were free pancakes for everyone and entertainment of all kinds. The lodge donated our hall for Ladies Day, and sponsored a dance also open to the public.

**We have so many new members. We hope they will be coming and taking an active part in our lodge.**

For our February meeting we had a Valentine basket social. We had a good turnout and it was great fun. We drew numbers for the baskets.

We lost one of our members, Dan Danielsen. He had been a member for 61 years. Deepest sympathy to the family.

Ruth Peterson, Correspondent.



### NEW AREA MANAGER

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Jim West to the position of Area Manager for the State of Nebraska and Western Iowa.

Jim is a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, with a degree in Business Administration. He brings with him several years of life insurance experience in both sales and management, and is a member of the Association of Life Underwriters. Jim and his wife, Judy, reside at 2933 Paddock Plaza in Omaha.

### MAY ASSESSMENT Number 935

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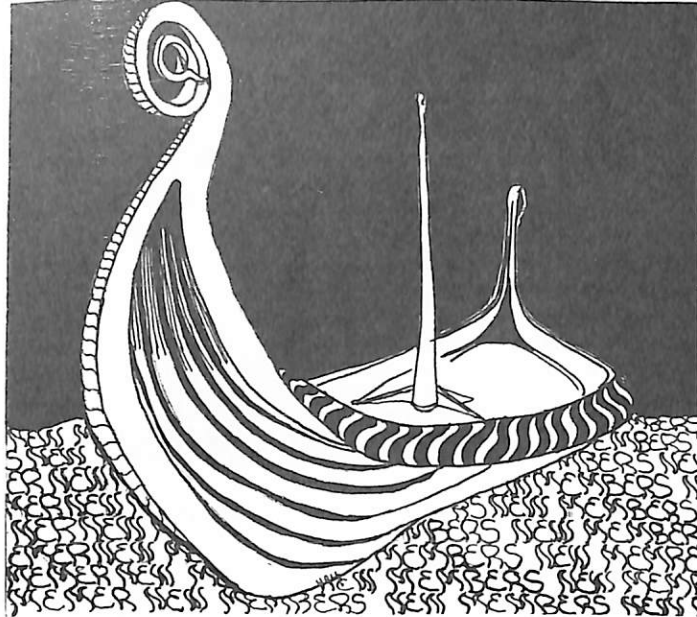
Members failing to pay to their local lodge treasurer as per above will be considered in arrears.

HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

## Lest We Forget

IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE OF THEIR SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP, WE HONOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY SINCE THE LAST REPORT.

| Date of Death | Name              | Age | Birth Place           | Lodge No. | Location               | Year Joined |
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| 2-18-77       | Laurits Nielsen   | 74  | Copenhagen, Denmark   | 43        | Denver, Colorado       | 1959        |
| 2-27-77       | Ole Jorgen Olesen | 98  | Sjaelland, Denmark    | 45        | Minneapolis, Minnesota | 1908        |
| 3-1-77        | John Lauritzen    | 74  | Kenmore, North Dakota | 255       | Selma, California      | 1942        |
| 3-2-77        | Otto Kiertzner    | 78  | Varde, Denmark        | 323       | Alhambra, California   | 1934        |
| 3-7-77        | Delmont E. Wagman | 75  | Walkerville, Michigan | 30        | Muskegon, Michigan     | 1960        |
| 3-6-77        | Viggo Dahl        | 68  | Aalborg, Denmark      | 294       | Barre, Vermont         | 1927        |
| 11-24-73      | Anton Andersen    | 101 | Jylland, Denmark      | 115       | Bellingham, Washington | 1902        |
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# What the Moon Saw

by Hans Christian Andersen

It is very extraordinary, but when my feelings are most fervent, and at their best, my tongue and my hands alike seem tied. I cannot reproduce my impressions either in words, or in painting, as I feel them burning within me. And yet I am an artist, my eye tells me so, and all who have seen my sketches and my notes acknowledge the same.

I am only a poor lad, and I live in one of the narrowest streets; but light is not wanting to me, for I live high up, and I have a fine view over the roof. For the first few days when I came to live in the town, it seemed very cramped and lonely. Instead of green woods and hills, I only had chimney tops on my horizon. I had not a single friend, and there was not even the face of an acquaintance to greet me.

One evening I was standing sadly by the window. I opened it and looked out, and there, how pleased I was! I saw a face I knew, a round friendly face, my best friend at home. It was the moon, the dear old moon, unchanged, and looking exactly the same as he used to look, when he peeped at me there through the willows in the marshes. I kissed my hand to him, and he shone straight into my room and promised to look in at me every evening he was out. This promise he has faithfully kept, and it is only a pity that he stays so short a time. Every time he comes he tells me something or another which he has seen the night before.

"Now paint what I tell you!" said he, "and you will have a very fine picture book." I have done as he said for many evenings, and in my own way I could give a new rendering of the "Thousand and One Nights", but that would be too many. Those I give here are not selected, but they come in the order in which I heard them. A highly gifted painter, a poet or a musician might perhaps make more of them; what I have given here are only hasty sketches, with my own thoughts occasionally interspersed, for the moon did not come every night. There were some evenings when he was hidden by the clouds.

## First Evening

"Last evening," to give the moon's own words, "as I was gliding through the clear atmosphere of India, and reflecting myself in the Ganges, I tried to pierce the thick groves of plantain trees, the leaves of which overlap each other as tightly as the horny plates on the back of the turtle. From out of the thicket came a Hindoo maiden; she was as light as a gazelle, and as beautiful as Eve.

There was such an airy grace about her,

and yet such firmness of purpose in this daughter of India; I could read her intention in coming. The thorny creepers tore her sandals, but she stepped rapidly onwards. The deer coming up from the river where they had quenched their thirst bounded shyly past her, for the girl held in her hand a burning lamp. I could see the blood coursing in her delicate fingers as she bent them round the flame to form a shelter for it. She approached the river and placed the lamp upon the face of the waters, and it floated away on the stream.

The flame flickered and seemed as if it would go out, but still it burned and the dark sparkling eyes of the girl followed it with a longing glance. She knew that if the lamp burned as long as she could follow it with her eyes her lover lived. But if it went out, he was dead.

The lamp burnt and flickered, and her heart burnt and trembled. She sank upon her knees in prayer. By her side in the grass lay a venomous snake, but she heeded it not; she only thought of Brahma, and her bridegroom. "He lives!" she rejoiced, and the hills echoed, "He lives!"

## Second Evening

"It was yesterday," the moon told me. "I peeped down into a little court surrounded by houses; in it sat a hen with eleven chickens. A charming little girl was skipping about among them. Then the hen clucked and spread her wings in alarm over her brood. Then the little girl's father came out and scolded her, and I slipped away without thinking any more about it.

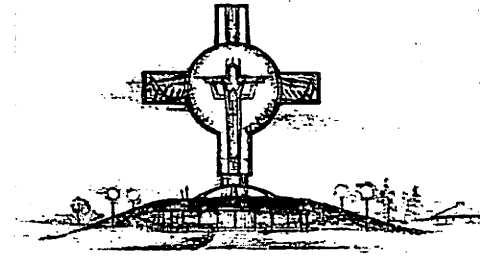
But tonight, only a few minutes ago, I looked into the same court. At first it was quite quiet, but then the same little girl came out. She crept softly along to the chicken house, lifted the latch and slipped in beside the hen and chickens. They cackled and flapped their wings and the little girl ran after them. I saw it all quite plainly, for I peeped in by a hole in the wall.

I was quite angry with the naughty child, and felt pleased when her father came and scolded her, more angrily than yesterday. He took her by the arm, and she bent back her head, showing her big blue eyes full of tears. "What are you doing here?" asked he. She cried and said, "I only wanted to get in to the hen to kiss her, and to ask her to forgive me for frightening her yesterday, but I was afraid to tell you."

"The father kissed the sweet innocent upon the forehead and I kissed her on the eyes and lips."

(to be continued)

## Black Elk/Neihardt Park Blair, Nebraska



**The Park:** One of Many Inspiring Signs of a New Social Ascent.

Majestic and beautiful Black Elk/Neihardt Park is now under construction on one of the highest points in Washington County, Nebraska, offering a commanding view of the rolling countryside and broad expanse of the valley. It was funded by a grant of \$133,000 from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Forty acres were donated by Dana College and the Blair Utility Department also provided 40 acres. Immediately adjacent to the park site is an additional tract of some 120 acres recently acquired by the college. It will be a quiet place to be shared by people of every nation and race. The park's nature trails, hiking paths, picnic areas, lake and shelter are a lasting tribute to all who inspired and contributed to this noble place.

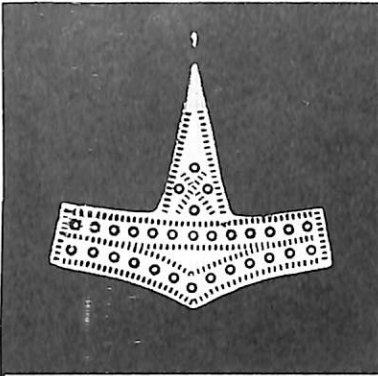
**"A vision without a task is a dream; a task without vision is drudgery; a vision and a task is the hope of the world."**

**The Goal:** A \$250,000 Expression of Gratitude, Faith and Fulfillment.

The Black Elk/Neihardt Park Board has established a \$250,000 fund-raising goal to build the "Tower of the Four Winds". An estimated \$25,000 has been pledged and the Nebraska American Revolution Bicentennial Commission has approved a \$10,000 grant. Other leaders of several religious denominations are gathering ecumenical financial support under the general coordination of Dr. Ernest E. Smith, Executive Secretary of the Omaha Metropolitan Association of Churches. The cost is minimal when compared with the potential greatness of this holy place.

**The Opportunity:** A Universal Gift to God and Humanity.

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**PROFILE OF AN AREA MANAGER**

One of the first Area Managers recruited by the Danish Brotherhood was Flemming Andersen, Manager for Illinois and Wisconsin.

From the very beginning Flemming distinguished himself by leading all other areas with the most new life insurance provided our members in 1974, his first year with the Danish Brotherhood. He was also the first Area Manager to successfully organize a new lodge and is responsible for more new lodges being organized than any other Area Manager.

The establishment of Lodges No. 340 in Wood Dale, Ill., and No. 343 in Waupaca, Wis., is testimony to Flemming's efforts and his dedication to the Danish Brotherhood.

Another new lodge in Janesville, Wis., will become a reality this summer.

Flemming came to this country from Denmark in 1956 with his wife, Ann, and two children, and luckily for the Danish Brotherhood they settled in the Chicago area. Recently the Andersens purchased a home at 1284 Edinburg Ct., Wheaton, Ill., a suburb of Chicago. Flemming and Ann have four children, Jack, Alan, Sten and daughter, Susan.

We are proud to have Flemming as one of our Area Managers and expect the Midwest Area, under his guidance, to continue to be a leader in new life insurance issued, new members and new lodges established.

**March**

**"Rep. of the Month"**



Jerry Sonsalla of Webster City, Ia., is our winner for the month of March. Jerry is not a newcomer to the sales force of DBIA, but is merely making his return after being involved in an automobile accident more than a year ago. He spent many months hospitalized and then a long recuperation period at home.

Jerry and his wife, Kathleen, are both members of Lodge No. 219 in Clear Lake, Ia. Kathleen is also the lodge secretary. Welcome back, Jerry!



**Please be advised that Denmark Lodge No. 35 of Chicago, Ill., has changed its meeting night from the fourth Friday of the month to the second Friday of the month starting with the May 13 meeting. We will continue to meet at 9701 S. Kedzie Avenue, Evergreen Park, Ill.**

Charles Jespersen, Secretary.



# Grandma's Kitchen

by Fritze Rodic

## SHERRYFROMAGE

3/4 cup Sherry  
4 eggs (separated)  
4/5 cup sugar  
nuts  
small pieces of chocolate (morsels)  
maraschino cherries  
about 1 cup whipping cream (part of it for decoration)  
2 teaspoons gelatine

Dissolve gelatine in a couple of tbsp. warm water. Beat the egg yolks and sugar together till thickened. Add sherry and dissolved gelatine; put aside till it starts thickening. In the meantime beat up egg whites and whipping cream separately. As soon as the egg mixture starts thickening add egg whites, whipped cream, chocolate morsels, chopped nuts and cherries. Pour it into mold or serving dish and put it into refrigerator.

Serve decorated with dots of whipped cream, chocolate, nuts and cherries.

# Bedstemor's Kåkken

## RUMFROMAGE

3 eggs, separated  
3 oz. sugar (a little less than one-half cup)  
1/2 cup good rum  
about 1 cup whipping cream  
gelatine (1 tbsp., approx.)  
Cherrysauce made out of thawed cherries thickened with a little cornstarch.

Dissolve gelatine in a couple of tbsp. warm water. Beat the egg yolks and sugar together till thickened. Add melted gelatine; put aside till it starts thickening. In the meantime, beat up egg whites and whipping cream separately. When the egg mixture starts thickening add rum, whipped cream and egg whites carefully. Pour it into serving dish and put it into the refrigerator.

Serve with cherrysauce to which might be added a little rum.

## HOLGER DANSKE

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himself to anyone he was not familiar with, as a sticker could inform the Gestapo about the Resistance operators and receive a reward of a thousand Danish kroner. Luckily, most of the informers were liquidated; together "Holger Danske" and "Bopa" executed more than 300 of these betrayers.

The legendary Holger Danske's sword fell on many Germans and their operations because of the bravery and ingenuity of the Resistance group named after him. Sixty-one men from "Holger Danske" died in the service of their country during the war; but each of them was revenged when Denmark was freed on the fifth of May,

1945. Holger Danske is now sleeping in Kronborg Castle, but if ever again Denmark is in danger, he will rise once more to protect his people.

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"It is the by the goodness of God that in our country we have those three unspeakably precious things — freedom of speech, freedom of conscience and the prudence never to practice either." — Mark Twain.

## A Remembrance

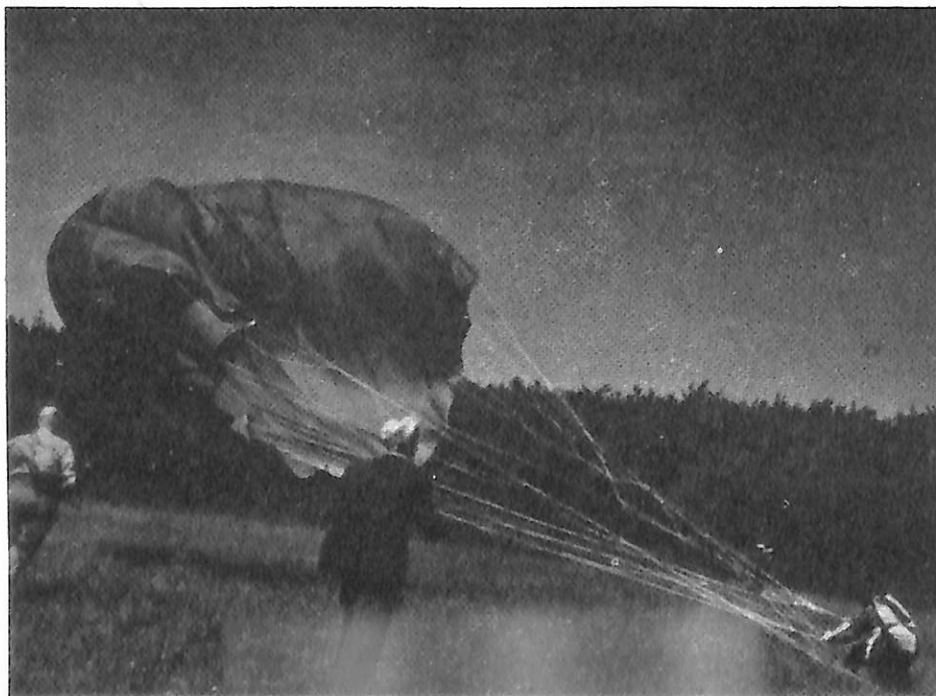
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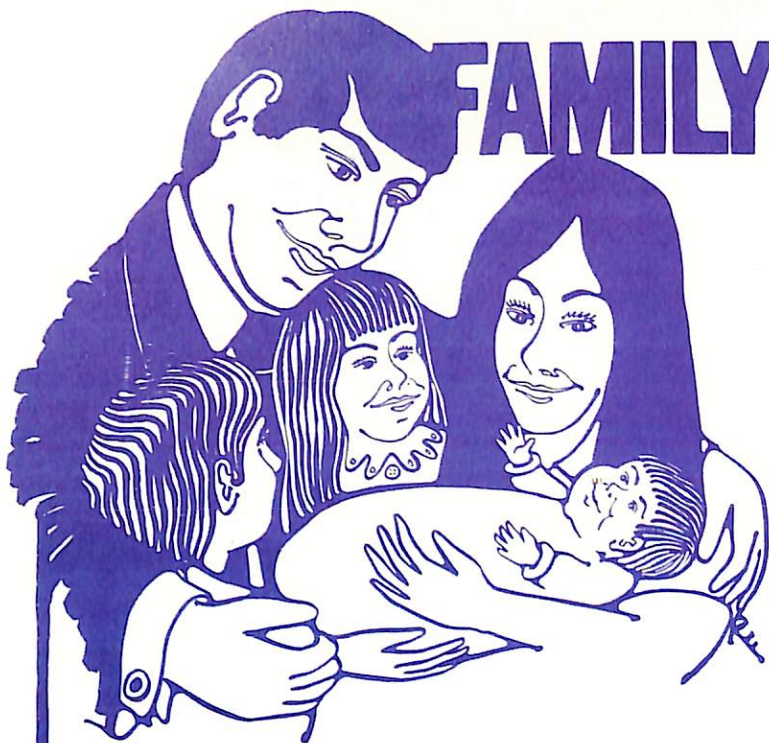
generation Danes, enthusiastically welcomed their ancestral Queen. But, because she was a Queen, many of them expected the trappings to be regal. Instead she appeared in a simple beige gown wearing only small daisy earrings and a delicate white bow in the back of her hair. No tiaras or crown jewels. Just a lovely young woman, escorted by an extremely handsome young man, taking their places at the banquet table. It was an impressive understatement fully in keeping with the overall impression of that day's activities.

The singular absence of pretentiousness, the implied discomfort with all the security surrounding them, and the obvious warmth generated by their reactions to the various activities impressed me very much. **Queen Margrethe is a lovely, charming woman fully in keeping with my fantasies of Denmark.** This land of Hans Christian Andersen and Victor Borge, Lauritz Melchior and Niels Bohr, could only have produced such a delightful representative.

On Friday morning, at precisely 10:00 a.m. the Queen's plane departed Eppley Airport for the West Coast. And, although she had been in Omaha for only 22 hours and 52 minutes, it was as if a friend had departed. But in my mind, I still saw the Danish flags waving as we arrived in Blair, and I still heard the Danish National Anthem ringing in my ears. Queen Margrethe II of Denmark and Prince Henrik had completed their visit to Omaha.

G.E.





# FAMILY PROTECTION

## **SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS:**

The Danish Brotherhood provides supplemental benefits which can be added to a base certificate.

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## **FAMILY INCOME BENEFIT:**

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Because this is Decreasing Term insurance it is recommended as protection for a mortgage, since it generally follows the pattern of the mortgage authorization. It is also widely used to provide a monthly income to the widow during the dependency years...the time when the children are growing up and need a Mother at home.

## **FAMILY PLAN BENEFIT:**

When this benefit is attached to a base plan, it provides in a single certificate insurance on the husband, his wife and their children.

It provides permanent life insurance on the husband, Decreasing Term, for a specified number of years depending on her age, on the wife, and Level Term to age 25 on all the children. The children's insurance is convertible to permanent life insurance at five times the original amount at age 25 without evidence of insurability.

## **GUARANTEED PURCHASE OPTION:**

Provides an option to purchase additional life insurance without evidence of insurability at ages 25, 28, 31, 34, 37 and 40. The benefit can be added to certain life and endowment certificates issued at age 0 - 37.

## **WAIVER OF PREMIUM BENEFIT:**

This is one of the most important benefits available to our insured members.

Under this provision the Society agrees to waive all premiums up to Age 65 after the insured has become totally and permanently disabled for a period of six months. This benefit can be added at time of issue between ages 16 and 55 or may be applied for at a later date up to Age 55 for an added premium.

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This supplementary benefit is available with most certificates at a small additional premium.

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