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Happy New Year

The Supreme Board

American Red Cross

This issue of the Danish Brotherhood Magazine is dedicated to the American Red Cross. On another page our supreme president makes an urgent appeal to every lodge and every member to unite in one huge gift to the Red Cross. It is our hope that this appeal will be answered promptly and with sizeable sums.

During the past few months we have devoted considerable space for informative articles about the Red Cross, all of them in the Danish language. This month we bring you the final two articles in the series in the language of our forefathers.

We realize that there are a number of our members who are not able to read these articles, but the foreign language department of the American Red Cross prepared them in our native tongue and we present them as prepared.

We feel confident that everyone appreciates the work performed by the Red Cross and are quite familiar with the magnitude of the work. However, the Red Cross has grown so rapidly the last

year or two that it will likely be well to review the story, therefore we present here facts and figures as prepared for us by an official of the Red Cross under date of December 22, 1942:

The Charter granted the American Red Cross by Congress on January 5, 1905, not only gives it certain powers but also places on it specific responsibilities. Each chapter of the Red Cross is required to render service to men in the armed forces and their families at home, and to organize for disaster preparedness and relief.

Since December 7, 1941, approximately 1,126,000 pints of blood have been collected through the American Red Cross for the armed forces. Plasma processed from blood donated through the Red Cross is with our troops in North Africa, on Guadalcanal, on ships at sea and throughout the war zones, and it has saved the lives of hundreds of men wounded in battle.

Many, many more nurses are needed for the Army and Navy. All nurses for the armed forces are recruited through the American Red Cross; 3,300 additional nurses will be needed during 1943. Nurses between the ages of 21 and 40, either single or married, are eligible for service.

When the American Red Cross learned that soap was critically needed in Russia, it sent 2,625,000 pounds for civilian use and 100 tons of surgeon's soap for use of doctors.

Messages from relatives in enemy-occupied countries in Europe often are received through Red Cross inquiries.

More than 34,000 Nurse's Aides are now giving service throughout the nation in 850 Red Cross chapters and 18,000 more Nurse's Aides are receiving training.

Millions of volunteer workers in the Production Service are making surgical dressings and comfort articles for the service men. Including some surgical dressings made for use abroad, we estimate that during this year something over 350,000,000 dressings have been produced by volunteer workers.

Red Cross First Aid certificates have been issued to almost 5,500,000.

The Red Cross now has in operation 75 service men's clubs and this number will be significantly and rapidly increased as more troops are sent abroad. These clubs are located in cities and towns adjacent to military concentrations where the men may be on leave. The Red Cross is doing with the armed forces over seas what the U. S. O. and other organizations are doing in this country.

The Red Cross can give the man in the armed forces and his family information and advice concerning government allotments and allowances.

Buoyant, waterproof bags containing emergency rations of food, water and medical supplies have been prepared by the Red Cross to be dropped by Navy patrol blimps to seamen drifting in life boats and rafts before rescue has been effected.

The Red Cross has had no appeal for funds since Pearl Harbor, but during the month of March a combined Membership campaign and War Fund will be conducted in order that the greatly expanded work of this organization may carry on.

There are over 3,500,000 volunteers working with Red Cross. This means that for every member of the regular staff, there are 350 volunteers.

RAMBLINGS

By
JUL. ANDERSEN



BEGINNING 1943.

My first recollection of life is the low, straw-thatched home, way up north in Wendsyssel, Denmark, where my parents had settled after their marriage. There my brother and sisters struggled as little tots, helping father clear the vicious heather fields, transforming them into fruitful land where rye, barley and potatoes would yield crops better suited for food for the family than the little blue berries the wild heather produced. We children would pick up rocks and carry them off the field where they were used to erect stone fences. The older children would carry the larger rocks while I, as a five-year old boy, did the best I could with the smaller ones. Then came the watching of cattle. I cannot remember when that task began but do remember that the longest hours of my life were spent in watching the small herd of cattle after they were turned loose in the pasture. If there was plenty of grass it was not so much work, but if the cattle found that the next field had more grass or swaying blades of rye or oats, it required a constant watch and fast running much of the time to keep them where they did not want to be kept.

Later, as my body grew in size and strength, harder jobs were given me, such as wheeling turf, stacking it for drying and digging in the garden. Then came the driving of the team of horses we had, harrowing, plowing, the use of the scythe and work usually performed by grown men, none of which ever appealed to me as a future way of living. I had dreams and visions of some day becoming a big landowner with a spirited team of horses so I could travel on the gravel surfaced roads in style and look down with disdain upon the rest of the poor cattle herders and laborers. However, I figured I would never act real high hat with them. I would treat them to a friendly wave of my hand just to show them I sympathized with them as one who had gone through the same experience!

Thus I worked and dreamed until the opportunity came for me to come to America the land of the free, with equality for the immigrant as well as the native. The sudden change from my narrow environment to conditions of free action and unusual opportunities was beyond my comprehension as a newcomer without education and experience in life, so the result was pitiful for one who had planned to make something of himself later in life. I tried nearly everything as a possibility for future development, such as farming, mechanics, woodchopping, coal heaving, circus employe and even hoboing, but none seemed to be the right stone for stepping up the ladder of success. It began to dawn on me that I must consider myself a failure in life or change something both within myself as well as in my attempt to create a future. Whether right or wrong in my deductions, I cannot say, but I reasoned it was a

lack of education that held me back. At any rate I started to make amends for that shortcoming by reading, studying and attending schools whenever possible.

Then came the war with Spain and a turn in the service of my adopted country. Later came marriage, the raising of a family, entering into business, the practice of law, serving my country again as a Deputy Food Administrator of the city where I lived, being selected by the suburban town where we had settled as its mayor for three terms, several other lesser jobs thrust upon me or attempts for bigger ones, which did not materialize, none of which fulfilled the desire and hopes for the bigger things in life I had dreamed of as a youngster and never did bring me the satisfaction of being a big landowner and driving a spirited team of horses.

Now that I have given you a brief sketch of the subject of this article, and the beginning of a New Year is here, I want to say it means more than just 1943 to me. It is a milestone in my life as I will soon reach the allotted three score and ten years of life. The uppermost thought in my mind is, "What have I done of benefit to my fellowmen?" The time I have been here seems so short—it is just like a brief visit with friends, and when I leave them, saying goodbye, what good and kind memories will they have after my visit? I feel like the King of Denmark when he said he did not know of one great thing he had done during his reign and when I am gone I expect to be in the same class as Rip Van Winkle, a forgotten man.

But, after all, I am still here, and this is the beginning of a New Year, with new hopes, ideas and expectations! Personally, I still have these, and if it should please my readers and the publishers of our own magazine to have me continue to write these Ramblings, I make the resolution to do so in a spirit of writing articles that will be of interest to the readers and our membership generally, if I am able to do so. Although I have received quite a lot of assurance from our readers that they have enjoyed reading them in the past, I am not so well satisfied with my efforts as I could be, so I am taking a leaf from the brilliant book, "The Boiling Pot," by Brother Gravesen, and would appreciate hearing from more of my readers whether they like my efforts, or if there are other subjects they would prefer to have discussed. A card sent to me addressed to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is all that is needed and will reach me. It will give me added courage to start the New Year and a new mile on life's road to know that my efforts have not been a bore to you and, even if I have never done anything in this life that could be called a great deed and that will live after I am gone, at least I am doing something now that pleases some of my fellowmen. So—

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU!

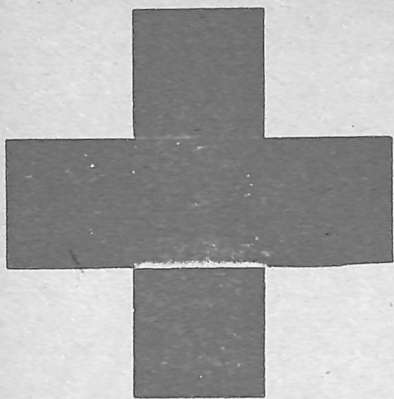
The census taker was inquiring of the mountaineer how many children he had.

"Four," was the answer, "an' by gosh that's all I'm going to have."

"Why?" said the census taker.

"I've just read in this here almanac that every fifth child born in the world is a Chinaman."

When serving meals to a child in bed it is convenient to use a muffin tin instead of a tray. The pans hold enough of several kinds of food and a small glass of beverage may be set in also.



JULEN I HÆR OG FLAADE

Røde Kors har planlagt en herlig Jul for vore Folk, hvad enten de befinder sig i Sydhavet, i Afrikas Ørken eller paa Island.

Skønt Krigens mørke Skyer nu hænger over Verden, vil Juleklokkerne dog lyde overalt, hvor vor Hærs og Flaades Mandskaber er stationerede. Paa Land og Sø, hjemme og ude, har amerikanske Røde Kors Arbejdere fra de yngste opefter gjort alt, hvad der stod i deres Magt for at gøre Helligdagene saa festlige som mulig for dem, der forlod Hus og Hjem for at kæmpe for deres Land de mange Steder der ude i Verden.

Ikke alene de, der er uheldige nok til at maatte tilbringe Julen paa Hospitaler; men ogsaa sunde og raske Soldater og Søfolk skal nyde fuld Andel af de specielle Underholdninger, Uddeling af Julegaver og alle de Julearrangementer, der iaar planlægges ud over Hær og Flaades traditionelle Juleprogrammer.

Røde Kors Klubberne paa Island, i England, i Australien og paa Øerne i Sydhavet vil blive Festcentre for de af vore Mænd, der har Orlov. Ingen Anstrængelser vil blive sparet for at gøre denne Jul til et lyst Minde i deres militære Tjeneste og give den et hjemligt Præg. Hvor det er mulig, vil der blive opstillet rigtige pyntede Juletrær i Klubberne, Lokalerne vil blive festlig dekorerede, og Julemusik og Juleunderholdning vil høres over Radio og Viktrøla. Hvor det lader sig gøre, vil lokale Kunstnere medvirke.

Den traditionelle amerikanske Julemiddag med Kalkun, Tyttebær og alt Tilbehør vil blive serveret i Røde Kors Klubberne; og hvor ingen Kalkuner er at opdrive, vil et eller andet lige saa delikat træde i Stedet. I Militærhospitalerne, hvor Maden serveres i store Spisesale, vil Røde Kors Arbejdere pynte Bordene, anbringe Smaagaver ved Kuverterne og gøre alt for at skabe den hjemlige Julestemning. For Flaaden er der bleven afsendt ti Tusind Menukort udført af Røde Kors Junior Medlemmer, medens andre unge Medlemmer har pyntet Juletrær og lavet alskens Julestads til Brug i alle Verdens Egne.

Røde Kors Afdelingen i Australien er fast besluttet paa, at ingen i den amerikanske Hær, Flaade eller Marine i Sydhavet skal blive forglemt. Assisteret af frivillige Hjælpere har de haft travlt med at lave Jule pakker for Uddeling gennem Røde Kors Repræsentanter ved alle Lejre og i alle Afdelingshospitaler; og der er sørget for, at hver eneste Mand

i Kampsonerne faar Julegaver.

Pakkerne indeholder Ting som: Skrivemateriale, Spillekort, Syredskaber og meget andet, alt sammen indpakket med Papir og Baand i Julens røde og grønne Farver. Mere end syv Millioner Cigaretter følger med disse Pakker.

“Vort Hovedformaal”, hedder det i en af de senere Reporter fra Australien, “er at vise vore Mænd, at skønt de er saa langt borte fra deres Hjem, har de dog stadig en Førsteplads i vore Hjerter. Disse Pakker er Gaver fra dem, der staar dem nær, og vi skal nok sørge for, at de rettidig naar hver enkelt”.

Paa Grund af Krigsministeriets Ønske, at fremmede saa vidt mulig afholder sig fra at korrespondere med Mænd i oversøisk Tjeneste, har Røde Kors ikke modtaget Pakker fra saadanne til Videreforsendelse og ikke heller fra Organisationer. Men Mødre, Fædre og andre nærstaaende af Mænd i vore oversøiske Krigstyrker kan være forvisset om, at Røde Kors — deres Røde Kors — vil gøre det yderste for at gøre det til en virkelig Julefest for deres Kære.

Her i Landet er Juleforberedelserne meget i Stil med de i tidligere Aar. Røde Kors Feltdirektører, Medlemmerne af Hospitals- og Rekreationskorpserne saavel som Lejer- Hospitalskomiteerne gør deres egne Forberedelser, hvorved Enkeltpersoner eller Grupper bliver udvalgt til at arrangere Julefestligheder i Øvelseslejre og Flaadestationer. Røde Kors Afdelingerne vil som sædvanlig medhjælpe ved disse sammen med Røde Kors Juniormedlemmer.

Vore Mænd i Uniform er ikke de eneste, der bliver betænkt gennem Røde Kors. Ogsaa en Mængde Ungdom i fremmede Lande vil nyde godt gennem det amerikanske Junior Røde Kors i de forestaaende Juledage.

Dette Aar har Juniormedlemmerne pakket 100,000 Gaveæsker, hver indeholdende mindst tolv forskellige Ting. De er afsendt til England, Irland, Island, Grønland, Alaska, Central- og Sydamerika, hvor de vil blive uddelt i Særdeleshed til Drengene og Piger, der enten helt vilde være glemte i Helligdagene eller i bedste tilfælde kun vilde have en meget tarvelig Jul. Tusinder Pund af Konfekt er ogsaa bleven afsendt af Junior Røde Kors til disse Lande for Uddeling.

Til England er der ydermere bleven sendt 50,000 Gaveæsker for Uddeling ikke alene blandt engelske Krigslidte og forælderløse Børn, men ogsaa blandt Flygtninge fra Evropas Lande, der har fundet Tilflugt paa de britiske Øer. Almindeligvis bliver disse Gavepakker aabnet, og Gaverne i hver Æske uddelt til flere Børn, hvorved de kommer til at naa langt videre end der oprindeligt var tilsigtet.

JANUARY ASSESSMENT

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February 1st

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AXEL SKELBECK, Supreme Secretary.

From the President's Desk

At our last board meeting which was held in Omaha during September of this year, it was decided that the Danish Brotherhood should conduct a drive for the American Red Cross.

The board has, from time to time, received requests from different parts of the country for a drive of one kind or another. At one time we were urged to conduct a campaign for the purpose of buying a bomber. We have had other requests and the board felt that it was the desire of the membership that the Danish Brotherhood should take a more active part in the various campaigns which are being conducted for the purpose of raising money for the war effort.

We can probably debate as to whether or not the Brotherhood should buy a bomber or some other kind of war machine. It also might not be possible for all of us to agree on buying this or that kind of equipment because of our own personal likes or dislikes, but we can, however, all agree on this, that the Red Cross is a cause around which we can all rally.

I do not believe that it is necessary for me to tell you what the Red Cross stands for, neither do I believe that it is necessary for me to tell you about the work which the Red Cross is doing at this time. There is, however, one thing that I want to call your attention to and that is the tremendous increase in demand on the Red Cross from all over the world.

The officers of the Danish Brotherhood are fully aware of demands that are being made upon each and every one of you for money necessary to conduct the war itself as well as the money required for all the service organizations which are absolutely indispensable.

We realize that the demands upon you are great, but judging from the requests sent to us we felt that we, as a Danish American group, would want to do something beyond what is required of us as common ordinary citizens of

this country. We felt that the vast majority of our membership would want to do something in a way of raising money within our own organization, making a contribution which would be distinctly from the Danish Brotherhood.

This campaign will be conducted during the months of January and February and closing March 1. Our books in Omaha will be closed on March 15 and all the donations received will be turned over to the National Red Cross during our spring meeting which will start March the 22nd.

We feel sure that we should be able to turn over to the National Red Cross at the end of this drive a sum equivalent to about \$1 per member.

In the February 1st issue we will list all donors and amounts received during January, likewise in our March 1st issue and in the April 1st issue we will give you the grand total.

The supreme officers are appealing to each and everyone of you as well as to your lodge. You can send your donations directly to Axel Skelbeck, 908 W. O. W. Building, Omaha, Nebr., regardless of whether you want the money listed as coming from your lodge or from yourself individually. Every penny received will be turned over to the Red Cross.

The supreme board has given you an opportunity which you should not miss and the entire board hopes that we will reach our goal.

John Hansen.

Supreme President.

Do It Now!

NO. 43 OF DENVER OBJECTS

Our good president's "Recommendations," published in the November 1942 issue of the Magazine, received as requested "due consideration" in D. B. S. Lodge No. 43, at Denver, Colorado; and the undersigned has been entrusted with the task of expressing through this forum our reaction thereto.

For more convenient reference let us divide the proposals into three groups:

1. Concerning consolidating the offices of secretary and treasurer, and creating an additional vice-president, as stated in Recommendations II and III.

2. Granting increased powers to the board, as proposed in Recommendations IV, V and X; and

3. Changes in method of insurance underwriting and modernize policies, as contained in Recommendations VII, VIII and IX.

Concerning the recommendations which we have classified in Group 1, the proposal is to consolidate the now separate offices of secretary and treasurer into one, and to create an additional office of vice-president.

As the prescribed duties of these officers now are in the by-laws those of the secretary are very numerous and cover fully four pages. When we consider the importance of some of them, such as to keep all records, carry on all correspondence and publish a monthly paper, we submit that these duties ought to be enough for any one officer to attend to properly. The duties of the treasurer do not cover near that much space but they are of tremendous importance, for he is responsible for all the money of the Brotherhood, and that is a real job for any man. The vice-president has nothing at all to do except in case the president is for any reason incapable of performing his duties in which event they are exercised by the vice-president.

This recommendation then amounts to this that the members are asked to combine the duties and responsibilities, and consequent authorities, of the two most exacting and active offices of the Order under one man, and divide the work, of which there is none, of the most insignificant office between two men. Now where is the sense in that?

Many of the duties of the secretary must be done by assistants, as well they can, leaving that officer a supervisor; but it is not sound policy to receive and disburse large sums of money by and through others than those upon whom the responsibility for its accounting and safety is directly imposed if such can be avoided.

Furthermore, let us not consider our reasoning in matters of government superior to the experience gained through the ages, which unmistakably teaches that through division of the powers and responsibilities of administrative officers their alertness and efficiency are ever maintained and increased, and temptation for any sort of mischief correspondingly decreased.

The above rule applies equally to all mankind, and it has been universally adopted in all self-governing bodies because of its beneficial results, and was therefore adopted by the founders of our Brotherhood. We still need, and always will, that check and balance afforded any organization through separation of important offices, and until dire necessity otherwise compels, let it thus remain.

As for our need for another vice-president it is

no greater than is that of the British Eighth Army for PT boats in the Libyan desert.

About the changes recommended in Group 2, we inquire, why increase further the already competent powers of the board?

As illustrative of this group let us, to conserve space, consider only the proposed need for a three-man executive committee. Our present executive committee is composed of the seven supreme officers, all of whom are elected every four years by majority vote of the convention delegates, who are in turn chosen by direct vote of the members of each lodge.

This committee is the most powerful governing agency in our whole Order for it looks after the interests of the Brotherhood at all times between conventions, and during this interim it constitutes the highest authority of government over the common interests of our thousands of members scattered over millions of square miles. Now we are asked to consider exchanging this seven-man committee, thus democratically chosen, for one of three men, selected and granted unrestricted powers by seven men. Briefly it amounts to this that the highest authority in our organization would between conventions be exercised by a committee of three, in whose selection the members would have no choice, and over whose powers they would have no control.

Ever since men have lived in groups the cycle of their governments has invariably gone in this rotation: Dictatorship, Democracy, Oligarchy, now commonly called Bureaucracy. The supreme government of our Brotherhood started as, and is, a representative democracy, founded upon the finest American and Danish traditions of that form of government; but we submit to all lodges that upon sober reflection it conclusively appears that the proposed changes contained in Groups 2 and 3 herein, constitute a dangerous and definite drift in the course of government cycles into a modern bureaucracy, for that is the result when you restrict the powers of your central government to a few over whom you have no power of removal or control.

We of No. 43 in Denver, strongly urge all lodges to reject any proposals for further centralization of

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powers in our supreme officers, board or committees, and warn against any impairment of the rights of the members to select delegates who in turn elect all supreme officers and committees. Further, we suggest that if any changes are needed they should be toward election of all supreme officials by direct vote of the members through their respective lodges instead of the system of indirect voting now used.

Prior to 1916 this same system of indirect election was used in choosing United States Senators; you will recall they were selected by the state legislatures, who in turn were chosen by direct vote of the citizens. By constitutional amendment that system was modernized and senators are now chosen by direct vote, and a better way it is. We submit to our fellow members that they consider a like improvement in our Brotherhood.

Commenting in conclusion on the proposals in Group 3 above, we submit that the suggested changes in insurance underwriting methods and policies are entirely too inadequate to form a basis for intelligent discussion or recommendations by the lodges. Whether new insurance should be written on a basis of "loaded assessments," or new and old policies should be modernized, are unquestionably matters of merit requiring attention; but modern insurance is a highly complicated and technical business, and before laymen can arrive at any beneficial decisions on this subject they should be furnished one or more detailed plans of the proposed improvements, and these must be prepared by competent insurance counsel.

If important insurance changes are to be seriously considered by the September 1943 convention, we suggest it is high time for the proper officers to prepare or procure definite and specific written proposals of the desired changes; that these be mimeographed by the secretary and copies thereof, with helpful explanations, sent to each lodge where the members will then be in position to consider and decide which plan would be most beneficial to our type of insurance service.

Without such expert and specific tentative plans and specifications our membership is as helpless in considering, to say nothing of deciding, upon changes in the intricate matter of insurance underwriting as would all of us be unable to maneuver and operate a modern battleship in the Solomons.

Let us therefore forget about consolidation of offices and increased powers, and get down to business on the insurance matters.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN P. BECK,
Member of Lodge No. 43,
Denver, Colorado.

Henrik Kauffmann besøger Philadelphia

Den 31. Oktober 1942, vil naar Philadelphias Danske Kolonis Historie bliver skrevet, staa frem med store Bogstaver. Vor berømte og afholdte danske Gesandt i Washington besøgte denne Dag Philadelphia.

Begivenheden blev fejret ved en festlig Sammenkomst i det Danske Klubhus, hvor alle Koloniens kendte og aktive Danskere var mødt op for at hædre den ansete Gæst.

Salen var smagfuldt dekoreret af Thomas Andersen

der ogsaa forestod Arrangementet og Bordene var pragtfuldt smykkede i de danske Farver, hvilket Fru Dagmar Rasmussen var Mester for. Disse to havde ogsaa skrevet Sange passende for Begivenheden.

En rigtig udpræget dansk Middag bestaaende af Sød Suppe, Flæskkesteg, Rødkaal og Æblekage, med alt muligt Tilbehør, blev serveret medens Musikken spillede smukke danske Melodier.

Med Fred Ullberg som Ordstyrer, gik Aftenens Program glat fra Haanden. Præsidenten for D. S. S. Loge Nr. 86, Fru Anna Vass, som Aftenens første Taler, talte for gamle Danmark. Derefter talte Præsidenten for D. B. S. Loge Nr. 172, Gunnar Rasmussen, for Amerika. Af andre Talere skal nævnes Konsulerne Brehm og Moe, Thomas Anderson og Svend Holst.

Efter en Sang hvori Henrik Kauffmann sammenlignedes med "Svend Frøst" vilde Ovationerne ingen Ende tage, og endelig var det Ministerens Tur til at tale. I hans smukke danske Sprog og paa hans rolige, ligefremme og tillidsvækkende Maade, fortalte han om Danmark, om Kongen, N. A. D. A. og hans Arbejde her i U. S. A. Han sluttede med at forvisse os om, at Danmark vil bestaa sin Prøvelsestid og at gamle Dannebrog igen vil vaje over et frit og selvstændigt Danmark.

Igen lød Bifaldet og alle rejste sig og afsang den danske og den amerikanske National Sang.

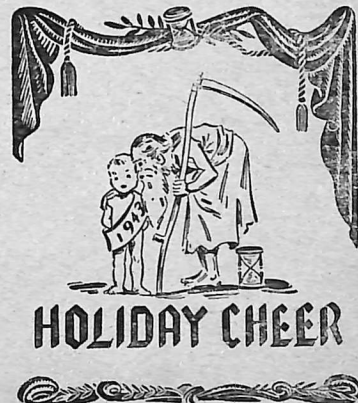
Ved sit Besøg vandt Gesandten sig mange Venner, som alle staa rede til at yde deres Bistand og er med ham i et og alt hvad han foretager sig i hans Arbejde for Danmarks Frigørelse.

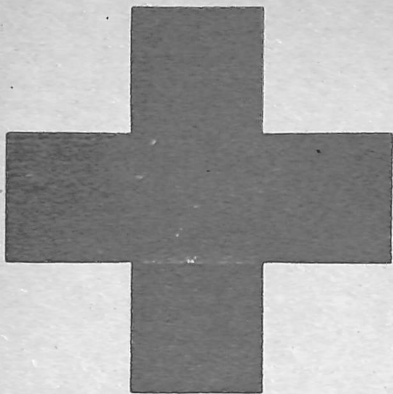
Ugen efter, den 7. November, afholdt Logen en Fest i Anledning af D. B. S. 60-aarige Jubilæumsaar. Flot pyntede Fødselsdagsgaver med D. B. S. Navnetræk og danske Flag paa, prydede Bordene. Der var fuldt Hus og høj Stemning. Fødselsdagsgaver blev uddelt til flere af Gæsterne, og Dansen gik til langt efter Midnat.

En Lodtrækning til Fordel for Logens nyoprettede Hjelpekasse foretoges og Resultatet var en stor Succes. Alle de mange Brødre der hjalp til med at sælge Raffelbøgerne og de der saa rundhaandet gav til dette gode Formaal fortjener stor Tak.

Maanedsmødet den 14. November blev ret livligt og burde have været besøgt af mange flere Brødre. Der optoges 2 nye Brødre og flere Ansøgninger oplæstes. Det besluttedes at aflægge Newark Logen et Besøg ved dens Møde den 21. November og mange af Brødrene lovede at møde op.

G. R.





RØDE KORS BETJENER DEN CIVILE BEFOLKNING

Hvert Samfund Landet over mærker den humanitarske Kraft af denne mægtige Organisation.

Paa Grund af Krigen er der mange, der ikke har lagt Mærke til, at Røde Kors i det forløbne Aar har udvidet dets Virkefelt betydelig til den civile Befolkning.

Røde Kors Rødder bundet i Befolkningens Hjerter. De og Deres Nabo, og Deres Ønske at hjælpe Deres Medmennesker i Nød, skaber den Aand, der giver Røde Kors dets store Magt. Det er derfor kun naturligt, at dets Interesse ogsaa omfatter vore hjemlige Samfund.

I Virkeligheden er Røde Kors mere aktiv paa Hjemmefronten end nogensinde før. Enhver berøres paa en eller anden Maade af dets Virksomhed. I det forløbne Aar har Røde Kors uddannet Millioner i Læge hjælp. Hundreder af Tusinder har faaet Undervisning i Hjemmesygepleje. Røde Kors Sygeplejersker paa Land og i By har besøgt de syge og hjulpet, hvor det trængtes. Gennem Undervisning i Ernæringsforhold, har Røde Kors bibragt 200,000 Husmødre Forstaaelse af Fødens rette Afpassning. Det uddelte gennem dets talrige Afdelinger Klæder til de nødlidende og Bind og Bandager til de lokale Hospitaler. Ved Hospitaler Landet over hjælper dets Volunører.

Røde Kors yder Hjælp ved alle store Ulykker. Paa Grund af Censuren, der forbyder Offentliggørelse af Vejrforhold, har flere af disse kun faaet meget lidt omtale. Ikke desto mindre har Røde Kors i det forløbne Aar traadt hjælpende til ved 172 Orkaner, Stormfloder, voldsomme Ildebrande og andre katastrofale Ulykker, der har spredt Død og Ødelæggelse over store Strækninger.

Røde Kors Hjælp under saadan Forhold afhænger af det individuelle Behov. Mange af de ramte vil, efter maaske i Aar og Dag at have slidt for at skabe et Hjem, have tabt alt, hvad de ejede, i et eneste Døgn. Uden Midler, uden Assurance, ser de den mørkeste Fremtid imøde. Under saadan Forhold er den midlertidige Hjælp til Føde, Klæder og Tag over Hovedet ikke nok. Den Slags skadelidte maa hjælpes ogsaa paa anden Vis til igen at tage Kampen op og finde sig selv.

I saadan Tilfælde hjælper Røde Kors paa mange Vis. Det har genopbygget og istandsat Tusinder af Hjem og møbleret dem fra Kælder til Tag. Det har forsynet Haandværkere med Værktøj, skaffet Far-

mere nye Kreaturer og Avlsredskaber og paa mange Maader hjulpet skadelidte til at kunne rejse sig og igen staa paa egne Ben.

En af de værste af disse Ulykker fandt Sted den 29. August, da en voldsom Orkan fejede ind over Texaskysten og mere end Hundrede Mil ind i Landet efterladende Ødelæggelser til en Verdi af mange Millioner Dollars. Vinden naaede en Voldsomhed af Hundrede Mil i Timen, og store Strækninger af opdyrket og beboet Land kom til at ligge under dybt Vand. Der var forholdsvis kun faa Mennesker dræbte; men Røde Kors Oversigt viste, at der var mere end 20,000 skadelidte Familier; 1,076 Hjem var fuldstændig tilintetgjorte, og mere end 17,000 var stærkt beskadigede. Matagorda, Palacios, Port O'Connor, Port Lavaca, Rockport, og Aransas Pass — Kystbyer med fra 800 til 2,500 Indbyggere — var de voldsomst ramte.

Forud advaret naaede Røde Kors at alarmere Befolkningen, og mange at flygte, før Orkanen brød løs. Midlertidig Husly, Uddelings- og Plejestationer blev indrettet i Skoler, Kirker og andre offentlige Bygninger for de mange Husvilde. I Bay City alene, 25 Mil fra Kysten, husede og bospiste Røde Kors over 900 Mennesker. For andre blev der skaffet Tilflugt i private Familier.

Et af de mest typiske Stormcentre var Matagorda, der tidlig Søndag Aften rantes af Orkanen. Kl. 2 Søndag Nat laa Byen under seks Fods Oversvømmelse, og de skrækslagne Indbyggere søgte Redning paa Kvist og Tag af deres Huse. Paa Grund af den voldsomme Vind og det stigende Vand, havde en halv Snes Mennesker tøjret sig selv til en Traktor, hvor de forblev hele Natten. Andre var flygtet til Byens Isfabrik. Et Ægtepar stod hele Natten i Vand til midt paa Livet skiftevis holdende et 15 Maaneders Barn paa deres Skuldrer. En Moder saa Madrassen, hvorpaa hendes Barn laa, flyde bort. Hun jagede sine Arme gennem en Glasrude og naaede at redde Barnet, men bibragte sig selv nogle uhyggelige Saar. Huse skyllede bort fra deres Grundmure.

Uden nogen Læge i Byen, indrettede Røde Kors tidlig den næste Morgen en Første-Hjælp-Station Matagorda; 40 Personer blev her straks taget under Behandling, og flere af disse blev senere overført til Hospitalet i Bay City. Der arbejdedes 24 Timer i Døgnet i denne Røde Kors Station, og i Løbet af den første af de to Uger, den var aaben, blev her 200 saarede behandlet. Uddelingsstationen var aaben en Uge. — Og der var andre Røde Kors Centre i det skadelidte Distrikt, der arbejdede paa samme Maade.

Paa Grund af denne Ulykkes Udstrækning, blev der saa udsendt 27 Repræsentanter fra Røde Kors Nationale Hovedkvarter for at hjælpe med det foreliggende Genoprettelsesarbejde. Der blev oprettet Kontorer, hvor de skadelidte blev registreret, og Arbejdet med Skadens Afhjælp er nu godt igang. Efter nøje Overslag over Tab og Nød, udbetaler Røde Kors det nødvendige, for at de skadelidte igen saa hurtigt som mulig kan fortsætte deres Arbejde og indtræde i det normale Liv.

"Feet," the teacher declaimed. "What does that spell, Johnny?"

Johnny did not seem to know.

"What is it that a cow has four of and I only two?"

The commotion which resulted when Johnny gave his answer left the teacher practically a nervous wreck.

RESOLUTIONS

NELS L. JENSEN, Duluth, Minn.

In memory of Brother Nels L. Jensen who passed away November 9, 1942, the following resolution was adopted at our regular meeting November 18, 1942:

That the lodge deeply regrets the loss of one of its oldest members. It is resolved that our charter be draped for a period of thirty days and a copy of this resolution be inserted in the lodge minutes and the Danish Brotherhood Magazine.

In behalf of Dania Lodge No. 65,
Howard Mason, President.
Roland M. Hansen, Secretary.

THORVALD PETERSEN, Seattle, Wash.

I Anledning af Broder Thorvald Petersens Afgang ved Døden, vedtog Seattle Loge Nr. 29 følgende Resolution:

At Logen dybt beklager Tabet af en god og agtet Broder; at vi til Ære for hans Minde beklæder Logens Charter med Sørgefior for et Tidsrum af 30 Dage, og at denne Resolution indføres i Logens Protokol og indrykkes i D. B. S. Magazine, samt en Kopi tilsendes afdøde Broders Hustru og Familie.

Paa Seattle Loge Nr. 29's Vegne,
Carl Andersen, Præsident.
Immanuel Jensen, Sekretær.

ALFRED NIELSEN, Lincoln, Nebr.

In memory of Brother Alfred Nielsen who passed away November 24, 1942, D. B. S. Lodge No. 84 adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, that in honor of our departed brother, our charter shall be draped in mourning for 30 days; that we express our sympathy to his family and that this resolution be written in our minutes and printed in the D. B. S. Magazine.

In behalf of D. B. S. Lodge No. 84,
P. F. Rank, President.
Martin A. Sorensen, Secretary.

RASMUS MADSEN, Brush, Colo.

I Anledning af Broder Rasmus Madsens Død den 14. November 1942, vedtog Brush Loge Nr. 254 følgende Resolution:

At vi dybt beklager Tabet af en god og agtet Broder; at vi til Ære for hans Minde beklæder vort Charter med Sørgefior for et Tidsrum af 30 Dage, og at denne Resolution indrykkes i Brodersamfundets Bladet og i Logens Protokol, samt en Kopi tilsendes afdødes Familie.

Paa Loge Nr. 254's Vegne,
Lars Andersen, Præsident.
Aksel Sorensen, Sekretær.

GEORGE LARSEN, Superior, Nebr.

In memory of our departed brother, George Larsen, who passed away November 13, 1942, this resolution was adopted at the regular meeting December 13, 1942:

Be it resolved, that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days; that the lodge deeply regrets the loss of one of our oldest members, and that this resolution be inserted in the D. B. S. Magazine and a copy be sent to the family and be entered in our minutes.

In behalf of Ruskin Lodge No. 161,
Chris Nelsen, President.
Jens J. Krogh, Secretary.

HENRIK FREDERIK EMIL HOLM, Lincoln, Nebr.

In memory of Brother Henrik Frederik Emil Holm, who passed away December 19, 1942, D. B. S. Lodge No. 84 adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, that we deeply regret the passing of our brother and hereby wish to express our sympathy to his family.

Be it further resolved, that our charter be draped for a period of 30 days; that this resolution be inserted in the Danish Brotherhood Magazine, entered in the minutes of the lodge and a copy be sent to his family.

In behalf of D. B. S. Lodge No. 84,
P. F. Rank, President.
M. A. Sorensen, Secretary.

NIELS CHR. THERKILDSSEN, Los Angeles, Calif.

I Anledning af Broder Niels Christian Therkildsens Afgang ved Døden Lørdag den 5. December 1942, vedtog Loge Nr. 126 følgende Resolution:

At Logen dybt beklager Tabet af en god og agtet Broder; at vi til Ære for hans Minde beklæder vort Charter med Sørgefior for et Tidsrum af 30 Dage, og at denne Resolution indføres i Logens Protokol, og indrykkes i Brodersamfundets Maanedssblad, samt en Kopi tilsendes den afdødes Efterladte.

Paa Los Angeles Loge Nr. 126's Vegne,
Holger J. Lindhardt, Præsident.
Thomas Jensen, Sekretær.

Chicago Starts Something

At a recent meeting in Lodge No. 35, Chicago, it was decided to make a real and united effort toward interesting the so-called second generation Danes in the Danish Brotherhood.

We quote below the letter which the lodge recently sent to all Chicago lodges. The results of this effort will be watched with interest by the entire society.

D. B. S. Loge Nr.-----

Ifølge en Beslutning i Danmark Loge Nr. 35 har Logen udnævnt en Komite med Paalæg om at opfordre de øvrige Chicago Loger til at udnævne en lignende Komite og dernæst at indkalde til et Fællesmøde i Odin Hall Søndag den 10. Januar, Kl. 2 med følgende Dagsorden:

1. At drøfte og planlægge en Medlemskampagne under Ledelse af en Lønnet Organisator.
2. At drøfte og planlægge en Loge for Anden Generation.
3. At drøfte Spørgsmaal af almen Interesse og Gavn for Brodersamfundet.

Vi opfordrer nærværende Loge til at udnævne en Komite paa 3 Medlemmer og give Komiteen Mandat til at deltage i nævnte Fællesmøde.

Paa Loge Nr. 35's Vegne.

Med broderlig Hilsen,

PETER P. HAA.

HENRY H. HANSEN.

C. W. LARSEN.

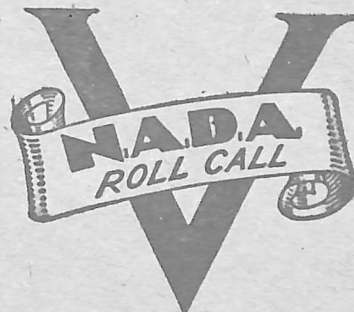
During the Civil war, life insurance paid American families about \$7,000 daily in policy benefits; during the Spanish-American war about \$400,000 daily; during World War I about \$1,600,000 daily; and today \$6,500,000 daily.

Teacher—"Now, boys, remember God is everywhere. Johnny, where do you think He is this morning?"

Johnny: "In our bathroom."

Teacher: "Why do you think so?"

Johnny: "Cause daddy said 'my God, how long are you going to be in there?'"



Have you signed
the ROLL CALL?

FINANCIAL REPORT

By N. C. Nielsen, Supreme Treasurer.

For November, 1942.

Mortuary Fund.

Receipts:
 Balance November 1 ----- \$ 2,351.22
 Assessments received in November ----- 10,841.73

\$13,192.95

Disbursements:
 Paid on 22 death claims ----- \$11,552.33
 Paid one cash surrender ----- 13.33
 Balance ----- 1,627.29

\$13,192.95

General Fund.

Receipts:
 Balance November 1 ----- \$22,230.52
 Received in November ----- 66.00

\$22,296.52

Disbursements:
 Postmaster, Omaha, postage ----- \$ 35.00
 American Publishing Company, official publication, postage ----- 308.00
 Woodmen Building Corp., rent and light -- 91.50
 N. C. Nielsen, postage ----- 9.00
 County Treasurer, Omaha, Nebr., state and county taxes for 1942, city and school taxes for 1943 ----- 15.68
 Axel Skelbeck, refund for outlay for office supplies ----- 10.91
 Viggo C. Hansen, traveling expenses ----- 35.00
 United States Pencil Co., staples and carbon paper ----- 7.77
 C. C. Nielsen, Omaha, Nebr., printing ----- 51.00
 Axel Skelbeck, salary and office help ----- 483.33
 Northwestern Bell Telephone Co., services -- 18.71
 Balance ----- 21,230.62

\$22,296.52

Relief Fund.

Receipts:
 Balance November 1 ----- \$12,981.59
 Received in November ----- 20.86
 Interest on 15M Mercedes, Texas, bonds --- 112.50

\$13,114.95

Disbursements:
 Assessment and Special Relief ----- \$ 30.08
 Balance ----- 13,084.87

\$13,114.95

Reserve Fund.

Receipts:
 Balance November 1 ----- \$ 80,979.46
 Sold 35M Minot, N. D., bonds ----- 31,500.00
 August coupons and accrued interest ----- 1,317.36
 Bond interest ----- 5,674.50

\$119,471.32

Disbursements:
 Coupon collection expenses ----- \$ 6.00
 Balance ----- 119,465.32

\$119,471.32

Membership Campaign Fund.

Receipts:
 Balance November 1 ----- \$ 3,475.95

Disbursements:
 General Committee, Danish Brotherhood Lodges in California, membership campaign ----- \$ 34.00
 Balance ----- 3,441.95

\$ 3,475.95

Bonds and Cash.

Mortuary Fund Bonds ----- \$3,286,500.00
 Relief Fund Bonds ----- 120,000.00
 Cash in banks ----- \$170,451.38
 Less outstanding checks ---- 11,601.33 158,850.05

\$3,565,350.05

GET THAT NEW MEMBER NOW!

DØDSFALD ANMELDTE SIDEN SIDSTE RAPPORT

DØD	NAVN	ALDER	FØDESTED	LOGE NR.	OG BY	OPTAGET DØDSAARSAG	ASSURANCE
Oct. 15	Jacob Jacobsen	81	Aistrup Malling, A'hus	134	Ringsted, Iowa	1901 Hypostatic con. of lungs (Bal.)	\$573.60
Oct. 28	Jeppe Madsen	78	Jerslev Sogn	11	Clinton, Iowa	1905 Arteriosclerosis	752.98
Oct. 11	Jens P. Bendtsen	60	Lyngby Sogn	205	Brooklyn, N. Y.	1906 Acute heart attack	473.48
Oct. 26	Eli Sorensen	56	Copenhagen, Den.	314	Hartford, Conn.	1925 Coronary occlusion	500.00
Oct. 28	Peter Sparling	58	Bælum	29	Seattle, Wash.	1919 Angina pectoris	250.00
Sept. 3	John Nielsen	75	Rarestrup pr. Støvring	186	Winlock, Wash.	1892 Coronary thrombosis	372.26
Oct. 3	Louis W. Nielsen	69	Skanderborg Amt	186	Luck, Wis.	1901 Thrombosis cerebral	420.08
Nov. 10	Niels M. Madsen	78	Nordby	61	Chicago, Ill.	1905 Heart disease	752.98
Nov. 5	Andrew H. Hansen	85	Slesvig	61	Chicago, Ill.	1907 Broncho pneumonia	219.60
Nov. 10	Peter H. Sorensen	75	Aarhus	61	Chicago, Ill.	1910 Cancer of stomach	447.64
Nov. 12	Ole Olsen	82	Slesvig	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1904 Arteriosclerosis	1000.00
Nov. 8	Nels L. Jensen	79	Astrup, Viborg Amt	65	Duluth, Minn.	1897 Cerebral hemorrhage (Bal.)	246.85
Nov. 14	Rasmus Madsen	80	Odense	254	Brush, Colo.	1907 Hemorrhage	427.07
Nov. 15	Jorgen L. Gronnebeck	79	Haderslev, Slesvig	18	Chicago, Ill.	1909 Coronary thrombosis	890.03
Nov. 18	Charles W. Christiansen	72	Sjælland	106	Trufant, Mich.	1910 Coronary disease	455.05
Nov. 18	James Brown	75	Vejle	1	Omaha, Nebr.	1903 Coronary disease	394.00
Nov. 22	Rasmus C. Jensen	71	Coppel Sogn	75	Albert Lea, Minn.	1894 Coronary occlusion	394.
Nov. 13	George Larsen	77	Holmen Vraa	161	Ruskin, Nebr.	1891 Myocardial failure	733.
Nov. 24	Alfred L. Nelsen	68	Errendelev, Marebo A.	84	Lincoln, Nebr.	1907 Heart attack	898.
Nov. 28	Niels P. Ravn	75	Hobro	49	San Francisco, Calif.	1903 Arteriosclerosis	789.
Oct. 23	Jens S. Jensen	74	Brundby, Holbæk	36	Milwaukee, Wis.	1906 Coronary occlusion	402.
Dec. 1	Soren N. Ottosen	74	Ferslev, Frederikb'g A.	189	Shell Lake, Wis.	1897 Cardiac failure	776.
Nov. 3	Knud A. Nielsen	79	Copenhagen, Den.	190	Schenectady, N. Y.	1904 Hypertensive heart disease	752.
Nov. 14	Thorvald Petersen	80	Odense	29	Seattle, Wash.	1903 Cerebral hemorrhage (Bal.)	325.
Dec. 6	Anders C. Hansen	83	Ferslev, Frederiksborg	67	Fresno, Calif.	1898 Brain hemorrhage (Bal.)	605.
Nov. 17	Hans C. J. Kaas	80	Jylland	227	Trois Rivières, Mich.	1937 Heart failure	125.
Dec. 5	Niels C. Therkildsen	69	Denmark	126	Los Angeles, Calif.	1912 Chronic nephritis	948.
Nov. 18	Ole Rasmussen	86	Glaslund Sogn	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1899 Carcinoma of penis	319.
Nov. 21	Wm. Nagel	85	Haderslev, Slesvig	2	Neenah, Wis.	1893 Unknown	Soci
Dec. 6	John Sorensen	68	Fulgsp	3	Davenport, Iowa	1921 Unknown	Soci

News From The Eastern Lodges

By
GEO. V. PETERSEN

Newark Lodge Maintains Good Attendance at Meetings

At a large gathering of lodge brethren at the meeting in November, the lodge initiated two candidates and three will be initiated at the meeting in December, so it seems all goes fine there.

Ten brothers from Philadelphia lodge were guests at the meeting this same evening.

The president of Newark lodge had paid a visit together with several other brothers to the Philadelphia lodge a short time ago, so it seems that this might have been a return visit.

The brethren from Philadelphia were accompanied by their ladies and after the meeting an enjoyable evening was spent with raffling of turkeys, geese and ducks; dancing followed to the tunes of Eddie Bensen's orchestra.

Newark lodge has a Service Flag with five stars, representing members of the lodge in active service; it was unfurled by the president, Carl Ingeholm, with a few well spoken words.

The president has been a real busy man during his term of office. He made many visits to other lodges which has been greatly appreciated by his lodge brothers and the brothers in the lodges he has visited.

At the December meeting the lodge will have its usual Christmas party with presents and refreshments for all members who attend.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Minneapolis Lodge No. 45 had a very well attended meeting on December 11. The fact that it was election night and also that "free lunch" was served, probably had something to do with the record gathering.

We couldn't help but notice that a lot of the younger faces were missing. Uncle Sam has something to do with that. Seven of our brothers are now serving in the armed forces. Peder Pilegaard, Harry Pedersen, Richard Henriksen, Peter Olson, Stanley Jensen, Harvey Bekke and Oliver Faaborg. We wish you good luck, brothers, wherever you are, and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Two new members were initiated: Jorgen Andersen and Johannes Robertsen. Welcome in our midst, brothers. Let us see a lot of you at our meetings.

The election had the following results: President, Ed Aagaard; vice-president, Elmer Hansen; secretary, Fred Christensen; financial secretary, Emanuel Pedersen; treasurer, Chris Hansen; trustees, Martin Jensen, William Jensen and Edmund Hansen; conductor, Olaf Grand; inner guard, Louis Hansen; outer guard, Chris Andersen. Angel Iversen was elected delegate to the national convention with Ed Jensen as alternate.

Our annual Christmas party will be held on De-

Hartford Has Fine Year

At the meeting in December, Hartford lodge elected the following members as their officers for the coming year: Ex-President, Fred Anderson; president, Ole Oulundsen; vice president, George Keller; secretary, Einar M. Nielsen; financial secretary, Henry Mogensen; treasurer, Jens Tonnesen; trustee, Chr. Carstensen, Andrew Petersen and Alfred Starke; conductor, Jens Dam; inner guard, Aage C. Jespersen; outer guard, Harald Spangsborg.

The same evening the lodge initiated three candidates and have one more to be initiated before the new year comes along. This will make a total of 33 new members for 1942. A goal of 25 was set in the beginning of the year. This was to commemorate the lodge's 25th anniversary. It was reached and a little better. We certainly congratulate No. 314 with their fine work and wonderful cooperation.

Three brothers from the lodge recently joined the armed forces of the United States, namely Herbert Moller, George Jutne and Anders Lyngklip, which makes a total of 12 brothers from No. 314 in the service of Uncle Sam.

On January 6, 1943, the officers will be installed and it is expected that Brother George V. Petersen from Providence, will come to officiate at this occasion.

The writer of this column takes this opportunity to wish one and all a most Happy and Prosperous 1943.

December 27, together with the other Danish societies.

After the meeting Olaf Grand and his committee had some "refreshments" for us.

C. H.

Dersom De ønsker at følge med

i hvad der foregaar blandt Danske i Amerika, hvad der sker i Danmark (saa vidt det er muligt at faa Oplysninger desangaaende), hvad der sker indenfor den dansk-amerikanske Kirkes Virkefelt, o. s. v., bør De holde det dansk-amerikanske Blad „Dannevirke“ (8 Sider — 6 Spalter pr. Side).

\$1.00 for et halvt Aar, \$2.00 for et Aar til ny
Abonnenter. Ellers \$2.50 om Aaret i U. S.
og \$3.00 til Canada og Danmark.

DANNEVIRKE

Box 126

Cedar Falls, Iowa

Nazi Schemes To Win Over Danes Meet Resistance

Liberty Loving People Reluctant to Cooperate, Says Christmas Møller.

Remembering the wars of 1848 and 1864 between Denmark and Germany, the Danes are decidedly reluctant to cooperate with the Nazis now, said Johannes Christmas Møller, former Danish Minister of Commerce, when he spoke at St. Peter's Danish Lutheran church in Minneapolis December 4.

Hitler's plans to win over the Danes and secure the products of their farms have to a great extent collapsed, said Mr. Møller, because 98 per cent of the Danish people are opposed to Hitler, Nazism and Germany. The minister also maintains that Hitler and Nazism could not have gained the foothold in Germany if the Fuehrer and Nazism had not to a considerable extent represented the German philosophy.

A Liberty Loving People.

Mr. Møller dipped into history to show that the people of Denmark are a liberty loving people. He said that between the years of 1660 and 1848 there was much democracy under the kings of Denmark. He cited the constitution adopted in 1849 and, in general, the Danish desire for peace and freedom and the changes that have been wrought with little or no bloodshed.

Mr. Møller paid high tribute to the courage of the Norwegian people in fighting the dictatorship of Hitler and the Nazis. Though a conservative, he also paid high tribute to the Russian people. He said they are not merely fighting for dominance of their ideology. The sort of battle the Russians are fighting is for home and country.

Praises Norwegians.

The former Danish Minister in his tribute to the Norwegian people, whose fate it has been to offer their blood for the cause of democracy, implied a personal regret that the Danes could not under the circumstances, share that common fate. But he brought out the real reason why the Danes could not take up arms against the German hordes.

He called attention to the fact that some time prior to the invasion of the Scandinavian countries, at a meeting attended by representatives of the press in England, a prominent British statesman, unnamed by Møller, but said to be one of the leading members of the British government, had made the flat statement that if Norway was invaded England would come to her aid but that if Denmark was invaded they could not aid her. The conclusion is that this information, given by a high ranking government man, was intended for the Danes and the Norwegians.

Armed Resistance Futile.

Mr. Møller assured his audience that the information was immediately received by the government of Denmark, of which he was then a member. It could have been interpreted in no other way by the Danes than that any attempt to resist Germany by force of arms would be wholly futile. That is the reason the Danes put up only nominal resistance to the actual physical invasion.

But let it be noted, as the speaker stressed again and again in his lecture, that the spiritual, the mental

opposition on the part of the Danes is all-pervading. Speaking of the economic conditions in Denmark under the rule of Hitler, Møller said that so far there has been no starvation although it must be admitted that the country has suffered much the past years. Prior to the war, Denmark imported fodder supplies from America, which have now been cut off and this caused a drop of 15 to 20 per cent of cattle produced. Hogs dropped off 60 per cent and chickens 70 per cent. Butter products have decreased 40 per cent.

Steal Danish Goods.

The Nazis take what they want in Denmark and are supposed to return the value in other goods, but they have a fine set of books in Berlin and try to fool and placate the Danes by saying that it is well for them to have a balance in their favor. The net result of this Berlin bookkeeping, said the former Danish Minister of Commerce, who now lives in England, is that goods have been stolen by Germany from Denmark to the extent of \$500,000,000, or 2½ billion crowns. The Nazis have taken one-fourth of the Danish capital.

The speaker, who escaped the clutches of the Nazis seven months ago, said that there is no coffee rationing in Denmark—there simply is no coffee. Gasoline consumption is but 3 per cent of what it formerly was; and that 3 per cent is used by the fire department, the police and the doctors. Thus far, there has been no real hardship in Denmark due to lack of fuel. Coal was formerly imported from England, but is now secured in Germany. However, said the speaker, the last two winters in Denmark have been severe, the thermometer going down to the unusual low of 25 degrees below zero.

Forced to Sign.

The Danish officials were politely asked to sign up on the anti-Comintern pact of 1936, which had been signed by Germany, Italy and Japan. The Danish officials said no. They were asked a second time to sign; they refused. Each request from the German high officials became more emphatic, and finally the Danes were told to sign on the dotted line, under duress.

Comparatively speaking the Nazi party in Denmark is infinitesimally small. It is under the leadership of one Fritz Clausen. Many attempts have been made to ascertain the extent of the membership in this party, but no figures have ever been issued. The reluctance, or downright refusal, to make known the number of Nazis in Denmark is because there are so few, said the speaker. He added, that most of them are of the rough and criminal type.

The speaker had the rapt attention for one hour and forty minutes of an audience that filled the church to capacity. He was introduced by A. C. Johansen of Minneapolis. There was singing of American and Danish patriotic songs by the audience. Minister Møller came to the Twin Cities from the west coast and his next speaking engagement was at Racine, Wis.

Newspaper Item: "Mrs. Lottie Prim was granted a divorce when she testified that since she and her husband were married he had spoken to her only three times. She was awarded the custody of their three children."

The Boiling Pot

By
A. GRAVESEN

Chicago has many good Danes, but there is one among them that is better than good. Lately the Danish Aid Society received from him through "Dansk Tidende" the enormous gift of \$2,000. Not long ago the same Dane donated \$1,000 to the Danish Old People's Home and a like sum to the Danish-American Athletic Club. The Danish people and those of Danish descent in Chicago may well be proud of having among them such a man.

J. C. Nielsen, the well known landscape gardener of Omaha, Nebr., was lately summoned by Uncle Sam to serve in the army. Mr. Nielsen will be 45 in January. He is a member of D. B. S. Lodge No. 74, where he held the office of trustee. When he left for the service he said that just so Uncle Sam would let him be a real soldier and not assign him to the kitchen or ambulance corps he would be very much obliged to Uncle. Before he left for his post he invested heavily in U. S. War Bonds. Mr. Nielsen knows what he owes his country and also what is good for the Axis powers. Good luck to you, Mr. Nielsen.

James Brown, 1020 S. 38th Street, Omaha, Nebr., an old member of D. B. S. Lodge No. 1, died lately at his home at the age of 75. He was formerly employed by the Union Pacific Railroad Company and was retired on a pension. He is survived by three daughters.

Ole Rasmussen, one of the oldest Danes in Council Bluffs, died on November 18 after a lingering illness at the age of 86. Ole Rasmussen was a faithful worker in the Danish circles in Council Bluffs. For 30 years he served as treasurer of D. B. S. Lodge No. 10, and he was always a willing worker on committees whenever called upon. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Roy and Paul, and also by four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Lodge No. 164, "Modersmaalet," New York, had a gala evening on the 20th of November. Several new members were initiated. After the meeting a delicious lunch was served and H. Henriksen, secretary of the lodge, showed moving pictures. Harry Axelsen, the first member of the lodge to join the U. S. Army, was home on a furlough; he attended the meeting and entertained the members by relating stories of army life. He praised Uncle Sam for his treatment of the soldiers. The same evening the lodge bid goodbye to another of its members, Alex Blom, who was to be inducted into the army in a few days.

Peter Pilegaard, Minneapolis, Minn., past president of the Minneapolis lodge of the D. B. S., and now serving in the U. S. Army with an artillery corps stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, was at home on a furlough a short time ago. Special reason for the visit was to congratulate his wife and to strike up an acquaintance with his new born son who then was about two weeks old.

Mr. and Mrs. Harald Levrings, formerly of Los

Angeles, have recently moved to San Diego to make their home there. According to reports, the first thing they did at San Diego was to join the local lodges respectively of the D. B. S. and the D. S. S. The Levrings hail from Copenhagen, Denmark. At Los Angeles they were noted for their cheery disposition and their hospitality. No doubt these qualities will be appreciated by the Danish people of San Diego.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Larsen, 904 Blaine Ave., Racine, Wis., celebrated their golden wedding on the 2nd of December with open house at their home. Mr. Larsen is a member of long standing in Lodge No. 4 of the D. B. S. On Sunday the 6th of December, they were invited to attend a festival arranged in behalf of them by friends in the Danish Brotherhood hall. Both Mr. and Mrs. Larsen are enjoying excellent health.

Lodge No. 172 of the D. B. S. at Philadelphia, Pa., has chosen the following to serve as officers during the ensuing year: Gunnar Rasmussen, president; Henry Nielsen, vice-president; Gunnar Frolich, past president; Paul Nielsen, secretary; Harold Boldsen, finance-secretary; Hans J. Sorensen, treasurer; Einar Petersen, conductor; Thorvald Rasmussen, A. S. Culver and Michael Petersen, trustees; Poss Munksgaard and Otto Jacobsen, guards. One of the trustees, A. S. Culver, came to the U. S. A. 60 years ago and he has been a citizen of this grand country for a space of 50 years.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lars A. Christensen, Center Point, S. D., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on the 15th of November at a party in the D. B. S. hall at Viborg. Nearly 300 people were in attendance of which 18 had been guests at their wedding ceremony 50 years ago. An excellent program of speaking and singing, under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. Harris Jespersen was given, after which a dainty lunch was served. Mr. and Mrs. Christensen conducted for many years a mercantile business at Center Point, a little town a few miles west of Viborg, where they still live and where they yet are actively interested in community work. They came to Center Point early in the seventies and have seen the settlement grow from a small beginning into a well organized farm community. Both the honor guests expressed their sincere thanks for the honor accorded them. Their two children, a son, Bert, and a daughter, Mrs. Dan Danielsen, live in the vicinity of Center Point.

A Swedish review of Hal Koch's book of Grundtvig says: "A prophet is the finger of God to His people; he says something about the goal and the way. Without doubt Grundtvig's Renaissance in Denmark rests on this: the prophet Grundtvig has been discovered. The whole discussion about Grundtvig, as it manifests itself today in Denmark, is nothing less than a people's search for its soul." Hal Koch was asked what his aims were in giving those lectures on Grundtvig. He replied: "I am trying to make the people understand that it is not now the time to ponder on how it came about, but that it is the time to fight that battle that is Denmark and which starts within ourselves." What can Grundtvig teach us? Hal Koch says: "Grundtvig has seen deeper and spoken more truthfully about man than anyone else in Denmark, and the students, by meeting him, shall be forced to understand what it means to be a man in Denmark now.

"Grundtvig's ideals of the value of man and of the Danish people were very high; but he never extolled nationality as a godhead, although his own feelings of national values were very ardent."

Carl Hansen, 1441 W. 90th Street, Los Angeles, Calif., is the new vice-president of D. B. S. Lodge No. 126. Carl Hansen's brother, Emil, and his father, Rudolph, are also members of D. B. S. Lodge No. 126. Formerly the Hansens lived in Council Bluffs and were valued members of the D. B. S. Lodge there. Mrs. Rudolph Hansen is a member of the Sisterlodge and Mrs. Carl Hansen, Viola, is its financial secretary. The new vice-president is capable and thorough in all his dealings and the lodge may be sure that it will be well served under Mr. Hansen's leadership.

Roger William Riis writes in the Reader's Digest under the title: "The Most Unforgettable Character I've met," about his father. Jacob A. Riis came to New York from Denmark in 1870 at the age of 19, without money or friends. The ten years that followed, in which he learned at first hand how the submerged half in our cities live, awakened his indignation that human beings should be condemned to exist in an atmosphere of squalor, disease and crime. During the next 30 years he pioneered in the development of what was then a new conception: a social conscience.

His relentless one-man crusade for better conditions for the poor and unfortunate, carried on in the New York Evening Sun, for which he was a reporter, caught the attention of the public and attracted powerful citizens to his cause. He then retired from journalism and led in the actual work of replacing dark and filthy slums with decent dwellings, parks and playgrounds. Jacob Riis was the author of "How the Other Half Lives," "The Battle With the Slum" and "The Making of an American." He loved this country passionately and sought from it nothing but the privilege of serving it. Of him his friend, Theodore Roosevelt wrote: "He contributed greatly to raising the standard of unselfish, kindly, good citizenship in this country. If I were asked to name a fellowman who came nearest to being the ideal American citizen, I should name Jacob Riis."

Mr. and Mrs. Soren Mogensen, Los Angeles, Calif., on their way to "Dansk Auditorium" Saturday, November 28, to attend the lecture of Christmas Møller, had the misfortune to be involved in a serious accident when a street car collided with their auto. Mr. Mogensen had several ribs broken and Mrs. Mogensen had her collar bone broken besides other severe bruises. Both are reported to be out of danger. Mrs. Marie Mogensen is widely known as ex-supreme vice president of the D. S. S.

Mrs. J. M. Mikkelsen and daughter, Miss Beverly, Oakland, Calif., have been visiting in Provo, Utah, being guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Haws. While there the engagement of Miss Beverly Mikkelsen and Marsden Haws was announced. The young man was home on furlough from the U. S. forces with whom he has been doing convoy duty somewhere. Mrs. Mikkelsen is president of the local D. S. S. lodge in Oakland and Miss Beverly is also a D. S. S. member.

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Mrs. Agnes Rabis, Los Angeles, who is well and favorably known as a leader within the D. S. S. on the West Coast, celebrated her birthday on the 22nd of November with a party in "Dansk Auditorium." It turned out to be a very joyful affair. Kai Gottschalk was master of ceremonies, and the many speakers of the evening tried to surpass each other in paying Mrs. Rabis well earned compliments in their birthday greetings. A telegram of congratulations from her son Richard, who is serving in Uncle Sam's army, was read; and she also received a great number of birthday gifts.

Brother Neble, in the D. B. S. Magazine for the month of December, has an article that should be pondered by all members of the Brotherhood, and it should also be taken up for discussion at lodge meetings. It seems to me that if we wish to have the life of the Danish Brotherhood to be continued for the benefit of coming generations, then some drastic measures are very much needed now. Mr. Neble states that the majority of the total membership now is between the ages of 60 and 65 years; then according to the mortality tables in about 10 years the great majority of these members will have gone to their reward, and if young men in a proportionate number are not admitted the membership list will have become very depleted. With emigration curtailed we cannot expect many Danish emigrants to arrive, and the majority of young men of Danish descent born here do not receive any or very little instruction in the Danish language, cannot fully understand it nor express themselves intelligibly using it as a medium—what then! That is the question that needs answering. I believe, instead of waiting until it is too late, we should take the question up now and endeavor to find an answer. Let each member think it over, and let each lodge take up this matter and discuss it at their meetings endeavoring to find a solution. I also believe that the lodges should keep it in mind when they select their delegates to the National convention to be held in Minneapolis this fall. If nothing is done, there just won't be any Danish Brotherhood a few fleeting years from now. Think it over.

D. B. S. Lodge No. 182, Waukegan, Ill., reports that its recent smoker was quite a success. Three new members were initiated at the meeting preceding the smoker, and there were guests from Lake Forrest and other places. Sergeant Borgesen from Fort Sheridan, and Curtis Petersen, a son of P. W. Petersen, the former mayor of Waukegan, were also present. Curtis appeared in full navy uniform.

D. B. S. lodge "Cimbria," New York, elected Elmer Jensen delegate to the Brotherhood's National convention in Minneapolis in 1943. Anders Jensen was elected substitute. Aage Tabel says that with Elmer Jensen as delegate, the brothers of New York will have a spokesman of which every lodge might well be proud.

Brother Marius Larsen, the efficient secretary of D. B. S. Lodge No. 139, Viborg, S. D., has tendered his resignation to the lodge for immediate acceptance. Mr. Larsen contemplates going to Pascagoula, Miss., where he will be engaged in defense work.

D. B. S. Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, Calif., reports that Hans Chr. Hansen and Carl Haspang, both

in U. S. Navy uniforms, attended the lodge meeting on November 26. They were plied with questions by the brothers who also gave them great homage. Hans and Carl had just completed a month of training at San Diego, respectively as electrician and cook. Likely they will now be transferred to another camp for further training.

Niels Christian Therkildsen, Los Angeles, Calif., died December 5 after a prolonged illness. Mr. Therkildsen was one of the true and steadfast workers for everything that would raise the standard of his countrymen and especially within the Danish Brotherhood. At one time he was a reporter on the staff of "Den Danske Pioneer." He is survived by a son, Alex, and two grandchildren.

Julius Thuesen, a member of D. B. S. Lodge No. 113, Enumclaw, Wash., died after a short illness on the 2nd of December in San Francisco. He was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, and came to San Francisco six months ago from Enumclaw where he had had his home for 17 years. He was of a cheerful disposition and had during the short stay won a large number of friends. Mr. Thuesen loved Denmark and he was taking an active part in the activities of life among the Danes. He is survived by a daughter, Julia, and two sons, Carl and John Stanley. He will be missed by many.

Captain Fred Sorensen and his good wife, 515 Pontius Ave., Seattle, Wash., celebrated their silver wedding with friends at a dinner party in Washington hall on the 29th of November. Among the many speakers of the evening were Mrs. A. M. Skov and Christ Monroe who recalled reminiscences from bygone days. Captain Sorensen and his wife are respectively members of the D. B. S. and the D. S. S. lodges, and they most always are present when something of social and cultural value goes on in Danish circles.

At the annual election of officers of Lodge No. 263, Askov, Minn., the following were chosen: Hans Lunde, president; Sigurd Lunde, vice-president; Hans Mosbaek, secretary; Svend Petersen, treasurer; Alvin Jensen, trustee; Chris Molgaard, warden; J. Marius Pedersen and Erling Christensen, guards; Conrad Christensen, hall manager. Ove Hermansen and Chris Sandahl hold over as trustees.

D. B. S. Lodge No. 49, San Francisco, in a lively contest, elected F. J. Bakke delegate to the National convention in Minneapolis in 1943. Lodge No. 323, Alhambra chose C. F. Petersen to represent it at the National convention.

The voice of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men," has again sounded throughout the world. But the clamor of war seems to drown it. Some day in the not too far distance it will re-echo stronger than ever before, stifle the roar of the cannon and become supreme.

I hope you all have had a real Merry Christmas with toys and tinsels, candy and good things to eat, and that you have enjoyed looking at the bright faces of the children in the glow of the lighted tree; that many an old friendship has been revived and that new and lasting ones have been begun. So I hope the New Year just begun may be a happy, bright and an encouraging one for each and all of you.

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J. Emanuelsen	14	Kenosha	F. Fredericksen
C. Olsen	14	Kenosha	A. Carlsen
J. Jacobsen	42	Spokane	A. Jacobsen
N. C. Nielsen	46	Perth Amboy	E. H. Lundsteen
N. C. Nielsen	46	Perth Amboy	R. Koyen
A. R. Larsen	51	Ludington	H. C. Andersen
C. Jeppesen	51	Ludington	D. Palmer
J. M. Jeppesen	51	Ludington	T. Talsma
J. Dyer	64	Rockford	C. Christiansen
S. Madsen	116	Newark	C. A. Jensen
S. Madsen	116	Newark	P. Christ
K. Jensen	116	Newark	S. A. Nicolaysen
C. W. Andersen	140	Chicago	N. C. Bendiks
S. N. Skow	164	New York	W. L. Jacobsen
G. Rasmussen	172	Philadelphia	C. E. T. Jensen
P. Nielsen	172	Philadelphia	P. V. Pedersen
J. A. Jensen	182	Waukegan	C. F. Hagstrom
J. A. Jensen	182	Waukegan	A. M. Beck
J. A. Jensen	182	Waukegan	S. T. Christensen
J. A. Jensen	182	Waukegan	E. N. Rodbro
J. A. Jensen	182	Waukegan	H. P. Rodbro
J. A. Jensen	182	Waukegan	C. Sorensen
G. Evald	205	Brooklyn	V. E. Jensen
G. Evald	205	Brooklyn	C. A. Olesen
F. Christensen	227	Detroit	G. C. Svelmoe
E. Jensen	227	Detroit	K. J. Mogensen
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C. L. Madsen	227	Detroit	O. C. Rasmussen
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S. Petersen	283	Dagmar	E. P. Jensen
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