

COUNCIL ACTION ON CLUBS

ONE FAIRFIELD club is threatened with closure, following action taken on it and four other clubs at the latest Fairfield City Council meeting.

Three of the other clubs applied for building approval: one gained approval, one was refused and the third's plans were deferred. The fifth club was given the green light to take over a youth hall.

Clubs concerned were: Triglav Club Pty Ltd, King Tomislav Croatian Club Ltd, Magyar Social Club, Smithfield RSL Club and Mt Pritchard Community Club Pty Ltd.

Proposals and action taken by council were:

● **TRIGLAV CLUB:** Council will close down this club if noise levels exceed the legal limits. Action on these lines follows a letter from the Ombudsman, Mr K Smithers, and two complaints received since the one being investigated by Mr Smithers. A council officer advised that the club "has no right to be operating" until the clubhouse is constructed. At the time of report (June 12), only footings had been poured and the club was operating from temporary structures on its land in Bibbys Road, between Canley Vale Road and Edensor Road, St Johns Park.

● **KING TOMISLAV CLUB:** Approval was given for ex-

tensions to the club building in Edensor Road, between Al-lambie and Cowpasture Roads, Edensor Park. Extensions include a large auditorium, ten-pin bowling alley and bocce courts, all in the one building linking the newly constructed spectator grandstand-change room adjacent to the soccer ground with the existing club at the front of the premises.

● **MAGYAR CLUB:** Application to construct Magyar Social Club was refused. Site of the proposed club was Smithfield Road, between Elizabeth Drive and Edensor Road, Edensor Park. Both council and the Planning and Environment Commission said the building would be better sited elsewhere on land zoned "community uses." The proposed development would be "out of character" with adjoining proposed developments and would cause loss of amenity to adjoining residential neighborhood.

● **SMITHFIELD RSL CLUB:** Extensions on the Smithfield Road frontage was deferred. The club is located between Brenan and Neville Streets, with a frontage to Neville

Street. A new mixed lounge was proposed to replace a formal garden on a triangular area facing Smithfield Road. Club's public floor area would have increased 23 per cent, generating need for additional 75 car parking spaces. Both the Department of Main Roads and Police Traffic Branch expressed concern regarding parking on and to the east of Smithfield Road. A council report also compared the concentration of parking on and near Smithfield Road with lack of use of large car park at rear of club off Neville Street. Club will be asked to submit amended plans oriented towards providing main entrance from Neville Street and the rear car park.

● **MT PRITCHARD COMMUNITY CLUB:** Council favors club's proposal to control the Young Pioneer Movement Hall in Humphries Road and operate it for the Young Pioneer Movement and other youth organisations. The hall is to the rear of the community club's property in Meadows Road. Young Pioneer Movement was given authority in 1966 to place the building on the Humphries

Road site, which is a public reserve under the care, control and management of Fairfield City Council. Restrictions will be placed on the hours and activities for which the hall would be used.

Hens killed in the night

A SMITHFIELD family awoke on Tuesday last week to find 11 of their prize bantam fowls dead in the yard and the 12th one missing.

The circumstances sur-



DOPRSNI KIP DR. FRANCETA PREŠERNA, DELO AKADEMSKEGA
KIPARJA ZDENKA KALINA, KI GA V TEH DNEH ODKRIVAJO V

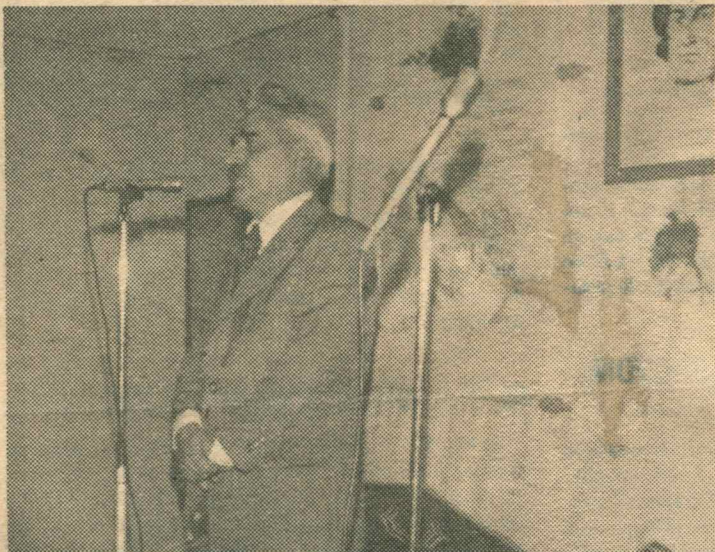
SPOMENIK PESNIKU V ŽUPANČIČEVEM LETU

Ta teden odkrivajo v prostorih Slovenskega društva Sydney doprsni kip dr. Franceta Prešerna, delo akademskega kiparja Zdenka Kalina. Kipar je to delo s posredovanjem Slovenske izseljenske matice izdelal posebej za to priložnost. Odkritje Prešenovega kipa v Sydneyu se kot predsednika Slovenije udeležujeta tudi Drago Seliger, predsednik Slovenske izseljenske matice, in književnik Ciril Zlobec, ki bosta za tem obiskala tudi druga slovenska izseljenska društva v Avstraliji in sodelovala tudi na njihovih letošnjih proslavah slovenskega kulturnega praznika oziroma počastitve stoletnice rojstva Otona Župančiča. Slovenska društva v Avstraliji so letošnje leto na pobudo Slovenskega društva Triglav iz Sydneya proglasila za »Župančičevo leto« in bodo s tem v zvezi pripravila vrsto kulturnih prireditev, slovensko društvo »Primorski socialni klub Jadran« iz Melbourne pa namerava letos postaviti tudi spomenik Otonu Župančiču.

Drago Seliger in Ciril Zlobec bosta poleg Sydneya obiskala še mesto Wollongong, Canberro, Melbourne in Adelaide, kjer se bosta s slovenskimi rojaki pogovarjala tudi o nadaljnjem sodelovanju na kulturnem področju med izseljenci in matično domovino.

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DRAGO SELIGER MED POZDRAVNIM GOVOROM OB ODKRITJU PREŠERNOVEGA SPOMENIKA V SYDNEJU

PREŠEREN V AVSTRALIJI

Lepo poletno nedeljsko popoldne, 12. februarja letos, je na slovenski hriček blizu Sydneya v Avstraliji privabilo kakih 1500 naših rojakov. Tu so bili do zadnjega skoraj vsi člani Slovenskega društva Sydney pa člani društva Triglav iz iste mesta in seveda številni predstavniki slovenskih društev iz Canberre, Melbourne, Wollongonga in drugih avstralskih krajev. Med številnimi častnimi gosti iz Avstralije je bil tudi jugoslovanski generalni konzul v Sydneyu Enver Humo, zastopnik jugoslovanskega ambasadorja v Canberri Rado Kobelić in več predstavnikov lokalnih oblasti. Častna gosta, ki sta med navzočimi rojaki vzbujala največ pozornosti, pa sta bila predstavnik Slovenije — Drago Seliger, predsednik Slovenske izseljenske matice in pesnik Ciril Zlobec. Oba sta prispela v Avstralijo že 4. februarja in sta pred tem slovesnim dogodkom prisostvovala že številnim drugim akcijam, ki so bile vse v znamenju najpomembnejšega dogodka na njuni poti — proslave slovenskega kulturnega praznika in slovesnega odkritja kipa dr. Franceta Prešerna. V Sydneyu so namreč v dneh pred odkritjem odprli novo slovensko knjižnico, pripravili so skromno etnografsko razstavo in organizirali veliko meddruštveno tekmovanje v balinanju.

Odkritje Prešernovega spomenika v preddverju še ne povsem dograjenega doma Slovenskega društva Sydney je po mnenju številnih članov tega društva najpomembnejši dan v njihovi društveni zgodovini. Rojaki, ki so se zbrali okoli doma, so ponosno gledali plapolajoče zastave — jugoslovansko, slovensko, avstralsko in društveni prapor. Vzdušje je bilo praznično kot še nikoli. Kulturni spored se je začel s prelepo slovensko narodno pesmijo, sledili so priložnostni in pozdravni govori, nekaj po slovensko, nekaj po angleško. Mladi recitatorji, plesalci, pevci so navduševali. Po končanem kulturnem sporedu pa je predsednik društva Vinko Ovičaj zaprosil ministra pri vladi Novega Južnega Walesa, da odkrije spomenik. Množica je onemela, nekaj trenutkov je brez besed strmela in bronasti kip na temni marmornati plošči, na kateri se z zlatimi črkami svetlika napis: Dr. France Prešeren, 1800—1849.

Naši sydneyški rojaki, člani Slovenskega društva in drugi, so v priprave na ta zgodovinski dogodek vložili ogromno svojega prostega časa in truda. In ko je bilo velikega praznika konec, so si nekoliko oddahnili z zavestjo, da so opravili lepo in pomembno delo. Poleg zahval številnim rojakom, ki so pomagali pri organizaciji, so veljale številne zahvale tudi Slovenski izseljenski matici in vsej slovenski kulturni javnosti, ki je omogočila, da so prejeli kip, še posebna zahvala in obenem vabilo v Sydney pa je bilo namenjeno akademskemu kiparju Zdenku Kalinu, ki ima zdaj v tem avstralskem velemestu že dva svoja »sinova« — Cankarja in Prešerna.