

AMERICAN WAY In Rome's Footsteps?

By GEORGE PECK
It is 165 years since Edward Gibbon, English historian, published the fifth volume of his celebrated work, "The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." Gibbons listed five chief reasons as to why the Roman Empire, the greatest civilization of its era and up to that time in history, came to an ignominious and catastrophic end. It might be well for America, without doubt the greatest civilization of this era or any other, to ponder over those five reasons.

SOVIETS AND THE EMIGRATION

By DMYTRO ANDRIEWSKY
Reaction to Appeals of the Bolshevik Sirens
The question arises what reaction the emigration will have toward these appeals of the Bolshevik siren. It will not be the same in all the emigrations for different reasons. The reaction will not be the same by those emigres who have dealings with the Soviets for 35 years and those whose countries have been seized by Red Moscow in the last 10 years. If among the emigres from the USSR there will be strong opposition, it will be less among the countries of Central Europe. So, although the Mikhaylov Committee talks of movement of the DP's to return, in reality there are cases of this among the peoples from the USSR. There will be some like Vasylaki, suspected as a Bolshevik agent. Yet at the same time there returned in three months of 1955 to their fatherland some 300 Czechs and more are preparing to go. There are various motives including the old Russophilism of the Czechs, but this cannot and does not exist among the peoples of the USSR, who have been oppressed both by tsarist Russia and Soviet Russia.

PAY YOUR UNA DUES ON TIME

Many secretaries of branches of the Ukrainian National Association are extremely conscientious in that they are reluctant to suspend members who fail to pay their dues on time. Usually the delinquent members finally pay the dues in arrears and no harm is done, but every so often the Main Office of the fraternal benefit society receives letters from branch secretaries about members who became so indebted to their branches that they desired to cancel their insurance certificates, leaving the branch officers wondering how the branch was going to get the money it had paid into the UNA for the insurance in question. When such a situation occurs either the branch or the UNA has to lose out. If the UNA grants the branch a refund that means that the member involved has had insurance protection without cost for if he had died while the branch was paying his dues the UNA would have had to satisfy the beneficiaries. And if the UNA refused to grant a refund (which it has the legal right to do) the branch would be forced to sustain the loss.

NOW IS THE TIME...

This is the time of year when most everybody's mind is occupied with vacation plans and ways of beating the summer heat. This should also be the time, however, for bowlers to be making plans for the fall. Many of last season's leagues already have their reservations in for bowling alleys, but those groups who plan to organize leagues for this winter should be making their inquiries now. The success of the U.N.A. Bowling League of the Metropolitan New York-New Jersey Area in organizing two divisions consisting of sixteen teams, whose operations have been reported in this paper for the past several years, should be an inspiration to other community-minded and sports-loving Americans of Ukrainian descent to form leagues in their own localities. It is not necessary to have a large roster of teams in order to form a league, either. Sixteen teams have had successful seasons in the past, and a small community could get along nicely with about thirty-six players.

PLAN YOUR VACATION AT SOYUZIVKA in the heart of the Catskill Mountains. Aside from all already established conveniences, this year a great many improvements have been added. A new building, the villa "Kiev" with two adjoining buildings, and fifty more acreage of property, have been purchased to house and give more comfort to the many guests expected to vacation at the "Soyuzivka."

been reinstated in the minds and hearts of the American people. To sum up, America dangerously parallels the sad example of Rome on four of the five counts listed by Gibbon as having caused the decline and downfall of that once great Republic. This columnist hopes and prays that America, having started to reverse its course on the fifth count, this now great Republic will awaken to the grave danger inherent in the other four.

Service Medals — How to Get Them

Many millions of service medals have been earned by men and women now living who once served in the Armed Forces of the U.S. There is a medal that corresponds to practically every item of fruit salad... If you are entitled to wear a service ribbon, there is a medal that corresponds to it, except that no medals correspond as yet to the three Philippine service ribbons awarded in WW 2. Uncle Sam has plenty of medals in stock (particularly WW 2 vintage) which are available free to any veteran who is entitled to wear the corresponding ribbon, if he has not already been awarded that medal. If he has already been awarded a medal to which he is entitled and wishes a second for a good reason, he can, with proper authority, purchase one through the U.S. Mint or his branch of the service.

- DREAMS By Yevhen Pluzhnyk
Dreams from my heart have I torn: Branches enfeeble the root. 'Tis not enough to be born—Life must be well understood!
Possibly poets are those Who become gray in their youth. Dreams, o my fancies of loss, Dreams, o my visions of truth!

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