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THE MONITOR



March

Corned beef and cabbage dinner
2nd friday, March 8th at our new
meeting hall, 3830 "U" Street. Bar
opens at 6:00 - dinner served at
6:30. Generous and "Smaksam"
servings for only \$4.00. Children
5 to 14 yrs half price.

On the dinner committee is
DeDe Dahlberg, chairman and Ed
and Lucy Dahlberg, Gordon Olesen,
Ted and Alice Olson, Roland and Margaret Carlson, Don
Gustafson, Gil and Camilla Holm, and Dick Westrup.

On the dessert committee this time is our two Cultural
Leaders, Margaretha Logus and Birgitta Wright who has plan-
ned to serve Semalor, the traditional dessert they serve
a lot around Easter time in Sweden.

You can't afford to miss this meeting.....same good
cooks as last year and you know how good it was then.

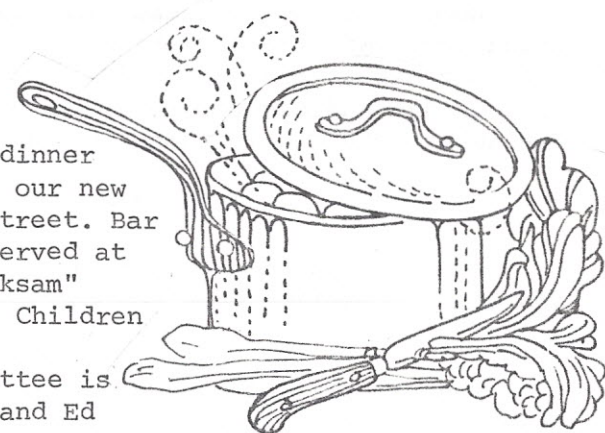
CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

We had very good attendance at our February meeting
following the peasoup and pancake supper. The food was
outstanding.

I promised shorter business meetings, but we had a lot
of business at the meeting. We voted to move our March
meeting up to March 8th in order to have time preparing for
the joint Scandinavian float in the Camellia parade on
March 2nd. Fortunately, Wisteria Hall was available and
March 8th will be the date of our next meeting and the
"Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner"

We have planned a very full program for this year. To
encourage family attendance at our dinners and meetings,
children 5 to 14 yrs pay only half price, soft drinks will
be available. See you at our next meeting March 8th.

Ted Olson



Directory Changes

Please check your name, address and phone number in our new program book....if there needs to be a correction let Margaret Carlson know.

Please correct Muriel Hjersman's phone number under Vice Chairman, it should be 451-6940.

Remove following names from your book.....Bergkvist, Nylanders, and Lonnie Robbins, and add Dale and Mary Ingvardson P.O. Box 248 Rescue, CA. 95672.

Change address for Royal Osborn to 800 - 17th St. #22 Sacramento 95814 same phone number.

When you go to the Camellia Luncheon on March 9th, besure and wear a Camellia when you go.

CONGRATULATIONS to Anna Logus who is our Sweden Day Maid. It will be June 16th this year at Micki Grove Park.

Besure and go to the Camellia Parade and see our beautiful float and also see our Camellia Maid, Theresa Cahill. The Sacramento Regional Transit Co let the Committee use two of their trolley cars for the parade. Our Swedish Coucil Margaretha Hagardt is suppose to be here for the Luncheon. What a week!! Hope the weather is still as nice as it is (as I'm writing this).

THINK CAMELLIAS!! THINK CAMELLIAS!!!
and Boy, do we need camellias....ask your friends, neighbors and relatives. Bring them down to 1631 "K" Street on Friday March 1st any time that day, and we can always use your help. We hope to have a prize winning float you know.



Birthdays



3/1	Astrid Horyza	3/15	Ruth Lundberg
3/2	Eleanora Wessman	3/17	Kenneth Carlson
3/2	Harriett Yager	3/20	Helen Jenson
3/5	Ellen Herting	3/23	Harry Taylor
3/6	Bertell Nelson	3/24	Faye Powell
3/8	Jack Doscher	3/29	Kjell Hakanson
3/8	Eugene Sholl	3/30	Norman Cedarquist
3/13	Hank Hjersman	3/30	Frank Lindahl
3/15	Linda Johnson	3/24	Gerda Anderson
3/17	Donn Stafford		

In Memoriam

Deepest Sympathy goes out to the family of Ed Range who passed away February 1st. Memorial services were held at the Lutheran Church of Good Shephard. They always worked on the committee at our Christmas Glogg Party.

Erika Lewis has been in the hospita with the flu, bronchitis and pneumonia.

Maude Engberg has had this flu that is going around.



Dedrick Anderson has a bruised arm falling out of a tree. (you were lucky)

Minnie Wright daughter of Brigitta Wright had an accident at her work and received burns on her back, face shoulder from hot grease.

Hope every one is on the mend.....

It sure was nice to see such a big turn out at our last meeting.....I don't know if it was the new meeting place, the new officers, or the good peasoup and pancakes that brought every body out. We had over 90 people come and enjoy the evening. Hope we have just as good turn out for our corned beef and cabbage this time.

THE JOINT SCANDINAVIAN CAMELLIA PARADE FLOAT.....

Think sunshine!!!

Think Camellias!!!!

The 1985 Camellia Festival has the theme of "Scandinavian Holiday" Monitor Lodge is joined with our sister lodges of Sons of Norway, Finlandia and Dania in a float for the Camellia parade on March 2nd

Thanks to Ivar Axberg, Richard Forsty and Finlandia's Sam Kee, the basic structure is ready. Thanks to Leonart Andersson the mechanisms are in order. Special thanks to Helen Forsty and her previous experience with floats, the special effects have been found and are ready. Thanks to Norris Nepstead of the Sons of Norway we have a place to assemble and decorate the float. This is at 1631 "K" Street, courtesy of Good Chevrolet.

We have postponed our March 1st meeting to allow time for decorating. We also will need camellias by the thousands in the colors of red, pink and white. We will need help at 4:00 PM on Thursday, February 28 to assemble the float. Our biggest need is on March 1st (Friday) when we decorate with camellias.

The camellias for the float should be picked with two inches of stem and leaves. They should be dry and arranged in flats 1x1 instead of piled into plastic bags. Soft drink trays are ideal for this purpose. When you come Friday to help decorate, please bring the following items.....heavy duty stapler and 9/16 staples, and if you have these small hand clippers for cutting flowers. We can use some folding chairs and card tables. Besure and mark your equipment.

The float will be similar to the one showed at the last meeting. If there are questions please call Ted Olson at 967-5538.

CHARLES XI 1660-1697

Charles XI was only four years old at his father's death. Again there was a long period of government by a regency. However, this time there was no dominant figure such as Axel Oxenstierna and the nobles had an opportunity to increase their influence, power and wealth. This would have later repercussions.

The Regent's first task was to conclude peace separately with Denmark, Poland, Russia, and Brandenburg. Sweden gave back Bornholm and Trondhjem to Denmark but retain Bohuslän, Halland, Skåne and Blekinge. The Polish king renounced his claim to the Swedish throne and to Livonia. Russia and Brandenburg settled for the Status quo. These were very favorable terms for Sweden which was in a very weak position at the time.

For protection Sweden began to maintain close ties to the other great powers. She first joined in alliance with England in 1665. This situation changed and Sweden became allied with France in 1670. France subsidized Sweden to support troops in the Swedish possessions in Germany to prevent Brandenburg from aiding France's enemies.

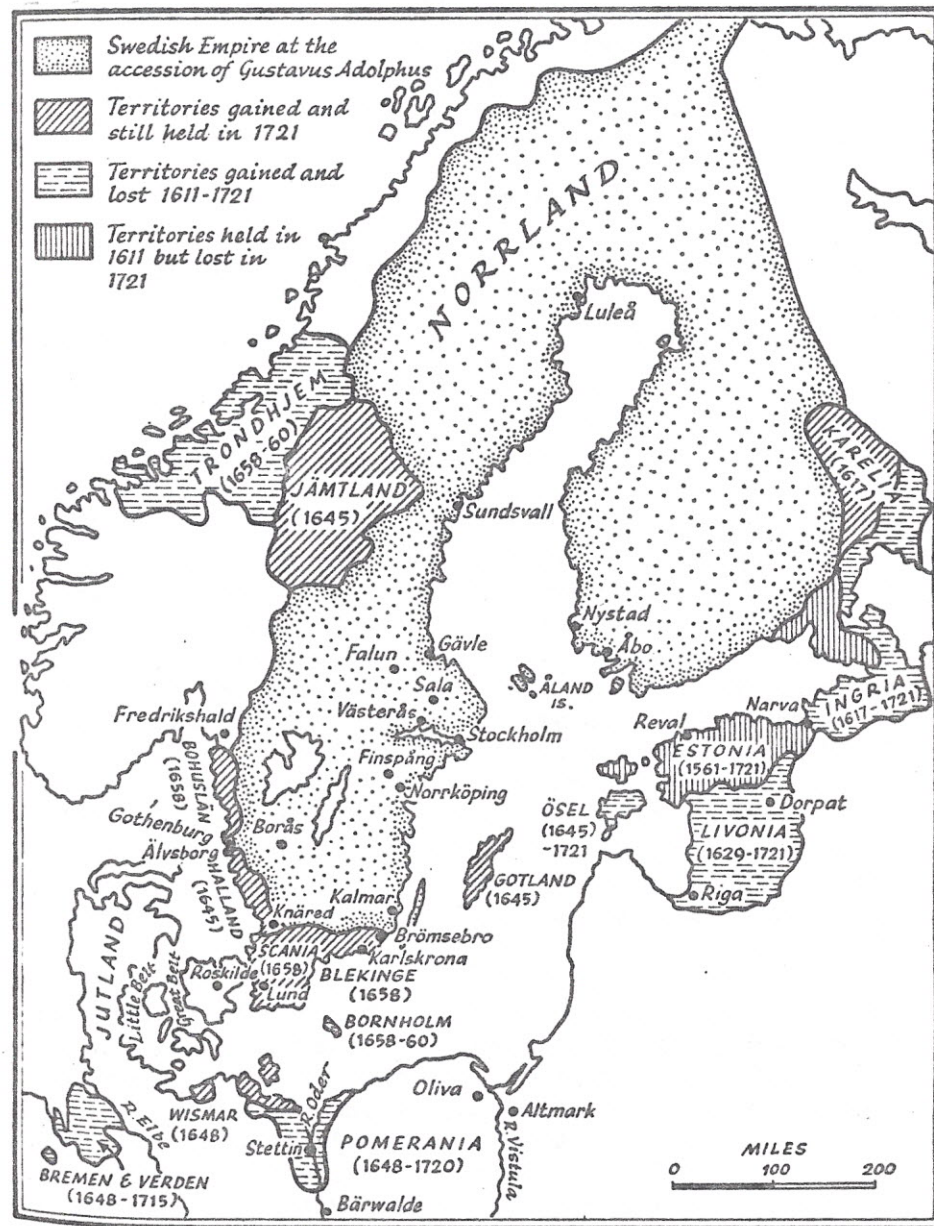
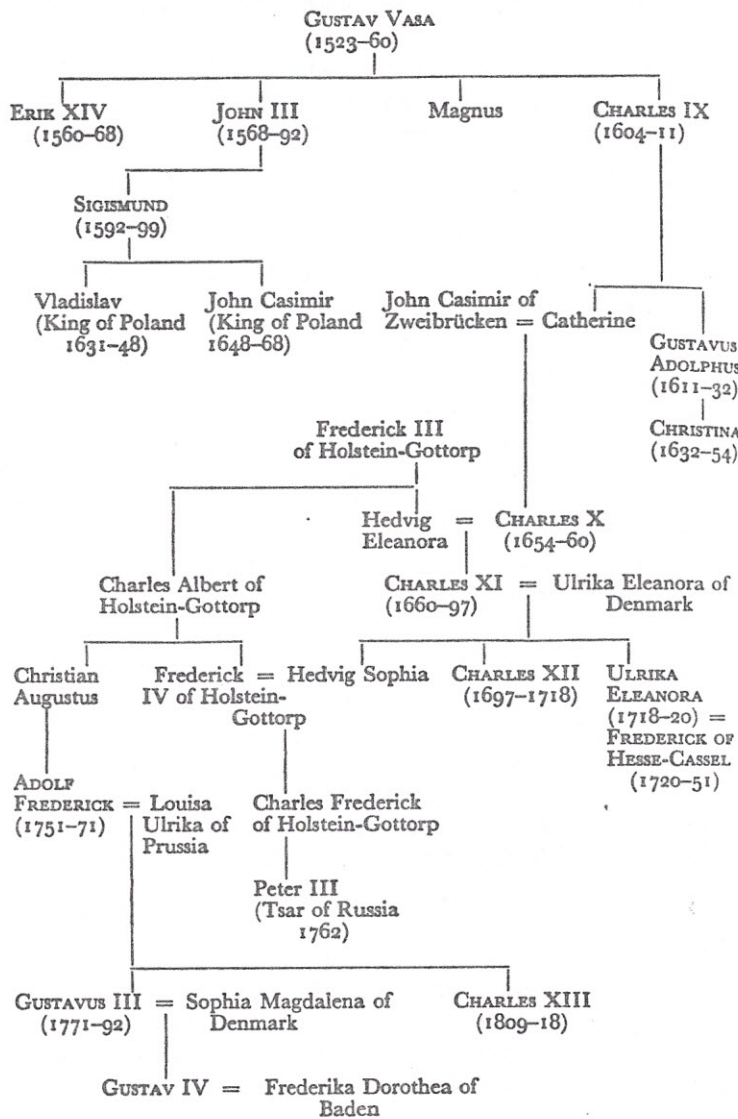
However, in 1674 Brandenburg re-entered the war against France and Sweden became involved. This led to both Denmark and Holland attacking Sweden. The Dutch fleet controlled the Baltic and enabled the Danes to cross into their former Swedish provinces. They were defeated by the Swedes at the battle of Lund in 1676 and the Danes were slowly driven out of Sweden once again. (Charles XI will be continued)

Note-in this issue of The Monitor we include a map of the Swedish empire as it gained and lost conquests in these turbulent times. There is also a table of the Vasa dynasty. Save this for reference, there is more Swedish history to come.

Ted Olson

Sweden in the Age of Greatness

THE HOUSE OF VASA



4 Sweden in the seventeenth century