

HELLP. & LITHUANIAN STUDIES SOCIETY

HELLP or Help the Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian Peoples Association was formed in Hobart in September 1974 to make people aware of the Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian nations continuing struggle for survival and self determination and to press for a reversal of the Australian Government's recognition of Russian sovereignty over them. Annual ecumenical services and vigils were held, and social functions etc to raise money. *Baltic News* was published quarterly from March 1975 with news of the persecution, prisoners of conscience etc. It was edited by Algimantas Taskunas, of the University's administrative staff, and ceased publication in December 1990 after the easing of Soviet control of the Baltic States.

The Lithuanian Studies Society of the Tasmania University Union was formed in 1987 by a small group of students to make Australians more aware of Lithuania and its heritage. Films and lectures on Lithuanian topics are presented regularly during term and workshops to demonstrate traditional Lithuanian crafts. Academic papers from these activities are published annually in the Society's journal, *Lithuanian Papers*. The foundation President of the Society was Liz Watchorn, followed by Simon Taskunas. The Society's logo is the black iron wolf of Vilnius.

BALTIC NEWS, HELLP

1 Baltic News 1975 - 1990

2 "Frozen Inferno" 1988

By Dalia Grinkevicius, physician of the village of Laukuva. Originally published in the second volume of the Russian publication *Pamiat* (Memory), for which material was collected by Russian dissidents in the Soviet Union and sent to the West. Published in 1981 by Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, New York. Australian edition published by *Baltic News*, Sandy Bay, 1988

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3/ *Lithuanian Papers* 1987

2 Lithuania: a view from Australia Bicentennial Selection of Essays

Edited by Algimantas P. Taskunas and John W. Doyle, 1991

3 Lithuania's Environmental Problems

Amanda J. Banks 1991

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