

*Did you know that ...*

... In the days of its greatest imperial power the Grand Duchy of Lithuania extended from the Baltic to the Black Sea.

...The Lithuanian Grand Duke Algirdas (1345-77) defeated Teutonic Knights, Poles, Tartars and Moscovites, marched three times to Moscow, and even invaded the Crimea.

...The Lithuanian language is more ancient than Greek, Latin, German, Celtic, and the Slav tongues. It belongs to the Indo-European group and is the nearest idiom to Sanscrit.

...The philologists generally agree that Lithuanian is the most ancient of all the living languages.

...The great philologist Schleicher in his monumental "Geographie Universalie" says: "If the value of a nation in the whole humanity were to be measured by the beauty of its Language, the Lithuanians should rank first among the inhabitants in Europe."

... The oldest book in Lithuanian language was published in 1547.

... Lithuania became a member of the League of Nations on Sept. 22, 1921.

...Although only 193,606 registered as Lithuanians in the 1930 U. S. census, Lithuanian nationalistic sources place the figure as high as 750,000.

...Between 1834 and 1855 no fewer than 34 Lithuanian periodicals were published in the United States alone.

... A total of 30,485 persons were seized during the night of June 14 to 15, 1941. Families were broken up and sent to different, remote regions of the Soviet Union.

...Although it was announced that in 1940 95.51% voted in favor of the "Working People's Union" candidates, the results of the "voting" were printed in one of the London papers twenty-four hours before the polls were closed in the election under Soviet army supervision in Lithuania. Actually only 16 to 10% valid voting cards were submitted at the polls.