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Half of \$3000 Costs For Statue Pledged

Cadiz, O., Serb Gives \$100 For Bust Image of Inventor To Be Placed at Monastery

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Half of the \$3000 fund goal for a statue memorial of the late Dr. Nikola Tesla has been realized, the SNF announced today.

In fact, total contributions counted so far come to \$1580.

The Fund is an outgrowth of a plea by Bishop Nicolai for Serbians to do honor for the memory of the noted electrical wizard during the world-wide Centennial celebration planned for the genius next year.

In the wake of the plea, voiced at the recent 7th Convention at Niagara Falls, Canada, the delegates approved a \$1000 gift from the SNF and decided to raise, by public grant, the balance of \$2000.

A hand collection among the 122 grass-roots leaders of the Society raised another \$450. Then, at its first meeting October 5, the newly-elected Executive Board of the SNF appealed to the membership at large to fulfill the balance required.

First Contribution \$100

A scant 24 hours after the appeal was published in the Society's "Srbobran" organ last Wednesday, Sime Zelich of Cadiz, O., gave \$100.

The proposed memorial, a statue image, would be placed before the entrance of the St. Sava Serbian Monastery in Libertyville, Ill.

historians, writers, educators, scientists, etc., would not be misled, Bishop Nicolai believes.

Be that as it may, the SNF's goal is to amass the needed monies in time to erect and dedicate the memorial before the Tesla Centennial celebration ends.

Donors and the amounts of their donations are as follows:

SNF	\$ 1000.00
Delegate M. Konjevich	200.00
" Todor Drapich	50.00
" Petar Borovich	25.00
SNF Counsel N. Stone	25.00
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" Maxim Jakovac	20.00
" Ilija Janjanin	20.00
" Lou Balta	10.00
" Jovan Vukcevlch	10.00
" Milan Kajganovich	10.00
" Stevan Rogulja	10.00
" Bogdan Dragich	5.00
" Milan Tomich	5.00
" Todor Vukich	5.00
" Djuro Lukich	5.00
" G. Stoisavljevich	5.00
" R. Vukadinovich	5.00
" Janko Mrmich	5.00
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sitors annually that Nikola
esla was of Serbian immigrant
ock and son of a Serbian
rthodox clergyman," Bishop
icolai declared.

For half a century and more,
e general American public has
en misled anent the nationality
the man who foretold the com-
g of atomic energy power.

Only recently, a prominent
American magazine listed him,
incorrectly, as of Croatian
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But lacking an image reference,
th historical statistics, similar
rors are likely in the future.

Old References Poor

The magazine publication, for
stance, explained it obtained its
erence material from an anti-
ated guide book.

Since the misleading matter
re was never challenged by
rbians and other interested
rties before, the magazine logi-
ly assumed it was factual.

Erection of a bust statue.
Also listing Dr. Tesla's date of
irth, birthplace, parents, etc.,
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nd make certain that future

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Prof. Anthony Tomovich (Edmonton, Alberta, Can.)	10.00
Teta Andia Mamula (Pittsburgh)	5.00
Martha Mamula Bjelosh (Pittsburgh)	10.00
Sime Zelich (Cadiz, O.)	100.00
Milinko Alexich, war invalid (Omaha, Nebr.)	

Total \$ 1,500.00

—the honoring, forever, of two of Serbia's best-known immi-
grant sons who contributed so greatly to the welfare and
prosperity of their adopted America.

We hope to report developments as soon as they take
place, remembering Bishop Nikolai's concluding remarks:

"Nikola Tesla, in the field of science, brought the
Serbian name great glory—just as did the greatest Serbian
knights on the field of battle."