

American Finns in Petroskoi, Karelia, Russia, in 1931

In the 1930's, many left-leaning Finns emigrated to the Soviet Union to join Stalin's "Worker's Paradise." Eventually many were killed or removed to Siberia during Stalin's purges later in the decade and during World War II, however, the advertisement indexed below is an example of a more hopeful time for the Finnish Communists in Soviet-controlled Karelia (*Karjala*).

The 1932 New Years' Day edition of the radical-left Finnish-American newspaper, the *Työmies*, includes a half-page ad that was purchased by American Finns living in Petroskoi/Petrovodsk, Karelia (*Karjala*). The ad sends New Years' greetings back home to the United States. The headline reads:

*Uuden Vuoden Taistelutervehdyksemme
Neuvosto-Karjalassa Työskenteleviltä Amerikkalaisilta Tovereilta
Lujittakaa Järjestöt Tasiteluun Sotaa Vastaan Neuvostoliiton Puolesia*

*New Year's Greetings
from the American comrades working in Soviet Karelia.
Strengthen the organizations against the war on behalf of The Soviet Union.*

Although historically Finnish and part of the Grand Duchy of Finland prior to Finland's Independence in 1917 (as well as being a part of Finland while Finland was under Swedish rule), the city of Petroskoi was then under Soviet rule and is currently still part of Russia.

The following index includes 204 individuals or families, about one-third of which also include the place of origin in the United States.

Transcribed by Kent Randell, Archivist, May, 2011.

Aalto, Frank	Ironwood, Mich.
Aalto, Toivo	
Aho, Hilma	West Frankfort, Illi.
Aho, Kalle	
Aho, Lauri and Emma	
Aho, Oskar	Zinn, Minn.
Aho, Otto	
Aho, William and family	
Ahtiainen, Lauri	Berkeley, Cali.
Alho, Axel	Cleveland, Ohio
Alto, Matti	Cleveland, Ohio
Anderson, Nestor	
Antton, Lauri and family	
Backman, Antti	Chicago, Illi.

Bay, John and Mane	
Björminen, Orvo, Ada and Otto	Waukegan, Illi.
Björn, Anni, Arvo, Hellen, Einar, Sulo, Elizabeth, and Anton	
Dahlström, Eino	
Eerola, Rauha and Urho	
Endokija, Sergeena	
Enlund, John	
Fakiina, Liiva	
Forsten, John and Hilja	Cleveland, Ohio
Freeman, Tauno, Nasta and Herman	
Frost, Matti and Ida	
Häkkinen, Vilho	
Halberg, Urho	
Halme, Inez, Hulda and Karl	Detroit, Mich.
Hämäläinen, Kalle and Olga	Detroit, Mich.
Hannula, Andrew	
Harju, Knut and Sigrid	
Hautamäki, Edwin	
Hautamäki, Sam	
Hela, Henry	
Hemppi, Emil	
Hendrickson, Arvi and Evi	
Hendrickson, Fred, Olga, and John	
Hietala, Tauno, Anni and Victor	
Hill, Kalle and Hilda	Baltimore, Mary.
Hill, Urho, Ida and Henry	Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
Hilunen, Aarne	
Hokala, Evert	Brookston, Minn.
Holland, William and Edla	Detroit, Mich.
Holmberg, Einar	Cleveland, Ohio
Honkonen, Nestor	
Honkonen, William	

Ikäläinen, Lauri and Liina	
Järvinen, Otto and family	
Johnson, Richard and Riina	
Juutilainen, Henry and family	Mahtowa, Minn.
Kaisko, Oscar	
Kangas, Eino	
Kangas, Ida and Saimi	
Kankaanpää, S.	
Karkkainen, Olli	Ely, Minn.
Karttu, Matti	
Kataja, Walter and Urho	
Kaupila, Aini and Jack	Ironwood, Mich.
Keränen, Irja, Unto, Mary and Eino	
Kero, Jaakko	Detroit, Mich.
Kettunen, Arthur R.	Brookston, Minn.
Kittilä, Emil	
Kivioja, Matti	
Knaninen, Väinö	
Koivisto, Gabriel and family	Calumet, Mich.
Koivisto, Onni and Arn	
Kokko, Antti	
Kontio, Adolf	
Korpi, Oskar	Cleveland, Ohio
Korpi, Robert	Cleveland, Ohio
Kortes, Victor and daughter	West Frankfort, Illi.
Koski, Joonas	Worcester, Mass.
Kotila, Edward	
Kotiranta, Fanny, Leo and Oiva	
Krist, Jalmer (West) and Tyyne	
Kuittinen, Thomas and family	Cloquet, Minn.
Kulmala, Frank	Cleveland, Ohio
Laakso, Urho and Hilja	

Laatunen, Erkki, Sylvi and Maunu	
Laine, August and Taisto	Waukegan, Illi.
Laino, Frans and family	
Laitinen, John and Anna	
Langila, Jaakko	Oregon
Lehtinen, Ida	
Lehtinen, Kalle	
Lehtinen, R.	
Lehto, Arvo and family	
Lehto, Frank	Ely, Minn.
Lehtola, Jooseppi	
Leppi, William	Seattle, Wash.
Liimatainen, Matti	
Lind, Theodore and Tyyne	
Lindberg, Frank, Alma and Laila	
Lindholm, Ed.	Embarrass, Minn.
Luoma, Leo, Anna and Lauri	Detroit, Mich.
Mäkelä, Frank	Cleveland, Ohio
Mäkelä, Roy, Hilma and Oscar	
Mäki, F. Arthur	Chicago, Illi.
Mäki, Frank	
Mäki, Frans and Lydia	Detroit, Mich.
Mäki, John and Tilda	
Mäki, Mike	
Mäki, Nestor	Ironwood, Mich.
Mäki, Urho	
Mäkinen, Sylvia, Hilja and Isak	
Manner, Alex	Woodland, Mich.
Mäntynen, Aili, Hessu and Yrjö	Chicago, Illi.
Mari, Sylvia, Laura, Mary and Antti	Ely, Minn,
Marttila, A.	
Marttila, Aarne	

Marttila, Y.	
Mattson, August E.	New York City
Merilä, Alfred and Martha	Hancock, Mich.
Meriläinen, Henry	Cleveland, Ohio
Metsälehto, Arthur	
Metsola, Jalo	Detroit, Mich.
Mikkola, Karl	
Myllymäki, Olavi	Detroit, Mich.
Neva, Roy	
Niemi, Anni, Väinö and Kerttu	
Niemi, Axel	Waukegan, Illi.
Niemi, Bill	Zinn, Minn.
Niemi, Lyidia, Wilho, Yrjö, and Arvid	
Niemi, Viktor and Hilda	St. Catherine, Ont.
Niikanof, Risto and Anna	
Niitylä, Kalle	
Nurmi, Einar	
Nylander, Heimo	
Oja, Niilo	
Oja, Tordi, Aino and Elias	
Olkinuora, Armas and Alisa	
Pääkkönen, M.A.	Chicago, Illi.
Pake, Urho Nylander	Minneapolis, Minn.
Pakkala, Alex	Seattle, Wash.
Palmgren, Aarne	
Parkki, Hjalmar and family	Raymond, Wash.
Pasanen, Henry	
Paukkonen, Veikko	Detroit, Mich.
Pederson, John	
Pellerson, Harry	
Pellinen, Toivo	
Pesonen, Felix	

Pulkkinen, Eino and John	
Puro, Veikko and Lily	Chicago, Illi.
Raita, August and family	
Raivio, Roy	South Range, Mich.
Rämä, Emil and Anna	
Raukkonen, Tuure	
Rauma, Toivo	
Rautiainen, Armas, Hilja, Toivo and Ireni	
Rautiainen, Jaakko and Alina	
Rautio, Ander	
Riikonen, Hjalmer	Detroit, Mich.
Roine, Reino	Angora, Minn.
Roivainen, Arthur	Eveleth, Minn.
Roivainen, George	Eveleth, Minn.
Rossi, Einari	
Ruis, Alfred	
Ruomi, Onni	
Rutanen, M.	
Rynö, Karl	
Saarela, Stiina and John	Baltimore, Mary.
Saari, Kalevi, Katri and Niilo	
Saari, Maija	
Salmi, Kalle	
Salmi, Sophie, Settla and Fred John	Detroit, Mich.
Salminen, Oiva	
Salmivaara, Eino	
Salo, Erland and Emma	Detroit, Mich.
Salo, Kalle and family	
Salo, Kalle and Hilda	Chicago, Illi.
Särö, Frans	Seattle, Wash.
Saukko, Heino	
Seppä, Wilho and Helmi	

Siikki, Art	
Siikki, Emil	
Siikki, Otto	
Siikki, Paul	
Siikki, Ukko, Maruusa and John	
Siren, Stepanus	
Sundrom, John	Brookston, Minn.
Sundströ, Ina and family	
Sunell, Hjalmer and Lydi	Waukegan, Illi.
Takola, Isack	Waukegan, Illi.
Tervo, Erkki	Zinn, Minn.
Thure, Sulo, Adde and children	
Tikkanen, Robert and Tilda	
Toivanen, Matti and family	
Torplund, Ray, Vilma and Matti	
Tuominen, K.F. and Hilja	Chicago, Illi.
Turja, M.	
Tygo, Alsted	Ironwood, Mich.
Ullakko, Toivo, Lyydi and Otto	Embarrass, Minn.
Unkuri, John	Cleveland, Ohio
Wäisänen, Erkki	Seattle, Wash.
Wäisänen, Reino, Lempi, Liisa and Matti	
Wäre, Eino	Detroit, Mich.
Watson, Evi and Pekka	
Wiita, John	
Wiitainen, Väinö and family	Waukegan, Illi.
Wirranmaa, Sanfrid	
Wirta, Eino and Selma	
Wirta, Nestor	
Wirtanen, Mikko and family	
Ylisaari, Unto	