

ASI fiddler wins polska competition

Paul Dahlin, the grandson of an immigrant from Dalarna and an active member of the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis, has been awarded first prize in a *polska* composition contest held recently in the Dalarna city of Falun. Dahlin composed the winning dance tune last May and submitted it on audiotape this past summer. It won the contest over forty other anonymously-submitted compositions.

Dahlin's mastery of the fiddle and fiddle tune composition comes naturally. The Minneapolis resident is the grandson of Ivares Edvin Jonsson who immigrated from Röjeråsen in Dalarna in 1924. Jonsson (or Edwin Johnson as he called himself in the United States) was a master fiddler who taught his son and two grandsons how to play the instrument. Dahlin's tune, called *Danielpojkens polska* (literally: "the reel of the boy Daniel") is composed in the style native to Röjeråsen.

Maps of Dalsland and Västergötland offered

Reproductions of colorful, late-19th century economic maps of various parts of Västergötland and Dalsland are now available to Swedish-Americans who have roots in those two provinces. The reprints are in a scale of 1:20,000, large enough to show individual farms and other geographical features of the home parish from which a particular Swedish forefather or foremother emigrated.

Publication of these maps is a cooperative project of Västra Sveriges Föreningsbanken, local museums, and the *landsting* in Skaraborg's and Älvsborg's *län*. Distribution in the United States is being handled by the American Friends of the Emigrant Institute of Sweden, Inc., an organization based in East Moline, Illinois.

At this time, only the provinces of Västergötland and Dalsland are included in the reprint project. For an order form write to AMERICAN FRIENDS, 3452 Fourth Street, East Moline, IL 61244. Price: \$10.00/map.



Among those receiving the Order or the Medal of the North Star from Speaker Ingemund Bengtsson (fifth from the left) were Michael Conforti, Minnesota Lt. Governor Marlene Johnson, Dr. Winston Lindberg, Patty Lindell, Irving Dahlstrom, Dr. James Kaplan, Paul Ridgeway, and Linda Wallenberg.

Bengtsson presents Order of the North Star to many on U.S. tour

Former Speaker of the Swedish Parliament Ingemund Bengtsson recently made his last official United States tour in his capacity as chairman of the New Sweden '88 Swedish National Committee. He used the opportunity to present a number of Swedish-Americans and other Americans with the Order of the North Star and the medal of the Order of the North Star. Nearly twenty-five individuals received either the Officer or Member First Class level of the Order of the North Star or the medal. Presentations were made in New York and New Jersey to Mayor Ed Koch; David McFadden, curator of decorative arts at New York's Cooper-Hewitt Museum; and New Jersey's Governor Thomas Kean, among others. In Chicago those receiving the honors included Duane Kullberg, chairman of the New Sweden '88 American National Committee, John Grimshaw, Sven Flodstrom, and Ivar Pearson, among others.

The entourage — which included New Sweden '88 Secretary General Peter Hammarström and Fredrik Löwenhielm, deputy chancellor of the Swedish Royal Orders — made a quick trip to Lindsborg, Kansas. There they presented the Order to Peter Ristuben, president of Bethany College and chairman of the Jubilee Cities Program that enabled nearly 100 Ameri-

can communities to participate in New Sweden '88. His assistant Bruce Karstadt also received the medal of the Order of the North Star.

In Minneapolis no fewer than eight Americans received recognition. Linda Wallenberg received the medal for her activities at the Sjölundens Swedish Language Village. Patricia Lindell, Paul Ridgeway, and Dr. Michael Conforti each were honored for their involvement in New Sweden '88 activities. Dr. Winston Lindberg and Irving Dahlstrom, both past presidents of the American Swedish Institute, were recognized for their many years of contributions to the Minneapolis institution. Dr. James Kaplan received the Order for organizing Swedish-Americans in North Dakota both before and during the New Sweden '88 year, and Lt. Governor Marlene Johnson was recognized for her efforts to strengthen commercial and cultural ties between Minnesota and Sweden.

Among those receiving the Order and medal on the West Coast were Roy Anderson and Henry Segerstrom, both directors of Swedish Council of America, and actress Ann-Margret. In San Francisco Ted Olsson was honored for his many activities during New Sweden '88.