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Re: "Final hour, and farewell, for ex-soldier", which appeared in the Plain Dealer of Cleveland, Ohio.

The article written about the death of Jerry Zovko was intended as a memorial for the Croatian-American; instead it highlighted the ignorance and insensitivity of journalist and publication. Stating that part of Zovko's memorial service was given in "Serbo-Croatian" is insulting to Croats everywhere. Serbo-Croatian language does not exist. "The Plain Dealer" owes the Croatian Community an apology, and the persons involved in this publication need to educate themselves to become more considerate world citizens.

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the United States of America