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## Exhibition Shows Czech Role in Cedar Rapids' Sesquicentennial

**T**HE NATIONAL CZECH & SLOVAK MUSEUM & LIBRARY'S ethnic niche in the celebration of Cedar Rapids' Sesquicentennial begins May 15 with the opening of *A New World Presence: Czech Contributions to Cedar Rapids*. Through this exhibit, which continues through Sept. 30, 1999, the story of the impact of our community's largest ethnic group will be told through dozens of vintage photographs and compelling artifacts, culled from the museum's extensive collections and from the family albums and attics of community members.

*A New World Presence* reveals the indelible mark Czech businesses, churches, schools, social, artistic and fraternal organizations have left on Cedar Rapids since the late 19th century. In sharp black and white images, visitors will see shop clerks in pressed white shirts and bow ties gaze from behind glass merchandise cases and soda counters of neighborhood grocery stores. Visitors will meet the photo image of Frank Suchý, stern-faced behind his walrus mustache, posing proudly with his family in front of his watch shop on 1006 S. Third Street SE. The exhibition includes a familiar scene — the length of Czech Village's main avenue captured in photos taken from the same angle in three different decades: 1910, 1960 and 1999.

*New World Presence* artifacts include the wood voting box that W.F.L.A. members used to accept or reject new members with the drop of a plain or black ball, and a turn-of-the-century child-size coffin from Brosh Funeral Homes.



Frank Suchý poses with his family in front of his watch shop at 1006 S. Third Ave. SE around the turn of the century. The family lived above the shop. The building is still standing and still under Czech ownership. This photograph will be included in *A New World Presence: Czech Contributions to Cedar Rapids*.

In conjunction with *A New World Presence*, the museum will offer a web site tour of 20 significant Czech locations in Cedar Rapids. Recent and historic photographs of each site will be included. The museum's web site address is [www.ncsml.org](http://www.ncsml.org). Also, oral history interviews will be shown on continuously running videos.

Humanities Iowa, Foreign Ministry of the Embassy of the Czech Republic, First Trust Bank and Ken and Mildred Johnson are sponsoring the exhibit. ■

## TAKING NOTE...

### Summer Learn at Lunch Focuses on C.R. Czechs

During the run of *A New World Presence*, the museum's monthly Learn at Lunch discussions will focus on Czechs in Cedar Rapids and their impact on the local community. The May 19 Learn at Lunch program explains the role of fraternal organizations. The June 16 program takes a look at the Czech School in Cedar Rapids, the oldest continuously operating ethnic school in the United States. On July 14, the Learn at Lunch topic is "Czech Impressions," a look at the Czech language publications printed in Cedar Rapids in the late 19th and 20th centuries. Learn at Lunch programs are free and held at noon in the WFLA Heritage Hall. ■

### Ice Cream Social Marks Opening of Museum Exhibit

The NCSML will re-create an old-fashioned ice cream social May 13 as the opening event for the Sesquicentennial exhibit *A New World Presence: Czech Contributions to Cedar Rapids*.

The celebration runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and is open to museum members and the media. The official opening date for *A New World Presence* is May 15.

The ice cream social will reflect the vintage flavor of the exhibit. The museum's Grand Hall will be turned into a turn-of-the-century social scene with albums played on a record player and a menu that includes root beer floats, lemonade and popcorn. ■



## FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**A**S YOU READ THIS OUR CURATOR, Carmen Langel, is putting the finishing touches on what should prove to be a very popular exhibit, *A New World Presence: Czech Contributions to Cedar Rapids*. This exhibit breaks new ground in many ways for the NCSML. It is the largest exhibit we've undertaken since the opening of *Homelands*, our core exhibit. It is the first time the Roman L. Hruska Grand Hall will be used as exhibit space, and, therefore, the first time the South Hall, Library, and Grand Hall will be linked with one exhibit.

*A New World Presence* also represents the largest exhibit we have undertaken which is specifically about the Czech experience in Cedar Rapids. That Czechs have made such a strong impact on our community has never been in question; however, it is very compelling to encounter image after image, artifact after artifact, each reminding us of the nature of the immigrant experience, the customs and traditions, the businesses that were started, the size and meaning of the community within the community. The cumulative effect is profound. Our hope is that *A New World Presence* will remind present day visitors — whether Czech or not, local or not — of the commitment, courage, and ingenuity inherent in the building of the Cedar Rapids Czech enclave. I also hope it will act as an inspiration to those who aren't sure what to do with the photographs, diaries, and objects related to their Czech heritage to remember the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

Since I last wrote this column I was able to share in two very special occasions. In March I was present at the historic NATO accession ceremonies at the Truman Library in Independence, Missouri. This ceremony formally brought the Czech Republic, Poland, and Hungary into NATO. The primary speakers were the foreign ministers from each country. Though all of their remarks were dignified in a way befit-

ting the occasion, they were also personal. The possibility, or even impossibility, of the moment was something they had thought about well before the fall of the Iron Curtain. The accession ceremony was led by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, whose perspective as a Czech American made the day particularly poignant. I look forward to the day when Slovakia will too join the Alliance.



Dan Baldwin was recently present at the historic NATO accession ceremonies at the Truman Library in Independence, Missouri. Pictured from left to right are: Baldwin, Alexander Vondra, Ambassador to the United States; Secretary of State Madeleine Albright; Jaromir Novotny, First Deputy Minister of Defense; and Jan Kavan, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic.

In late April I was able to take part in activities surrounding President Vaclav Havel's visit to Minneapolis/St. Paul. One of the most rewarding aspects of this visit was the opportunity to interact with leaders of Czech and Czecho-Slovak organizations from across the country. Word of the work that is going on at the NCSML is spreading quickly. I was able to accept many compliments on the museum's behalf. ■

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## Museum and Czech Village have Grand Plans for Houby Day

Museum staff and volunteers marched in the St. Joseph's Day parade and will stroll again as museum ambassadors in the Houby Day parade on May 15. Houby Day is expected to lure a flood of people to Czech Village and to the museum. Special events, including a breakfast and houby contest, are planned to entertain visitors and to promote the museum. Visitors will get \$1 off admission if they can name one of the 5,000 varieties of mushrooms that grow in North America. Czech bands will play all day in two locations in the village and on the museum's Garden Stage. A parade of kroje pageant will be held on the Garden Stage (or inside, if Mother Nature doesn't cooperate) after the 1 p.m. Houby Day parade. ■



## NEWS FROM DEVELOPMENT

### Phon-a-thon Encourages Memberships — Builds Bonds with Past Supporters...

**A** SPECIAL THANK YOU TO GUILD MEMBERS, Leo and Irma Modracek, Sylvia Rohlena, Betty Truesdell and Frank Johnson, who volunteered April 6 to phone previous members of the museum and invite them to renew their support again this year. Over 57 individuals were contacted, resulting in 66% either making a pledge or considering membership support! The evening provided a unique opportunity for museum volunteers to connect with the individuals on a more personal level, letting them know about upcoming programs and activities, membership benefits and how important their support is to the continuing growth of the museum. Another evening of phoning is planned for early May to contact an estimated 90 more individuals. ■

### Planned Giving Seminars Begin in June

**A**RE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE about how you can give a significant contribution to the NCSML that can benefit you, your heirs and the museum? Plan to attend the first of a series of "Planned Giving Seminars" to be held at the museum beginning the week of June 21st. The sessions will take some of the mystery out of planned giving and introduce you to some basic opportunities available to help meet your financial objectives and individual circumstances. Details regarding these informative sessions will be forthcoming. ■

### Museum Guild Establishes Memorial Endowment Fund to Honor Members

IN MARCH A SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FUND that honors the memory of Guild members was established with an initial gift to the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. The museum's initiative to increase the Endowment Fund will be one of the institution's main focuses during 1999 and 2000 and will provide recognition for those who contribute to the fund. Individual Guild members or interested parties may contribute to the fund. For more information, please call the development office at 362-8500. ■

## GIFT STORE NEWS

### Gift Store has Ways to Pamper Chefs

**I**F YOU WANT TO PAMPER A CHEF with a unique and useful gift, the museum gift store has some suggestions.

The gift store has two new cookbooks that include the best of the area's Czech and Slovak recipes from our best cooks. *Czech and Slovak Touches: Recipes, History, Travel, Folk Arts*, by Pat Martin of Cedar Rapids, is now available. The book includes personal essays, history of the Czech and Slovak Republics, color photos by award-winning photographer

Joan Liffing-Zug Bourret and over 100 recipes of traditional Czech and Slovak foods. And just in time for Houby Day, the museum Guild has released a collection of mushroom recipes titled, *Quality Czech Mushroom Recipes*. The book con-

tains appetizers, entrees, soups, salads, egg dishes, sautés, sauces and spreads. Recipe contributors come from Eastern Iowa and across the United States.

The museum gift store also has a new supply of fun aprons that would make for a good conversation piece for any cook. One apron, which comes in red, navy blue or black, has a saying on it: "Káva a Laska jsou nejlepší kdya jsou horke!" This translates to "Coffee and Love are best when they are hot!" Another apron which comes with white with red lettering says, "Slepici nudlova polevka je nejlepší! ...jesti muzes dostat splepici aby snesla nudls..." which means, "Chicken noodle soup is best if you can get the chicken to lay the noodles."

Don't forget that the museum gift store also carries Czech and Slovak clocks, Museum Guild cookbooks (which

were published December 1998), tatted note cards, Czech glass beaded jewelry, handmade Slovak wheat weavings, crystal, Modra ceramicware, books and much more.

For more information, please call the gift store at 319-362-8500. ■



## OPPORTUNITIES

LOOKING FOR A SUMMER TRIP that includes great Czech food, dancing and art? Head to Wilber, Nebraska, on a museum-sponsored motorcoach tour. The trip includes a stop in Elkhorn, Iowa, a city rich in Danish history; a day in Wilber, Nebraska, for the Nebraska Czech Festival; and a trip to the Omaha area with a stop at the Strategic Air Command (SAC) Museum. Tour cost per person starts at \$229 per quad. Balance is due by June 30. Call Shirley at 362-8500 for more information. ■



## A New World Presence Spurs Donations

In the last few newsletters the museum requested photographs and objects related to businesses and organizations in Cedar Rapids for use in *A New World Presence*. Many thanks to everyone who responded to this request.

One individual who came forward was Elizabeth Burianek of Cedar Rapids, who donated a cigar box from the company owned by her grandfather, Joseph Burianek. Joseph was the proprietor of the Great Western Tobacco Works in Cedar Rapids from about 1912 to 1934. One doesn't generally associate cigar manufacturing with Cedar Rapids but there were at least nine such companies in Cedar Rapids at the turn of the century.

Two different individuals, Robert Fisher of Iowa City and Adeline Volesky of Cedar Rapids, donated items from the Waconia Sorghum Company. This company was owned by the Wessale family (originally spelled Vesely) from

This sorghum tin is from the Waconia Sorghum Co., which operated just west of Highways 218 and 30 until it was purchased by ADM in the late 1970s.



Moravia. The family-operated business consisted of a sorghum mill in Waconia, MN, in business from about 1910 until it was destroyed by a tornado in 1925. The family rebuilt the business in Cedar Rapids to take advantage of a longer growing season for sorghum. The Waconia Sorghum Co. operated just west of Highways 218 and 30 until it was purchased by ADM in the late 1970s.

Finally, Dorothy Evans and Mary Ann Pochobradsky, donated glasses from Milo Vondracek's dairy business.



This cigar box comes from Great Western Tobacco Works in Cedar Rapids, a company that was in business from around 1912 to 1934.

They read, "Compliments of Milo C. Vondracek, Be Good to the Baby," and were likely distributed to Vondracek's customers during the Depression. They are in pristine condition and will trigger fond memories for many local visitors.

Again, many thanks to the above individuals and everyone else who responded to our request. You can see them all in a few short days with the opening of *A New World Presence*. ■

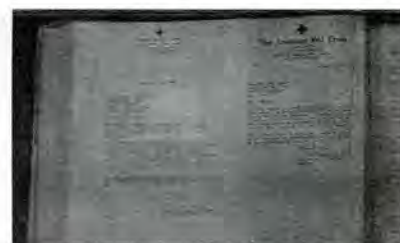
## Library Acquires Scrapbook

The library has recently acquired a great primary resource of information on the activities of a Czech-American group that helped support the liberation of Czechoslovakia during the Second World War. A member of the Edward Beneš Chapter of the Czech National Alliance (České Národní Sdružení) preserved the letters, newspaper clippings and photos of this organization's activities from 1938 through 1947 in a scrapbook. These items help to paint a picture for us of the industrious men and women who contributed both time and money to assist the people of Czechoslovakia under Nazi domination. The Edward Beneš Chapter, which was based in Chicago, sponsored many fundraising activities such as benefit concerts, bazaars and rummage sales. The chapter was also active in the American Red Cross with its Edward Beneš Unit.

The Czech National Alliance (CNA) was originally formed during the First World War to promote the cause of Czechoslovak independence from the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The CNA

organized a number of Czech organizations and individuals for the purpose of raising funds for the independence cause. By the end of the war, there were 16 regional districts and 320 chapters. The CNA later operated under the Czechoslovak National Council, which coordinated the efforts of the CNA and two other major Czech and Slovak organizations.

The CNA was relatively inactive during the interwar period, but was reorganized after the Nazi occupation of Austria. Since it was recognized that Nazi aggression would not stop at the Austrian border, the CNA initiated fund drives to support the defense of Czechoslovakia. However, after the western powers capitulated to Hitler's demands to incorporate the "Sudetenland" into Germany, the CNA focused on supporting the liberation of Czechoslovakia. The Czechoslovak National Council was again the coordinator of the efforts by the CNA and two other major Czech and Slovak organizations. The CNA was the largest organization of the Czechoslovak National Council with 14 regional



This scrapbook tells the story of a Czech American group that helped the people of Czechoslovakia under Nazi domination.

districts, 213 chapters and some 30,000 direct members. The CNA was also the leading fundraiser within the Czechoslovak National Council, raising more than \$1.3 million.

The CNA leadership changed late in the war, adversely affecting relations with the Czechoslovak National Council. The CNA ultimately dropped out of the Council, which led to the loss of most of the CNA's own member organizations. Upon the communist coup in Czechoslovakia in 1948, it became clear that the new CNA leadership was sympathetic to the communists, who were opposed to the democratic ideals espoused by President Beneš. However, the CNA survived despite vehement anti-communist sentiment in the United States. ■



## PROGRAMMING/CALENDAR May - November

### MAY

"May 13: **Opening reception** for *A New World Presence: Czech Contributions to Cedar Rapids*. From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the NCSML will re-create an old-fashioned ice cream social to reflect the vintage flavor of the exhibit.

**OPENING:** May 15-Sept. 30 *A New World Presence: Czech Contributions to Cedar Rapids*. The museum will recognize Cedar Rapids' Sesquicentennial with this exhibit, which focuses on 19th and 20th century black and white photographs and three-dimensional objects related to Czech businesses in Cedar Rapids. The exhibit, with more than 50 photos culled from the museum's archives and community members, also includes Czech Community organizations like Sokol, Czech School, fraternal organizations and music and theater groups. *A New World Presence* is sponsored by Humanities Iowa, the Foreign Ministry of the Czech Republic, First Trust Bank, and Ken and Mildred Johnson.

**PERMANENT EXHIBITION:** *Homelands*. The museum's permanent exhibition, with periodic change of artifacts, tells the story of the Czech and Slovak people from the days of Slavic tribes wandering into Central Europe through the Velvet Divorce in 1993. *Homelands* features 250 objects that include works of art, a 1935 Czech-made motorcycle and Czech and Slovak folk costumes. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Regular admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors (65 and over), \$2 for children ages 5-16. Children under 5 with an adult companion are admitted free. Members are admitted free. Admission includes a tour of the Immigrant Home and *A New World Presence*.

May 15: **Houby Day** celebration in Czech Village and at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. Opening day of *A New World Presence: Czech Contributions to Cedar Rapids*. "Parade of Kroje" costume pageant, 2 p.m. or after the 1 p.m. parade, on the garden stage (or in the museum's Grand Hall if it rains). This narrated pageant will include authentic costumes from the Czech and Slovak Republics, and folk costumes made locally. Pageant is free.

May 19: **Learn at Lunch**, *Cedar Rapids Czechs in the Age of Fraternalism*, Rollie Raim. Noon to 1 p.m., WFLA Heritage Hall. Free. Learn how Czech fraternal organizations have contributed to the community and what ties they have to other benefit societies in the area.

### JUNE

June 9: **Treasures Under the Stars**. This evening event shuttles shoppers by trolley between the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, Brucemore and the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art gift stores starting at 7 p.m. A \$15 ticket buys food, drinks and a bag of goodies. Live entertainment. All gift store items 20 percent off. Tickets available at any of the three gift stores.

June 16: **Learn at Lunch**, "Abeceda," presented by Patricia A. Hikiji, Noon to 1 p.m., WFLA Heritage Hall. Learn about the 129-year-old Czech School in Cedar Rapids, the oldest, continuously operating ethnic school in the United States. Discover its early beginnings and its current program of instruction in the Czech language and culture.

### JULY

July 14: **Learn at Lunch**, "Czech Impressions." Noon to 1 p.m., WFLA Heritage Hall. Free. Museum librarian Dave Muhlena will discuss Czech language publications (such as the *Slovan Americky* and the *Cedar Rapidske Listy*) that were printed in Cedar Rapids in the late 19th and 20th centuries.

July 27 and 29: **Customs, Cookies & Crafts**. This summer youth program will let children celebrate Christmas in July through stories, games, and crafts that are an integral part of the Christmas season in the Czech and Slovak Cultures. The July 27 session is for grades 2-3, 9 a.m. to noon, registration fee \$10. Pre-registration required. July 29, grades 4-6, 9 a.m. to noon. Registration fee \$10. Pre-registration required. Call 362-8500 to register.

### AUGUST

Aug. 3 and 5: **Eggs and More**. The museum's second summer youth program of the season lets kids celebrate Easter in August by learning the stories, games and crafts that are part of the Easter season in the Czech and Slovak cultures. The Aug. 3 session is for grades 2-3 and runs from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is \$10. The Aug. 5 session is for grades 4-6 and runs from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is \$10. Call 362-8500 to register.

Aug. 6-8: **Motorcoach trip to Wilber, Nebraska**, the "Czech Capital of Nebraska." The trip includes a stop in Elkhorn, Iowa, a city rich in Danish history; a day in Wilber, Nebraska, for the Nebraska Czech Festival; and a trip to Omaha area with a stop at the Strategic Air Command (SAC) Museum. Tour cost per person starts at \$229 per quad. Balance due by June 30. Call 362-8500 for more information.

Aug. 18: **Learn at Lunch**, *A Snapshot in Time*, led by museum curator Carmen Langel, from Noon to 1 p.m. in WFLA Heritage Hall. Peruse old photographs and take a look back at some of the early Czech businesses and organizations in Cedar Rapids. Free.

### SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Sept. 13: Káva a Kniha, reading discussion series, "Talks with T.G. Masaryk," by Karel Capek. 7-9 p.m. WFLA Heritage Hall.

Friday, Oct. 29 and Saturday, Oct. 30: **Slovak History Conference**. This two day conference will appeal to scholars as well as local residents and will include discussion of the 10th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution, the role of Slovak-American groups and Slovak life under Communism. The event is sponsored by the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, the Center for Russian, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies at the University of Iowa, the Embassy of the Slovak Republic and the Kirkwood Community College International Studies Program. The conference includes the museum's fall dinner on Oct. 30.

## NCSML had More than 1,000 Visitors During the Easter Season



The three grand marshals for the St. Joseph's Day parade were Linn County supervisors Lu Barron, Jim Houser and Lumir Dostal. They are all, coincidentally, of Czech descent. Between St. Joseph's Day and the Easter Traditions series (from March 17 to April 3) the museum had 1,132 visitors. Of that number, nearly 600 people came to watch egg decorating, lace making, porcelain painting and other demonstrations. ■



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## Roman Hruska Dies

Retired U.S. Senator Roman Hruska, who died April 25 at the age of 94, left an indelible mark on the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library in Cedar Rapids. The museum's Roman L. Hruska Grand Hall was dedicated in Hruska's honor in October of 1996. A bronze plaque in the Hall reads, "Roman L. Hruska Grand Hall, Commemorating the leadership of Roman L. Hruska, U.S. Senator - Nebraska, 1954-1976. For his dedication in preserving the traditions of our Czech and Slovak Heritage."

Hruska, whose father was born in Tabor, Czechoslovakia, was a major donor to the Museum and Library's capital campaign. The museum's collections include several gifts from Hruska, including a 1972 photograph of Hruska with three Apollo 17 astronauts aboard the USS Ticonderoga following the Apollo 17 splashdown. The photo is signed by all three astronauts. One of those astronauts, Capt. Eugene Cernan, who is of Czech and Slovak descent, came to Cedar Rapids to be the keynote speaker for the Hruska Grand Hall dedication ceremony. ■

## ♫ NCSML FYI ♪

Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from Noon to 4 p.m. Regular admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors (65 and over), \$2 for children ages 5-16. Children under 5 with an adult companion are admitted free. Members are admitted free. Admission includes a tour of the restored 19th Century Immigrant Home and *Homelands*, the museum's permanent exhibition, which tells the story of the Czech and Slovak people from the days of Slavic tribes wandering into Central Europe, through the Velvet Divorce in 1993. *Homelands* features 250 objects that include works of art, a 1935 Czech-made motorcycle and Czech and Slovak folk costumes. The museum is located at 30 16th Ave. SW. For more information call 362-8500.



♦ *E luma romane jakhenca — The World Through Romani Eyes.* This exhibition of paintings was introduced by the Museum of Romani Culture in Brno, Czech Republic, in the spring of 1997 as a travelling exhibition consisting of the works of non professional Romani artists, almost all of whom originate from different areas of the former Czechoslovakia. Embassy of the Czech Republic, Washington, D.C. Through June 30.

♦ *Wild Birds.* This photographic exhibit by the legendary Czech-American photographer Antonin Kratochvil, featuring aspects of Romani life, will be displayed in the lobby of the Embassy of the Czech Republic, Washington, D.C., through June 30.



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