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All is Ready for Opening of *A Thousand Years of Czech Culture*

Opening Weekend Events Planned

Music, food, and ethnic entertainment will celebrate nine months of planning and preparations on Saturday, May 24, with the opening of *A Thousand Years of Czech Culture: Riches from the National Museum in Prague*. At 9:30 a.m. a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony will be the final act before this very special exhibition is opened to the public. Consisting of 205 artifacts from the National Museum in Prague, all woven into a graphically pleasing interpretation, *A Thousand Years* is one of the finest exhibitions currently traveling in the U.S., and it represents a major step forward for the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. Cedar Rapids is the second and last venue for this exhibition, which was a four-year collaborative effort between The National Museum in Prague and Old Salem in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The exhibition will run through December 31.

A three-day event is planned to help celebrate the exhibit opening. Czech music will be ever present on the



Garden Stage on the museum's south side. Among the other activities will be nationally recognized ethnic artist Daniela Mahoney doing scratched egg demonstrations and Joe Nolte providing children's storytelling. Sunday's highlight will be a Pageant of Costumes, as owners of kroje (Czech and Slovak national costumes) will march into the WFLA Heritage Hall.

Food concessions will be provided by Zindrick's. (See this page, right, for the weekend schedule.)

"We are very interested in creating an atmosphere that is festive and colorful and in keeping with the exhibit," explained Dan Baldwin, the museum's executive director. "But at the same time, this is a celebration for our museum and for Cedar Rapids. We want our public to enjoy the sense of accomplishment that the staff, board of directors, volunteers, and sponsors feel about this special project.

"We also want to provide alternate activities in case there are lines for the exhibit."

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TAKING NOTE

A Thousand Years of Czech Culture Grand Opening Weekend Events

Saturday, May 24, 1997

■ *Music in the Garden*

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Czech Heritage Band
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Czech Plus Band
12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Czech Heritage Singers with the Czech Plus Band
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Dave Franklin's Party Time Band

■ *On the Patio: Children's Stories* by Joe Nolte, Storyteller

10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m.

■ *In the Gift Store: Scratched Egg Demonstrations* by Daniela Mahoney

9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 25, 1997

■ *Music in the Garden*

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Czech Plus Band
12:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Czech Heritage Singers with the Czech Plus Band
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Simanek's Trio

■ *WFLA Heritage Hall: Pageant of Costumes*

2:00 p.m.

■ *In the Gift Store: Scratched Egg Demonstrations* by Daniela Mahoney

12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Monday, May 26, 1997

■ *Music in the Garden*

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Czech Heritage Band
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Simanek's Trio
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Czech Plus Band

■ *In WFLA Heritage Hall: Puppet Theatre performance* by Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre

1:00 p.m.

■ *In the Gift Store: Scratched Egg Demonstrations* by Daniela Mahoney

9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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The May 24 opening caps a week of events that includes a preview tour for the press and a gala dinner. Admission for *A Thousand Years of Czech Culture* is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$3 for children. Hours for the exhibition are Tuesday – Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon – 4 p.m. The museum will be open Memorial Day, 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. ■

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MEMBERS RECEIVE FREE ADMISSION

A reminder to all current members of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library: Your membership allows you free admission to *A Thousand Years of Czech Culture*. All you need to do is show your current membership card at the visitors station in the Grand Hall. There is no limit to the number of times you can use this benefit! Encourage your family and friends to become members so they too can enjoy these privileges. ■

DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Dan Baldwin,
Executive Director

There is considerable excitement reverberating through the halls of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. The largest and perhaps most significant programmatic event in the museum's history is nearly ready for the public to enjoy. The past months have been filled with details large and small, including making ready the gallery, design of the gallery space, arrangements for the shipment of the artifacts, negotiating contracts, travel arrangements for our colleagues from Prague, and communication with the staff at Old Salem. There have been days of particular excitement: the arrival of the artifacts in mid-April; the arrival of our new exhibit cases, gallery walls, and plexiglass, all of which stay with the museum; seeing the unveiling of our marketing plan; and, watching the faces of the few who have been let into the exhibition space, seeing their surprise at its complete transformation and their sense of awe in the historical and artistic nature of the artifacts. As I write, the exhibit is about 70% installed. The project is on schedule and on budget.

It is not too early to begin thanking those who have played a significant part in making this possible. First, of course, are members of the staffs of the National Museum in Prague and Old Salem. These two institutions are responsible for creating this amazing exhibit. Foremost are Milan Stloukal and Hobie Cawood, the leaders of the museums who generously included the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library in the American adventures of *A Thousand Years of Czech Culture*, and have afforded our institution tremendous respect during this process. Vladimír Brych of the National Museum and Margaret Vincent of Old Salem were co-project directors for *A Thousand Years*. It

was their drive over four years that allowed the project to reach fruition. They are to be congratulated.

The staff at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library has done an exemplary job this spring. Our staff size presents extra challenges when faced with a project this large. The only answer is to work harder. Two, in particular, were saddled with enormous responsibility. Judy Ostrander, director of development, joined the museum staff in October 1996. In November we began a \$350,000 campaign to bring *A Thousand Years* to Cedar Rapids. She engineered the drive that now has us on the brink of successfully attaining our financial goal, having the project 100% underwritten. Carmen Langel is my co-project director for the installation of *A Thousand Years of Czech Culture* in our facility. She has overseen all the enhancements to the exhibit hall, the deinstallation and storing of our collection, working with the curatorial staffs at Old Salem and the National Museum, working out the logistics of unpacking and processing the artifacts within the gallery while maintaining strict standards, and is now closely involved with the actual installation. Seven-day weeks have been the norm for Judy and Carmen. And while I point out these two specifically, the entire staff has gone well beyond the call of duty so that we can provide the public with something very special. Please remember to thank them for a job so well done.

However, without our donors, we would not be discussing the opening of this exhibit. *A Thousand Years of Czech Culture* belongs to the community because it is the community that made its trip to Cedar Rapids possible. From our members whose gifts provide important operational support to the designated contributions for *A Thousand Years*, each show of support has been significant. My thanks is never ending, and my hope is that you will enjoy this exhibit, and the bright future that follows, in ways more than commensurate with your abundant generosity. ■

— Dan Baldwin, Executive Director

Library News and Notes

At times it feels like the Library is in the calm eye of the storm called *A Thousand Years of Czech Culture*. While the pace of change may be a bit slower than in the rest of this organization, our library systems and procedures continue to develop at a steady rate.

Since the last report, we have received the complete sheet music collection of the Lyre Society of Chicago. Founded in 1870, the Lyre Society is composed of men of Czech descent who celebrate their Czech heritage through song. The chorus was quite famous in the early part of this century, performing for many Czech and American dignitaries and on tours of Europe and the United States. The sheet music collection consists of hundreds of folders each containing the male vocal parts of a particular

song. Many of the pieces were written or arranged by Frank Kubina who conducted the group for over 70 years. Often Mr. Kubina wrote out the music by hand and duplicated it for each of the men in the chorus. The collection contains the original and the copies. We are very pleased to have the Lyre sheet music as part of our collection. I know that it contains many treasures to be discovered over time.

The Lyre Society no longer performs, but you can still experience a part of their history by visiting the small exhibit in the Library.

Also on display in the Library is the first exhibit in the Archive Exhibit Series featuring the Mitvalsky family of Cedar Rapids. Photos in this exhibit were donated to the NCSML by Richard L. Mitvalsky. The exhibit series will feature

materials from our Archiyes including photographs, papers, and other graphical materials and will rotate every few months.

These exhibits and the new reference desk and computer have given the library a new look. We plan to have the grand opening of the library this summer. Final date and time will be announced in the next issue of *Most*. In the meantime, the Library is open by appointment. Come by and see it.

Volunteers have helped with library projects large and small. Many thanks to: Frank Edmunds, Rose & Don Miller, Marcela Masticova, Bob Drahozal, Mana Zlatohlovek, Marie Cada, Jeannie Thompkins, Janet Melichar, and Olga Drahozal. ■

—Martha Wilding, Librarian

Orientation and Training Workshops for Museum Volunteers

The first of four volunteer orientation and training workshops in anticipation of the special exhibit, *A Thousand Years of Czech Culture*, was held April 21. The morning and evening sessions were conducted by Program Coordinator, Patricia Hikiji, and Curator of the Collections, Carmen Langel. Executive Director, Dan Baldwin, outlined the steps undertaken by the museum to bring this outstanding collection to Iowa. He described the richness, variety, historical, and educational value of the artifacts and stressed the important role the volunteers would play in presenting this major exhibition to the visiting public.

Job descriptions were outlined, emergency procedures reviewed, and security precautions discussed. Museum volunteers will fill the positions of gallery attendant, immigrant home docent, information station attendant, and gift store sales clerk. Five stations will be maintained in the gallery with one roving, relief position. Two attendants will greet visitors and sell admis-

sion tickets in our newly constructed information station. Docents in the immigrant home (one per room) will help to interpret the lifestyle of the immigrant families who settled here in Cedar Rapids. Two sales clerks will be needed, per shift, to wait on customers shopping for unique ethnic and imported items in the Gift Store.

Seventy individuals participated in the April 21 sessions. Thirty-nine were new recruits to the museum's volunteer program. More than seventy individuals registered for the May 12 workshop. Those who are interested in volunteering (this specific volunteer opportunity), but were unable to attend the scheduled



Programs/Volunteer Coordinator Patti Hikiji addresses volunteers at a recent orientation. Though more than 120 volunteers attended the sessions, many opportunities still exist.

workshops may still become members of the museum's volunteer force by contacting Patti Hikiji at the museum.

Other volunteer opportunities are also available in the library and main office, and in the areas of programming and special events. For more information and to request a "Volunteer Interest Form" call the museum at 319-362-8500. ■

The Challenges of Mounting *A Thousand Years of Czech Culture*

The final word that *A Thousand Years of Czech Culture* was coming to The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library marked the end of a quiet winter working primarily with the collections. My first opportunity to fully appreciate the immensity of the task in front of us came at the end of January when our exhibit designer, Robert Bodnar, and I visited Winston-Salem to view the exhibition and meet the staff of Old Salem, Inc.

It was immediately apparent that we had two major hurdles to overcome. The first was time. Most museums plan many months or years in preparation for such a large exhibition. The second was staff size. Old Salem has a very large staff, while we have only a handful of full-time people.

Preparing the gallery for the arrival of the artifacts was as much work as mounting the exhibition. All our artifacts and display cases had to be removed from the gallery and put into storage. After the artifacts were removed, all the temporary walls and track lights were taken out. Once the gallery was empty, we had only two weeks to finish the climate control, reinstall the track lights, patch and paint the walls, and install the carpet.

The arrival of the artifacts in mid April marked a new phase in preparation for the exhibition. Over a week was spent unpacking the 50+ artifact crates. Next was the process of actual artifact installation. This phase will take a long time and numerous individuals



Much care was taken installing artifacts for *A Thousand Years of Czech Culture*, such as with this 17th century statue of a Jesuit Saint (left) and an 18th century wrought-iron grill.



(one piece weighs over 880 pounds!). By the opening of the exhibition, we will have been assisted by four curators from the National Museum in Prague and staff from other local museums, including the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art and the History Center.

The opening of *A Thousand Years of Czech Culture* on May 24 will be remembered as another significant event in the history of the organization. It's our first major exhibition in the new building, it will help lead us into development of our own core exhibition to open in the gallery early next year, and hopefully be the first of many collaborations with the National Museum in Prague. ■

— Carmen Langel, Curator

Collections Update

Although work with the collections has temporarily slowed during mounting of the new exhibition, we continue to make steady progress. Sheila Hanke recently joined the staff part-time as an assistant curator. When she is not helping with *A Thousand Years of Czech Culture*, Sheila is working with the kroje. She is cleaning each costume, recording very detailed notes about the condition of each element, making conservation recommendations, and putting them into storage. When you see the kroje again next year in our core exhibition, they will be clean and in good condition. ■



Volunteers Roland Raim and Lydia Elias sit at the new visitors station in the Roman L. Hruska Grand Hall. The visitors station was designed to compliment the colors and architectural features of the Grand Hall, and will greatly enhance our visitors' first impressions of the museum. It was constructed by GB Woodworks. Primary funding for the visitors station was provided by the Rotary Clubs of Cedar Rapids.

PROGRAM NOTES

Programming Schedule through September 1997

June 4 — "Learn at Lunch" short program

A Thousand Years of Czech Culture: Through a Curator's Eyes
Carmen Langel, Curator of the National Czech & Slovak Museum
• 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., at WFLA Heritage Hall
Bring your lunch and join us for a behind-the-scenes look at the preparations for this major exhibit. Free to the public.

June 14 — Stories, Tales, Legends, & Lore (children's story-time)

• 10:00 a.m., Museum Library. Free to the public.

June 16 – 19 — "Ja Rada Tancuju" (I Like to Dance)

Folkdance "Funshops" Ethnic Folk Dance Classes for Young & Old
• Mon. – Thurs., 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. • 4 – 6 year-olds
• Mon. – Thurs., 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. • 7 – 11 year-olds
• Mon. – Thurs., 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. • 12 – 17 year-olds
• Mon., Tues., Wed., 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. • Adults
At WFLA Heritage Hall, Participants will learn basic folk dance steps, some traditional Czech and Slovak dances, and even an international folk dance or two. Instructor: Louise Wessinger, St. Paul Czech & Slovak Folk Dancers. Pre-registration required. Registration fee.

June 19 — "Folkdance Party"

• 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., at WFLA Heritage Hall
A time for dance class participants to join together for an evening of dancing fun! Included as part of the "Funshops"

July 1 — Lecture: "Empires to Republics: A Czech Nation Looking for Freedom and Independence" Dr. Jitka Sonkova, Kirkwood

Community College
• 7:00 p.m., WFLA Heritage Hall
Free to the public.

July 4 — Czech Plus Band Summer Concert Series

• 4:00 p.m., National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library
Free to the public.

July 16 — "Learn at Lunch" short program

"Goosetown" Slide Program by Marybeth Slonneger
Through slides and stories, share experiences of the immigrant families that settled in Iowa City in the mid-1800's.
• 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., WFLA Heritage Hall
Free to the public.

July 19 — Stories, Tales, Legends, & Lore (children's story-time)

• 10:00 a.m., Museum Library
Free to the public.

July 19 — "Nase Ceske Pisnicky" (Our Czech Songs)

Traditional Czech folk songs sung and danced by The Capital City Czech Choraliars of Lincoln, Nebraska
Ray Svoboda, leader and The Bannister ZCBJ Czechoslovak Folk Dancers, Tom and Diane Bradley, leaders
• 7:30 p.m., WFLA Heritage Hall
Admission Fee.

August 15 — Registration Deadline for "Kava a Knihy"

(Coffee & Books) Reading-Lecture-Discussion Series to be held at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library
Registrants will receive a list of the books selected, information on acquiring the books, and a schedule of the discussion times.
Pre-registration required. Registration Fee.

August 16 — Stories, Tales, Legends, and Lore

(children's story-time)
• 10:00 a.m., Museum Library
Free to the public.

August 20 — "Learn at Lunch," short program

"Heirlooms for Tomorrow"
The art of painting on porcelain will be discussed and demonstrated. Information will also be presented on the various types of porcelain and the history of this art form. JoAnne Neff
• 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., WFLA Heritage Hall
Free to the public.

September 8 — "Kava a Knihy"

Reading-Lecture-Discussion Series, First Book Discussion
• 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Museum Library
Pre-registration required.

September 17 — "Learn at Lunch," short program

"Genealogical Research Via the Internet"
How to use technology in the search for your roots
Martha Wilding, Museum Librarian
• 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., Museum Library
Free to the public.

September 20 — Stories, Tales, Legends, and Lore

(children's story-time)
• 10:00 a.m., Museum Library
Free to the public.

September 21 — Classical Concert

Leopold La Fosse, Soloist
Leopold La Fosse, Artist – Teacher of Violin, State University of Iowa
• 2:00 p.m., WFLA Heritage Hall
A musician of wide experiences in many performance areas, La Fosse who has been concertmaster of five symphony orchestras and a Fulbright Professor in Brazil, maintains an active schedule of appearances in the U.S., Europe, South America, and Russia.

Cedar Rapids' Own Czech Plus Band 1997 Summer Concert Series in the Czech Village Bandstand

• All concerts Friday at 7 p.m. •

(No Rain Date)

June 6 ... Guest Artist
June 20 ... at Sokol Park
June 27 ... Concert
July 4 ... 4 p.m. at Czech/Slovak Museum
July 18 ... WFLA Concert
July 25 ... Concert
Aug. 1 ... Guest Artist
Aug. 8 ... Concert
Aug. 15 ... Guest Artist
Aug. 29 ... at Masaryk Park
Sep. 5 ... Czech Heritage Singers
Sep. 12 ... Final Concert

Official Band of the Czech Village in Cedar Rapids, IA

History of Czechs in America Book Now Available in our Gift Store!



This valuable resource book was written by Dr. Jan Habenicht of Chicago and published by the Hlas Publishing Company of St. Louis in 1910. It

was translated

into English by Miroslav Koudelka, a member of CGSI, and edited and arranged by Paul M. Makousky, Publication Chair of CGSI.

The book has 595 pages (8 1/2" x 11"), is bound by a hard cover and features a beautifully finished metallic blue and white jacket containing a photograph of the Dvorak family in their raspberry field in Minnetonka Township, Minnesota on front and the Vasko family on their farm near Sun Prairie, Wisconsin on the back. Additions to the book include an index to the illustrations, a foreword to the English edition by Paul M. Makousky, a list of the Czech fraternal organizations, maps of the 17 states with the largest Czech populations, a complete surname index, a geographical name index, and a biography of the author.

Even if you don't find your family name(s) in this book, it is very valuable in describing the living conditions and experiences of our Czech forebearers from the mid 1800's to 1910. This book provides the most extensive description of Czech life in religion, among fraternal organizations, in the press, in theater, and in the struggle for maintaining the Czech heritage versus becoming part of the American melting pot.

The *History of Czechs In America* will provide an excellent education for anyone interested in the history of the United States, whether Czech or not. ■

Lovely items are arriving each day in preparation for the opening of *A Thousand Years of Czech Culture* including our Royal Czech Lion Broach, the two-tailed crowned lion on a shield. It is a late Gothic variant of the symbol for the Czech state.

Our new "Collections" by Opus Crystal has arrived. The best of the new creative designs in fine mouth blown hand-cut crystal. Opus Crystal brings the rich traditions of the Bohemian glassmakers from Europe to the United States. Since the fifteenth century the artisans of eastern Europe found the region, in what is now the Czech Republic, rich in the minerals needed to make beautiful crystal. Since the Velvet Revolution in 1989, the talents of these artisans, with their new found freedom, have set a new hallmark in mouth blown and hand-cut works of art. The companies include: Karl Anton, Glass Atelier, Mottee, J. Blazek. We are

expecting to host a Trunk Showing of this glass in October.

Our new 53 cm Czech, Moravian, and Slovak dressed dolls have also arrived and would like to find new homes. For the first time we have a Bride doll from Moravia.

Czech, Moravian and Slovak traditional costumes coloring book by Daniela Mahoney has also arrived. You will be able to have the artist/author sign the book for you during the opening of *A Thousand Years of Czech Culture* May 24 and 25 in the Gift Store.

Calling all museum visitors who would like to read and be knowledgeable about the new exhibit! Our catalog on the exhibit now graces the shelves of the Gift Store. Get your copy early and be prepared to fully enjoy the museum experience and the new exhibit. ■

— Sheryl Nejd, Gift Store

Field Trips and Cultural Experiences

The months of April and May bring showers and flowers and "school tours!"

Schools from the Cedar Rapids area and surrounding communities plan field trips to the Museum as a culminating activity for the school year or for a particular unit of study. Tours are tailored to the age, interest level or subject matter being taught. The restored, 2-room, immigrant home adjacent to the museum gives students an opportunity to learn what life was like in the late 1800's to early 1900's. A walking tour of neighboring Czech Village is often included as part of the ethnic experience.

Students can learn about the hand repair of leather items, discover a 100-year old business that relies on "feathers," find out what the special ingredients are in home-made style, Czech meat products, and cooperate in a "taste test" for the local baker.

Three schools visited the latter part of April for a total of 185 students. Eight more schools are currently scheduled for May with an additional 340. ■

Tour the Enchanted Land of the Czech Republic, Sept. 23 – Oct. 4, 1997

A special tour arranged by Travel Advisors of Cedar Rapids includes sightseeing the beautiful city of Prague, scenic trips to charming villages, fairy tale castles and chateaus; experiencing the picturesque South Bohemian countryside, a visit to Ceske Krumlov, an all day tour of the spa town of Karlovy Vary, an evening dinner cruise on the Vltava River, and so much more! The tour will be hosted by the museum's director, Dan Baldwin, and his wife, Monica, and will benefit The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. Call Vin or Eunice at 319-395-9920 or 800-373-5970 for more information and a detailed itinerary.

Prices from the following departure cities:

Cedar Rapids: \$2750.00 per person

Chicago: \$2580.00 per person

Newark: \$2450.00 per person

plus applicable taxes. Rates based on two persons sharing a room. Single supplement: \$690.00

Triple accommodations: deduct \$100.00 per person

Optional Tour Extension: Oct. 4 – 9, 1997

• Five night optional tour to Vienna and Budapest: \$799.00 per person based on a double. Call Vin or Eunice for a detailed itinerary. ■

OUR GENEROUS DONORS MADE IT ALL POSSIBLE...

Major funding for the exhibit, *A Thousand Years of Czech Culture: Riches from the National Museum in Prague*, has been provided by the Hall-Perrine Foundation. A grant in the amount of \$100,000 in support of securing the exhibit was made contingent upon matching provisions whereby The Hall-Perrine Foundation provided \$1.00 for every \$2.00 raised from other individuals and corporations. This challenge was met in April. Gifts and pledges toward the exhibition have now risen to \$320,000 closing the gap on the \$340,000 needed to completely underwrite the cost of the project.

This project not only brings to Cedar Rapids a world-class exhibit, but it also provides resources to design and fabricate cases, pedestals, and other design elements that will remain and house our new permanent collection at the Museum after *A Thousand Years of Czech Culture* has closed. The long-term benefits of this exhibition to the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library will be significant. ■

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NATIONAL NEWS

◆ Centennial of Bohemian National Hall, Home of Sokol Greater Cleveland

- June 1 — Sokol Greater Cleveland summer exhibition
 - Sept. 6 & 7 — Bohemian National Hall Open House
 - Sept. 27 — Grand Ball/Dinner Dance
- For information, call Dorothy Cummings,

◆ Nebraska Czech Festivals

- June 7 — HASTINGS • South Central, V.F.W. Club, Hwy. 6 & Wabash. Free admission. 11:00 a.m. — 10:00 p.m.
 - June 21 — DAVID CITY • Butler Co. Czech Day, David City Park, Kansas St., East
 - June 26 — 29 — CLARKSON • Clarkson Czech Festival. Free entertainment, carnival.
 - July 18, 19, 20 — DWIGHT • Czech entertainment, food, dancing. Call 402-465-4957 or 402-566-2515.
 - Aug. 1, 2, 3 — WILBER • Czech Capital of Nebraska and USA. Accordion jamboree, children's parade, National Miss Czech — Slovak USA Queen Pageant.
- For more information on festivals, call 402-465-4957 or 402-435-6914.

◆ Czech & Slovak Republics Small Group Tours

- June 18 — July 2 • June Festival Tour, \$2695.00/person • C. Budejovice & Krumlov, Telc, W. Slovakia, "Straznice" Folk Festival, E. Bohemia villages, Prague.
 - June 22 — July 19 • Celebration Tour, \$2695.00/person • Best of the Republics: S. Bohemia, Telc, Bratislava or Vienna, Tatra Mts., Prague. Also Straznice Festival (in CZ), Vychodna Festival in Slovakia.
- For information, call Mark or Sara or 1-888-427-8687.

◆ XIX American Sokol Slet and Competitions

- June 25 — 29 • Activities include gala opening ceremony, festive banquet, competition in apparatus, gymnastics volleyball, golf, bowling, mass calisthenics, folk dances and more. Naperville Central High School, Naperville, IL and Morton West High School, Berwyn, IL
- For information and reservations, call the American Sokol Organization, 708-795-6671 or fax 708-795-0539.

◆ 6th Genealogical/Cultural Conference

- Oct. 1 — 4 • Radisson South Hotel, Bloomington, MN. Presented by the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International. Many networking and cultural opportunities. Activities include:
 - Narrated ethnic tours to New Ulm, New Prague, Spillville and St. Paul
 - "How To Research" sessions by professional genealogists
 - Sessions on holiday traditions and antique decorative arts
 - On-site research library and translation assistance
 - Nation's largest live fashion show of authentic folk dress
 - Performance by St. Paul Czechoslovak folk dancers and ethnic brass band
 - Also 32 sessions covering music, art, history, immigration and settlements, military, archive research, travel, meanings of geographical names, and more.
- For more information, call the Czechoslovak Information Hot-line: 612-645-4585 or access our home page: <http://members.aol.com/cgsi>

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