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NATIONAL CZECH AND SLOVAK MUSEUM

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, the Czech Fine Arts Foundation in Cedar Rapids, IA, is undertaking the construction of a new National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library. It is indeed worthy of national stature, designed to house their priceless collection of artifacts from the mother country, brought to America by generations of Czechs and Slovaks.

The project includes acquisition of a key site in the midst of a well known Czech village in Cedar Rapids, construction of a humidistatically controlled environment for the artifacts and creation of a library to house an extensive collection of Czech books and research materials.

The project also includes flexible meeting rooms where educational and cultural programs can be offered to il-lustrate the rich artistic heritage of the Czech and Slovak oultures. Several Cedar Rapidians are teaching the language and exquisite craftsmanship to younger people across the Nation so that these skills will be preserved.

The present museum opened in the fall of 1978, and was once moved from a temporary facility to its present location on the banks of the Cedar River which winds through the community. More than 60,000 visitors have enjoyed the museum from every State in the Nation and more than 65 other coun-

The depth and variety of the musem's collection reflect the level of support it enjoys nationally. Lavish handmade laces, exquisite cutwork and em-

broidery, elaborate beadwork, and brilliant scarves and ribbons decorate the collection of mational costumes from the Czecha, Moravia, and Slovak areas. There are over 40 costumes in the collection-more than in any other museum outside of Czechoslovskis.

Here, too, are richly carved pipes, lovely hand-painted porceiains, daz-riing, deeply cut lead crystal and scores of other old world treasures. These were part of the culture of the Czechs, Moravians, and Slovaks who immigrated here from Central Europe during the late 19th and early 20th cen-

The immigrant experience was arduous and the first years here were not easy. An actual two-room immigrant home has been faithfully restored to depict their lifestyle as well as many of their handmade tools.

Curators have informed the Cedar Rapids Czech Fine Arts Foundation that this is one of the most outstanding of any ethnic collections in this country

Give the great value of this collecthe offer of touring exhibitions and the plans for special programs, the Czech Pine Arts Foundation and several other Czech groups have engaged Mr. Felix Stephen Gula of New York City to plan a new major facility. Mr. Gula is known worldwide for his architectural and exhibit work for such major clients as the State of New York, the U.S. Department of Com-merce and the Smithsonian Museum

among other achievements.

Several of the Cedar Rapids Czech Arts Foundation and Advisory Board are acquainted with officials of

the Czech and Slovak Republis who have expressed their endorsement of this fine collection and the ambitious project. They have expressed a willingness to help arrange touring exhibits that have never before left the mother country. Especially appealing to these officials is the Cedar Rapids' location. virtually in the geographic center of the Upper Midwest, where you will find many descendants of Eastern European immigrants.

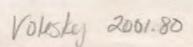
The proposed museum and the continuation of the beautiful collection, enjoys the endorsement of local officials, the Governor of Iows, community leaders, the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of International Relations of the Slovak Republic. In March of this year it was my pleasure to introduce H.E. Rita Klimova, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary who accepted an award for President Havel presented by the global community of Cedar Rapids. Her Excellency expressed great enthusiasm for the collection and the foundation's efforts.

Those who know me, know that I have great esteem for my fellow Iowans, their commitment, their sense of history, their dedication to preserv ing traditional values and their willingness to give of their time and their money. The Cedar Rapids Czech and Slovak Museum and Library and the people associated with it are typical of the best of Iowa and its citizens. I am proud to add my name to those who en

dorse these efforts.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

For several months a handful of dedicated people have worked diligently on our Czechoslovak community's grandest project to date. The cover of this issue says it all!

We've all heard the skeptics, and those who would believe they won't see the day when a new Museum & Library are built. The fact is, the Czech Fine Arts Foundation will be presenting Cedar Rapids a new National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library in the very near future.

The success of this project can be directly linked to the cooperation between all of the Czechoslovak organizations in Cedar Rapids. Each formally recognized and endorsed the project from the very start and appreciate the value of such a fine facility. Cooperation among our groups has never been better and the evidence is the realization of our new Museum & Library. See you at the groundbreaking next Fall!

John Rocarek



STOLEN

The Czech settee that reposed outside of Sykora Bakery for many years is no more. It has been stolen. It will be missed by many who paused to rest or to enjoy their kolach purchased at the bakery. Any information regarding the theft will be greatly appreciated.

From Thievery to Vandalism

The Bridge of the Lions lost one of its mascots earlier this month. Someone who evidently had too much time on their hands took it upon themselves to reduce one of the concrete center lions on the 16th Avenue Bridge to rubble. But not to worry. A replacement lion is already in place. Money had been set aside by the Bridge of the Lions Committee for the inevitable.

Correction: Thanks go out to the many readers that caught the error in the list of festivals we ran in our last issue. South Dakota should read —

South Dakota—Czech Days, third Friday and Saturday in June.

E.I.L. UPDATE

The Ambassadors are back from Czechoslovakia and their month-long homestay and are
eager to share their experiences. Our four ambassadors this year were Dana Dvorsky, Janet
Kopecky, Stephany Machacek, and Sarah
Novotny. The Ambassadors showed their slides
and gave us all a glimpse of life inside
Czechoslovakia on October 4th at Asbury United
Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids. The
Experiment in International Living/Homestay
Program presentation each October offers us a
chance to go to Czechoslovakia without leaving
Cedar Rapids.

Each Ambassador is available to speak to your church group, lodge or organization. Just contact the Committee Chairperson or write to the Foundation.

Students wishing to apply for a scholarship for next year's homestay may obtain their applications from Committee Chairperson Sherlee Peterson by writing her at

. To qualify, area students must be of some Czechoslovak ancestry and be in their junior year of high school. The deadline for return of applications is November 1st.

SLOVAK CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Among the concerts of the 1992-93 series of Cedar Rapids Community Concerts is the Slovak Chamber Orchestra; praised as one of the world's finest string ensembles. The orchestra has performed in more than fifteen hundred concerts throughout four continents and is a regular special guest at Europe's most prestigious music festivals. They will perform at the Paramount Theatre on November 3rd of this year.

Due to the regulations of the National Community Concerts Association, tickets for any one performance may not be sold. Therefore, it will be necessary to purchase a season ticket which admits you to four excellent programs at the Paramount Theatre. Season tickets for \$25 each may be purchased from Charles E. Krejci by check payable to Cedar Rapids Community Concerts and forwarded to him at

Season tickets also grant you free admission

BEDRICH SMETANA

PRODANÁ NEVĚSTA

For the first time ever, the Lyric Opera of Chicago is presenting "Prodana" Nevesta" (The Bartered Bride) by Bedrich Smetana -- in English, with projected English titles.

The Czech Fine Arts Foundation, Inc. is sponsoring an overnight trip to see this charming and delightful comedy on November 7-8, 1992.

Cost of the tour, which includes the opera ticket, transportation by motorcoach, overnight lodging, and a family-style meal at a Czech restaurant, is only \$100.00 per person.

Forty-five tickets are available on a "first-come-first-served" basis.

Payment must accompany each reservation in order to secure a place on the tour.

Contact the Czech & Slovak Museum & Library for further details at (319) 362-8500.

DEADLINE for reservations is October 1, 1992.



to all the Community Concerts at Clinton, Waterloo, Decorah, and Marshalltown. Tickets will be mailed from the office of our organization. Na shledanou!

CZECH MUSIC FOR ALL YOUTH

The Cedar Rapids Symphony Orchestra and Cedar Rapids Community Schools in July, commemorated the visit of Antonín Dvořák. Classes were for pre-schoolers, grades three through twelve with orchestra experience, and students in grades five through eight were in a chorus. On Friday, July 31st, the groups were in a variety program around and on the Bandstand Czech in Village. Works of Dvořák and Smetana were on the program. It was surprising to see such little folks playing violins and other musical instruments.

CZECH/SLOVAK-IOWA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE

By Adeline Volesky

Iowa State University in Ames selected Czechoslovakia as the country of focus as an agricultural exchange because it had extension interaction with their three universities. The purpose is to carry out educational training from management to market economics. The goal of the program is to facilitate the movement of the Czech and Slovak republics from a communal driven society to a market driven society. As a result twenty-five Czechs and Slovaks, five women and twenty men, were selected to come to Iowa. They are involved in agriculture, agri-business and banking.

Our guest was Jirina Andrlova, age forty from Oldris, Moravia. Her husband is in charge of a beef herd. They have a twenty-three year old son in Brno University and a six year old daughter. Jirina is the manager of a five thousand acre collective farm with ten employees under her supervision. She is well educated, having attended the University of Prague of five years. Since education is government financed, almost everyone goes but only the honor students get good positions. Her collective farm is in a higher elevation. They raise short season crops.

We asked what the future had in store for the collective farm. She said the land will be returned to the people who originally owned it, according to records and documents. Other land will be offered in return for wages or money owed people and the rest will be sold, however there are not many takers. Older people plan to retire and the young people do not have the finances and experience of free enterprise.

Since Jirina's job will be eliminated we asked about her future. Their family will accept land that once belonged to them originally. They must still decide whether to take level land for crops or rolling land for cattle.

Arrangements for local tours included Prochaska Vegetable Farm, Hagen Strawberry Farm, Hughes Nursery, Kloubec Fish Farm, Honey Creek Orchard, and Kirkwood College. Other highlights included T.V. interviews, Freedom Festival Parade, picnics, concerts, supermarkets, beef and hog farms, hands-on work, and church.

The agricultural exchange group arrived in the United States, June 22nd and had orientation the 23rd and 24th. Host families met their guests the 25th at Amana. The group departed our community June 30th after a tour of the Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, Czech Village and luncheon. Their next stop was Ames and Des Moines for eight days, then on to Washington D.C. at the U.S.D.A. and sightseeing before returning home.

Iowa State University will continue its interaction with a six part satellite series emanating from I.S.U., downlinking to all three universities carried by national television. I.S.U. also plans to develop six one-hour-long T.V. programs depicting day to day operations in America, making decisions using current management and market economic concepts and methods.

Some of our guests spoke good English, but several spoke no English, so we had to brush up on our Czech and keep our dictionaries handy. We enjoyed them immensely and hope they learned a lot about agriculture since we are located in the "Bread Basket of the World." We made many lasting friendships and they extended invitations to us to visit them in their homes.

Editor's Note: All toll, twenty families from all over Eastern Iowa pitched-in to host these exchange students. Our hats are off to all of the generous folks out there who participated. Děkují vam mnohokrát!

BRIDGES IN PRAHA

Praha is often called, "The City of a Hundred Steeples." When you stand on the wall of the Castle, look down toward the city, your eyes travel from steeple to steeple. You also see the Vltava River and its twenty bridges!

The first bridge was made of wood in the 900's. By the year 1172 it was no longer in use...



Vaclav had been on a military trip to Italy and saw many stone bridges. So a stone bridge was erected, named after his wife, Judith. This bridge was worn out in 1342, and replaced in 1357 when the present Charles Bridge was started. There are some thirty statues of various famous people from the Middle Ages on the

Charles Bridge. It was closed a few years ago to vehicular traffic.

Excerpted in part from Jan. '92 Sokol Minnesota Slovo

FREDDY, THE CZECH PEACH MERCHANT

by Leonard Pfeifer

Fred Pfeifer was born February 29, 1911 at 1829 L St. S.W. in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the oldest

son of Bedrich and Stella (Trpkosh) Pfeifer.

The year was 1917. At the tender age of six, Fred confronted his first of many challenges. Much to his surprise he discovered that he would be required to learn a foreign language. You see, the only language spoken at Van Buren Elementary School was English, and the only language Fred spoke was Czech. There would be no bilingual classes to smooth the transition. But hard work prevailed and by the end of the school year Fred Pfeifer proudly wrote a little in English.

Fred went on with his studies and became one of the first students to attend and graduate from Wilson High School (dedicated in 1924). At the dedication, every student wrote a brief note to

place in the cornerstone.

In the year 1925, at the impressionable age of fourteen, Fred's life would change. He walked into the People's Food Store and was hired on the spot

by its owner, Orrie Becker.

The store was located on the corner of 2nd Ave. and 3rd Street S.E., the present Firstar Bank's drive-through location. Over the years Pfeifer learned the business from the bottom up. He was eventually rewarded for his hard work and promoted to a management position at another of the Becker Stores known as Trade Home Food, located where Brenton Bank now stands, at the corner of 1st Avenue and 2nd Street N.E.

Pfeifer's love for the grocery business could only be surpassed by his love for a young lady by the name of Catherine Wiley, also a Trade Home Food employee. By 1933 she accepted Fred Pfeifer's proposal of marriage, and for a wedding gift he purchased for her the store where they worked together and fell in love.

Fred decided to change the name of the store to Wonder Food Market. The name was developed from Fred's personal thoughts at the time, "It's a wonder I got this far in life," and "I wonder if we'll make it?" Well as fate would have it, the goin' would not be easy. The young grocer found out there is a very competitive market in the business.

A young up-start by the name of Witwer launched his own store! Witwer reported that any price his competitors set, he would say "Me Too." This then became the inspiration for the name of Witwer's store and some very real competition for area grocers.

Feeling the pressure from Witwer's challenge, Pfeifer established the first self-serve food market in Iowa. This novel marketing idea, Pfeifer's claim to fame today, was in reality an effort to lower overhead. As Fred clearly states, "Ours was the first store in Iowa to introduce the customer to a self-serve market."

Even with cookie sales of one ton a month by 1940, Me Too Food Stores had matched People's Food Store prices, hands down. The big competitors couldn't even make it. As you can imagine, these price wars left little room for any real profit in a small "mom and pop" operation. Sadly, the Wonder Food Market had to close its doors.



WORKING THE COUNTER AT THE PEOPLE'S FOOD STORE



THE WONDER STORE - 1934

Fred Pfeifer learned a hard lesson in the grocery business. To be on top, you have to possess a special appeal and must be one cut above the competition. Fred knew he had the experience, knowledge, and imagination to be a success, but he no longer had the capital necessary or customers to prove his ability. He decided to link his talents with the success of the Piggly Wiggly Stores, vowing to make this chain of grocery stores bigger and better than any other.

Pfeifer's first real breakthrough came in 1953 when he developed a new marketing concept called "pre-packaged produce." By 1956 a national trade magazine known as the Progressive Grocer wrote an article on his new sale approach. As a result of spotlighting his success, over fifty offers poured in from all over the country, seeking Pfeifer's innovative ability. He became known as a leader in creative produce marketing. It was nationally known that Pfeifer had the ability to triple, even quadruple department sales. And it didn't stop there!



COLOR plays an important role in increasing the attractiveness of produce. Red colored tope is used on yellow

Tray banding boosts produce sales for Iowa operator

Volume sales of fresh produce have never been better, while spoilage loss is almost a thing of the past for a Waterloo, lowa, Piggly-Wiggly super market.

"I used to lay awake nights figuring ways to reduce spoiling loss with my fresh produce," Fred Pfeifer, produce manager, says. His loss, like the national produce loss figure, was better than 6%. "That's what I was fighting," he says.

But that was nearly three years ago. Today Pleifer claims his spoilage loss is practically non-existent—less than 1%—and his sales of some produce items have more than tripled—even quadrupled—by packaging items in trays with an overwrap of tape.

As a result, produce sales today account for 14% of store volume Fielder moves an average of te crates of plums in two days by trabanding them eight to a tray "Otherwise, if I just placed ther out in the crate, I would barely se a single crate during that time,

Nectarines, a fairly expensiv luxury item, also move easier it trays. During the early part of July. Pleifer was selling them for 45¢. In the open crate at this price the had to throw practically all of them out. The housewile wasni interested. By tray banding the he found he could sell them all

Pfeifer, who started in the grecery business 31 years ago, simpl by walking into a store in the middle of a day—he was hired on the spot—didn't have his tray bandin, idea accepted immediately by the housewife. "It was about a year before th housewife stopped complaining the she couldn't make the selection

to overcome this discourage ment, Pfelief carefully followed a two-step plan. Eirst, he purchase coly quality produce and took pains to keep poor quality fruit and vegetables out of trays. Second he offered to replace, without question, any produce the customes aid had gone bad. With some tiems, such as bananas, he offered a double redund if there was spoil as

Once the housewife found that she was always assured of quality when she bought produce in trays the complaints subsided and sales bases investors.

Pfeifer new tray bands tweive items—bananas, peaches, plums, apples, pears, tomators, apricots, corn, tangerines, lemons, oranges and grapefruit. He also bands a strip of colored paper tape around tettuce beads and celery bunches, and in some cases, sweet corn, caniflones and becamily

The produce manager employs one man to tray band, and one man to help him serve customers in the display department. His tray hander prepares a crate of peacher in roughly five minutes. MOSE!

NOORESSIVE GROCER . NOVEMBER 1956

Pfeifer's ability to create attractive, eye appealing mass displays repeatedly took 1st place honors in national competition. He wouldn't settle for 2nd place, and had quite a reputation. His friends dubbed him, "Freddy the Czech Peach Merchant."

Everyone sought to copy his ingenuity, in the hopes of setting new sales records as he had done. Pfeifer was quickly promoted to Territorial Produce Supervisor, managing eleven stores in the midwest. Even with all his success, he never lost his ability to understand his customer. "To sell to many (a mass market), you first must be able to sell to one!" He understood that good business meant catering to the individual, and that each customer must feel special. This theory worked and became Fred's calling card. Thousands of satisfied customers throughout his many years in the business will attest to it.



FRED AND CATHERINE - 1988

Today, Fred resides in Waterloo with his wife Catherine. He still maintains many fond memories of how he was able to "outwit" the competition through original and creative marketing concepts. Fred's very proud of his accomplishments in the grocery business, and equally as proud of his Czech heritage. Next time you're in the grocery store and heading through the produce section, take a look around. It's my bet you'll remember the Czech who set the standard for the displays you see today! Thanks Fred. #l always.

THE GIFT OF LIFE

Each year many children and young adults are diagnosed with leukemia and other blood diseases. For many of these people, their only chance for survival is a bone marrow transplant.

Imagine if someone in your family had a deadly disease. After searching it was determined that no one in the family shared the same tissue type and a donor could not be found. The fate of your loved one lies in the hands of a stranger.

The search continues. The National Marrow Donor Program embarks on a search to find that one special, unrelated person whose tissue type matches. There is a very good chance your loved one will die. The odds of finding the only person who may save them is anywhere from 1 in 100 to 1 in 1,000,000.

What does all this have to do with our Czech heritage. Just ask Board Member Duane Novotny. Duane is a bone marrow donor and learned that ethnic background has a lot to do with the odds of finding a successful donor/recipient match. Not only do the odds get better when the same ethnic background is shared, the odds are greatly increased when the donor and recipient are full-blooded. Duane knows first-hand how it feels to give a helping hand. Somewhere out there a recipient of Czechoslovak ancestry was found for Duane's bone marrow and now a young life, once threatened, has another chance. There are other Czechs and Slovaks out there that long for the gift of life.

Have you ever considered becoming a bone marrow donor? To qualify you must be between the ages of eighteen and fifty-five and in good health. It's easy to find out more. Call toll free 1-800-944-8220 and ask for more information on how you can save a life. Oh, and tell them Duane sent you!



to the editor

May 11, 1992

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is my check for annual dues.

I was pleased with my copy of Leo Baca's Czech Immigration Passenger Lists, Volume IV. On page 24 I found my great-grandfather George Bures and family list-ed as arriving at the Port of New York on 18 September

I would like to see "Our Czech Heritage" duly recognized as an outstanding ethnic society publication. You are doing a great job. Congratulations to all responsible.

Sincerely, John J. Knurr

San Francisco, August 22, 1992

I have obtained your address and a suggestion to write to you from Dr Jiri Setlik, Counselor for the Cultural Affairs, and Ms Rita Klimova, Ambassador of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic in U.S., as well as from Josef Skvorecky living in Toronto.

The reason of my letter is that I would like to ask you for a financial help, which would eventually enable to have a surgery for one severely affected 12- year old girl -Veronika Linhartova from Mohelnice, Czechoslovakia.

Let me explain the situation to you in detail. Veronika was born on November 11, 1979, as the first child of a young, healthy couple. (Her mother has been a teacher of children with language difficulties, the father has been an engineer.) She was nice, clever baby-girl and there was nothing different from other babies and toddlers. Maybe, only a mandible was a little smaller. However, at the age of 2 years, the parents noticed that a movement in mandibular joints was not complete and that an opening of mouth was slightly limited.

Unfortunately, the affection was progressing with age and limited movements also slowed down and later almost stopped the mandibular growth, so that the chin remained unproportionately small. When I saw Veronika first time at the age of 3, she was able to open her mouth only to the distance of 8 mm (1/3"). She was able to eat only soft and blended food and her chin was very small.

Veronika has suffered from a very rare and very serious condition involving severe retrognathia with ankylosis of both temporomandibular joints. At present, she is able to open her mouth only by 7 mm and cannot eat anything else than a mixed food. There exists even much more serious danger. Because of the limited opening of the mouth, even a simple tooth cavity could represent a serious life-threatening affection, as usual dental treatment is not possible. (There is also almost no possibility to brush the teeth and clean the mouth cavity.)

I have known Veronika since she was 3 years old. Every time I saw her, she was a very bright, clever and intelligent girl, with very nice personality and always in a good temper. It was almost unbelievable, how she was always - even as a very little child - cooperating during examination and treatment. It is obvious that without strong support from her parents she would not be able to

go through all the difficulties like that.

It would be a very long story, if I would describe all what has happened since she came with her parents the first time to my clinic. The parents asked two questions at that time - first, what kind of future awaited Veronika, and second, what chance they had for having an unaffected child. The second problem has been solved. Following genetic examination and preventive vitamin supplementation, a healthy baby-boy was born. However, the first problem still has remained to be handled.

During such a long time of contact, a border separating child-patient and his parents from a physician disappear and only a common effort to help remains. Veronika belongs to these my patients, whose courage and good temper in a challenge to all difficulties, which life has brought to them, leave me again and again with surprise.

In spite of all effort and deep interest of surgeons as well as of all medical personell involved in the Veronika's treatment, no positive results have been achieved. She is now 12 years old, very nice and easy girl, intelligent and bright, with excellent school results. Her disease is not only very serious, but also very rare, so there are only several places in the world, where the surgeons - on a background of experience from treatment of a large number of

patients - have been achieving good results.

Therefore, I discussed the Veronika's case with the chief of the maxillofacial team at the University of California in San Francisco. You can read his view in a let-ter, which has been enclosed. For the same reason, why I have considered it as my duty to look for a help for handicapped children beyond my own profession, I was one of the founding members of the Society of Birth Defects in Czechoslovakia several years ago and from the beginning

have been serving as its president.

Unfortunately, the required financial costs are very high and we can make them lower only slightly, for example by letting her and her mother to stay with us etc. There are not very many possibilities to get official financial support. So, my question is, if you could help. Any single contribution makes sense and is important. There will be a help from Czechoslovakia as well, including free airfare for Veronika and discount air-fare for her mother. However, the entire amount of money, which is necessary to pay for the surgery, cannot be obtained from Czechoslovakia, especially not in a short time. The view of Professor Kaban is that the operation should be carried out as soon as possible, because of the progression of the disease and the risks mentioned above.

I have enclosed some documents, as well as a xerox copy of Veronika's photographs. Please, do not hesitate to contact me any time for more details or additional information. And, please, on behalf of Veronika, help.

We are looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours Marie Tolarova, M.D.,Ph.D.,D.Sc.

747 Medical Sciences Bldg., San Francisco, CA 94143

August 7, 1992

Dear John:

I spoke with you earlier in the summer about a student from Czechoslovakia name Michal Kruzliak. I am happy to report that all arrangements for him to come to Iowa are made and he will arrive in Waterloo on August 20, 1992. He will live with a host family in the UNI Price Lab School district where he will be a senior.

I am writing you to request that you use your contacts to assist us in securing funding for Michal's expenses. We estimate we will need \$200 a month for the 10 months he is here. We are seeking this funding through educational organizations and the Czech community. We appreciate

any assistance you may be able to provide.

I have enclosed a letter from Michal which will tell you a little more about him. He is an extremely deserving young person who will be a fine student.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

If you have any question or need further information you may contact me at the University at (319) 273-6185 or FAX (319) 273-6997.

Sincerely

Jeannie Steele, Ph.D.

The University of Northern Iowa 618 Education Center, Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0606



to the editor

July 15, 1992

RE: Project Booklift

In response to the many letters and requests like that of Bobbie Random of the Language School in Brno reported in your last edition, the Prague Spring Foundation, with the assistance of Continental Airlines, has shipped over 200,000 books to several schools, libraries and other public institutions in several cities and towns in Czecho-Slovakia. Our executive director Teri New just returned from the distribution of over 50,000 books into Bratislava.

Our program was supported by grant monies from the United States Information Agency. Unfortunately, we have just been informed that these grant monies will not be available to us for the forthcoming fiscal year.

Transportation costs, because of the help of Continental Airlines are a mere \$1 per book. If you organization or any of your readers would like to support our program, please mail books and matching donations to us to P.O. Box 21054. Santa Barbara, CA 93101 to P.O. Box 21054, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, or contact us at (805) 962-4275 for the nearest Continental location to drop your books.

Thank you for your kind efforts to continue this most

deserving program.

Respectfully, Tim Bujnak, President **Prague Spring Foundation**

25 August 1992

Dear Editor:

I want to compliment you on the new format of the newsletter. It looks great. I am enclosing a copy of one of our issues so that you can see how we do ours. I would also like to know if it would be OK with you I we ran your arti-cle "Where the Festivals Are" which was in your Spring

Thank you in advance for your co-operation. We would be happy to reciprocate in any way that we can.

Sincerely

Kathryn Betlach Dankowski California Czechoslovak Club 727 Appleberry Drive San Rafael, CA 94903

29 July 1992

I am trying to research the origin of the Galusha family name. I have received several stories on the origin, but haven't been able to get any firm lead, and was hoping you could help me out

Some family legends dictate that the original Galusha was French Huguenot who fled France to the Netherlands, then to the Isle of Jersey. Other family legends say that the original Galusha left France, and fled to Wales, which is where he departed from, to America.

Another family legend says that the original Galusha came from Czechoslovakia under a kings charter to fight

Accepted spelling for the name was "Galusha" until the Revolutionary War. At this time numerous variations came about, depending upon the interpretation in spelling by the recruiter. Again, after the war, the accepted spelling became "Galusha" with one family line adopting the spelling "Galeucia". There is no known reason why the original family did this.

Since being assigned to Germany, and coming into contact with numerous European citizens, I have been told that the Galusha name appears to be Eastern European. I have been further told that the Galusha name appears to be a Slavic name. As additional support, one of my distant family members was in Czechoslovakia, and while there, he said he came into contact with a Czechoslovakian professor who related that the name was Czechoslovakian. He further related that Galusha and Galuska were at one time one family. During the years of religious persecution and strife in Europe, the family broke into two factions, with the Catholics taking the Galuska name and the Protestants taking the Galusha name.

I have been provided with additional rational to this theory when I found out that there is a Hungarian egg noodle called Galuska, and was also told that there is a Polish word galusha, meaning loud and obnoxious. If the Slavic theory is correct, this would explain the similarity in names, and locations of similar words, by looking at the

Slavic belts.

I am writing to you with the hope that your organization may possess some information about the feasibility or truth to the theories of the Slavic or Eastern European origin of the Galusha name.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Capt Roy A. Galusha HQ 17 AF/XPW PSC 10 Box 656 APO, AE 09130-0656

July, 1992

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends of Sokol!

You are cordially invited to participate with us in our XVIII AMERICAN SOKOL SLET and competitions which will be held June 23 thru 27, 1993, at the Naperville Central High School, Naperville, Illinois and Morton West High School, Berwyn, Illinois.

A festive banquet, competitions in apparatus, modern rhythmic gymnastics and volleyball, as well as folk dances, along with our mass calisthenics for all classes will be featured during these exciting days. Other activities are being planned and will be brought to your attention as soon as plans are completed.

Please extend this invitation to all your members! Rooms will be available in many surrounding hotels/motels, but the Oak Brook Marriott Hotel will be the official Slet headquarters. Further information will be available thru the American Sokol office, Housing Chairman.

We are looking forward to your participation in our Slet. With our heartiest Sokol greeting.

> NAZDAR! AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION Charles R. Borvansky, President Jackie M. Kourim, I.Vice-President 1993 Slet Co-Chairmen

Editor's note: Each month we receive dozens of letters requesting financial assistance of all varieties. Even though the Czech Heritage Foundation is not in a position to help directly, if we know of an individual or organization which may be able to help, we pass the word along. We wish we could help everyone directly, but it just isn't possible.

YOU'VE DECIDED

Thank you for responding to our survey from the Spring issue of Naše České Dědictví. We received many responses (60) but if you haven't sent yours back yet, we would still like your input. Many of you wrote comments and suggestions in addition to the survey (Super!) which we have taken into consideration. Here's basically what you said:

1. I like the new format, bound and stapled in booklet form.

Yes No Undecided 100%

The print is easy to read and the size of type adequate.

Yes No Undecided 100%

3. I prefer two columns per page.

Yes No Undecided 93% 7%

4. Should Naše České Dědictví accept and publish one-to-two pages of paid advertising in an effort to offset expenses?

Yes No Undecided 74% 17% 9%

5. Would you like to see more articles about current events and political issues in Czechoslovakia?

> Yes No Undecided 67% 17% 16%

6. I like to see more photographs.

Yes No Undecided 64% 18% 18%

I would like more articles and poems written in Czech.

Yes No Undecided 42% 37% 21%

8. I find the "To The Editor" page interesting.

Yes No Undecided 90% 5% 5%

9. Should we publish more articles about individuals and biographical items?

Yes No Undecided 69% 11% 20%

 I would like to see the minutes from the Czech Heritage meetings published.

Yes No Undecided 29% 41% 30%

Many people also stated that they would like a few new words in Czech to either learn or just to keep up with the language. One individual said they liked stories about people's vacations to Czechoslovakia. Several suggested that we publish more information about families doing genealogical research. We also received many names of candidates for biographical interviews.

With this information, we hope to make your newsletter even better. We always want to hear from you, so drop us a line anytime!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 7th "The Bartered Bride" Trip to Chicago, Page 3

Nov. 14th Czechoslovak Genealogical Society

Int'l Fall Workshop Bloomington, Minnesota

Dec. 5th Sv. Mikulas Day in the Czech Village, Cedar Rapids



WEDDING BELLS

For some years now Katrina Thomas has been photographing and writing a book about ethnic wedding customs and traditions. She is nearing completion of the book and finds that she lacks information concerning Czech weddings. She would be very interested in finding a Czech couple with wedding bells in their future who will include ethnic traditions and/or rites in their ceremony. Katrina will photograph the event and share material with the couple. For more information write Katrina at:

CONVERSATIONAL CZECH

Language classes will resume next month. We have all taken the summer off and now it's time to get back at it! First night of class will be October 7th, and will be held at Kuba Hall, 1300 2nd St. S.E., Cedar Rapids. Hours for the ten week advanced course will be 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. A nominal fee will cover the cost of materials and tuition for the course. For more information and registration please contact Olga Drahozal,

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CEDAR-RAPIDSKÉ LISTY

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Japonské základny zničeny

Mnoho nepřátelských létadel sestřeleno. nost britských aeroplánů v Atlantiku. — Nepřá-telská ponorka rozbita bombami. — Úspěchy amerických a austrálských letců.

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Američti letel zničili Japoncům základny,

válečný odbor ve Washingtonu oznámil včera, ve středu, že američtí letci podnikli zdařile nálety na dva tichomořské ostrovy. Wake a Marcus, které Japonci před nějakým časem obsadili. Zničeny byl nepřátelské čluny, námořní létadla a různá pobřežní zařízení na obou strategických ostrovech, Američaně setkali se jen s malým odporem, se jen s malým odporem ztratili jeden aeroplán na každém ostrově, ale žádná americká loď nebyla poškozena. Ostrov Marcus je vzdálen 950 mil od Tokia, hlavniho města Japonska a nálety po-bouřily obyvatelstvo, takže po ně-kolik noci Tokio bylo zatemněno. Na ostrově Wake, který dříve patřil Spot. Státům a Japonci byl dobit v prosinci 1941, zmocnili se američti letci listého počtu zajatců, které zachránili z trosek, když japonské patrolní lodice byly zasaženy bom-bami a potopeny. Ze všech náletů, které Američané až dosud v tě oblasti podnikli, byl tento útok ja-ponskému pobřeži nejbliže, ovšem ponskému pobřeží nejbliže, ovšem kromě ponorek, které pronikly dá-le. Japonci měli na obou ostrovech základny, které jsou nyní zničeny. Zpráva dodává, že Japonci chystali se opevnití oba ostrovy ve středním Pacifiku.

47 japonských létadel sestřeleno.

Zatím co generál MacArthur v Australii v neustálých poradách se spojeneckými generály se zaměst-nává vypracováním nádová vypracováním nádová spojeneckými generaly se zames-nává vypracováním plánů spoje-necké strategie a americké oddíly v Australii připravují se na obranu, pokračují nad New Guinea a severni Australii letecké boje. Japonské letectvo provedlo několik náletů na Darwin a na jiné australské osady Darwin a na jine austraské osady v severní části pevniny. Podle sdě-lení australského ministerského předsedy nebyla za těchto náletů zpásobena velká "ákoda". Za to se bodařilo Japonetim pravisti prudby nátět ná Moresby na New Cuinea. Na druhé straně australské a ame-rické letectvo provedlo četné nálety na ostrovy okupované Japonei. Za náletů na ostrov Timor, na přístav Lae, obsazený Japonci v severní New Guinel a na Rabaul na ostrově New Britanie, byla Japoncům způsobena velká škoda. Během tři dnů hylo za těchto náletů sestřeleno ne-bo zničeno přímo na letištích 47 ja-ponských létadel. Ztráty spojenců byly nepatrné. — Americká ponorka v dálně-východních vodách hlá-sila, že zasáhla dvěma torpédy ja-ponskou leteckou loď. Po útoku loď byla zachyácena plameny, a ačkoli ponorka nebyla s to hlásit potope-ni lodi, není pochyby, že letecká loď byla silně poškozena.—Na Bataanu japonská létadla rozhazova la nad americkými poslcemi letáky které obsahovaly dopis japonského velitelství na generála Walnwrighta. V tomto dopisu Japonei vzdávali hold obráncům, kteří za třímě-sičního obležení dokázali své hr-dinství a žádall, aby z "důvodu lid-skosti" obránci kapitulovali do neděle v poledne. Na tuto výzvu podle sdělení generála Wainrighta nebyla poskytnuta žádná odpověď. Ačkoli lhůta, kterou Japonel poskytli, už dávno vypršela, Japonci dosud ne-podnikli očekávaný útok. Došlo jen k malým šarvátkám mezi předními

Velitel východního armádního geroplán zničil nepřátelskou norku v neoznačené oblasti při výnorku v neoznacene obiasu pri vy-chodnim pobřeží Spoj. Států. "Zni-čení ponorky bylo úplné," pravil gen. Drum. "Moře bylo pokryto tro-skami a olejem. Mužstvo v ponorce sai všechno zahynulo." Čtyři hlubi-nové bomby byly svrženy aeroplá-nem která zpozgraval ponorku ze nem, který zpozoroval ponorku ze zdálenosti dvou míl, když se vracel z obhlídkového letu na svoji domá-ci základnu. Poručík E. H. Epper-son ze Scott City, Kans., pilot létadia, prohlásii: "My jsme zpozoro-vali výhlední věž vyčnívající nad vodou a učinili jsme čtyři lety nad ponorkou a při každém isme svrhli jednu bombu. První dvě byly při-mé trefy na výhlední věž. "Ochro-mena prvním úderem ponorka b snadným terčem pro přišti zdálo se, jako bychom zdobledu. Mole zpod dohledu. Moje zničení nepřá Bombování

hlavně na B strova New B verniho pobře mořní a letec na ostrově New

jenců se musli pa směst hodně niako, ně. zpěstě se praví nepřítele také z kult výšechny lejich bomby vybrané cíle. Nálety byv provede-ny podle pečlivě připraveného pla-nu a v tutéž dobu a byly tak pře-kvapulicí, že vnesly do nepřátel-kých řed nemělý zmate. Pokret ských řad nemalý zmatek. Pokusy útočníky odrazit se potkaly s na-prostým nezdarem. Japonské voj-sko, které za vedení německých zrádných misionářů má z Lae po nesnadných vnitrozemních stez-kách namířeno na Port Moresby, postupuje patrně velice pomalu. Má na cestě pohoří, které místy pne se do výše až 13,000 stop. S austral-skými obránci se ještě neutkalo. Má se za to, že na ně čekaji ve výhodných posicich, až bude hodně vzdá-leno od svých základen. Podle zprá-vy z Washingtonu pátečního náletu na japonské loďstvo v přístavu Rabaul súčastníly se čtyři velké ame-rické "létaci pevnosti." A byly to s nich shozené bomby, kterými byl jeden nepřátelský křižnik potopen

MacArthur mluvil o záchraně Filipin.

druhý zle poškozen.

Vrchni velitel spojeneckých ar-mád v jihozápadním Tlchomoři, generál MacArthur, při rozmluvě se zástupci tisku prohlásil: "Presi-dent Spoj. Států mi nařidii projit japonskými liniemi z Corregidoru.

jež shodila hlubinové pumy na mi sto, kde měla asi být ponorka.

Nepřátelská ponorka rozbita na kusy.

boru gen. Hugh A. Drum oznámil pondělí, že americký bombovaci

poskodiy posice osy ve dvouden-nim nájezdu na úseku Martuba-Tmimi, 85 mil na západ od Tobru-ku, v pátek a v sobotu. Tento vý-pad byl nejddležítější činnosti na této "fronté na kolách," od anglic-kého ústupu k An el Gazala před ášští týdny Anglické aeroplány šesti týdny. Anglické aeroplány současně podníkaly útok na letiště osy. Malé kolony pancéřových vo-zů, tanků, dělostřelectva a motorové pěchoty vyrazily v pálek přes "zemí bez pána," jež je misty širo-ká 50 mil. Počasí nebylo přiliš při-znivé. V sobotu věčný vitr vzbudli bouří dusivého prachu, v níž bylo lze těžko rozeznávatí nepřítele od přítele a letecké operace byly stiženy. Vojsko ustoupilo na své posice po vysokání svých úkojú. Tento vý-pad byl proveden, jakmile se obje-vilo, že nepřítel začiná býti činnějši. Dne 16. března skupina 36 ně meckých tanků, provázená pomoc

Americké acroplány na ruské fronte.

zpět na své linie.

nými vozy, vyrazila od El Meklii proti anglickým posicím. Anglická motorová pěchota postavila se ilm na odpor. Němci měli mnoho mrt-

vých, raněných a zalatých a ztra-tili také několik vozů než dostali se

zbudované válečné hlidkami. — V Burmé pokračují do Australie za účejem organizová-boje, ale není známo, že by se Ja-poncům podařil další postup. Z Či-sku. Prvotním účejem tého ofensi-nv dochází zuráva. že Japonci sou-vy je pomoc Filipinám. Prošej jsem ofensivu. kdežto na zmrzié zemi so-



min přimin přimin přimin přimin přimin přimin v přim strace byla nařízena hlavně za tím učelem, aby byla ziskária data o ce-lé mužné síle národa, jež by umož-nila, aby ji mohlo býti lépe využi-to. Žádná loterie těchto registrovaných nebude konána, leda že by bylo rozhodnuto, že jich je třeba k hlidkovým službám doma, mladšý muži mohli býti posláni na fronty nebo v případě, že by byla provedena mobilisace pro průmy-slovou práci. Pátá registrace patrně bude konana v lété. Bude se týkati těch, kteří překročili 20. rok po 16. únoru. Je možno, že administrace bude snažiti se, aby dosáhla sniženi stáři, povinného k odvodu, tak aby bylo možno odvádětí mladé muže, kteří překročili 18. rok. Kongres zamítl tuto žádost, ale soudi se, že nyní, bude povolnější. Bude-li

od 17. armáda od 18 let, ale musi miti povolení rodičů. Ceny vepřového masa omezeny.

mížena věková mez, pak bude dal-si miliony mužů povinno odvody.

Až dosud loďstvo přilimá nováčky

Die vladniho nařízení jsou stanoveny ceny vepřového masa, které nesmi býti vyšši ceny převládající ve dnech od 3. do 7. března. Nařizeni se vztahuje na 90 procent pro-dukce toho druhu masa a je v plat-nosti prozatimně. Toto nařízeni vešlo v platnost tento týden v pondě-

President Roosevelt vydal v sobotu výkonné nařízení, aby úřadovna Defense Transportation převzalu do správy dráhu Toledo. Peoria & Western ve státu Illinois, kde je delši dobu stávka železničních bratrstev a aby ji operovala v zájmu úspěšného vedení války. Roosévelt učinil tento krok teprve po tvrdohlavé neústupnosti předsedy této 239 mil dlouhé dráhy, George P McNeara, jenž odepřel uposlech-McNeara, jenž odepřel uposlech-noutí četných apelů vládních úřadů i presidenta Roosevelta, aby tři měsice trvající spor s železničními bratrstvy a zaměstnánci dráhy dal vytešti arbitraci. Dráha Toledo, Peoria & Western ma jen 239 mil dlouhé trate a jen 104 dělnici jsou zapleteni do sporu o nožovo pracov-ni znižovu. Ože keli jemřeprášená služba je zvláště důležitá ve válečslužba je zvláště díležítá ve 'Válec-né době, protože poskytuje vyhnu-tí se Chicagu při rychlé transkon-tinentální dopravě válečného ná-kladu. Od té doby, co vypukla stáv-ka, dne 28. prosince, bylo učiněno několik neúspešných pokusů o vy-rovnání sporu jak národní želez-niční smířovací radou, tak i úta-dovnou obranné transportace a U. S. Concilliation Service a na konest válečnou radou. Stávka této želez-nice, která se vyznačovala několinice, která se vyznačovala několi-ka násilnostmi a při níž bylo podá-no několik ultimatum jak správě tak i dělnikům, dostala se do roz hodného stadia po té, když president Roosevelt požádal jejího před-sedu o odpověď "ano" nebo "ne' na svůj dřívější požadavek, aby spor s dělníky byl skončen arbitra-ci. Dělníci byli vždy ochotní vyho-vět vládě a podrobit se arbitraci i Jiným návrhům odboru práce a smlřovacích vládních těles, ale sta-novisko předsedy bylo vždy zpupně odmítavé v pěti připadech zakročení vlády. Je to ponejprve od první světové války, že vláda převzala správu železnice, a je to první vlád-ní zabavení privátního podníku v

vzala správu

Na podzim bude nedostatek dělnictva.

druhé světové válce.

Z vládních kruhů ve Washingto-nu se oznamuje, že v době podzimni se očekavá nedostatek pracovnich sil a proto tsou konány přípra- alů pravé lidsko

Městské v Již příští pond

dou miti voliči m přiležitost použít va a při volbě svý vatl, kterým obča řena veřejná spr na příšti dva ro března tedy dyou kandidátů městské admini při pravidelné vo váno, který kandidátű má úi odboru městské Jest velice žádou že bude projeven jem občanstva o při primárkách. nů vzbuzen byl i markách bylo zil procent kvalifike vaných voličů do Uvážíme-li, že v pres tricet tisic re čů a z toho počt patrný zlomek id přijít k tomu záv pozbylo zájem o města a tě vzác volební právo je, Jest ovšem pr válce a s ní spoje

tosti soustřeďují však to nezname nedbávati a zůst k obecním záležit žijeme, kde isou lsou vychovávání spoléháme na oci tů, našeho majet syobod. Mistni p mi důležité a vy: vážení se strany pomínejme, že pr ledna z nejvzácni nám tato svobodr Použíjme té výsa všichni k volbě kažme naši volel náš zájem o veře bude důkazem, j va občanky a ol republiky. Jděte precinktu a odev: oho kandidáta, úsudku le neisch

řad, o který se u Volebni listek b : (Jména kane estavena die abe Za mayora: Fri Robovský.

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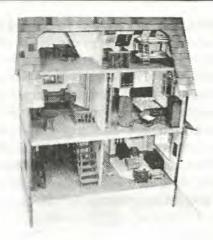
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Výzva Čsl. Náro rice, aby letos po zalejši oslavy 35 Jana Amose K odezvu v české šlých zpráv pořá 28. března — a n vy k uctění pam: tele národů. Na kých školách, kc tách a také na v sových stanicích týden památka sobem, jaký skut znamu tohoto vel zastance bratrstvi. myšle

A což v Cedar doba je zvlašť vh si životní dílo m si životní dílo m dal do služeb nej



Thanks to all of you we have identified all of the individuals on the 1933 Czech Summer School class photo we have ran in the last two issues of Naše České Dědictví. In the near future, that photo alongside several others will be exhibited at the Museum & Library. But wait, we still need your help. Margaret Koza Davis has loaned us this photo taken at the C.S.P.S. Hall. Her aunt, Marie Koza Tristan (second row, fourth from left), played the part of the leading lady opposite Frank Chramosta (first row, thirteenth from left). Can you help us? What play is the cast from, and what year was it performed? Also, we only have half of the cast identified. Get out your magnifying glasses and notebook paper and give us a hand. Most important of all, have some fun with it. Write to Editor, Naše České Dědictví, Czech Heritage Foundation, P.O. Box 761, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406.





DOLLHOUSE DRAWING

Congratulations to Lisa Goodell Fraley of Urbana, Iowa, who is the proud owner of a grand new home! The Title and Abstract were delivered to the new homeowner on September 18th. The Deed was passed from former owner and builder, Greg Arbuckle, who was tickled to learn that over \$800 was raised for our Foundation's Homestay Program and Scholarship Fund.

Greg, owner of Arbuckle's Tattoo & Piercing Emporium in Czech Village, deserves a great round of applause for his effort. He not only custom built and donated the Miniature Doll House for our fundraiser, he also assisted in printing flyers and advertisements.

The Foundation would also like to thank Sykora Bakery and Diamond Vogel Paint Center located in Czech Village for their support. There are many others we're probably forgetting to thank, but most importantly we wish to thank all of you who purchased chances on the Doll House. You all donated to a very worthy cause and wish you all the best of luck next time!

RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES

The following excerpt is from a letter sent months ago to Heidi Krejci from a friend, Susana in Prague.

Dear Heidi,

"I am worrying because of elections which I suppose you have heard about. The situation is quite difficult now. A little strange atmosphere of not having a government; not knowing the future of our common state; an atmosphere of uncertainty and fear. We have hope that the decisions which will be made are of the best at present. Destroying of common state would cost lots and lots of money; a lot of 'good reputation' and we will lose time, effort and keys.

I think the difference between Czech lands and Slovakia are big in meaning of different social situation; (higher unemployment, old factories for weapons and so on). Also, probably the people in Slovakia think in a different way than in Czechy. Something like they live more in 'east' — they rely more on 'nation.' They really believe that 'Slovakia' as an independent state will change the situation. All is very difficult. I think also terrible is the high success of communism!! That is awful. In general people probably wanted stronger government. Some wanted to slow all the process of reforms. So we will soon see. Anyway the situation doesn't seem to be good. It seems to me that we are going to split unfortunately.

Susana

CZECHOSLOVAKIA SPLITS

The leaders of the Czech and Slovak republics agreed on August 26th to dissolve the Czechoslovak federation on Jan 1st.

Czech Premier Vaclav Klaus and Slovak counterpart Vladimir Meciar announced the peaceful division amid some controversy. The *divorce* of the two republics has confused the majority and presents a rocky road ahead. What's to become of the *children*?

President Vaclav Havel has resigned his post and the future of Czechoslovakia is certainly most uncertain.

In our next issue we'll examine the situation and will surely have much to report.



Czech Fine Arts Foundation, Inc. under the advisement of their building project's Planning Task Force recently changed the formal name of the Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. The new name better reflects the scope and significance of this truly world-class facility — National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

The Building and Planning Committee with the guidance of the Planning Task Force has moved forward to a point where tentative dates are being set for groundbreaking and beyond. Construction is scheduled to begin this time next year. The entire piece of property where the current Museum & Library rests will be utilized for the new facility's home. The 14,000 sq. ft. facility will face A Street S.W., between the 12th and 16th Avenue Bridges. It will be constructed above the one hundred year floodplane on the bank of the Cedar River.

Details of the exterior and interior design are being finalized as you read this and our next issue will focus on the details of the project, including specifics relating to everything from costs to the overall operational plans.

One thing has been very clear from the start. This is more than just a local Czechoslovak community project. Thousands will benefit from our new facility, from local businesses who will benefit from the increased tourist traffic to the Czechs

and Slovaks from all across the United States and beyond who will have a home for their heritage that will perpetuate the culture and traditions of their forefathers. Everyone will be asked to assist in the effort to build this fine monument to our Czech Heritage. The response so far from families we have contacted has been overwhelming. Business leaders and foundations have given us their full support. The cash and pledges we have received to date is proof positive that we have a winning project and there's no stopping us now!

ROMPOT/ROMPOTL

Siroky Dul was the site of a family reunion in 1987 which brought hundreds of people from the United States to the small village of approximately three hundred and fifty. All of the Rompots and Rompotls in Cedar Rapids came from this small village. Many of the people in Cedar Rapids and the surrounding area are descendants of Czech immigrants who came from Policka, Siroky Dul, Borova, Svitavy, and Litomysl. Interested in the Rompot/Rompotl lineage? Contact Leona Sprincl

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Our best wishes go out to Lynette Stejskal as she has moved to Toronto, Canada and will join the roster of our members outside of the United States. Lynette resigned from the Board of Directors of our foundation effective September 1st, as the distance makes any hands-on work with the organization impossible. Lynette will be missed, but we know wherever she resides she'll do a fine job of representing our organization and will spread the word to further promote our Czech and Slovak culture and traditions.

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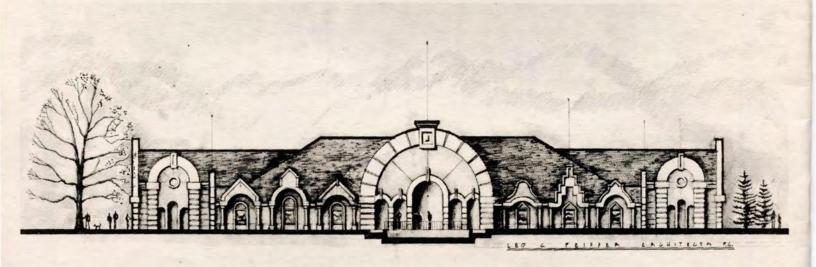
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