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Nase Ceske Dedictvi

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Newsletter Volunteers

By Frank Novotny

It is always enjoyable to get together and prepare the *Nase Ceske Dedictvi* for mailing. The past issue volunteers were:

Hedy Benish, Emma Davidson, Lenora Jiroutek, Peg Merta, Arlene Netolicky, Arlo & Joyce Netolicky, Frank Novotny, Darlene Trachta, and John & Adeline Volesky.

We do want to express a sincere thank you to all the above and anybody else who helped getting the activity organized. We'll be calling for help for future editions.

Editor's Message - by Russ Novotny

I'm sorry to report that for the past few months, our Czech Heritage Foundation President, Sylvia Rohlena, has been dealing with the illness and passing of her husband, Robert. We all wish her well and have tried to help her through these times with our support and caring thoughts. We can be sure that Sylvia's "President's Message" will return next issue.

On a much brighter note, I'm happy to report that Arlo Netolicky has joined our Editorial staff for *Nase Ceske Dedictvi*. He and his wife, Joyce, have already played a big role in helping get this issue together and are busy collecting stories and information for future issues. I so appreciate Arlo's willingness to work with us and help "share the load" with me. I'm sure we can expect a wide variety of story sources, and a more timely publication schedule.

Next issue, we expect to begin publishing reports from our Homestay students. They return from their month-long stay in the Czech Republic in July.

Please contact us with your ideas for articles at:

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I. Special Notices:

1st Annual National Bohemian, Moravian, & Slovak Dance Festival - July 28, 2002

Mark your calendars for this exciting event, sponsored by the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. See the accompanying article describing this event on page 7 in the NCSML Section.



Kroje Symposium: Preserving & Uniting Cultures Through Textiles September 6-7, 2002



The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library is sponsoring a special symposium in conjunction with their Kroje exhibit. Experts from throughout the US will converge on the museum to discuss the traditional folkware from the Czech Republic and Slovakia. See the

accompanying article on page 7 for program details and lists of highlighted events.

Czech Heritage Annual Picnic September 10, 2002

The Annual Picnic for the Czech Heritage Foundation will begin at 6:30 PM, September 10, 2002, at the ZCBJ Park near Cedar Rapids. Since the ZCBJ Park is now up for sale, this may be our last picnic at this classic park. The picnic is a potluck with drinks and meat furnished. All members and friends are encouraged to attend.



II. Cover Story:



Katie Ziskovsky Crowned Miss Czech Slovak Iowa 2002-2003

The Czech Heritage Foundation sponsored the First Annual Miss Czech Slovak Iowa pageant May 18, 2002. The Pageant was held as a part of the Houby Day's Celebration in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The field of contestants and their awards are:



Katie Ziskovsky - Miss Czech Slovak Iowa 2002-2003

Katie Ziskovsky, the new Miss Czech Slovak Iowa 2002-2003, will represent Iowa in the Miss Czech Slovak USA Pageant this August in Wilbur, Nebraska.



Sarah Spina - First Runner-up



Jeri Serbousek - Second Runner-up

First Annual Miss Czech Slovak Iowa Pageant

By Lisa Volesky

It is with great enthusiasm and pride I write this after the successful completion of the first annual Miss Czech Slovak Iowa Pageant! As pageant coordinator, in hindsight, I had no idea what a large production and undertaking this pageant would be! In that respect, I write in great relief that it is over and held in our

memories as a fabulous contribution to our Houby Days Festival and our state.

I would like to first and foremost thank the Czech Heritage Foundation for all of their wonderful support in an event that almost became "Lisa and Adeline's project". The Czech Heritage Foundation's gracious support and sponsorship was invaluable and irreplaceable in making this pageant such a success. Secondly, I would like to thank my babi, Adeline Volesky! It was our dream over two years ago and it became a reality on May 18. Babi handled all of the public relations and community outreach while I was away at UNI. Almost all of the fellow sponsorships would not have been found without her! And a final thank you to all of the community, pageant committee, Czech Village, and volunteers to make the pageant a success--we couldn't have done it without you!

The Contestants

Iowa's first pageant had three very qualified contestants, all from the Cedar Rapids area.

- Jeri Serbousek, daughter of James and Judy Serbousek, who currently attends Mount Mercy College. Jeri's talent for the pageant was an instrumental solo on the French horn, and a vocal solo.
- Sarah Spina, daughter of Dean and Debra Spina, who is attending Northwestern College in St. Paul, Minnesota. Sarah performed a vocal solo for the talent portion of the pageant.
- Katie Ziskovsky, daughter of Duane and Ann Ziskovsky, who is attending Simpson College. Katie performed a poetry reading for her talent.



Lisa and the Miss Czech Slovak Iowa 2002-2003 Court (Sarah, Katie, and Jeri)

Master of Ceremonies for the pageant was John Fiala, National Miss Czech Slovak USA Pageant Director and Chairman. John is also the President of the Nebraska Czechs and has been performing magic for 50 years.

Nebraska Czech Slovak Queen, Kelly Fritch was a special guest.

Meet the Judges

It was an honor to have such a qualified and distinguished panel of judges for the pageant. Each judge was an asset to making the pageant a success.

- **Karina Molacek**, Miss Czech Slovak USA 2000-2001, from Clarkson, Nebraska.
- **Judy McVey**, past two time Miss Czech Slovak USA judge who has also judged several state pageants. Judy is from Waterloo, Iowa.
- **Michael Cwach**, from South Dakota. Michael has three degrees in music and specializes in playing the Czech bagpipe, or dudy. Michael played several times throughout the day for the pageant.



The Judges - Karina, Michael, and Judy

The pageant took place in the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library. There was a private luncheon for the judges, contestants, and special guests. After lunch, the private interviews took place at 1:30. The talent competition was at 3:00. The evening portion, containing the kroje modeling and on-stage interview began at 6:00.

The Results

All contestants received gift bags, bouquets of fresh flowers, photos from the day, and beautiful jeweled necklaces, donated by Vlasta Huston and Irene O'Connor.

- **Talent Award** of \$250, donated by John and Lois Fiala, was given to Katie Ziskovsky.
- **Kroje Award** of a \$50 savings bond was awarded to Jeri Serbousek.
- **Second Runner-up** was Jeri Serbousek.
- **First Runner-up** of \$250 scholarship was Sarah Spina.
- **Miss Czech Slovak Iowa 2002-2003** was Katie Ziskovsky. Katie recieved a \$500 scholarship, a tiara, a sash, and sponsorship to the National Miss Czech Slovak USA Pageant this August..



John, Jeri, Katie, Sarah, and Lisa

I would once again like to send a personal thanks to all those involved and the contestants!

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Volesky

Pageant Coordinator, Miss Czech Slovak Iowa Pageant
Miss Czech Slovak USA 2001-2002

Lisa's Reflections

By Lisa Volesky

EDITOR'S NOTE: Lisa is the current Miss Czech Slovak USA. It was through her enthusiasm and the valuable support from her relatives and friends, that we were able to sponsor the Miss Czech Slovak Iowa Pageant this year. Here are her reflections on what it meant to her to put together this pageant.

Having competed in two National pageants in Wilber, Nebraska I know the challenges, excitement, and emotions involved in participating in a Czech Slovak pageant. I have to commend Iowa's first ever contestants in the pageant, as they have boldly gone where no woman has gone before. I wish them the best of luck and hope that it was their journey to get to the

pageant that they treasure, not the ends. For if their journey to learn and spread Czech Slovak ancestry ends in a simple pageant, it may have never begun...



It was my goal that participation in any way in the Miss Czech Slovak Iowa Pageant would lend itself to

invaluable opportunities and acquaintances. Because of my insight as a national queen, a judge, and as merely a participant who did not win, I tried with the utmost certainty to create a situation that was meaningful, memorable, successful, and rewarding for everyone. Having tried and failed, to speak frankly, it is absolutely heart wrenching that all contestants cannot walk away with that tiara and sash. However, when I walked across that stage in Wilber my first year with nothing in hand, I had walked away with everything in my heart. I have gained so much from any experiences I have had with Czech Slovak pageants. I have, as I am sure many do, heartfelt memories and the utmost pride as this pageant is slipped under my belt as an experience to propel Iowa up to the same standards as any competing Queen at the national level. The things I have learned from the people I have met and the festivals I have attended are invaluable. I see nothing but the Miss Czech Slovak Iowa pageant continuing to change lives like mine, even if just one heart at a time.

I was blessed with amazing judges from Waterloo, Nebraska, and South Dakota. All judges are acquaintances and now friends whom I respect from festivals or pageants. I was blessed with a family and committee full of support and energy to get the job done. Finally, I was blessed with donations and volunteers wanting to help and seeing the same set of stars as I do in a dream worth pursuing. I cannot describe the stress and anxiety in trying to serve as a national queen and pageant coordinator all at the same time. I survived and have never felt better about a new legacy to grace our Czech Village, our state, and also the nation.

I must extend a sincere thank you to anyone I have met during my reign as Miss Czech Slovak USA. You have made this year unique and special and a year locked in my memory forever. When I brought a national title back to Iowa in August, I felt as though many people just "didn't get it". It is the challenge, the happiness, and the honor to be able to educate and serve as an ambassador for such a breath-taking heritage all wrapped up a tiara and a sash. I hope and know that this pageant has served as a Pandora's box in the beginnings of a tradition and the continuation of educating others about Czech Slovak ancestry in a whole new dimension.

Many thanks, Much Love, and Best regards!

Lisa Volesky

Miss Czech Slovak USA 2001-2002



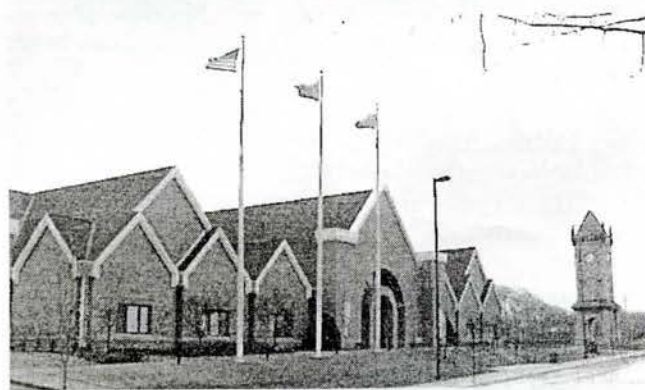
Thank You to Pageant Supporters

The Miss Czech Slovak Iowa Pageant would like to extend a special thank you to all of the following for their Donations and Contributions:

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Stejskal's
Rodger's Jeweler's
Sykora Bakery
Emma Davidson
Russ Novotny, Photographer
Arlo Netolicky & Bob Wildfield, Auditors
Von Maur
Chateau Beauty Shop
Two Star Detective Agency
Cedar Rapids Convention Bureau

Cars for the parade provided by: Ed and Rita Lang, Arlys and Glen Rathje, Dan Feaker, Janis Payton, Steven Wodstrchill, Ford Town, and Goldie Chestmore

III. National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library



1st National Bohemian, Moravian, and Slovak Dance Festival, July 28

Kick Up Your Heels in Old-World Style



Sunday, July 28, 2002, the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library hosts *Dokolacka, dokola -- 1st Annual National Bohemian, Moravian, and Slovak Dance Festival*. The free festival will begin at 1:00 pm in the NCSML garden. Featured performers include:

- *Domaci Czech Folk Dancers* from Webster, MN,
- *Lipa Slovak Folk Dancers* from St. Paul, MN, and
- *MOST*, a Chicago band specializing in eastern European ethnic music.

See the colorful kroje [folk costumes] and experience the authentic ethnic dances as they've been performed for hundreds of years.

Guests are invited to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. The Dance Festival is scheduled to be held outside, at the 16th Avenue "Bridge of the Lions".

Kroje: Preserving and Uniting Cultures Through Textiles September 6-7

A two day symposium
exploring the identification,
diversity, and development of
Czech and Slovak kroje



Spend two days at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library learning about the diversity, development, and

significance of traditional folk wear from the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Dates: Friday and Saturday, September 6 – 7, 2002

Location: National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library,
30-16th Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52404.

Registration/Lodging: For details on registration and lodging, contact the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library located at 30 16th Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA. Call (319) 362-8500, or visit their web site at <http://www.ncsml.org>.

Symposium Highlights - Friday, September 6, 2002

Kroje of the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Presenter: Helene Baine Cincebeaux

Folk Rituals/Ritual Fabrics – a Legacy from Czech and Slovak Women. Presenter: Mary B. Kelly (Professor, Tompkins Cortland Community College)

Preservation, Display, and Storage of your Family Kroej. Presenter: Dr. Sara Kadolf (Assistant Professor, Department of Textiles and Clothing, Iowa State University)

Symposium Highlights - Saturday, September 7, 2002

Folk Costumes from the Czech Republic and Their Relation to the Environment. Presenter: Dr. Jirina Langhammerová (Director of the Department of Ethnography, National Museum in Prague)

The Influence of Fashion on European Folk Dress. Presenter: Dr. Linda Welters (Professor in the Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design Department, U. of Rhode Island)

A Lasting Legacy: Preservation and Interpretation at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. Presenters: Carmen M. Langel, NCSML Curator and Jan Stoffer Tursi, NCSML Educator

Czech and Slovak American Kroje Panel Discussion. Czech- and Slovak-Americans who have researched and designed kroje.

Choice of Activities/Stations:

- "Behind the Scenes" –tours of the NCSML's Collection Center (collection storage facility) with museum collection staff
- Identification of your Czech or Slovak kroje
- Discuss specific conservation questions with Dr. Sara Kadolf
- Meet with individuals from the panel discussion regarding how to make a kroje
- Lace-making demonstrations
- Embroidery demonstrations
- Opportunity to browse NCSML's reference books on kroje
- Shopping in the NCSML store and in adjacent Czech Village Shops

Parade of Kroje. MC - Helene Baine Cincebeaux

The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library is located at 30 16th Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA. For more information about this exhibit or programs, call (319) 362-8500.

Best Wishes to Dan Baldwin as he Moves on to the Greater Cedar Rapids Foundation

Dan Baldwin's last day as the President/CEO of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library was June 14, 2002. Dan has accepted the position of President/CEO of the Greater Cedar Rapids Foundation. Currently, the NCSML is conducting a national search for his replacement. The search committee is headed by Tim Kintner, NCSML board member.

In Dan's 6 years at the Museum, he has made many friends and he feels that his life was greatly enriched by working at the museum. Highlights of Dan's years at the museum include attracting and installing the international exhibit, *A Thousand Years of Czech Culture: Riches from the National Museum in Prague*, installing the Museum's permanent exhibit, *Homelands*, beginning *SLOVO* journal, developing the temporary exhibit gallery, and helping boost the Museum's contributors to nearly 2,000 members nationwide.

IV. Special Reports:

Houby Days May 17-19th Focused on Heritage and Traditions

Article by Jan Stoffer Tursi

Photos by Russ Novotny

This year's Houby Days celebration in Cedar Rapids, Iowa was one of the most successful to date. We are really getting back to the Czech influences, but having some fun with them, too (Cabbage Roll relay race was a hoot!). The dancers definitely added to the festivities, as did the terrific music. And, the crowd wasn't too bad either (of course, we had excellent weather). The pageant was just terrific! I can't say enough about how wonderful it went and I eagerly give all the credit to Lisa Volesky and her team of volunteers. Just an outstanding event that enhanced the whole day. We're hoping next year's celebration will be even better and welcome anyone who would like to sit on the planning committee.



The Parade Really Got Things Started
Note that this was the 25th Houby Days

EDITOR'S NOTE: They say a picture is worth a thousand words, so we decided to include this picture "essay" of some of this year's Houby Days activities.



Children in Costume with the NCSML Banner



Costumes and Flags Brighten the Parade



Miss Czech Slovak Iowa Pageant Parades By



Eric & Rachel, Czech Heritage Prince & Princess,
Ride the Czech Heritage Float



Czech Plus Band Added Music Along the Route



Czech Heritage Foundation & Federation of Czech Groups at Displays Along 16th Avenue



Dancers Added to the Festivities



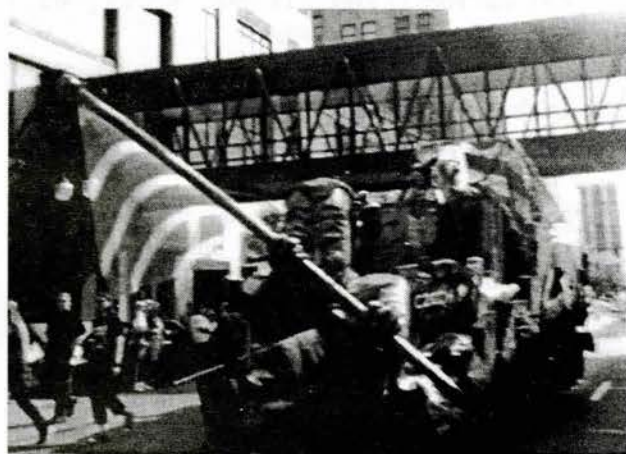
And What Fun Watching the Children Dance



Maypole Dance on NCSML Grounds

Czech Heritage Float At the Freedom Festival

The Czech Heritage Foundation was again represented at the Freedom Festival Parade. The entry, dressed up with a patriotic theme, won 2nd place in its class.



Czech Women's Educational Society Scholarships

By Irene Hamous, Director

The Czech Women's Educational Society is proud to announce the names of the nine recipients of \$500 scholarships they awarded for 2002. Their names and colleges/universities they will be attending are as follows:

- Kirkwood Community College - Ann Marie Bousek, James Hamous, Tom Zlatohlavek
- Iowa State University - Timothy J. Polehna, April Chehak
- University of Iowa - Lindsay Cirkel, Chrystal Blin
- Luther College - Bridget Samek
- Simpson College - Bethany Cerruto

Komensky Society Scholarships

By Lynn Spaight

The Komensky Society Scholarship Fund of The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation awards scholarships to recent graduates of Linn County high schools that have some Czech or Slovak heritage to attend an accredited institution of higher education in Iowa. Applications are accepted in the spring of each year. In 2002, two scholarships were awarded:

\$500 to Tim Polehna of Cedar Rapids.

Tim's parents are Thomas and Priscilla Polehna and his paternal grandparents are Milton Polehna and Joyce Irene Heral Polehna. His great grandparents are Andrew Polehna and Blanch Novak Polehna and Milo Heral and Lillian Svec Heral. Tim plans to attend Iowa State University.

\$500 to Kristen Osborn of Marion

Kristen's mother is Karen Bachman Osborn, her grandparents are Robert and Catherine Bachman and great grandparents are Esther Zika Bachman and Erwin Bachman. Her great-great-grandfather Louis Zika was born in Prague in 1860. Kristen plans to attend Iowa State University.

V. Historic Perspectives:

EDITOR'S NOTE: The theme for this newsletter's historic perspectives is interesting businesses. All of these businesses served their local communities, where many of their customers were Czechs. The businesses range from Omaha, Nebraska, to Swisher, Iowa, to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Of the three businesses featured, only one is still in operation, but since it has been in operation for 75 years, it does fit in a historical perspectives section. See if you remember any of these businesses. If not, I bet they remind you of some of those old businesses you do remember.

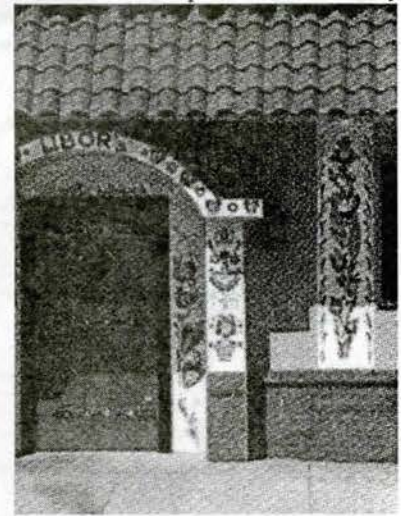
The Bohemian Café –Omaha, NE

Researched by Evelyn Stejskal
Compiled by Adeline Volesky



People always enjoy a good restaurant and good food. When they find one the news travels far and wide. One such restaurant is the Bohemian Cafe located at 1406 S. 13th St. in Omaha, Nebraska. Many a traveler will drive out of their way to dine there. This popular restaurant with a red roof and gaudy front and painted porcelain tile has been in operation for 75 years. The tile was handcrafted and painted for the restaurant in the late 1950s. This picturesque eatery has been a family

business since 1947 when the original owner, Louie Macala, sold it to Josef and Ann Kapoun Libor. Today the help comes from the grandchildren and great-grandchildren headed by matriarch Mert Kapoun. Mert's son, Ron Kapom, is the head chef. His wife, Edwina, along with Terry and Stephanie, Bob and Paula Kapoun, and Marsha and Jim Bogatz all pitch in to help.



Inside the restaurant waitress wear uniforms which are designed to resemble Czech folk dresses. The breadbasket features rye bread. Popular soups are chicken and noodle with home made noodles, and liver dumpling soup made with pork and beef liver. The dinner menu selection includes such items as roast pork, choice of dumplings, sauerkraut with caraway, sweet sour cabbage, breaded mushrooms, choice of potatoes and rich brown gravy. No meal is complete without kolaches for dessert. The fruit filled pastries are baked fresh daily. They can be savored with a cup of coffee. The bar does offer Czech beer.



The grandchildren are Terry, Brandi, Gina, and Bob Kapoun, Sonja Roof, Tracy Horback, and Jim and Sue Bogatz- The great-grandchildren are Brittany and Amanda Horback and Anna Roof.

Cedar Rapids residents might remember when the Kapoun family had a butcher shop, The family name is still inscribed on the building which is located on the southeast side across the river from the Czech Village.

Perhaps some of the elders even remember the Shileny Tavern that was located on the flats near St. Wenceslaus Church. Mert's parents, Joe and Agnes Shileny, owned and operated the bar for several years. Later it was known as the CIO Tavern.

Marak's Store – Swisher, IA

Information provided by Irene Pudil,
Post Card provided by Alma Rigil
Compiled by Adeline Volesky

Swisher, Iowa, is a small community in the northern part of Johnson County. It is an area that was settled by many Czech settlers. It is now largely a residential community and people commute to work in Cedar Rapids or Iowa City.

One of the earliest stores that was built in Swisher was built in 1904 and it still stands.



Post Card of Marak's Store sent to
Mr. & Mrs. Milo Cech of rural Fairfax in 1914



Current Appearance of Same Building - 2002

It is unknown who the builder and original owner was, but we do know some of the history about it from Irene Matak Pudil. Her parents, Arthur and Frances Marek, and her uncle, John Marek, purchased the store in 1914. The exterior of the building was built with metal siding that has the appearance of stone blocks. The store front is adorned with ornate decorations and window shutters. Marek Brother's Store had everything and anything one could ever want or need. Local patrons and farmers traded eggs, cream, and chickens for shoes, guns, seeds, nails, pots and pans. The store had a large cooler for the perishable products. Mr. Marak went to Cedar Rapids in his Model T truck for ice for the cooler for the cans of cream, meat, and yeast. The yeast came in big cakes and had to be cut with a thread into 3 by 5 cubes and wrapped in parchment paper for the customers. Irene

remembers one special customer who was Frank Novotny who came in to select his special colors of embroidery thread for his quilts and crafts.

The left front window had a buggy display and the window display on the right side had an array of various merchandise. When phone service arrived in Swisher the switchboard was housed in the rear of the store near the postal station. Frances Marek was the switchboard operator and postal clerk.

In 1921 the left half of the store was rented to Leo Skvor which became a drugstore. The switchboard and postal station were both moved to the drug store. After the death of Mr. Skvor, it became Cox's Drug Store.

The upper story of the building was divided into two apartments. It had two flights of stairs for entrances. One flight had 22 steps and the other had 21. The upstairs apartments had no plumbing or bathrooms. The store was heated with a furnace in the basement, but Irene recalls how cold it was. The apartments had high ceilings and were heated with a room heater. Irene laughs when she says "When I practiced my piano lessons, the keys were like ice cubes." Irene played the piano for the school programs that were held in the CSPS Hall in Swisher.

Marak's sold the building in 1956 to a new owner. Today the left side is empty and the right side houses a barber and beauty shop with 3 apartments up above.

Joe & Cliff's – Cedar Rapids, IA

Information submitted by Evelyn Stejskal,
Calvin Trousdale, & Howard Utley
Compiled by Adeline Volesky



Joe & Cliff's with Sporting Goods Annex
Café Window Advertises Shotgun Shells & Chili

The younger generation probably never heard of Joe & Cliff's Restaurant, but for the elderly it is a vivid memory. Joe & Cliff Meloan came to Cedar Rapids in 1945 to operate a sandwich shop in the 100 block of First Avenue Northeast. The restaurant had a large grill where hamburgers were deep fat fried in a half inch of oil.

Stusak's Meat Market from 16th Avenue supplied fresh meat daily to the restaurant. Business was booming in spite of competition consisting of the Butterfly Cafe, DeVars, Cozy Inns I & 2, Cecil's Bar & Grill, Ross Steak House, New Virginia, Niagra, Princess Cafe, Harmony, and Bishops Cafeterias. Travelers came to the downtown hotels, which were the Magnus, Allison, Roosevelt, Norva, Pullman, Grand, Taft, Montrose, and the Highway Hotel. The many restaurants welcomed the visitors.

The original menu at Joe & Cliff's was a Junior hamburger for five cents, and a Senior hamburger for ten cents. Tenderloins, chili, and Czech goulash were ten cents. Each employee was required to wear a white shirt, black bow tie, and a paper cook's hat. The first girl to be hired was Marcella Rhinehart. They called her "sis". She moved to California and married Fess Parker of TV fame. She went on to become a singer.



Calvin (Lefty) Trusdale at Joe & Cliff's

After several years at this location the brothers rented a building at 11th Street and First Avenue Northeast. The business prospered at this location for several years.

Next a triple lot which housed an old church at 8th Street and First Avenue Northeast was purchased for \$18,000. A new stone block building was built. Three large adjoining homes were purchased and rooms were rented for \$3 and \$4 a week for income. The business also extended their hours from 8 AM to 2 PM.

Joe & Cliff's catered to all clientele. Wednesday nights were busy at 1:00 AM when the dance was over at Danceland. Daytime customers came from car dealerships. Students stopped in for snacks. For evening coffee, Bob Armstrong, Herbert Killian, and Mr. Cramer would drop in. Even Nat King Cole, who was 20 years old at the time, came to Joe & Cliff's to get a sandwich, when he performed at the Fox Head Tavern. He was served even though he was Afro-American. The employees made it a point to say to customers as they left, "Hey, you all come back". Balloons were used to attract attention. When convertibles were in vogue, Bob parked his 46 Olds, Joe, his 48 Packard, and his 48 Nash in the parking lot. Employees had a 46 Mercury and a 41 Mercury convertible..

Chuck Novak, who owned Novak Amusements, built an extension onto the building that could house a juke box, pinball machines, and electronic games.

Novak and the Gaddis brothers were good friends and avid sportsmen. They suggested Joe & Cliff's add a sporting goods store to the restaurant.



Joe and Cliff in Their Sporting Goods Annex

A new method of purchasing came into existence as consignment. They bought \$10,000 worth of boats, motors and equipment, but instead of repaying the loan, the money was spent elsewhere. Bad investments and poor business practices caused Joe & Cliff's to fail. A banker from the United States Bank extended their loan but eventually the bank seized the property to cover the unpaid loans. Joe Meloan got a job with the police force and Joe & Cliff's is now a memory.

When Joe Meloan served in the Navy, he was a boxer. He met Jack Dempsey. Dempsey refereed one of Joe's fights. Joe and Cliff sponsored the Golden Gloves Teams in Cedar Rapids.



EDITOR'S FOTNOTE:

Calvin Trusdale enjoyed helping gather information for this article. Calvin passed away September 14th, 2001.

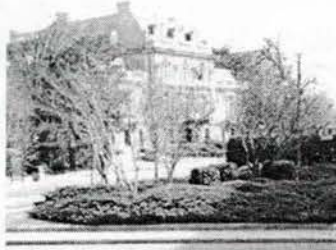
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Tomas Garrigue Masaryk Memorial Park & Statue

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Introductory Comments

On September 19, 2002 there will be a dedication of the Tomas Garrigue Masaryk Memorial Park. The Statue of Tomas Garrigue Masaryk will be unveiled at a joint Presidential ceremony featuring Vaclav Havel, President of the Czech Republic, and President George Bush of the United States. It will take place in Northwest Washington DC at Massachusetts and Florida Avenue, 22 Street, and Q Avenue close to the former Czechoslovak Embassy and the World Bank.



A Hero of Democracy Finds a Home

D.C. Park Location Approved for Stored Statue of
Czechoslovakia's Founder

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A bronze statue of the founding father of Czechoslovakia -- stored away under the rule of the Nazis and banned under communist leaders -- finally will have its own turf in a small Northwest Washington park.

The 12-foot likeness of Tomas G. Masaryk, created in 1937 and currently in storage at the National Gallery in Prague, has never been exhibited in the country Masaryk founded. In Washington it is to be the centerpiece of a memorial to Masaryk, an ardent democrat inspired by American political philosophy who organized Czech resistance against Austria during World War I and championed his country's independence.

Yesterday, the Commission of Fine Arts approved the location for the memorial, which was authorized by Congress and received President Bush's approval last year.

The National Park Service said it plans to erect the statue of Czechoslovakia's first president on a small patch of land at Massachusetts Avenue and 22nd Street NW.



Commission Chairman J. Carter Brown said the sculpture of Masaryk -- hat in one hand and the Declaration of Czech Independence from Austria in the other -- would be in a fitting neighborhood: A memorial to Mohandas K. Gandhi is about a block away on Massachusetts.

The plan is to unveil the statue at a joint presidential ceremony -- featuring Bush and Czech Republic President Vaclav Havel -- in September.

"We thought it was only fitting that this person, who is one of the foremost champions of liberty, be honored in the capital of the world's leading democracy," said Milton Cerny, president of the D.C.-based nonprofit group American Friends of the Czech Republic, which has been leading the campaign to honor Masaryk.

Masaryk, the son of a coachman and a cook, became a philosophy professor. He fought anti-Semitism and advocated women's rights, even taking the family name of his American-born wife, Charlotte Garrigue, as his middle name.

Throughout his life, Masaryk made visits to the United States. He became a visiting professor at the University of Chicago and wrote the Declaration of Czech Independence in Washington in 1918. The document was held for safekeeping by the Library of Congress until about a decade ago, when Bush's father presented it to Havel.

The statue, created by the Czech sculptor Vincenc Makovsky, traveled a similar path.

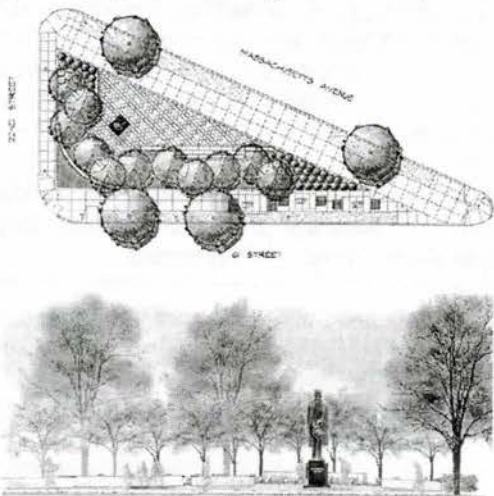
The writings and images of Masaryk, president from 1918 to 1935, were forbidden during the Nazi occupation in the early 1940s and in the following decades of communist rule. Cerny said those regimes sought to "obliterate any memory" of Masaryk because he was a symbol of democracy.

Another bronze statue of the Czech leader spent three decades in a crate in a California garage before it was donated to the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. That statue's first public exhibition was at the museum in May 2000. It was cast in 1938 and "immediately buried so that the Nazis would not melt it down," said Dan Baldwin, the museum's president and chief executive.

Even after communism's fall in 1989 and Czechoslovakia's breakup in 1992, the statue now planned for the District remained at the National Gallery in Prague. As the Czech Republic underwent dramatic transitions in recent years Cerny said, "putting up a statue wasn't a priority activity."

The statue, which Cerny said is in excellent condition will be a gift to the United States from the Czech

Republic. The triangular park that will be its home will undergo a redesign and be designated Masaryk Park.



The names of the project's supporters read like a guest at a state dinner, from Havel to Czech-born former secretary of state Madeleine K. Albright to Rep. Henry J. Hyde (R-Ill.) to Ambassador of the Slovak Republic Martin Butora.

Masaryk, who died at age 87 the year his statue was sculpted, is remembered today among world leaders, Cerny said, because "he stood up for the truth while others feared to face the truth. He attacked prejudice when bigotry was almost universal in Europe."

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Endorsements for the Tomas Garrigue Masaryk Memorial Fund

George W. Bush, President of the United States "I am very pleased to offer my support to your project to raise a statue to Tomas Masaryk in Washington...I am reminded of the many Czech and Slovak immigrants who helped build this country and who continue to play a vital role in our success as a democracy."

Vaclav Havel, President of the Czech Republic "In my opinion, the personality of Tomas Garrigue Masaryk deserves genuine regard...(I) wish the project every success and I promise that I will follow its progress attentively and support it with all my power."

Madeleine K. Albright, former U.S. Secretary of State "Nothing could be more appropriate than a monument to Masaryk, one of history's foremost democrats, in the capital of the world's leading democracy."

Colin L. Powell, U.S. Secretary of State "The proposed unveiling of this statue holds great importance for the Czech Republic, and for our relations with a trusted ally."

Martin Palous, Czech Ambassador to the United States "The project will realize a dream for generations of

Czechs on both sides of the Atlantic...I wish your project great success and I pledge my full support for your effort."

Alexandr Vondra, former Czech Ambassador to the United States "A memorial to honor T. G. Masaryk in Washington D.C. would serve as a suitable reminder of the impact American ideas and principles have had on the spread of freedom to nations such as ours."

Martin Butora, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic "Thomas Garrigue Masaryk is an undisputable figure of our common history and legacy. Slovaks always considered him as a statesman, without whose substantial contribution they would not have won their struggle for national survival."

The American Friends of the Czech Republic are conducting a fund drive to finance this project. Although well on their way, they still need contributions to complete the project. You can contact their organization at (202) 338-1549 or e-mail them at afocr@afocr.org. Check their web site (www.afocr.org) for continuing coverage of this event.

Footnote

This is not the first time Tomas Masaryk has been officially honored by the United States. In 1960, the United States Post Office issued a commemorative postage stamp with the likeness of Tomas Masaryk.



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- July 9 Czech Heritage Foundation Meeting - Museum, 7:30 PM
28 *Dokolacka, dokola* - 1st National Bohemian, Moravian, & Slovak Dance Festival - Museum, 1:00 PM
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- Aug. 13 Czech Heritage Foundation Meeting - Museum, 7:30 PM
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- Sept. 6-7 Kroje Symposium - Museum, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
10 Czech Heritage Foundation Annual Picnic (everyone welcome) - ZCJB Park, 6:30 PM
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- Oct. 6 *KROJE - Dress for the Dance of Life Exhibit Closes* - Museum
8 Czech Heritage Foundation Meeting - Museum, 7:30 PM
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- Nov. 12 Czech Heritage Foundation Meeting - Museum, 7:30 PM
14 8th Annual NCSLM Fall Dinner - Reception at Museum, dinner at Collins Plaza
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- Dec. 7 Svaty Mikulas (St. Nicholas Day) - Holliday Events in Czech Village, Cedar Rapids, IA
10 Czech Heritage Foundation Meeting - Museum, 7:30 PM
14 Museum Guild 4th Annual Cookie Walk - Museum, time to be announced



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Lists of Links to Other Czech & Slovak related Web Sites

<http://www.ncsml.org/links.htm> - Provided by the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library)

<http://www.slavophilia.net/> - Slavic and Eastern European Links. Includes Czech Republic and Slovak Republic

Cedar Rapids Gazette Features

<http://www.gazetteonline.com/special/village/index.htm> - Czech Village (Gazette articles, clickable map, village-related web sites, recipes, photo tour)

<http://www.gazetteonline.com/special/czech/index.htm> - Dedication of National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library - Special reports and related articles (1995)

Official Governmental Sites

<http://www.czech.cz/> - Czech Republic

<http://www.slovakembassy-us.org/> - Slovak Embassy in USA

Other Sites of Interest

<http://www.ncsml.org/> - National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library.

<http://www.afocr> - American Friends of the Czech Republic