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**WESTERN BOHEMIAN**  
**FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION**



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TO THE DELEGATES OF THE 15th NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE  
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It is indeed a pleasure to extend a warm hand of welcome to each of you as you meet in the  
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Cedar Rapids has long been proud of the Western Bohemian Fraternal Association and its  
contribution that has helped make Cedar Rapids a finer community for everyone.

It was a pleasure for me to proclaim this week "WESTERN BOHEMIAN FRATERNAL  
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May your visit in our community please you and motivate you to return often.

Yours for good government,

*Robert M. L. Johnson*

Robert M. L. Johnson

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*Greetings from the*

**CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

The Convention Committee extends a hearty welcome to all delegates and visitors to the 15th National Convention of the W.B.F.A. We have worked hard to make this a good convention, and, with your help, we will accomplish the goal that has been set.

The stage has been set, and the actors are about to take their places. Whether you will participate in the proceedings as a delegate or as an observer, we want you to know that you are welcome. We wish to thank the contributors to the booklet, and also wish to thank all of those who helped on this committee in any way. May all of our deliberations be conducted for the good of the Jednota.

Fraternally yours,

*George J. Novak*

George J. Novak

*Committee Chairman*

## CONVENTION COMMITTEE



Front Row: Anton Tezner, Mildred Drahovzal, Secretary Jerry Drahovzal, Vice President Charles Kurka, President George Novak, Treasurer Anthony Drvota, Libbie Melsha, Marie Vitek.

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Not present for picture: Robert Straka, David Suchomel, George Nordstrom, Ben Drahovzal, Leonard Karasek, John Vosatka.



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TO THE DELEGATES OF THE 15TH NATIONAL CONVENTION  
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We at the Chamber of Commerce and the members that we represent hope that the delegates and visitors to this convention have a pleasant and interesting visit in our fair city.

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Cordially,

*Robert H. Caldwell*

Robert H. Caldwell,  
Executive Vice President

RHC:mh

## ***Greetings From The National President***



It is with great pleasure that I welcome the sister and brother delegates, and the guests to our Home Office city.

I hope that this 15th National Convention will mark an important stepping stone for the future welfare of our Society.

I want everybody to feel at home. Cedar Rapids is known all over the world as a hospitable and progressive city. Among the Czechoslovak people it is also known as "Czech Athens" (České Atheny) for the obvious reason that Czech immigrants as early as 1850, being cultural minded, established here educational, cultural and fraternal organizations in order to cultivate the national folklore and the Czech language. The Czechs were represented at all times in Cedar Rapids on the city council, the county board, and various other important offices, and have held prominent positions in the professions, business and industries.

We consider our Home Office Building as also one of such contributions by Czech immigrants.

Let us make this convention a harmonious one, so that when we leave the convention room, everybody will go home happy.

Buďte nám srdečně vítáni.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "M. L. Šromádka". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

**Roman L. Hruska**  
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## **IN CEDAR RAPIDS, WE ARE AT HOME**

Delegates and visitors truly come home when they arrive in Cedar Rapids to attend the National Convention. First, because our Home Office is here. Secondly, it is home because of this beautiful City's many friendly citizens who extend their kindness and hospitality so sincerely.

The Association owes much to Cedar Rapids. It has been our headquarters since 1897, when we were founded. It has provided much leadership for the conduct of the Society's national affairs. It has furnished thousands of loyal and enthusiastic members who have supported the Western Bohemian program and fraternalism generally.

But members from this Convention City have gone further. While they are loyal to their own Lodges and to Cedar Rapids, they recognize the place and importance of other Lodges and areas in which the Association is active. Without in the least discounting the place of Cedar Rapids or Iowa, they have welcomed and encouraged the strength of the other Lodges and States in Western Bohemian jurisdiction. They realize that our Society is composed of the sum total of all its Lodges — all of its members — wherever they are located, even though the Home Office is here.

For 25 years this has been plain, because it is that long ago that the Board of Directors was created. Ever since that time the Directors from states other than Iowa, have not only been felt welcome, but they have been genuinely accepted to combine their counsel, ideas, and strength to make of Western Bohemian Fraternal Association the great Fraternal which it is.

For these things all of us are grateful and happy.

This Convention will be a business session primarily. But with the other events scheduled, it will be a cultural, educational and inspirational occasion, too.

All look forward to its sessions with anticipation and pleasure.



*Roman L. Hruska*  
U. S. S.



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PROGRAM  
**XV W. B. F. A. NATIONAL**  
**SEPTEMBER**  
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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

- 1:00 to 9:00 P.M. — Registration — Roosevelt Hotel
- 2:00 P.M.—Pilgrimage to Czech National Cemetery to visit graves of National Presidents Barta and Rompotl. (Buses will pick up Roosevelt guests at 1:45 in front of Roosevelt Hotel and Sheraton-Montrose guests at 2:00 in front of Sheraton-Montrose Hotel.) Remarks by M. L. Hromadka, National President and U.S. Senator Roman L. Hruska, National Vice President.
- 7:30 P.M.—Hospitality Party, hosted by the National Council — Roosevelt Hotel. Film of the Vienna Sokol Slet by Brothers Dobroslav Barta and Joseph Maly of Detroit, Michigan. Music by Centennial Band.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

- 8:00 to 9:00 A.M. — Registration — Veterans Memorial Coliseum
- 9:00 to 12:00 Noon—Convention Session—Veterans Memorial Coliseum. Advancement of the colors by Hanford Post No. 5 of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 788. National Anthem sung by CSA Karla Masaryk Chorus. Pledge of Allegiance by Joe McIvor of Hanford Post. "Kde Domov Můj" by CSA Karla Masaryk Chorus.
- 12 to 1:30 P.M. — Lunch—to be served in the Armory in the Coliseum.
- NOON TOUR — Amana Colonies for VISITORS ONLY. This will include the noon meal. (Time of departure to be announced.)
- 1:30 P.M. to Adjournment — Convention Session — Memorial Coliseum.
- 7:00 P.M.—Tour of W.B.F.A. National Office by chartered buses.
- 8:00 P.M.—Cocktail Party—Sheraton-Montrose Hotel. Dancing to Centennial Band.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

- 9:00 to 12:00 Noon—Convention Session—Veterans Memorial Coliseum
- 12:00 to 12:30 P.M.—Lunch — Served in Armory in the Coliseum.



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**SPIDS, IOWA**

- 12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.—Tour of the City — Chartered Buses will pick up DELEGATES ONLY promptly at 12:30 in front of the Coliseum. (CITY TOUR FOR VISITORS will be announced at the Convention.)
- 2:00 P.M. to Adjournment — Convention Session — Memorial Coliseum.
- 6:00 P.M.—Correspondents Dinner and Workshop (Spouses included) in Conservatory, Hotel Roosevelt. Reservations for this dinner MUST be made when you register.
- 8:00 P.M.—Roosevelt Hotel — Film “Czechoslovakia—Communist Showcase for Western Travelers,” narrated by America’s dynamic explorer, Neil Douglas.  
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**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

- 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon—Convention Session — Memorial Coliseum
- 12:00 to 1:30 P.M.—Lunch—Served in Armory in the Coliseum
- 1:30 P.M. to Adjournment — Convention Session — Memorial Coliseum
- 6:30 P.M.—Banquet, Program and Dance—Grand Hall, Roosevelt Hotel  
Dinner Music—Lawrence, Mokrejs, Hawley String Ensemble  
Senator Roman L. Hruska, Master of Ceremonies  
Musical Program—Libor-Prazan-Holecek Trio of Omaha and Chicago  
Speaker—Mr. Hal L. Nutt, C.L.U., Director Life Insurance Marketing Institute of Purdue University  
Dance—Leonard Reyman’s Orchestra

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

- 9:00 A.M. to Adjournment — Convention Session — Veterans Memorial Coliseum
- TOUR TO AMANA for Delegates and Visitors after Adjournment, if sufficient number of reservations are made.
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When the Czechs first came to Cedar Rapids about 1852, they found a community with a population of less than four hundred people. Four years later when the town charter was revised, there was a population of about 1,500, with the early Czech settlers building their homes along the east side of the Cedar River. About nine years after the first Czechs settled in Cedar Rapids, the Civil War began. Living within the town, the population of which in 1860 was 1,610, were about 80 Czech families. Seventeen of these Czechs, some of whom had left their native country to escape military service, volunteered to serve their adopted country in the war. Their names are listed in the Roster and Record of Iowa Soldiers in the War of the Rebellion.

At the same time that the Czech people of Cedar Rapids were developing their economic interests, they were also enjoying social activities. As years went by, the settlement by the Czechs in this city brought to the community a large group of people who had their own language, literature and culture. For at least two generations they had many activities in common, insurance, banks, athletic groups, and cultural societies. There were also Czech churches, Czech fraternal organizations, Czech schools, and Czech patriotic societies, which kept in touch with Czechoslovakia, while day by day, the Czechs in Cedar Rapids became good and loyal Americans.

In religion, all denominations are well represented. The first Czech Catholic church was St. Wenceslaus, established on the east side in 1882, and St. Ludmila's church was erected on the west side in 1916. The first Czech Protestant church was John Hus Methodist dedicated in 1889, and later Hus Memorial Presbyterian was built in 1894. Because many members of the Ely Czech Reformed Church moved to this city and wished to organize a branch of their mother congregation, steps were taken in 1910 for the erection of a church and in 1911 the Czech Reformed Church was dedicated with all debts paid.

Soon after the early Czech settlers in the United States had erected their homes, they sought protection for themselves and their families through benevolent organizations. In 1854, the first permanent benevolent Society known as the C.S.P.S. was organized in St. Louis, Missouri, and one of its Cedar Rapids lodges erected the three story C.S.P.S. Hall on the South Side. One of the major achievements in Cedar Rapids of this organization later known as the Czechoslovak Society of America has been the formation of the Karla Masaryk chorus which still sings Czech folk songs at hundreds of occasions in Cedar Rapids and other Iowa communities.

A short time later our Western Bohemian Fraternal Association (ZCBJ) was organized in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1897 with headquarters in Cedar Rapids, and in 1908 the Cedar Rapids lodges built their own three story building, known as the ZCBJ Hall on 12th Avenue and 3rd Street E., in the midst of the Czech settlement and Czech business places on what is known as the "South Side". This building owned by the 5 lodges in the city was the home of the WBFA National office for 50 years, until our new Home Office was built. The ZCBJ Hall was the scene of many Czech festivities, including Czech plays, bazaars, dances to old time Czech music, and many cultural programs. Later the same group of lodges, in 1939 built a dance pavilion and recreation park known as ZCBJ Park south of Cedar Rapids, on the Cedar River. Both the ZCBJ Hall and the ZCBJ Park are still centers of Czech activities, with lodge Cedar Rapids No. 262 holding its lodge meetings in the hall throughout the winter, and at the park during the summer months. In 1959, the beautiful new Headquarters Office of our Western Bohemian Fraternal Association was built on First Avenue and 19th Street N. E., which for its beauty, architecture, and appropriateness has been acclaimed as one of the outstanding buildings in Cedar Rapids.



## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CEDAR RAPIDS CZECHS (Continued)

Other Czech fraternal organizations represented in the city are the Unity of Czech Ladies and Men (J.C.D. a P.), České Vlastenky, Jan Hus a Czech lodge of the Odd Fellows, and the Praha Rebekah Lodge also a Czech lodge of the Rebekahs. From 1873 to this day the Sokol Gymnastic organization in Cedar Rapids is vigorously active, has its own three story building on Third Street East, and its own Sokol Camp near Center Point.

Because their ancestors struggled for centuries to maintain a national language and literature, the Czechs have sought to preserve both, in the country of their adoption. For this reason they have organized schools and classes in Cedar Rapids where the culture of their homeland has been taught in their native tongue to the succeeding generations, while at the same time they established evening Americanization classes where they studied the language of the country they have chosen for their new home. The first Czech classes were held in the Reading Society Hall (Čtenářský Spolek) and in Monroe and Madison public schools, then the new Matice školská building was erected and in January 1901 dedicated as the first such structure in the United States to be used exclusively for a Czech school. On May 29, 1901, W. F. Severa, a prominent Cedar Rapids manufacturer of pharmaceutical supplies, together with Prof. Bohumil Shimek of Iowa City, Paul Korab, and our late General Counsel Joseph Mekota, founded the Council of Higher Education (Matice Vyššího Vzdělání) to give financial aid for an advanced education to capable children of Czech ancestry. This organization some years ago transferred to Chicago and still exists. The libraries of the Reading Society called justly the "father of Czech organizations in Cedar Rapids," the Cedar Rapids Public Library and the libraries in the parochial schools have given the Czech people access to books in their native tongue.

Several Czech newspapers were published in Cedar Rapids, including "Pokrok", "Slovan Americký", "Svit", "Pravda", "Česká Lípa", "Věstník Iowský" a Cedar Rapids edition of the Daily "Svornost" published in Chicago, and the "Humoristické Listy" which in 1900 was changed to "Cedar Rapidské Listy." This newspaper was published locally until 1950 when it merged with semi-weekly "American", now "Hlasatel" Thursday editions which are edited by T. B. Hlubucek.

Originally most of the Czechs established their businesses along Sixteenth Avenue Southwest. Today, even though Czech is still spoken in most of the places "on the Avenue", other merchants have and constantly are moving in, while Czechs have established their businesses throughout the entire city. Czechs have always held prominent positions in public office, in business, and in civic affairs of the city. Their fraternal organizations, Czech banks First Trust and Savings Bank and United State Bank, Bohemian Savings and Loan, Bohemian Mutual Insurance, one of the most beautiful cemeteries in the city, the Czech National, and the St. John Catholic cemeteries, fine churches and the Sokol Gymnastic activities promoting "sound mind and healthy body" in American men, women and children of Czech descent, and above all, their yearning for their own debt-free homes and the best in education for their children are inseparable segments of the life of the Cedar Rapids Czechs. It may be said without prejudice that in modern fraternalism, in social and cultural achievements, in the professions, business and industrial enterprises, the Czech element in Cedar Rapids has made remarkable progress. — L. G. M.

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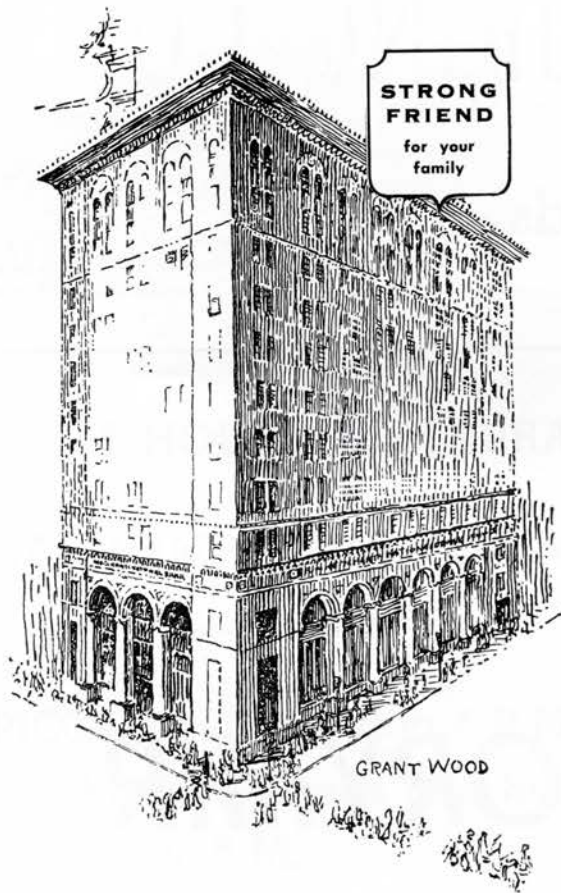
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As hundreds and thousands of other emigrants, who left their homeland for the distant and unknown land beyond the sea, the Killian family emigrated to America from their native Czechoslovakia in the early 1860's in search of a better future for themselves and their children.

The total resources that the father and mother, together with eight children the eldest of which was 14 years of age, brought to their new country were two pairs of hands, unafraid of toil. But the parents of the Killian family also brought with them courageous hearts, love of home, the will to work no matter how hard the task, and an unshakable faith in a happier future. Many of the emigrants settled in New York, others found their way to Pittsburgh, and many other places, while the Killian family went directly to Nebraska.

They were told that in many ways Nebraska resembled their native land, with its rivers and forests, gently sloping valleys, and plains, as well as an abundance of wild game. They did not ask for more! They laid the foundations of a primitive home and set about their tasks. The obstacles to be surmounted before they could eat the first bread from their own harvested grain, are vividly portrayed in the history of the first Czech settlers in Nebraska.

In no small measure did the diligent efforts of the Czechs contribute to the development of the city of Cedar Rapids and the surrounding area. Wherever they settled, they took advantage of every opportunity offered by the new, beautiful, free country, where they and their children could develop their talents as they never could in the small native land beyond the sea, which remained constantly in their memories.

It was the love of a Czech for his own home, his tradesman's skill, and natural energy and patience which is the Slavic heritage, that contributed so greatly to the growth of our business. It could never have proved so successful, were it not based on this characteristic trait of which we are justly proud!

With thoughts of the vicissitudes under which our Czech nation has labored in the past, and the heavy yoke which it bears today and still struggles for survival while keeping alive its hope for a better tomorrow, we are proud of our Czech origin.

*Dedicated to the Czech pioneers in memory of our parents.*

## **KILLIANS**



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**Minneapolis, Minnesota**

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Anna Rusňák, taj.  
Václav Hyvnar, pokl.

Srdečné blahopřání k 15. Sjezdu Z.Č.B.J.  
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A gratulujeme hlavní úřadovně k velkému  
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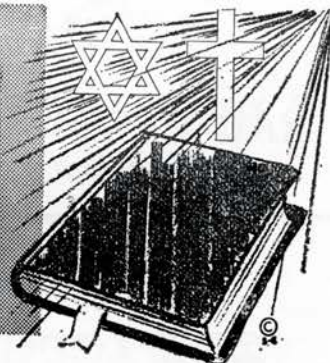
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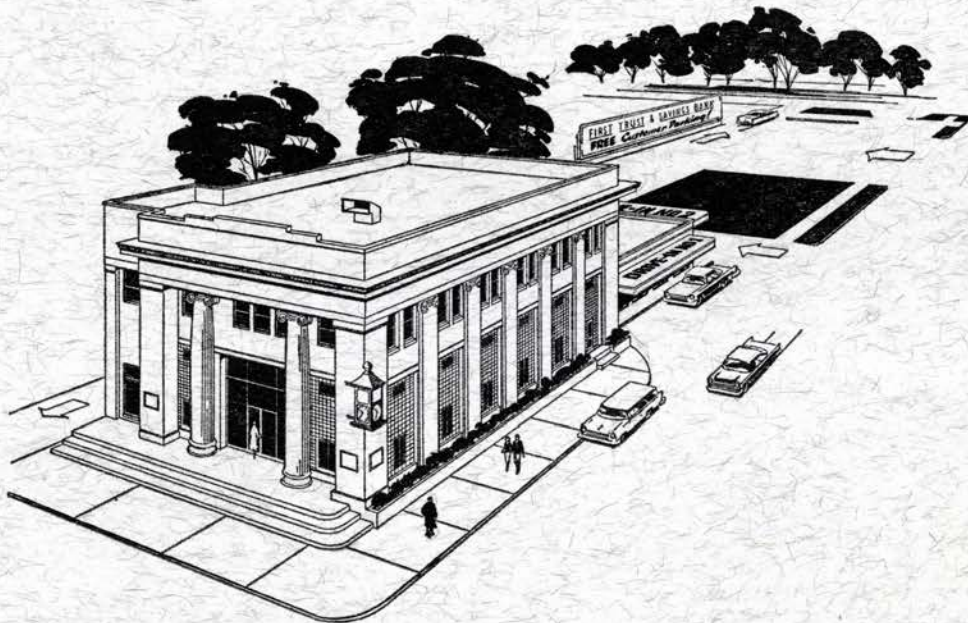
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