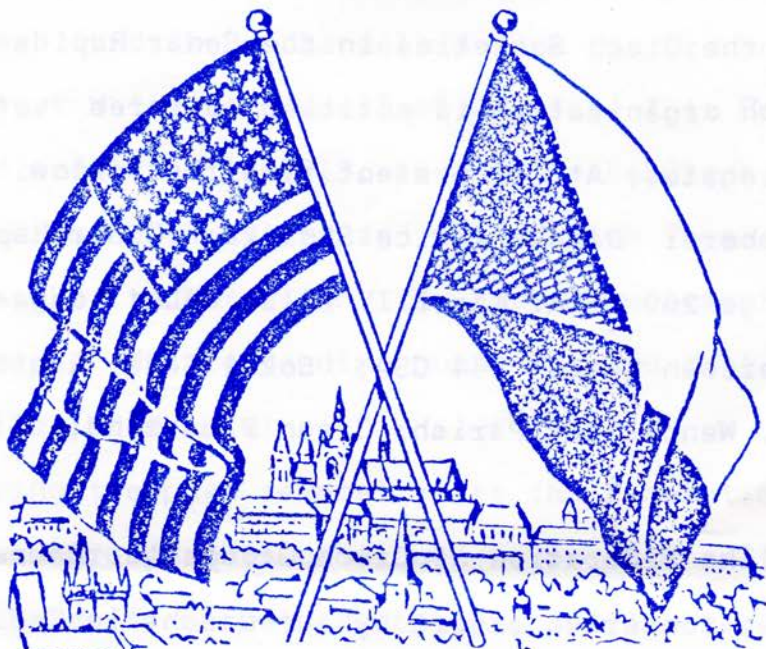


Federation of Czech Groups

INCORPORATED

Cedar Rapids, Iowa



Sdružení Českých Spolků



FEDERATION OF CZECH GROUPS

SDRUZENI CESKYCH SPOLKU

The Federation of Czech Groups, is composed of the Czech Societies in the Cedar Rapids area. Each organization is entitled to three voting delegates. At the present time the following are members: Damska Matice Skolska; Cedar Rapids Lodge 262 WFLA; Karel IV # 13, WFLA; Lodge Jr. American Czechs 344 CSA; Sokol Cedar Rapids; St. Wenceslaus Parish; Czech Plus Band;

The Federation of Czech Groups is the result of a concerted effort by the Czechs in Cedar Rapids area, to help their relative and friends during the Nazi expansion in 1935. In 1936 the leaders in the Fraternal and Religious organizations brought forth the concept of a Federation of these groups to promote the Czech Culture; Protect and Promote the Czech traditions and customs, in America. At the same time they would provide Moral and Financial support for the Czech leaders who were forced to flee their homeland.

The " Czech Radio Hour " was started in 1937. Many thousands of dollars were raised thru Bazaars, Dances, Plays, Lectures and Concerts. These funds were channelled thru the Czecho-Slovak National Council of America. This Council had organized in 1918, to assist the Czech Government in exile, and worked with Thomas G. Masaryk, to establish the First Democracy in Europe. We are sending our help thru that office at this time.

During the past several years the Federation of Czech Groups has continued to promote cultural programs to perpetuate customs and heritage as; sponsoring the traditional Czech Mass, in the Historic St. Wenceslaus Church; arrange for the Memorial Day services at the Czech National cemetery; assist the Czech School; sponsor tours to Czech Plays in Chicago; support the Sokol Akademie; (slet) Houby Days; Czech Festival, and other activities of the Czech Community. 1990 brings another opportunity for US, to show the World that we not only give "Lip Service" to Democracy, but that we are willing to exert some

effort in providing some of the necessary materials for the Czechoslovak people.

The Federation of Czech Groups is projecting several programs to get funds for printing equipment; medical supplies; books on the Democratic process; and teachers for the fledgeling nation.

Membership is open to all interested persons. You need not have a Czech Name. Meetings with programs, or Pot Luck, are held on the last Thursday of each month, (except July, Aug. and Dec.) in the St. Wenceslaus Church Hall. Dues are \$ 3.00 per year. You may send membership application and check to: Federation of Czech Groups, 1228 2nd St. SE., Cedar Rapids, Ia. 52401. Please Print:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

NOTE:: This membership list will not be given to unauthorized persons

Edward R. Kuba, President, James Cada, V.P.
Marie Cada, Treas. Rose Dryml, Secy.