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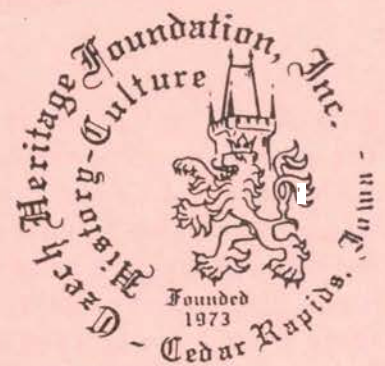
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## CALENDAR

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## KALENDÁŘ

Some of these listings were given in detail in the March issue. Some are new. Please refer to March newsletter.

JUNE 1, 2, Sat.-Sun. ETHNIC FAIR, Cedar Rapids Roundhouse. see p. 3.

7, 8, 9. Fri., Sat. Sun. St. Ludmila KOLACH FESTIVAL, church-school grounds, 215 - 21st Ave. S.W. in Cedar Rapids. KOLACHES, booths, carnival, games, fun.

15. Sat. HEY DAYS, Fairfax, Ia.

Other JUNE Events: 8 -- Hillsboro, Wis. 16-17; Tabor, S.D., 30 Sokol Slet in Chicago areas.

JULY 4, Thurs. CZECH DAYS, Ely, Ia.

19-20, Fri., Sat. FOLK FEST, Traer  
26-27, Fri., Sat. BEEF DAYS, Solon

Other JULY Events: 12-14 Wyandotte, Mich.  
14 Houston, Texas; 26-27 Wilson, Kansas

AUGUST 2, 3, 4 Wilber, Nebraska

15 Thurs. ANNUAL PICNIC of Czech Heritage and Fine Arts Fnds. C.R.

SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 8. Fri.-Sat.-Sun. CZECH FESTIVAL, Cedar Rapids, in Czech Village. See page 3.

OCTOBER 5, 6 Yukon, Okla.

NOVEMBER 30, Sat. St. Nicholas Day, SV.

MIKULÁŠ, Czech Village. Always the Saturday before Dec. 6th.

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GREETINGS! VITĀM VĀS! Here it is, the 1st of May and time to write a few words for the June newsletter. The past months have gone by quickly and much has been accomplished in our Czech Heritage Fdn.

We have made the necessary contacts to have our flags flown on the Avenue during "Houby Days" and the "Fall Festival". We are getting 8 U.S. flags, 8 Czech flags with our Memorial Funds. By the time you read this, you will have seen them adding color to our festivities

and also bringing back memories that your generous donations have made this possible.

Plans are to have a booth on the Avenue and a food stand at the Roundhouse during Houby Days. Thanks to you volunteers who help. It will be an enjoyable weekend. Two weeks later will be the Ethnic Fair and again with your help I'm sure it will be a success.

With the June picnic meeting and several parade appearances ahead, the early summer will pass quickly. It is all of you, as members, that make this an interesting organization. Without YOU, we could not preserve our Czech Heritage.

Mae and I wish to "Thank You" for your help in the weeks ahead and are sincere in saying --

NA SHLEDANOU!

Frank W. Novotny, President

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\* NATIONAL FOLK BALLE OF YUGO- \*  
\* SLAVIA appears at Ames, Stephens Hall, \*  
\* Oct. 19, Saturday. Reports tell that the \*  
\* "stage is alive with music, dance, and \*  
\* brilliant costumes in an evening of smiles \*  
\* and entertainment." The dances and songs \*  
\* are lyrical to humorous. If you have seen \*  
\* any Slav folk dances elsewhere, you know \*  
\* the participants "dance with fierce aban- \*  
\* don." Bus transportation will be arranged \*  
\* if enough sign up. Price for event around \*  
\* \$11.00 plus bus fare and evening meal en- \*  
\* route. Phone 365-0868 for reservations. \*  
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## CZECH CHAMBER SOLOISTS IN CONCERT

A most memorable event was the weekend that 13 musicians came from BRNO, Moravia, Czechoslovakia, to present a concert at the Paramount Theater in Cedar Rapids. They arrived April 8, on a Sunday afternoon.

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At a small reception at Czech Museum later in the day made it possible to meet these wonderful people. As they had a free Monday, Krejci, Lampareks and Novotnys met at the hotel and we took them on a tour of Cedar Rapids. They were most appreciative of what we did for them. Only 2 or 3 could speak any English and it was quite an experience to converse with them in Czech but it was a thrill. There are differences in some Czech and Moravian words. For the evening concert, Martha and Charles Krejci, Evelyn and Emil Lamparek, Mae and Frank Novotny, Irene Hamous and daughter wore their Czech costumes and mingled with the people in the lobby of the Paramount Theater. Then we enjoyed a wonderful concert performed by people we felt we knew personally. A weekend that will not be forgotten.

Mae and Frank Novotny.

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TRAVEL TIME IS HERE and news of other Polka Fests are at hand: DULUTH, MINN. on June 19-23. Wed. thru Sun. Very colorful event!

And Nov. 21-25 ETHNIC FAIR, Milwaukee, Wis. The C.H. Fdn. sponsored a bus trip to this event about 2 years ago.

HOW ABOUT SOME SUGGESTIONS FROM YOU FOLKS? Keep us updated about events. We are delighted to know about these Festivals and Fairs.

F. W. N.

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CHICAGO FOLK FESTIVAL has moved up to September 28-29th this year. Events at the usual location: McCormick Place at Donnelly Hall. Some of our members in the Chicago area attend every year. Said to be "The best such festival of all the larger cities". For more "info" phone Office of Special Events, 1-312-744-5000. Thanks to the Caldwells of Arlington Heights for this information.

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C.R. CZECHS ON THE VOICE OF AMERICA

On short notice, representatives of The Voice of America arrived in Cedar Rapids to record folk music and interview members of the various Czech organizations. The first session was Tuesday evening, May 14 on the grounds of the Western Fraternal Life Association where under the bright yard lights, the Czech Plus Polka Band played several selections which were recorded for radio broadcast. Informal visiting followed in the Lounge area. The following day, several folks met for luncheon at Garden Villa. More interviews were taped. The Voice of America offers translations into as many as 42 languages, but it is not known how wide a broadcast this Czech sequence will include. However, it was a new and special experience for our local Czechs to have been visited.

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KOMENSKY SOCIETY AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS to five seniors in Linn County High Schools. Recipients of the \$500 scholarships are:

Vlastenky Scholarship to May Margaret Hadish, LaSalle H.S., enrolling at Iowa State Univ., and Wayne Jandik, Jefferson H.S. to Univ. of Iowa, Jill Marie Kadera, LaSalle H.S., to Univ. of Northern Iowa, Angela M. T. Skretta, Mt. Vernon, Ia., to Iowa State Univ., Jill Tauber, Jefferson H.S., to Cornell College. At the Annual Picnic, June 22, at Bever Park the recipients and parents will be the guests of the Komensky Society. Our Congratulations to these five college-bound students. Komensky members follow with interest the outstanding records made by earlier recipients of our scholarships.

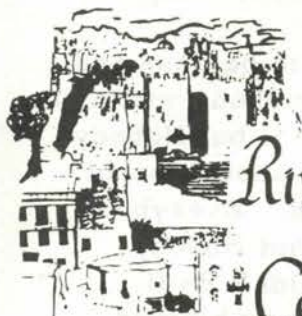
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# ETHNIC CELEBRATION

## JUNE 1 & 2

### Riverside Roundhouse (Farmer's Market) Cedar Rapids, Iowa



#### 5th ANNUAL ALL-CITY ETHNIC EVENTS

Sweet Potato Pie, Hopp-og-Sprett, Czech egg decorating, demonstrations of making Greek coffee and Mexican sombreros. Seven ethnic heritage groups will celebrate during a two-day festival on Saturday and Sunday, June 1, 2, --at the Riverside Roundhouse, the city's Farmers Market, just south of the 12th Avenue Bridge on the Cedar River.

Hours will be 2-10 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. Dave Franklin, Host of KCRG "Czech Party" and member of Czech Heritage Fdn., will be Master of Ceremonies Saturday afternoon.

Visitors will be able to sample a variety of foods, enjoy music and dancing, see arts and crafts, demonstrations, displays, traditions of the Blacks, Czechs, Danes, Greeks, Irish, Mexicans and Norwegians will be celebrated by costumes of members of the non-profit organizations: Black Women's Civic Organization, Czech Heritage and Fine Arts Foundations, Danish Brotherhood in America, St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church, SaPaDaSo (St. Patrick's Day Parade Society) Los Amigos and Sons of Norway. The "Americans", a group with variety of cultural backgrounds, participate under the sponsorship of the Ambroz Arts Advisory Board of the Cedar Rapids Recreation Commission.

Tickets are \$1.00 per person during advance sales. Tickets at the gate \$1.50 each with children under 12 accompanied by an adult admitted free of charge.

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NOTE! IF YOU PURCHASE ADVANCE  
TICKETS FROM A MEMBER OF THE  
CZECH HERITAGE OR FINE ARTS  
FDNS., OR AT THE CZECH MUSEUM,  
OR JOENS BROTHERS INTERIORS IN  
CZECH VILLAGE, 25¢ FROM EACH  
TICKET GOES TO OUR ORGANIZA-  
TIONS!  
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COME ONE, COME ALL FROM FAR AND  
NEAR! ENJOY YOURSELF! IT IS NO  
LATER THAN YOU THINK IT IS !!

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#### 12th ANNUAL CZECH VILLAGE FESTIVAL

Sept. 6-7-8, '85

If you enjoy polka and kolaches, fun, festivi-  
ties and all of this ac-  
cented by Czech heri-  
tage and humor... don't

miss this 12th Annual Festival in Cedar  
Rapids, Iowa !

Sponsored by Czech Village Association  
with Czech Heritage and Czech Fine Arts  
Foundations, this annual Czech celebration  
features a Czech Heritage Parade, crown-  
ing a Czech Princess and Prince, contin-  
uous music and dancing, a Village Flea Mar-  
ket, button accordion contest, carp fishing  
contest, POLKA FEST and BEER GARDEN  
and MORE !!!

The Czech Village Festival is a community-  
wide event, a variety of organizations join  
the Czech celebration with their volunteer  
efforts. The Czech Museum, with its beauti-  
ful national costumes, glassware and anti-  
ques, will feature its recently-opened immi-  
grant home this year. The Kolach-Eating  
Contest and Czech Bake-Off will be other  
attractions along with Frey Amusements, a  
family-run Midway and concession organiza-  
tion, and a Merchants Breakfast for visitors.

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Featured Bands will include: Jerry Voelkers and His Jolly Gents of Green Bay, Wisconsin; local favorites that include..... Czech Heritage Band, Czech Plus Polka Band, Czech Artists, Jolly Bohemians and Boddicker School of Music Bands. COME EARLY! STAY LATE! Sure be seen! you all!



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FROM THE MAIL BAG

The Czech Ex-Students Association of Texas (CESAT) as a part of the Texas Council of Higher Education, with a Committee for Higher Education and Historical and Museum Committee states that its primary promotion of the study of Czech at all levels: grade school, high school and college. Texas does have a number of Czech communities. It is said that Hispanics rank 2nd in population and Czechs are 3rd in the ethnic groups in the state. Most of the Texas Czech settlers came by Galveston-Houston ports and some from New Orleans port of entry in the mid-1800's, and some earlier.

E. R. V.

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TENNIS PLAYER upsets Jimmy Connors in Philadelphia semi-final match this spring. MILOSLAV MECIR hails from Bojnice, Czechoslovakia. The village is some 30 mi. south of Žilina and 18 mi. northeast of Žia.

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St. Ludmila KOLACH FESTIVAL, June 7-8-9, Friday, Saturday, Sunday on the church-school grounds. Many events: carnival, games, fun, and KOLACHES by the dozen. . . 209 21st Ave. S. W., Cedar Rapids.

WHOSE JOB IS IT? Here is a story about 4 people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. Somebody was angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. . . . SO ? it ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody would have done!

ANON.

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HOUBY CONTEST. Thirty-three entries competed in the 6 categories. A trophy was awarded to each winner: Largest and Tallest Houba to Howard L. Cobb Jr., (C.R.), most Oddly Shaped Small Houba to Leon Mahring (C.R.), Best Houba in the Show to Patsy Miller, Mechanicsville, most Oddly Shaped Large Houba to Brian Novey (C.R.), most Creative Display to Mary Pavlicek of Ely, and Smallest Houba to Sue Meister, Marion.

AND IN THE

RACE, 5000 meters (3 miles) more than 200 signed in! Fastest time of 16:36:4 was a tie with Jon Armon and Jordan Clouse of C.R. Start and finish were at Bandstand in the heart of the Village.

The categories and first to arrive at the Bandstand follow:

- under age: John Royer, Debbie Rowray;
- 15-17: Jim Koch, Kam Christiansen;
- 18-24: Jon Armon, Jordan Clouse, and Debi Dostal
- 25-34: Jerry Zumbrunner, Muriel Naumann
- 35-45: Noward Cowen, Lynn Cole
- 46 plus: John Cunningham, Lore Yoder

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DO YOU RECALL THE NEWS ABOUT eruption of Vesuvius in 1906? appearance of Halley's Comet in 1910? sinking of the Titanic in 1912?

# Czech Fine Arts Foundation, Inc.

10 - 16TH AVENUE S.W. CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA 52404

MUSEUM SUMMER HOURS: from now until mid-November, Tuesday thru Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Sundays and Mondays unless special arrangements are made for group tours. Museum phone is 362-8500, zone code (319).

MUSEUM GIFTS continue to arrive. Interesting and important memorabilia from individuals and families add to the collection.

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PLAYS BY TOM STOPPARD, SUMMER THEATER, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA. Our March 1984 issue told about Tom, born in Czechoslovakia, family left for Singapore when the Nazis took over, on to India after Japanese took over, then to England. His first language was Cech, then Chinese and then English. FOUR of his plays will be produced between June 27 and July 27 in Iowa City. Tom Strasussler became Stoppard as his widowed mother remarried and moved to England. Tom took the name of his step-father. Phone Hancher Aud. for more information (1-800-426-2437). Iowa City residents phone 353-6255.

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HOUBY, VACLAVKY, ŽAMPION ? Which is what? In Čech, houby are sponge-like fungus (our morels), spring variety. Václavky are the fall variety, and Žampion refers to all mushrooms. In French and German the word is champignon!

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THOSE THREE FROST SAINTS and SOPHIA as usual come mid-May and folks ask or talk about them. When the temperatures of May should be reasonably mild, then frost arrives. Some folks name this chilly spell "ZMRZLÝ" (zmrzlee), or frozen. Some say the story is a legend. Some news media mention the event, gardeners worry. Who are these saints?

PANGRAC (also Pangras) was a martyr in Rome during the persecutions under Emperor Diocletian. Otherwise his reign was considered well above the average run of rulers. Pangrac died May 12, 304 A.D. Relics were sent to England. A church in Canterbury was named for him in 500 A.D.

SERVAC (also Servais, Servitus) was a bishop of Armenian origin. He served in Tongres, Belgium. He died May 13, 304 A.D. BONIFAC or Tarsus, another martyr, was highly praised for his piety and direction of the See in Ferentino, Italy, east of Rome. He died May 14th. Hence the days of May 12, 13, 14 are the three Zmrzlý. Then on May 15th Sophia (Žofie) brought about a thaw with a kettle of hot water!

If any reader can add some "light" on these stories, we would very much appreciate hearing from you.

M.W.

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ORIGIN OF THE POSTAL "CREED". It was Herodotus, mentioned elsewhere in this issue, who wrote about the Persian Postal System of 500 B.C. in these words, "There is no mortal thing faster than these messengers ... neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."

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CHANGE OF DATE FOR JUNE BOARD MTG.  
To be Sunday, June 9th. pot-luck picnic at Novotny Farm. Bring goodie and table service items. Time is 6:30 p.m.

MORAVIAN SONG BOOK 123 years OLD.

Some months ago a precious booklet, 2 3/4 x 4 inches arrived in the mail from Eleanor Pohorsky Fencil Elkington of St. Petersburg, Fla. She wrote that the little volume was among the discards when Šárka Hrbková died. Eleanor thought the book should be saved as a reference. Indeed it will be! Entitled: KVĚTENA (Flowers) of Selected Songs among the Moravian Favorites, arranged and published in OLOMOUC 1862. The name of Jan Borecký is stamped (not once but 3 times) on the title page.

The first song in the 176 pages is Kde Domov Můj? Ten stanzas, 8 more than we usually hear. Stanzas 1 and 3 have the expected ending, a tribute to Čechy, stanzas 2, 5, 8 and 9 close with tribute to Moravia and stanzas 3, 6, 7 and 10 close with Slovenskou. The next 5 songs include Hej! Slovane and Moravo, Moravičko Milá with a total of 90 songs, 10 appear in our ALBUM OF BOHEMIAN SONGS, some with more stanzas than in the ALBUM. The book's pages are brownish-grey and crumbling at the edges, the leather binding is in tatters. And most unfortunately like so many so-called song-books of years ago, no music is included. One "fun" song follows: MĚLTĚ ADAM SEDUM SYNŮ.

Měltě Adam sedum synů, Sedum synů měl;  
Nejedli, Nepili, Jenom tak-hle dělali.

(Adam had 7 sons, Seven sons he had;  
They did not eat, drink, just did this --)  
At the close of the song, the leader of the 7 shows what they did and then the 6 others imitate him... such as puckering the mouth to kiss, shake hands, pull ear, slap left leg with right hand then right leg with left hand, blink eyes, stamp a foot, etc., etc... TRY IT!

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TRANSLATIONS available in Čech, French, German and Spanish. \$5.00 for 100 words. Send sample copy of original if you wish an estimate with information on number of pages etc. Enclose self-addressed -stamped envelope. Charles Opatrny, P.O. Box 411, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. 52406.

Ever get out Kansas way? Some 18 miles west of Pittsburg, Kansas, is one of the TWO LARGEST SCOOP SHOVELS ever built. In 1962, 150 railroad cars were used to haul the parts from their origin in Milwaukee. The size is huge -- weighs 6,000 Tons, called "Brutus" or "Battleship on the Prairie" it has a crane as tall as a 15 story building, one scoopful fills 2 grain cars, cuts 135 tons at each bite. A special track was built for 3 1/2 miles to deliver the freight to the mine. The shovel could work at coal seams 70 ft. below the surface.

It no longer is in operation. HOWEVER, the local citizens have figured a way to attract tourists -- they are in the process of restoring the monster for a COAL MINERS MUSEUM -- along with the usual other attractions such as gift shop, eating facilities, etc.

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JUSCELINO KUBITSCHER de OLIVEIRO

was President of Brazil 1956-61. He revived the idea of building a Federal Dist. and capital on a site in the highlands some 500 miles N.W. of Rio and 1000 miles south of the Amazon River. The city has the figure of a plane with the residential-area spread in wing fashion. Rows of highrise, rectangular buildings, row upon row, provide housing. The buildings for the government offices are arranged in the shape of the plane's fuselage. The airport is outside of Brasilia, off to the N.E. The Presidential Palace is far south overlooking an artificial lake 2 miles wide and 2 miles long! The population of Brasilia is over 1,000,000 and Rio on the coast has over 9,000,000. Kubitschek started immense public works -- hydro-power plants, transportation facilities -- which in the end resulted in an economic crises. Kubitschek's parents had come from Poland.



### TŘI MALÉ KOČIČKY

Tři malé kočky ztratili své rukavičky  
 No! je to dost že neztratili prsty!  
 Ale tři malé kočky ztratili  
 své rukavičky.

Maminka měla jim je dát na provázek  
 A nevěděli kde by je mohli najít.  
 Co může jeden očekávat od tak malých?  
 Měli dost málo let na světě.  
 No, tak plakali a plakali  
 Slze kapali jako dešť  
 Ale nechme je sami být  
 Jistě přijdou domu  
 Jest to tak s dětma  
 Ocásky táhnou za sebou  
 Ocásky nikdy nejsou naproti  
 To asi ocásky budou neučesaný  
 A maminka musí ty tři kočky olízat.



M. W. MMS

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ATHLETES IN EAST GERMANY. In the communist countries the athletic event of the years is the SPARTAKIADA familiar to many Czechs and Slovaks because it has replaced the SOKOL 10-year-ATHLETIC MEETS formerly held in Prague at what was the Masaryk Stadium in the days of the Republic. In East Germany, according to a recent report, in 1983 some 66,500 children participated in the events of winter and summer Olympics. National winners are headed for THE Olympics. Observers "spot" youngsters as early as age 4 for their coordination and physique. The large number of winners from East Germany is not a "miracle" but results from hard and methodical work, decade after decade. ..Also "champions" are recipients of special "perks" such as tutors, uniforms, equipment, excuses from college exams if there is a conflict until after the sport event, perhaps a car, large apts., or a week-end house, to travel elsewhere, etc., etc. Some sports require 50 to 60 hours/week practice and training.

Excerpted from WORLD PRESS March, 1985.



### THREE LITTLE KITTENS

Three little kittens lost their mittens  
 Well! it is enough they didn't lose their fingers!

So, three little kittens lost their mittens  
 Mother should have put them on a string  
 And they didn't know where to find them  
 What can one expect from little ones?  
 They had so few years on earth.  
 So they cried and cried  
 Tears dropped like rain  
 We'll let them alone  
 They'll come home  
 It is that way with youngsters  
 Tails dragging behind them  
 Tails are never in front  
 Likely the tails will be uncombed  
 And mother will have 3 kittens to lick (wash).



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ETHNIC CULTURES TO SURVIVE? The test of whether Czechs or any ethnic group will be able to maintain their identity in the next generation: Will the parents be able to instill the traditional values in their children the values that make Czech special in the midst of teen-age sex, drug abuse and a general loosening of parental discipline -- a love for Czech culture and language and lore?

C. E. K.

From Chicago Tribune Magazine

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### PUMP ORGANS AND SPELLDOWNS

Long ago, a one-room country school was trying to raise money to buy a pump organ. A spelldown and lunchbox auction were scheduled. Pupils cleaned the desks, studied spelling and made paper bluebirds to hang in the windows. The community folks gathered on a Friday evening at the school. The 8 year old was the center of attention. The word was "vanilla". She started "v...e...n" and the teacher called "Sorry. Next!" NOBODY spelled that word correctly! The grand total of auction was \$36.98, more than enough to buy that pump organ.

Jean Lyon, "Country People"  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa E. R. V.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT:



1. As of July, 1984 a new law went into effect in USSR that a citizen offers hospitality to a foreigner, or invites the person to spend the night or offer a ride only upon permission of the authorities . . . . . and 2. "Nipper" the little fox terrier, trademark of old

Victor gramophone (the large horn decorated with morning glories and the small box with a handwound motor) was 100 years old in 1984.

3. USSR did not attend the OLYMPICS in Los Angeles in 1984 but Romania and Yugoslavia did. In 1980 when the OLYMPICS were in Moscow, United States and 52 other nations did not participate. . . . .

4. A USA Army Division is 11,000, USSR Division is 18,000, so two Russian Divisions total more than 3 USA Divisions. However, a fully armored USA Division is now 25,000. (Trust "info" is correct).

5. In 1938 the British pound sterling (£) was worth \$4.88 U.S. close to \$5.00. Of late it has been worth around \$1.15 U.S. Such are the ups and downs of foreign currency these days. However, back in 1967 in New Zealand a U.S.\$1.00 was worth only 70¢ in their money and a \$50 travelers cheque U.S. was exchanged for \$35.00. It is the other way around nowadays

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RENOUNCE YALTA AGREEMENT has the support of several groups in the Cleveland, Ohio area. It was at the 1945 meeting at Yalta that "sold the Eastern European countries into the servitude of the Russians", according to press reports. One speaker called for Ohio to be the first state to call for this renunciation. In England, Winston Churchill's grandson spoke out against the Yalta Agreement. In Cleveland, speakers from the Maltic American Committee, Foreign Relations for the Hungarian Freedom Fighters Movement, Free Romanians and the Czechoslovak Solidarity group.

Excerpted from The Slavic Village Voice, Feb. 9, 1985.



TEXAS PLANS SESQUICENTENNIAL

1836-1986. Many many events in cities and towns all over the state. You can be sure there will be extravaganza and spectacular events.

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HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL CENTER. The first of its kind in United States is at the Jewish Memorial Campus, 6602 West Maple Road (Drake and 15 Mile Roads), Detroit. It was dedicated Sept. 1984. During 1933-45, the Nazis and their Allies destroyed 4500 European Jewish communities and six million Jews in the Holocaust. On view are exhibits and videotapes and highlights of the rich history and culture much of which was lost. Included are videotapes of the most infamous concentration camp, Terezin, not far north of Praha. (A report on Terezin was in newsletter, p. 9, Sept. 1982).

Bruce Janda, Detroit.

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WHAT'S COOKING?

CZECHFEST in Corpus Christi, Texas the first time, 1985, on the Bayfront Plaza featuring folk dancers, folks arts and that Pilsen drink.

E. R. V.

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WILBER, NEBRASKA's best cooks spent up to 10 hours a day for weeks preparing for the 2 day Czech Festival. Then ready to serve were 450 ducks, 500 lbs. of pork, 6500 dumplings, 75 gallons of kraut, 80 giant pans of dressing and 6,600 kolaches. That was 1974. Wonder what will be served in 1985?

C. E. K.

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NEWS SCOOP! CZECH POLKA BAND from Swanton, Neb., directed by GIL KRAJNIK, at Eagles Hall, 202 - 7th Ave. S. E., Friday, June 28, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. All welcome. Tickets at the door. Cedar Rapids.



CZECH HERITAGE & CULTURE INTRODUCED TO PUPILS.

A project originally spearheaded by the Junior League was arranged by the Administrative Consultant at the Board of Education for a program as to hours, days, grades and topics of a program to be presented by the Czech Heritage Foundation to kindergarten through 6th grade.

During the school year, four schools were visited by the 20 or more adults who presented the "content" of the units on food, language, handcrafts, holidays and customs. A miniature "museum" had exhibits of colored glass, cut glass, beads, fancy work, dolls, colored eggs, garnets, feather brush, toys and other items.

On days following the project which lasted a week, the pupils wrote letters thanking the visitors. One kindergarten class lettered their names on a piece of paper 12" x 24"! The teacher wrote the "Thank you" message. Here are excerpts from some of the other grades:

"The colored eggs and toys were neat.

I liked the kolach. It was good.

I went to Czech Village and bought a doll.

I liked the crystal and red glass. The Czech alphabet and numbers were fun.

I would like to learn more about Czechoslovakia.

I got the hang of the numbers and the alphabet.

I liked best the exhibits in the library and learned about their culture.

The Czech Band was fun." (The Band Concert was the last afternoon and all classes came to the gym for the program).

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ON-GOING PROJECT DURING THE YEAR

is for a grade or two or more to invite one or more adults to visit about the Czech holidays or other aspects of heritage and culture. Samples of statements from a visit about Christmas holidays:

"Thanks for coming and telling us about Christmas customs.

It is neat for the family to make the tree decorations.

The bread dough you brought was good!  
(Vánoční Houska)

I went home and made one of those baskets and hung it on the tree.

What we did was fun!

I thought filling the stockings with wood chips and coal was rotten but if they deserved it, why not?

(for naughty children but later good things are given)

I liked making a tree ornament even though mine ended in four pieces."

And these remarks are following a general visit:

"You brought a lot of interesting stuff.

I liked the toys and books but liked the Bible the best.

Thanks for wearing the costume. It was nice.

The winter story was neat.

I liked the thing made from goose feathers. (peroutka)

I liked to hear you speak Czech."

Some letters have drawings of colored eggs, sketch of some object that attracted attention. The inventiveness of the pupils is heart-warming.

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I REMEMBER MAMA who was a good cook, making cookies, pies, bread and cakes. We had sugar-cured hams, sausage, headcheese at butchering time. Mama was a school-teacher. From the time I was a baby up to 5 years of age, Grandma raised me. If I got out-of-line, she switched my legs with a mulberry twig. Daddy had 3 storage bins where we stored potatoes, turnips, carrots, squash, green tomatoes, pumpkins and the last of the watermelons. He was a Scot and very conservative.

At Thanksgiving we went to grandma's but it wasn't over the river and thru the woods! She raised turkeys. After grandpa died she stayed on the farm, milked the cows, raised chickens. Both grandparents loved beauty -- flowers, horses and nature.

At Easter, mama cooked and dyed the eggs and hid them before I was up. Then I went hunting eggs and they would still be warm! So -- I have many beautiful memories--would not want it to have been different.

Darleen Dobrovolny, Waterville, Kans.



Jeden 1  
dva 2  
tři 3  
pět 5

MORE ABOUT THE BOII who were Celts and one of the early tribes in Europe. Herodotus (484-425 B. C. ) called the "Father of History" mentions Celts in his writings. He was born in Asia Minor. During his lifetime he traveled to Babylon, Athens, and Egypt. He tells of the BOII living in Spain and western Europe north of the Alps. Later on reports tell of Boii in Turkey, Spain, France, Germany and what was Bohemia. The Celts controlled parts of northern Italy and the city of Bologna (102 BC) was one of their strongholds. They defeated the Romans in 102BC. As early as 225 BC their clothing, physical features (statue of the Dying Gaul) and archeological finds helped to identify the location of Boii settlements and culture.

The above adds a little more information about the BOII who were the tribe from which BOIOHEMIE comes and inaccurately identifies the Čechs as Bohemians.

(The CELTS) Source: T.G. Powell, Praeger, New York. 1959.

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How did "bohemian" get to mean gypsy? Give credit(?) to William Makepeace Thackeray who in 1848 used the word to characterize the gay, wandering and wild Becky Sharp in his novel "Vanity Fair".

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"BESEDA" at the STATUE OF LIBERTY in July, 9 different national groups in New York Metropolitan area will appear on the program. Eight girls and eight boys, ages 4 to 20, will present the Čech national dance. The presentation will take 20 minutes. It is a real honor to the group who attend or have been students at Česká Škola at St. Jacobin Lutheran Church. The classes are held on Saturdays. Mrs. Marie Komarek Miller is the teacher and author of the play which was in our March newsletter (pages 6-8) on "Narozeniny Spojených Států" The Birth of the United States.

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CORRECTION: March newsletter, p. 6, 11 lines from bottom, right column: child #8 speaking. The date is the 1600's and NOT 1700's... 17th century is for the years 1600-1699.

OLD WORLD LIVES in CEDAR RAPIDS' CZECH VILLAGE was the headline in Feb. 10, 1985 issue of the Boston Sunday Globe. The feature article was 4 columns of some 8 inches long! Reported were customs, festivals, handcrafts in action at festivals, Museum and costumes, feathers and skills and work of various persons. People interviewed by the reporter were Marge Nejd, Les Sykora, Jana Fast, Pauline Jasa, Jitka Schaffer, Gus Pesek. Special mention was made of the fishscale costume from estate of John Vittengle.

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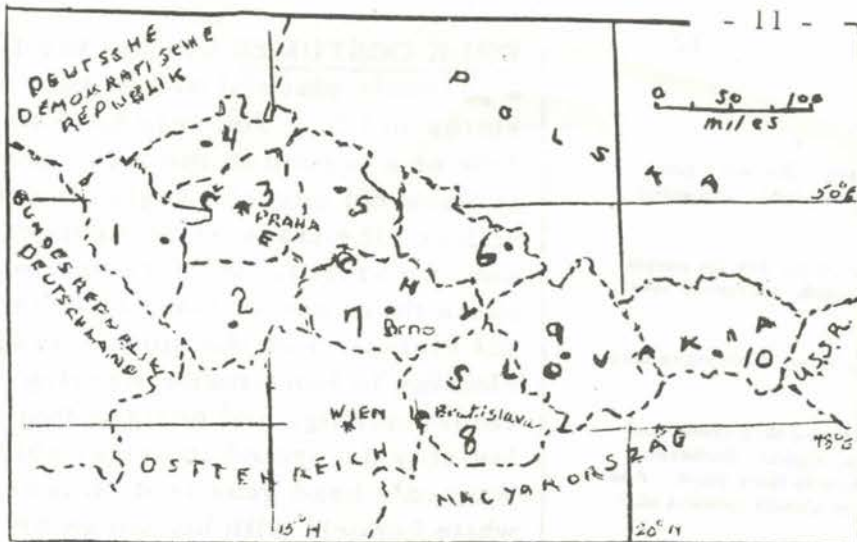
KAREL HUSA RECIPIENT of MEDAL of the SOUSA ORDER of MERIT and \$10,000 prize award for his winning composition in the Sudler International Wind Band Composition competition. "The three-movement concerto is a major contribution to wind ensemble literature. It was hailed enthusiastically by the large audience, many of whom were on their feet" said the Washington Times after the concert at Kennedy Center. Another reporter wrote "... brilliant orchestration... surely secure a high place in contemporary wind repertoire". This month, April 1985, Concerto for Orchestra, commissioned by the New York Philharmonic, had its premier under the baton of Zubin Mehta. Husa was recipient of Pulitzer Prize in 1969 and a number of other honors and recognition of his artistry have come to him. He has been guest conductor in many cities of symphony orchestras: in New York, San Antonio and elsewhere. He studied in Praha and Paris. He is Prof. of Music at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

We are pleased to add our Congratulations to one of our long-time members of the Foundation.

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CORRECTION: CZECH VILLAGE FESTIVAL is Sept. 6-7-8, Fri.-Sun. always the first weekend following Labor Day. Cedar Rapids, Ia. Czech Village . . .








KRAJINA	DISTRICT	PRINCIPAL CITY	
1. ZÁPADOČESKÝ	Western Čechy	Plzeň	] ČECHY
2. JÍHOČESKÝ	Southern Čechy	Česke Budějovice	
3. STŘEDOČESKÝ	Middle Čechy	PRAHA *	
4. SEVEROČESKÝ	Northern Čechy	Ústí nad Labem	
5. VÝCHODOČESKÝ	Eastern Čechy	Hrádec Králov	
6. SEVEROMORAVSKÝ	Northern Moravia	Ostrov	
7. JÍHOMORAVSKÝ	Southern Moravia	Brno	
8. ZÁPADOSLOVENSKÝ	Western Slovakia	BRATISLAVA *	] SLOVAKIA
9. STŘEDOSLOVENSKÝ	Middle Slovakia	Banská Bystrica	
10. VÝCHODOSLOVENSKÝ	Eastern Slovakia	Košice	

PRAHA \* HLAVNÍ MESTO Capital City of Czechoslovakia  
 BRATISLAVA \* Hlavní Mesto Capital of Slovakia

The two units of Czechoslovakia are ČECHY which includes Moravia, and SLOVAKIA. Each unit has its own government but on military matters, foreign relations, foreign trade, rail and air transportation a committee of Čechs and Slovaks rule on policies and projects. . . . .

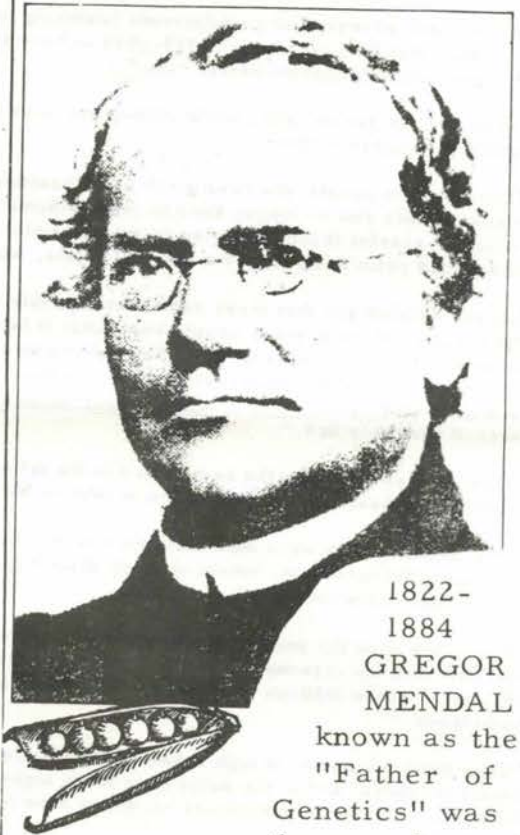
This map has corrections for the one which appeared on page 10, December 1983 issue.

		
Bohemia	Moravia	Slovakia
Heritage   Language   History   Genealogy		


Silesia

SILESIA has had a most tragic history -- torn between Germany and Poland -- at one time a part of Czechoslovakia when it was known as "Slezko". After WW II, more problems. Finally in 1972 it was made a part of Poland.

# Seedbed of ideas



1822-  
1884  
GREGOR MENDAL

known as the "Father of Genetics" was the son of poor

peasants in Moravia. As a young lad, he was interested in plants as his father worked with fruit tree breeding. He had 2 years of high school and was sent to Vienna to the university. He returned to the monastery in Brno and started experiments with pea plants. Over the years he planted 15,000! The local bishop complained that the monks were more interested in science than in theology. Mendel died almost unknown. He said he "was convinced that it will not be too long before the world recognizes his scientific work." The obituary made no mention of his scientific achievements. In 1984, BBC dramatized his life in a movie "The Garden of Inheritance."

What the Professor told students at a graduation ceremony:

"I am not going to tell the older generation how bright you are. Nor am I going to say we've made a mess of things and you are the hope of mankind. I'm going to reverse the process."

"These, your parents and grandparents (watching this ceremony), are the people who within just five decades -- 1919-1970 -- have by their work, increased your life expectancy by approximately 50%."

"These are the people who, while cutting the work day by a third, have more than doubled per capita output."

"These are the people who have given you a healthier world than they found, and because of this you no longer have to fear epidemics of 'flu, typhus, diphtheria, smallpox, scarlet fever, measles or mumps which they knew in their youth. And the dreaded polio is no longer a medical factor, while TB is almost unheard of."

"Let me remind you that these remarkable people lived through history's greatest depression. Many of these people know what it is to be poor; what it is to be cold and hungry. And because of that, they determined that it would not happen to you; that YOU would have a better life, you would have food to eat, milk to drink, vitamins to nourish you, a warm home, better schools and greater opportunities to succeed than they had."

"Because they gave you the best, you are the tallest, healthiest, brightest, and probably the best looking generation to inhabit the land."

"And, because they were materialistic you will work fewer hours, learn more, have more leisure time, travel to more distant places and have more of a chance to follow your life's ambition"

"These are also the people who fought man's grisliest war. They are the people who defeated the tyranny of Hitler, and who, when it was all over, had the compassion to spend billions of dollars to help their former enemies to rebuild their homelands."

"They built thousands of high schools, trained and hired tens of thousands of better teachers; and at the same time made higher education a very real responsibility for millions of youngsters -- where once it was only the dream of the wealthy few."

"While they have done all these things, they have had some failures. They have not yet found an alternative for war, nor for racial hatred."

"Perhaps you will perfect the social mechanisms by which all men may follow their ambitions without the threat of force. And if your generation can make as much progress in as many areas as these two generations, that you find the answers to many of those problems which plague mankind."

"So in closing -- try to do as well as your parents and grandparents have done. It won't be easy. And you won't do it by negative thoughts, nor by tearing down and belittling."

"You may do it by hard work, humanity, hope and faith in mankind."

\* Author unknown. Source: Western Australia

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\* As the days, weeks and months of ano- \*  
\* ther year jet along, we have lost some \*  
\* of our long-time members. We are re- \*  
\* membering them in our thoughts and \*  
\* extend to their families our sympathy \*  
\* at the loss of loved ones. . . . \*  
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FOLK COSTUMES are the key to a person's place of origin and status in life. You only have to look at a person in the local dress to know not only the region but the village, the trade or occupation and if married. In Moravian Slovakia there are at least 28 different styles! For the most part the clothing is hand-made-weaving, embroidering, and designs that are lavishly decorated in bright colors. Women's head gear is distinctive-- white bonnets with big wings or close fitting bonnets, head scarves, wreath of flowers with ribbons and other styles. For men, long linen shirt, light colored trousers, wide brimmed hat, and others have short white shirt, wide leather belt, dark trousers and other styles and combinations. In winter felt boots and woolen stockings are the fashion. In addition, an instrument might be bagpipes, fiddle, shepherd's pipes, accordion, cymbals and these differ from place to place also.

Costumes are worn at special events--festivals, weddings, to church, holidays. This is true in smaller towns and rural areas and in some sections of large cities.

from: Dobrey Den, Dayton, Ohio.

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Wonder why some Czech Days are called HEY DAY (also Heyday) ? Finally this reporter looked into the dictionary and here is the report from 3 sources: High day, vigor, time of greatest health, beauty, surprise, happiness, prosperity and exultation. That sure makes a full day and happy day!



GRANDMA AND GRANDDAUGHTER VISIT.

Greatgrandpa Stejskal was born in Kveckov, Province of Bohemia, in 1881. He came to America in 1908 at the age of 27, leaving his wife and young son to follow later. He traveled as far as Cleveland, Ohio, where he worked as a coal shoveler until he earned enough money to move to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he had acquaintances. Again he shoveled coal at Sinclair Meat Packing Plant (later Wilson, now Farmstead).

Greatgrandma Agnes was born in Poděbrady, Province of Bohemia, in the days of the Empire, in 1885. She came to America with son Godfrey, in April 1908. They sailed on the Kaiser Wilhelm from Bremen to New York. It was in its day one of the fastest ships to cross the Atlantic.

Now Greatgrandpa and his family were together in Cedar Rapids. Later he worked for the Streets Dept. of the City as a street sweeper. Again another change was made when the Greatgrandparents went into the greenhouse business. At the same time Greatgrandpa was Superintendent of the Bohemian National Cemetery (Czech National) for many years.

Mary Merta was born in Chleny in 1898. She came to America with her mother, brother and grandmother. They went to Amana where her father, Frank Merta, Sr. settled in 1905. He worked in the flour mill, saved money for the family to join him. Crossing the Atlantic Ocean, they arrived in New York and took a westbound train to the Midwest. They found a banana in their lunch box meal on the train and not knowing what it was, threw it away! (This is what happened to many a banana when newcomers were baffled by the whatever-it-was!)

When Greatgrandma was old enough, she worked in the Community Kitchen at Amana. She was 17 when she married Tom Svoboda of Solon. They lived on a farm nearby for most of their lives.

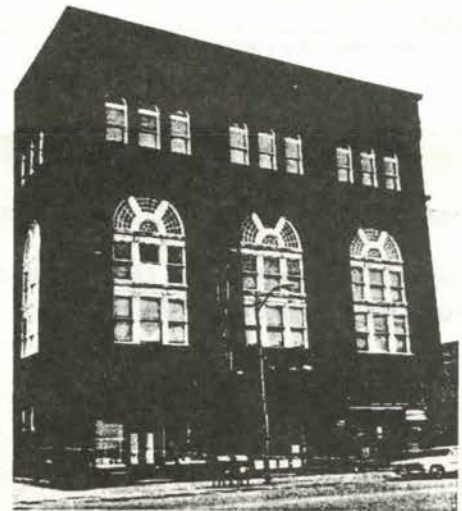
My Grandfather, Joseph Stejskal, Jr., married Evelyn Svoboda in Nashua, Iowa. Their son, Kenneth, is my Dad. Their daughter, Kathy, is my aunt. Grandpa Stejskal has been

Superintendent of Czech National Cemetery since 1950. Grandma Evelyn worked at the Quaker Oats and later was in the flower shop. My parents, Kenneth and Sally (Asenbrener) Stejskal, operate the Flower Shop now.

I am proud of my Czech heritage and will learn more about the family so I can pass it on to the next generation and grandchildren some day.

Czech Princess, Lynette Stejskal

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Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., houses a theater where performers "appear on Broadway" in Cleveland.

BOHEMIAN NATIONAL HALL, CLEVELAND LANDMARK, social center for the large Slavic Groups in the area. Plays, operas, meetings and concerts use the large auditorium which seats 1000. Architect J. W. Hrodek, born in the former Province of Bohemia, arrived in Cleveland in 1882. The Hall was dedicated in 1897, costing \$50,000, to construct the 4 story building. In the 1850's many Czech newcomers on their way to the west, stopped off in Cleveland and remained. There was work to be done. In 1859 the first rolling mill was supplied with iron ore from the upper lakes region. In 1870 Czechs made barrels for John D. Rockefeller of the Standard Oil Co. The Hall boasts of 2 gymnasiums, meeting rooms, refreshment facilities and a place for public events.



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