

The 21st SVU World Congress University of West Bohemia, Pilsen, June 24-30, 2002

. Preparations for the 21st Annual World Congress of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences are in full swing. The Congress, which is going to be held under the auspices of the Chancellor of the University of West Bohemia and Lord Mayor of the City of Pilsen will take place between June 24 and 30, 2002 in West Czech Metropole.

The Congress will be ceremoniously opened on Monday June 24 in the presence of distinguished guests and representatives of the Czech and Slovak political, cultural, and scientific life in the famed Pilsen Theater of Josef Kajetan Tyl. After a festive lunch there will be a plenary session dedicated to "Tribute to America" with the participation of the Ambassadors from the US and the Czech and the Slovak Republics.

Over the following four days, in representative historical halls in the center of Pilsen, numerous lectures, discussion panels and symposia will take place in a number of concurrent sessions. The task of organizing the panels was given to the Faculty of Human Studies of the University of West Bohemia, the Medical Faculty of Charles University in Pilsen, the West Czech Museum, American Center in Pilsen, Beer Brewing Museum, the Museum of Skoda History, and the West Czech Gallery. A number of themes will be devoted to general cultural and historic questions, including panels on Multiculturalism – Challenge or Threat?, Planet Earth Under Threat, Effect of Nuclear Energy on Environment, Will Central Europe Survive Until 2100?, Proteus' Face of Totalitarianism – A Comparative Critique of Communism, Nazism, and Fascism, the First Czechoslovak Republic — Legends and Reality.

Lectures on different cultural themes will be the subject of such panels as Czech Literature at the Turn of the New Century, Shakespeare in Czech Literature (Problems of English Writing Authors), Modern Czech Architecture, Czech Structuralism and its International Influence (the Personality and Works of Roman Jakobson), Transformations in the Czech Marionette Theater, and Czech and Slovak Music of the 20th century, Jewish Influences on the Central European Culture, Contemporary Czech Cinema, and the Czech and Slovak Theater.

Problems of science, education, and the economy will be discussed in the following panels: Universities and the Role of Education in the 21st Century, Possibilities of Present Medical Science, Information Technology, Economic Outlook of the Czech Republic, History of Czech Beer, History of the Skoda Company and Czech Industrial Tradition.

The contemporary themes of today's Czech and Slovak society, political and spiritual life, prospective and retrospective, as well as the life in the Czech and Slovak communities abroad, will be discussed in panels on Media and Democracy, European Integration: Euro-scepticism and Euro-optimism, Faith and the Czech Society, Czechs

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and Slovaks in America, Czech and Slovak Museums, Czech and Slovak Archives, Role of Ethnic Organizations in Preserving Czech and Slovak Cultural Heritage, Genealogy, and the Constitution and Election Systems: the Czech and American Experience.

Special attention will be devoted to different problems of today's younger generation which will be discussed in panels, i.e., Assimilation and Acculturation of Youth, the Youth Movement, Student Exchange Programs, and Teaching Czech and Slovak Languages. Twenty minutes will be allocated for individual presentations, followed by a five-minute discussion. Proceedings will be published in a book form.

It is already clear that the planned panels, covering the most important facets and themes of today's science, civilization, art, and politics, will be presented by scholars and scientists of note from both sides of the Atlantic. The presence of these people is guarantee that the endeavor, undertaken by the Congress organizers, to create congenial atmosphere amenable for intellectual

discussions of the key issues and challenges laying before the Czech and Slovak societies on the threshold of the 21st century, will become a reality.

Among the better known personalities who are planning to attend are Professor Bedrich Moldan, former Minister of the Environment and well known popularizer of science, geologist and NASA scientist Petr Jakes, Irena Kratochvil, Director of the Institute of Documentation and Investigation of Communist Crimes of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Czech Republic; Professor of History Robert Kvacek; the translators and literary theorists Professors, Zdenek Stribrny and Jiri Josek; Senator Jaroslava Moserova; translator Docent Alena Moravkova; mathematician and former Chancellor, Jiri Holenda; leading surgeon, Professor Pavel Palko; mathematician, Professor Josef Rosenberg; the journalists Samuel Abraham, Karel Hvizdala and Petr Holub; religion expert, Docent Bre-tislav Horyna; historian and linguist and genealogy expert, Milan Buben; theater theorist and critic, Frantisek Cerny; ethnologist Zdenek Uherek; musicologist, Professor Jan Vicar; physician and anatomist, Professor Jaroslav Slipka; literary historian, Vladimir Papousek, Professor Zdenek David, and many others.

Attendees of the Congress will have an opportunity to take part in a varied cultural program, which will include a concert of the Pilsen Philharmonic Orchestra, a piano recital by Professor Radoslav Kvapil, an opera in the Theater of Joseph Kajetan Tyl, and other concerts and theatrical performances of the local artists. Interested people can also sign up for various events in connection with the "Year of Josef Skupa and Jiri Trnka", and view a variety of interesting exhibits in the city galleries. Participants of the Congress will also be able to see some of the older classical Czechs films.

A special feature for the attendees from abroad will be a visit to the newly reconstructed chateau, Kozel, located in the vicinity of Pilsen, where they will be hosted in the beautiful surroundings of the chateau park. At the end of the Congress, interested individuals will be able to choose between a trip through regional castles and chateaus, or through renowned and often visited spa cities in the west of the Czech Republic.

The organizers of the Congress are renewing their call to educators, scientists, artists, students, experts in various fields of human endeavor, government and community leaders, representatives and members of non-governmental and humanitarian organizations, businessmen, politicians, writers, journalists, and all who care about the transformations that are taking place in the present world, to come to Pilsen, and by their contributions enrich the Congress program and help create a truly friendly, and intellectually and spiritually stimulating environment.

It should be noted that the above description is limited to the program being prepared by our organizers in Plzen. In addition, a series of panels are being planned by the US coorganizers. Inquiries and suggestions regarding the former should be addressed via e-mail to Dean Ivo Budil: budil@ksa.zcu.cz. Inquiries regarding the US panels and other issues should be sent to SVU President Mila Rechcigl at the following address: rechcigl@aol.com

Executive Board Meeting

December 1, 2001

SVU Executive Board held its meeting in SVU President's residence in Rockville, MD on December 1. Seven members were in attendance which was more than enough for a quorum, including Jan P. Skalny who assumed the Executive Vice President's function after the resignation of Anton Novacky. Also present was John Fiala, a new Midwest SVU representative, and Ota Safertal from Bethesda, MD.

First order of business was the SVU publication program, starting with Vera Borkovec's report concerning the planned anthology of exile poetry. The manuscript is almost ready for printing and the book will be available at the time of SVU Congress in Pilsen. Retail price of the book was set at \$18.00. With reference to Fischmann's papers, there have been some delays, but Dagmar White assured the Board that she still aims to have the book ready for next year's Congress. She is planning to send the gallsies to Jiri Eichler for final formatting in the near future.

Among other publication projects, J. P. Skalny, who has been pre-paring a CD of selected papers from the Washington Congress, brought with him a working copy of his CD containing some 30 papers from the Congress. Rather than waiting for the receipt of the remaining papers he suggested that we prepare smaller CDs by specific topics. A comparable CD is being readied by Mila Saskova-Pierce from the papers presented at the Nebraska Conference. Mila Rechcigl discussed the project with her during her recent visit to Washington, DC. Based on Rechcigl's correspondence with the Minnesota Chapter members, progress is also being made on the preparation of a CD based on the papers presented at the Minnesota conference. The latter is being coordinated by Josef Mesten-hauser with the assistance of Anna Vysoka and Daniel Necas.

Rechcigl also reported that SVU Biographical Directory is on track. Jiri Eichler aims to complete transcribing the latest information from Rechcigl's cards and merging the new data with the old directory by the end of this calendar year. It should be ready for the Congress. Unless the members' data are received by the end of this year, no new information will be accepted.

Jan P. Skalny, who recently assumed the position of SVU Executive Vice President, was put in charge of a newly established Publication Committee. Other members will be added later. In this connection, Rechcigl emphasized the need for new publication projects, commenting on the fact that there are hardly any books in English on Czech/Slovak history or culture.

An important vehicle for publications is, of course, the internet. A number of SVU papers and lectures have already been posted on our Website, as is our electronic newsletter. SVU Website has done for SVU publicity more than anything else. It is very popular, judging by the counter which records the number of visits/hits. It provides information on just about every aspect of SVU and its work. In addition it also features special categories, like Czech and Slovak Issues, Cze-choslovak America, Czechophilia on the Net, Grants and Aid, Genealogy, Other Link, etc., which attract lots of viewers, irrespective whether they are SVU members or not. Some of them later become SVU members.

SVU Treasurer, Frank Mucha gave an update on finances and informed the group of his sending out letters to members regarding payment of dues. It was noted that SVU is heavily subsidizing *Kosmas* and that a renewed effort be made to increase the periodical's sub-scription base. SVU donated \$1,000 toward the Tomas Garrigue Ma-saryk Memorial Statue which will be located in the Nation's Capital. Mila Rechcigl presented the check to Czech Premier Milos Zeman during his recent visit in Washington, DC. At Rechcigl's initiative a new drive was also launched to raise money for a new SVU Youth Incentive Fund for the purpose of providing financial support for short-term visits of Czech and Slovak students to America that would lead to collaborative projects with US and Canadian institutions of higher learning.

John Fiala, who was one of the key players in the past SVU Conference in Nebraska, and who was present at the Executive Board meeting, was appointed SVU representative for Midwest. He gave an account of the activities of the newly established chapter in Nebraska and described various ways they are motivating young people in Nebraska and the nearby states in an effort to get them interested in preserving Czech and Slovak heritage. One of the most effective ways is through a Beauty and Talent Pageant and the selection and crowning of the Miss Czech-Slovak of USA, with the participation of some 15 different States which have a sizable Czech and Slovak population. Since many of these young people end up going to college it was suggested that the participants be regularly informed about SVU and get them interested in joining. The elected Miss Czech-Slovak of USA would receive one year's free membership in SVU.

There was some discussion about organizing additional chapters in America, especially in the Midwestern region. John Fiala indicated that there is some interest in Cedar Rapids, IA to establish a new SVU Chapter and he will follow up on this promising lead. Other potential places are St. Louis and Florida. Reactivation of the Toronto and Cleveland chapters was again urged.

There was some discussion of SVU awards. The first Andrew Elias Humanitarian Award, for which Father Anton Srholec was selected, was written up in the last issue of *Zpravy SVU*. The deadline for submission of candidates for the next year's award is May 15, 2002 and the announcement will appear in the January 2002 issue of *Zpravy SVU*. The Student Award for the next year was raised to \$250. John Fiala proposed an additional award, "Stephen Fiala Award," in memory of his son, in the amount of \$250, to be given annually for contributions toward "preserving Czech or Slovak heritage abroad." He will donate this money.

The last and most important item on the agenda was the forth-coming SVU World Congress in Pilsen. Rechcigl gave a detailed account to the Board members on the progress made to date and of his dealings and negotiations with Ivo Budil, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities at the University of West Bohemia. The overall theme of the Congress is "Transformation of Czech and Slovak Societies on the Threshold of the New Millennium in the Present Global World." The Congress will be ceremoniously opened on Monday, June 24, with the participation of important personalities of Czech and Slovak public life. In the afternoon will take place a plenary session devoted to "Tribute to America," with the active participation of US ambassadors in the Czech and Slovak Republics and the Czech and Slovak Ambassadors in the US. Individual panels will be held in the next three and half days, ending with a concluding plenary meeting. Saturday and Sunday are reserved for excursions in the picturesque surroundings of the Bohemian landscape. Budgetary questions are still in process of negotiation with our Pilsen co-organizers. Considerable part of the meeting was spent in discussing various panels that could be organized in the US.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, 2002.

From New SVU Rolls

JOHN LAWRENCE FIALA is a retiree from State Farm Insurance Co. where he had the position of Claims Administrator. He is a native of Raymond, NE with education from Nebraska Western College and Chadron State College (B.A. 1975), and a law degree from La Salle Law University. He is the founder and current chairman and Pageant director of the Miss Czech-Slovak USA Pageant, founded in 1985. He is also Charter member and currently on Board of Directors of the Czech Language Foundation, Lincoln, NE. Next year he will assume the Presidency of the Nebraska Czechs, Inc.

ROBERT DEAN KUZELKA holds the position of Associate Professor in School of Natural Resource Sciences and Director of Environmental Studies Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He has academic degrees from the University of Nebraska (B.Arch. 1962) and University of Texas (M. Community and Regional Planning 1967). He obtained additional training from the University of Sydney where he went on Fulbright Post-Graduate Fellowship. His interests are in architecture, landscape planning, water and source planning, national resource and water resource policy.

IVONA SKANDEROVA is associated with the Faculty of Humanities at University of West Bohemia in Pilsen, where she holds the position of Vice-Dean for Development and Public Relations. She is a native of Plzen, Czech Republic and holds the academic degree from Pedagogical faculty UWB Pilsen (Mgr. 1994). Her interests are theory of literature and drama.

MARTA VOREJKOVA is employed by the University of West Bohemia, Plzen and serves as executive secretary with the Faculty of Humanities. She is a native of Hodonin and holds an academic degree from the University of West Bohemia (Bc. 2000). Her interest are in anthropology and archaeology.

HELENA NOVAKOVA holds the position of Adjunct Professor at Florida International University in Miami and is also self-employed. Previously she worked as a teacher for American Schools Overseas in Peru, Nicaragua, Spain, Kenya, Kuwait, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, and Philippines. She is a native of Plzen, Czechoslovakia and has been educated at Charles University, Princeton University (B.A. 1972) and Stanford University (MAT 1974). She is interested in education, athletics, health issues and ethnology.

RADEK SPICAR holds the position of Assistant of the Board, The Leadership Forum in Prague. He is a native of Praha and has been educated at University of Cambridge, UK. His interests are in international security, US foreign policy and ethnic communities.

PETR KANTOR is currently managing Japanese academic club in Brno. He studied cultural management at Janacek Academy of Music Arts in Brno (1996-2001) and Japanese management at Tokai University in Tokio (1998-1999). His interests lie in management, European structural funds, theater, tennis and Japanese civilization.

LAWRENCE FRANKLIN JINDRA is a physician and President of Floral Park Ophthalmology Pc., Floral Park, NY. He is a US native with academic degrees from Harvard University (M.P.A. 1991) and Oxford University (MSc. 1994).

JAROMIR JERMAR is an ethnologist with the Okresni Muzeum (District Museum) in Mlada Boleslav. He studied ethnology and history at Philosophical Faculty at Charles University in Prague. His specialty is emigration, Czechs abroad, Czechoslovak legions during the World War I, Czech folk customs, and history of "Luzicti Srbove".

VLADIMIR PAPOUSEK holds the position of university docent at University of South Bohemia, in Ceske Budejovice where he teaches Czech literature. He specializes in Czech literary history and literary theory. In addition to other studies, he is the author of Egon Hostovsky (1996), Horizonty. Zivot a dilo Zdenka Nemecka (2001), Troji samota. Ceska exilova literatura v USA (2001) a Ceska literatura v exilu (2001).

GEORGE JIRI MOUDRY holds the position of Director of Academic Health Services at Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is a native of Ceske Budejovice and holds academic degrees from Queens' University, Kingston, Ont. (B.A., B.P.H.E. 1972), University of Alabama (M.A. 1973), University of Tennessee, Knoxville (Ed.D. 1976) and Oklahoma City University (M.B.A. 1994).

LUDMILA PAREZ SASKOVA is self-employed as film maker, web designer and graphic designer. She is a native of Prague and holds academic degree from Boston University (B.S. 1978). Currently she is also seeking a degree in history from University of Idaho.

IMA DOVINOVA is a cellular biologist and biophysicist currently employed by Lund University in Sweden. She is a native of Prague and holds academic degree from Slovak Academy of Sciences (PhD. 1999). Her expertise lies in NMR, UV-VIS and fluorescent spectroscopy, polarography and voltametry. Most of her papers are in the area of oncology and immunology and antioxidants.

ROBIN J. KIMBROUGH-MELTON is Professor at Institute on Family and Neighborhood Life, Clemson University. She is a native of Kearney, NE and holds a law degree from University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Dipl.

1983). She is a specialist on law, service systems reform, juvenile jurorical and alternative child policy and services.

GARY B. MELTON is associated with the Institute on Family and Neighborhood Life at Clemson University, SC. His interests lie in child and family policy and service, international human rights and political and legal socialization.

HELEN L. PEJSAR is Office Manager of Pejsar & Pejsar D.D.S. P.C. in Lincoln, NE. She is a native of DeWitt, NE and has academic degree from the university of Nebraska (B.S. 1949). She is an ardent genealogist and has been very active in Nebraska Czechs of Lincoln.

GORDON G. PEJSAR is a dentist and has his own office in Lincoln, NE. He is a native of Western NE and holds degrees from University of Nebraska (B.S. 1951, D.D.S. 1955).

NELSON EDWARD HAVEL is employed by Precision Inter-Connect in Portland, OR as a purchasing agent. He is a native of Cuba, KS and has a degree from Portland Community college (A.S. 1979).

NADIA HUMLOVA is owner of Czech Bookstore – Literacy Pragensis in Toronto, Canada. She is a native of Czechoslovakia with education from College of Medical Technology.

Echoes from SVU Conference in Nebraska

RON STILES, Czech Komensky Club President:

If feel that this conference was a success on a great many levels. It was extremely well planned, having a great variety and selection of panels, made use of excellent facilities, and had a fantastic amount of supporting entertainment and spectacle. We were able to achieve our objective of focusing on youth admirably by allowing young adults to lead and present on panels, by incorporating the Wilber childrens' exhibition of traditional dance during the Czech Language foundation dinner, as well as exhibiting the singing talents of the Czech and Slovak National Anthems by young Maureen Beck for the Conference Opening. We were very fortunate to have such a rich showcase of heritage in the 40th Annual Wilber Czech Days festival as a crescendo. In the end though, we achieved the main goal of any conference, which is to meet new people, establish new ties, and forge new friendships. As President of the Czech Komensky Club, I was proud to have been a part of such a collaborative effort and feel excited by the potential of new projects forthcoming form the new Nebraska SVU Chapter. Nebraska has risen to a new level of cultural recognition on a national level. The future indeed looks bright!

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DANIEL HRANA, TX:

The conference was very well organized. The topics were well covered and all were of very high caliber. It was interesting to note what a fine job the presenters did with a very difficult topic to address – the youth of our culture and nation. Keep up the good work and thank you and all of the people who worked with you to make our visit to Nebraska a very enjoyable happening!

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LAWRENCE F. JINDRA, M.D.:

I was made to feel more at home than I do at home.

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MARGARET HERMANEK PEASLEE:

Thought it was a great meeting. Housing excellent; food excellent; papers and program excellent; facilities excellent; projection equipment excellent. I was kept very well informed through your extensive use of E-mail. Can't think of any other special areas to comment upon. Every-thing was great. I found the people at the meeting and in the region to be very helpful, also. Thanks for being great hosts. You can use my name.

JAN KLINKA:

Mila Kacenko, it's hard to believe that only a month ago I/We, part-icipants of the SVU gathering had such a fabulous time in Lincoln (heat & humidity index notwithstanding), namely in and around the Univer-sity of Nebraska. I still experience a sense of excitement and discovery pertaining to getting acquainted with so many topics of interest and people with incredibly varied destinies. There, of course, always will be regrets from impossibility of encompassing everything worthwhile or meeting those you thought you should. It may be difficult for future SVU meetings to match the Kauffman, Selleck, Union Bldg etc. and dedica-tion of people "behind the scene"; fortunately we know who they were. . . . Once more, thank them and you for major contribution to the conference success, and for being such a good sport. In addition, I was able to manage a trip to Wilber, Omaha, Cedar Rapids and Spillville, even Protivin.

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MARY STRETTON:

I enjoyed the Conference very much, and I received a lot of valuable information. The accommodations in Kauffman Hall were excellent, and the food in the cafeteria was plentiful and good.

With so many sessions running concurrently, it was sometimes hard to choose which to attend. I only wish the conference had lasted a few days longer; there simply wasn't enough time to hear and see it all. And many of the panelists were limited by time to give only a short version of their papers; I hope to see some of these in the forthcoming issues of Kosmas.

It takes a tremendous amount of time and work to organize such an event. Congratulations and thanks to all who made it possible.



NELSON HAVEL:

Well, this is the first time I have ever gone to anything like this. It was all very interesting and there was just too many things to take part in.

I did enjoy the History of Immigration and Genealogy since I'm in the process of tracing my family roots. The Czech Architectural Experience was great as it gave me an idea of what kind of house that my great-grandfather lived in. I enjoyed the literature part, it was all very good and I hope to be able to go to Plzen this next year. You can use my name if you want.

SVU Presidential Citations 2001

The 2001 SVU Presidential citations were awarded to selected organizations and selected individuals by SVU President Mila Rechcigl on the occasion of SVU Conference at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE, August 3, 2001. The Presidential citations were awarded "In Recognition of Contributions toward Preserving Czech and Slovak Heritage in America and Advancing the Legacy of the American Immigrants with Czech and Slovak Roots."

Institutions Awarded the Citations:

American Sokol Organization
Bohemian Benevolent and Literary Organization
Bohemian Citizens' Benevolent Society of Astoria, Inc., New York
Czech and Slovak Heritage Association of Maryland
Czech and Slovak Music Society
Czech and Slovak Society of Oregon
Czech Heritage Society of Texas
Czech Language Foundation, Lincoln, Nebraska
Czechoslovak National Council of America
Komensky Club
National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library, Cedar Rapids, IA
Nebraska Czechs, Inc.
Nebraska Czechs of Lincoln
Nebraska Czech of Wilber
Oklahoma Czechs, Inc.
Slavonic Benevolent Order of the State of Texas (SPJST)
Matice Vyššího Vzdělání, Chicago
Slovak American International Cultural Foundation
Masaryk Club of Boston
Czechoslovak Foreign Institute, Prague
Stalá komise Senátu pro krajany žijící v zahraničí, Prague
Podvýbor Poslanecké sněmovny pro styky s krajany, Prague

Individuals Awarded the Citations:

Jiří Eichler
Mila Saskova-Pierce
Cathleen Oslzly
John Fiala
T. Thomas Zumpfe

Second Year of ANDREW ELIAS SVU HUMAN TOLERANCE AWARD

The Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences has opened the nominations period for the Andrew Elias SVU Human Tolerance Award. The year of 2002 will be the second year of the Award.

When announcing the establishment of the annual Award, which is accompanied by a prize of \$ 1,000.-, the Society, in the spirit of its Resolution adopted by the historic 20th World Congress held in Washington, outlined the mission of the Award:

"With a sensitivity so uncommon in these times, and expressing his deep and long-held convictions, Dr. Andrew Elias has decided to sponsor, through the Society, an annual Human Tolerance Award.

In an age marked by animosities and strife among human beings around the globe, the quest for human tolerance is the fundamental imperative of this day. Without human tolerance, democracy itself decays, culture is warped, civil society becomes uncivilized.

Human tolerance cannot be decreed. It has no institutions and no structures. It either lives in men and women as their innermost value guiding their feelings and thoughts and deeds, or it does not live.

Therein lies the meaning of the Andrew Elias SVU Human Tolerance Award: to keep on reminding us that human tolerance begins in human beings, and to do so by recognizing and honoring those life and work have been guided by tolerance and compassion."

No criteria, such as nationality or SVU membership or any other, shall limit the eligibility of proposed Award recipients. Any woman or man whose life and work reflect the ideals of human tolerance and compassion, may be proposed by any SVU member or a group of members, such as SVU Local Chapters or ad hoc groups.

The names of the proposed candidates for the Award, accompanied by adequate data and all other relevant information on the life and work of the proposed candidate, should be forwarded no later than May 15, 2002, to the Speaker of SVU Council, Prof. Zdenek Slouka, at the address below.

All proposals shall be evaluated by an ad hoc SVU Award Nominations Committee. The Committee's recommendations shall be submitted through the SVU President for the final decision by the SVU Executive Board. The Award will be presented during the SVU World Congress in 2002.

Nominations will be received by: Zdenek Slouka, Vinohradska 77, 120 00 Prague 2, Czech Republic, e-mail: sloukaz@cuni.cz or sloukaz@quick.cz, tel/fax: 011-420-2-22 71 86 53.

SVU Youth Incentives Fund

In connection with the soon to be unveiled Masaryk Memorial in Washington, DC, the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU) has launched a new drive to raise money for a new SVU Masaryk Youth Incentives Fund. The effort is part of the new SVU initiative, "Accent on Youth".

The purpose of the Fund is to support short-term visits of Czech and Slovak Students to the US that would lead to collaborative projects with US and Canadian institutions of higher learning. Contributions are tax-deductible.

Please give generously, remembering that young people are our future and the only salvation in this troubled world, particularly in CR and SR.

Please send your checks, payable to "SVU Youth Incentives Fund", to Frank Mucha, SVU Treasurer, 200 Riverside Drive, Apt. 5F, New York, NY 10025.

SVU Sponsors President Masaryk Statue in Washington

A new effort is on the way to honor President Thomas Garrigue Masaryk, the first president of Czechoslovakia and world leader, with a memorial statue in the Nation's Capital Washington, DC.

The potential site is a park located in front of the World Bank on Pennsylvania Avenue. The site holds a strong connection to President Masaryk's time spent in Washington, DC and his philosophy of political change. This park is only a short walk away from the old site of the Powhatan Hotel, which served as Masaryk's residence. The World Bank backdrop to this statue is fitting as this organization seeks to support the growth of free and democratic nations.

The National Capital Memorial Commission unanimously voted to support the concept of a proposed memorial. In addition, on May 8, the House Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation, and Public Lands also

unanimously voted to support this project. The memorial statue has Congressional approval of both Houses and the bill has been signed by President Bush.

The Memorial will provide a point of focus in understanding the role that President Masaryk played in the spread of freedom and democracy to other parts of the world. More importantly, it will also serve as a reminder to visitors of our nation's capital that the foundation and principles that the United States is based upon transcend language, time, and ethnicity; and that the American ideals of freedom and democracy ingrained in just one individual can impact millions throughout history.

The Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU) donation for the Statue in the amount of \$1,000 was presented by SVU President Mila Rechcigl to Czech Prime Minister Milos Zeman, on the occasion of Premier's visit to Washington, DC on November 8, 2001, in the presence of new Czech Ambassador to the US Martin Palous and Dr. Milton Cerny, representing the American Friends of the Czech Republic.

SVU members and friends are urged to give additional donations for this worthy cause by making a check payable to "Thomas Garrigue Masaryk Memorial Fund" and mail it to AFCD, 2801 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007.

With reference to Masaryk Memorial, and as a part of the new SVU initiative, "Accent on Youth", the Society has launched a new drive to raise money for a new "Masaryk Youth Incentive Fund" for the purpose of supporting short-term visits of Czech and Slovak Students to the US that would lead to collaborative projects with US and Canadian institutions of higher learning. Contributions are tax-deductible. Please send your donations to Frank Mucha, SVU Treasurer, 200 Riverside Drive, Apt. 5F, New York, NY 10025.

SVU Supports a New Project on the Czech and Slovak Exile

The Brno-based Society for Culture and Dialogue K2001 whose chief preoccupation is drawing attention to neglected cultural, historical and social themes through exhibitions, media presentations and conferences, is currently preparing a cultural project under the title "Czech and Slovak Exile in the 20th Century". The first stage of the project should start in December 2002. Its principal aim is to introduce the theme and give it an artistic shape in the form of extensive exhibitions. Jan Kratochvil, Chairman of the K 2001 Board, is the person responsible for the inception and organization of the project.

The President of the Czech Republic Mr. Vaclav Havel has kindly taken over the patronage of the first part of the project in the House of Art (Dum umeni) in the City of Brno. K 2001 assumes that Mr. President will also open the exhibition. The patronage of the Slovak side is in the hands of the Slovak President Mr. Rudolf Schuster. Also taking part in the project are the University Professor Josef Fisera (Legion d'Honneur), Chairman of the Czech Parliament's Senate and historian Petr Pithart, Jiri Gruntorad of Libri Prohibiti, author Arnost Lustig, art critic and writer Kvetoslav Chvatik, writer and playwright Jiri Kratochvil and other distinguished personalities. A prominent part in the project is also played by the Czechoslovak Society for Arts and Sciences in America under the leadership of Miloslav Rechcigl.

The project on the Czech and Slovak exile is meant for a wide audience, however, mainly for a young generation which normally does not have an opportunity to gain relevant information about the subject. Apart from extensive expositions in Brno exhibition halls there will be lectures at the Masaryk University, documentary films on the Czech Television, Radio programs, etc.

The K 2001 Society should like to invite the SVU members who can contribute any information, material or contacts to help with the project and get in touch with the SVU President Miloslav Rechcigl. The K 2001 Society believes that the view of an exile is a guarantee of authenticity of the project which cannot be substituted by any interpretation of historians, who have not lived in exile. More information about the project can be found at the web site www.k2001.cz

Historic Marker Honoring The Pittsburgh Agreement

As they did 83 years ago on May 31, Czechs and Slovaks came together in downtown Pittsburgh to address the issues surrounding a document known as the Pittsburgh Agreement. In 1918, this document was signed by Professor Thomas Garrigue Masaryk, as well as local Czechs and Slovaks, in a show of support for its goals. The agreement prompted President Woodrow Wilson, at the end of World War I, to promote the efforts of Czechs and Slovaks to form their own country. On May 31, 2001, an historic marker honoring the Pittsburgh Agreement was unveiled in Dominion Plaza which is located near the site of the original signing. Sponsoring organizations for fabrication of the historic marker included the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU).

Local officials in attendance at the dedication ceremony included Pittsburgh Mayor Tom Murphy, who presented a special proclamation in honor of the historical significance of the day. The mayor also announced he would be making his first trip to the Czech and Slovak Republics later this summer, along with other officials and members from the city's business community. Ivan Dubovicky, representing the Embassy of the Czech Republic, remarked on the legacy of the Pittsburgh Agreement and the continuing cooperation of Czechs and Slovaks regarding their common goal to become members of the European Union.

Others in attendance at the dedication ceremony included Petr Gandalovic, Consul General of the Czech Republic in New York, Peter Rafaeli, Honorary Consul General of the Czech Republic in Pennsylvania, Joseph Senko, Honorary Consul General of the Slovak Republic in Pennsylvania, and Wendy Luers, President of the Foundation for

A Civil Society. Dr. Andrea Fitting represented the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. The actual unveiling of the historic marker was conducted by family members who represented two of the original signers of the document. Thomas Kotik, the great-great grandson of Thomas Garrigue Masaryk was joined in this ceremony by Thomas Masaryk Getting, the grandson of Milan A. Getting, who later became the first Czechoslovak Consul to the United States. Thomas Getting was joined in the unveiling ceremony by his sister, Marcia Getting Sutherland, and his ten-year-old son, Jackson Thomas Masaryk Getting. The Getting family have been long time residents of the Pittsburgh area since 1902 when Milan Getting emigrated to Pittsburgh from Slovakia.

Although Czechoslovakia has now split into two separate countries, many of the speakers reflected on the history Czechs and Slovaks have shared over the years. In remarking on the significance of the Pittsburgh Agreement, Thomas Kotik stated, "It is an important symbol of how different nationalities can come together to create a free and open society." This, of course, was the mission of Thomas Garrigue Masaryk when he arrived in Pittsburgh on May 30, 1918, and gathered together Czechs and Slovaks in support of the creation of a new nation.

The historic marker honoring the signing of the Pittsburgh Agreement will be installed at Seventh and Penn Avenues in the near future.

CAROL H. HOCHMAN, President, Pittsburgh Chapter of SVU

SVU Sponsors Meeting with Prime Minister Zeman

The New York Chapter of SVU, in cooperation with the Bohemian Citizens' Benevolent Society of Astoria and the Consulate of the Czech Republic, New York, sponsored a meeting and discussion with Milos Zeman, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic on Saturday, November 10, at 3 p.m. at the Bohemian Hall & Park in Astoria, New York.

The discussion at the well-attended event was moderated by the President of the New York Chapter of SVU, Prof. Milan Fryscak. Prime Minister Zeman underscored in his introductory address and in the answers to questions from the floor the significant role played by American Czechs in the restoration of democracy in their native country. In one of the questions asked about the present economic situation in the Czech Republic the Prime Minister singled out the recent strengthening of the Czech currency as the most convincing proof of the robust Czech economy.

Appeal to SVU Membership

SVU searches for individuals who would like to get actively involved in SVU affairs and to serve in the Society leadership roles. Interested persons should contact and/or suggestions should be sent to SVU President M. Rechcigl via e-mail at the following address: rechcigl@aol.com

SVU Nomination Committee

SVU Executive Board appointed a new Nomination Committee consisting of Jan J. Triska (chair), Zdenek David, Andrew Elias, Zdenek Hruban and Clinton Machann. The purpose of the committee is to select nominees for all the elective bodies in the Society for the term 2002-2004. Members in good standing are requested to send their suggestions, within a month, to the Committee Chairman Jan F. Triska, 720 Vine Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025. His e-mail address is: triska@leland.stanford.edu Every recommendation should be accompanied by supporting statement concerning the candidate's qualifications, experience and suitability for the relevant function/office.

Nominační komise SVU

Předsednictvo SVU jmenovalo nominační komisi ve složení prof. Jan F. Tříška (předseda), dr. Zdeněk David, dr. Andrej Eliáš, prof. Zdeněk Hruban a prof. Clinton Machann. Úkolem komise je navrhnout kandidátní listinu na příští funkcionáře SVU v období 2002-2004. Komise žádá členstvo, aby zaslalo svoje návrhy kandidátů na adresu předsedy komise: prof. Jan F. Tříška, 720 Vine St., Menlo Park, CA 94025. Jeho e-mailová adresa je: triska@leland.stanford.edu. Každý návrh musí být doprovázen důvodovým vysvětlením ohledně kvalifikací, schopností a zkušeností dotyčného či dotyčné na navrhovanou funkci.

MN Chapter Discusses Issues Facing Young Czechs and Slovaks Abroad

What are the issues facing young Czechs and Slovaks living abroad in the year 2001? This germane topic was passionately explored by forty members of the Minnesota SVU Chapter and their guests in November. The number of young people choosing to live outside of the Czech and Slovak Republics while hoping to remain true to their own culture has grown since the Velvet Revolution. Their decisions to live outside of their native countries do not come without the challenge of finding a balance between reasons for staying abroad and reasons for returning to their homelands.

During the discussion several major reasons for remaining abroad surfaced; they are grouped into categories of opportunities, societal issues, and economics. Many young people initially move abroad in order to find a job in their preferred field. Once in America they quickly become attracted to a change-oriented society that is both individualistic and egalitarian. A higher standard of living and solid infrastructure satisfy not only their basic needs but also desires that are costly to fulfill in transitional societies. In America they are able to realize many aspects of the "Czech/Slovak Dream" that as of now cannot be easily achieved in their native countries.

Quite unexpectedly, several young women in the meeting addressed a highly controversial issue, that of the changing role of women and how it is viewed in the two societies. Areas such as childrearing, maternal leave, choice of work over family, etc. were seen as issues affecting women all over the world.

Problematic for young Czechs and Slovaks living abroad and are often mentioned as reasons for returning to the Czech and Slovak Republics. Parents who wish for their children to have many opportunities also want them to be aware of their cultural heritage and native language. In America, it is difficult, outside of the SVU and other organizations, to find connections with many Czech and Slovak people. Therefore, children can easily lose their Czech/Slovak identity.

Another frequently mentioned reason for returning to Europe stems from the varying degrees of acceptance of foreigners by Americans. Many people who attended the meeting expressed that, as a result of this, they were still experiencing great culture shock and having difficulty adapting to American society. Even the young people who consider themselves to be integrated into the culture still express difficulties connecting with people outside of their immediate friends and family.

The fundamental question remains as follows: How can young Czech and Slovak people find ways to balance the pros and cons of living in either place? The following questions raise possible answers: Are there opportunities to return to the Czech/Slovak Republics and then come back to America? What skills and opportunities would enable them to float between the two cultures and is this a feasible option? Are there ways in which they can use their cross-cultural understanding to improve the situation back home?

This evening proved that there are many controversial and pressing issues that young Czechs and Slovaks living abroad are confronted with daily. The amount of energy that flowed in the room on this cold November night in Minnesota clearly shows that the young members of the SVU play a crucial role in the organization's future.

December 3, 2001

*ANNA VYSOKA, Chair of the SVU Youth Advisory Committee
AMY GARRETT, Member of the SVU Youth Advisory Committee*

In Memoriam

MILOS HUDLICKY (1919-2001)

Milos Hudlicky, 82, professor emeritus of chemistry at Virginia Tech, died August 31, 2001. Born in Czechoslovakia, Hudlicky studied at the Institute of Chemical and Technological Engineering at the Technical University in Prague (the Institute of Chemical Technology of Prague since 1952) until 1939 when all institutions of higher learning were closed for the duration of the German occupation. He worked with Professor Otto Wichterle during the war and completed his doctoral studies at the at the Technical University in 1946. A

UNESCO fellow-ship in 1948 provided him with the opportunity to study with Professor A. L. Henne at the Ohio State University. Following his return to the Technical University in 1949, he established organofluorine chemistry as a new area of research, an area to which he was to dedicate the rest of his life. After 1958, when he and many other professors were forced out of the university following a purge by the communists of all less-than-loyal personnel, he worked at the Research Institute of Pharmacy and Biochemistry in Prague until his emigration to the United States in 1968, after the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia.

At Virginia Tech, Hudlicky continued his work in organofluorine chemistry. A prolific writer, he wrote 18 books, among them the popular *Oxidations in Organic Chemistry*, *Reductions in Organic Chemistry*, and *Chemistry of Organic Fluorine Compounds*. He published 68 scientific articles – 31 of them as the sole author! – and held 29 patents. Unlike most senior scientists, he continued to work at the bench until his retirement in 1989, then he devoted his time to writing. In the words of a former colleague in Prague, he was "an example of a professor who was able to combine scientific, mentoring, and public activities ideally into one harmonious unit." In 1992 he was awarded the Votocek Medal for Merit in Science and Technology by the Institute of Chemical Technology Prague, one of the highest recognition in chemistry in the Czech Republic. He was a devoted member of the Division of Fluorine Chemistry and faithfully attended the Winter Fluorine Conferences every two years. He enjoyed his position as patriarch and asked a question of each speaker at the conference.

Well loved by his colleagues, he exercised his wit by occasionally writing his experimentals in verse, engaged in vigorous tennis matches, and enjoyed, until his health began to deteriorate, skiing and moun-taineering. A man of uncompromising principles, he believed in hard work, integrity, and fair play. Above all else he loved his family: his wife Alena, his children Tomas and Eva, and his grandsons Jason and Petr.



HANUS J. GROSZ (1924-2001)

Dr. Hanus Jiri Grosz, Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry at the Indiana University School of Medicine, died on September 26 at age 77 after fighting renal cell carcinoma for six years. He had been a proud resident of Indianapolis since 1962 and held citizenship in the United States of America, the United Kingdom and the Czech Republic.

In 1981— after 19 years as a Professor of Psychiatry and eight years as Chief of Psychiatry Service at the Veterans Association Hospital in Indianapolis — Dr. Grosz continued the treatment of patients in private practice, establishing clinics in Anderson, Muncie, Jeffersonville, Hunt-ington and at St. Francis Hospital, Indianapolis. He was most noted for his successes using hypnosis to treat addictions and neuroses, and was a pioneer in introducing group therapy to psychiatric practice in the Midwest.

Born in Brno, Czechoslovakia, in 1924 to Jewish parents, Dr. Grosz, at 15, exiled his homeland as part of the Kindertransport, a wartime humanitarian initiative to relocate at-risk children of Nazi-occupied countries to England and other Allied nations. His parents perished in Nazi concentration camps, Terezin and Auschwitz. A decorated World War II veteran, Dr. Grosz was a wireless operator and air gunner in the 311 Czechoslovak Bomber Squadron of the Royal Air Force and holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, retired, with the Czech Air Force.

Immediately after the war, Dr. Grosz returned to Czechoslovakia, teaching English for a brief period until the Communist regime, persecuting Czech RAF veterans, forced him into second exile. Back in England, without a high-school diploma, he was awarded an ex-service-man grant to study at University College, Cardiff (BSc 1950) and the Welsh National School of Medicine (MD, 1953). He held residencies in neurology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York (1958-60), and psychiatry at Warren State Hospital, Pennsylvania (1955-56), and Maudsley Hospital, London (1960-62).

During his studies in London, Dr. Grosz was asked to join Anna Freud's cadre of psychoanalysts. Though an admirer of Sigmund Freud, he refused on the grounds that there were broader psychiatric methodologies to explore and more diverse patient populations to assist. This dual current of intellectual independence and humanitarianism led Dr. Grosz to publish over 60 scientific research articles in peer-reviewed medical and scientific journals, and to devote his medical services to a variety of causes and institutions, including: Indiana Department of Corrections, Indiana Department of Mental Health, the AMA Council on Drugs, Recovery, Inc. self-help group, and Marion County Superior Courts. He was a founding fellow and President of the American College of International Physicians (FACIP) and founding member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists (MRCPsych). In retirement, Dr. Grosz continued to evaluate criminal cases for the Courts and public defenders. Dr. Grosz was also a prominent Indianapolis patron of the arts — past president and founding member of the Ethnographic Art Society (Indianapolis Museum of Art), founding board member of the Eiteljorg Museum of Indian Heritage, and a personal patron of the careers of several emerging artists who have gone on to make significant contributions to the world of music, performance, painting, and sculpture. His collections of African

and Native American art as well as contemporary art glass have been exhibited throughout the country and are published in a variety of ethnographic and museum catalogues.

Dr. Grosz is survived by his wife, Kirsten; three children, Anita, Martin, and Peter; and two grandchildren, Lillian and Sophie.



HERBERT NEMEC (1915-2001)

Major General Herbert Nemeč (cover name Naylor), a World War II hero of the Czechoslovak Army Overseas, well known in the Czechoslovak community in the Washington area, died on October 7, 2001 in Pennsylvania. He was a member of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences and served as a treasurer and member of the executive board from 1978 to 1980.

Herbert Nemeč was born in Znojmo, Moravia in 1916. Following graduation from high school, he studied at the Czechoslovak Military Academy (Artillery) in Hranice. Upon graduation he was assigned to the 202nd Artillery Regiment in Kežmarok, Slovakia. During the mobilization in 1938 he served as battery commander on the Hungarian border and later on the Polish border, near Ždiar in the High Tatra Mountains.

After the occupation of Czechoslovakia by the Germans in 1939, he escaped to Poland and from there to France. He joined the French Foreign Legion in Sidi-bel-Abbes, Algeria, and was later transferred to the 4th Zouave Regiment in Tunis. Following the outbreak of World War II, he returned to France and served with the 3rd Battalion of the 1st Czechoslovak Artillery Regiment in Portel, near Narbonne. Before the fall of France, he joined the Czechoslovak Air Force and was then evacuated with the air force contingent in Agde via Gibraltar to Britain. Upon arrival in Britain he joined the RAF and was assigned to the 311th (Czechoslovak) Bomber Squadron, where he was trained first as an air gunner and later as a navigator-bombardier. After completing an operational tour over Germany, he became an instructor and liaison officer with various RAF training schools in Britain and Canada. In 1944 he was attached to the Directorate of Training at the British Air Ministry in London and in January 1945 was sent to study at the U. S. Command and General Staff School in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

After the war he returned to liberated Czechoslovakia and studied at the War College in Prague. Following graduation, he was assigned to the 3rd Air Corps in Brno, first as Chief A-1 and later as chief of staff until purged by the Communists in March 1948. In May of that year he escaped to Austria where he worked as a representative of the Association of Czechoslovak Refugees in Austria, attached to an office of the U. S. Occupation Forces, dealing with Political Refugees in Vienna. In 1951 he emigrated to the United States where he found employment with various U. S. government agencies. He worked as a cartographic engineer with the U.S. Air Force Mapping Services and later as a senior MEDLARS analyst at the National Library of Medicine in Washington, D.C. until he retired in 1979. In July 1994 he was promoted to major general (ret.).



VERA ULBRECHTOVA (1929-2001)

Vera Ulbrechtová (née Krafnetterová) was born in Prague on April 24, 1929. She attended a gymnasium (high school) in Prague 6, from which she graduated “summa cum laude” in 1948. She intended to study history at Charles University in Prague, but the communist take-over made this choice unattractive. Instead, she chose chemistry and obtained her engineering degree from the Chemical Faculty of the Czech Technical University (CVUT) in Prague in 1952 “with distinction”. After she married her classmate Jaromír in July of the same year, the couple was assigned by the state authorities to work in a coal tar processing plant in Ostrava. After four years during which their son Jan was born in Prague, she joined her husband in the city of Zlín in southern Moravia, where she worked in the Chemical Research Institute until 1952. In that year a part of the Institute was relocated to the industrial town of Kralupy nad Vltavou and Vera moved with the institute. Before the move, however, her second child, daughter Magdalena, was born in Zlín. In the summer of 1967 Vera accepted a job with the Institute of Hydrometeorology in Prague and the couple moved to the capital city.

In November 1968, after the occupation of Czechoslovakia by the Soviet army, the couple with their two children emigrated to England. There Vera joined the staff of the University of Manchester, where she was in charge of electron diffraction analysis. In 1978 the couple moved to the USA, to Buffalo, New York. There Vera enrolled at the State University of New York and obtained a Master’s degree in information science. In 1984 the couple made a final move to Rockville, Maryland and Vera accepted a job as a librarian in the Department of Energy, followed by a senior librarianship at the Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, MD. She retired from the Institute in 1995.

Vera was a longtime member of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU). In 1996 she was elected to a two-year term as Secretary General of the Society. In 1998 she was elected council member of the Washington chapter of SVU.

Vera Ulbrechtova was a remarkable woman. Modest to an extreme, she was always strong in spirit, which remained unbroken during her difficult illness. One never heard her complain. Those who were present at the SVU Congress in Bratislava will never forget with what fierce dedication Secretary General Ulbrechtova discharged her duties. She was an honored and always dependable member of our Czecho-slovak community. We knew how much she loved her family, what a devoted wife and mother she was. We knew what a good friend she could be and her circle of friends was ever increasing. Those of us who knew her well treasured this friendship as we will always treasure the memory of one so deserving.

VERA BORKOVEC, Washington, DC
