

Reliving the New World Symphony

When I asked some of the participants of the SVU Conference to characterize it in a few words, they usually responded with words like "Grand", "Smashing", "Impressive", "Could not be better", "Highly enjoyable", "Most interesting and enlightening", "Uncommonly informative", "Fun", "First rate", "Extremely well organized", etc. There seemed to be consensus that it was the most enjoyable conference SVU ever had.

The conference was held on 26-28 June 2003 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa with the general theme "The Czech and Slovak Presence in America: Retrospective Look and Future Perspectives". It was convened under the patronage of the Presidents of the Czech and Slovak Republics, Vaclav Klíma and Rudolf Schuster, respectively, with the participation of the representatives of Czech and Slovak Embassies in Washington, DC.

It was organized by the SVU Executive Board with cooperation of the SVU Nebraska Chapter, Coe College, National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, Cedar Rapids Convention and Visitors Bureau, Department of Languages and Literatures of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Federation of Czech Groups of Cedar Rapids, Bily Clocks Museum, St. Wenceslaus Heritage Society, St. Wenceslaus Parish and the Spillville Historic Action Group.

Some people began arriving several days before the Conference. The first official event took place on Wednesday night, June 15, with a reception at the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library, during which Director of the Museum, Gail Naughton, dedicated a new hall bearing the name of Andrew Laska, a longtime SVU member. The reception was concluded with a Czech bagpipe performance by Michael Cwach of the University of South Dakota. Today, in the Czech Republic, "České dudky" is primarily preserved by folk music enthusiasts in Southern and Western Bohemia and may be heard in major festivals such as the one in Domazlice and Strakonice.

The ceremonial opening took place on Thursday morning, with the National Anthems, sung by Anita Smisek. After the words of welcome by the Coe College VP for Student Affairs, Mr. Louis Stark, the Conference was officially opened by Miloš Rechcigl, SVU President, followed by the greetings of Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the US, H.E. Martin Palous and the Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the US, H.E. Martin Butora, the latter being represented by Miroslav Wlachovsky, Political Counselor of the Slovak Embassy. Among other dignitaries who greeted the Conference were Senator of the Czech Parliament, the Honorable Jaroslava Moserová and Director of the Cultural Department for the Relations with Czechs Abroad of the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Zdeněk Lyčka. The Lord Mayor of Cedar Rapids, the Honorable Paul D. Pate, who was out of town, was represented by Doug Wagner.

The academic program immediately followed, with a break for lunch. Because of the large number of papers given, four to five sessions were running simultaneously in separate lecture halls. Each lecture hall was equipped with the state-of-the-art visual-video equipment, serviced by the Coe College students. Each session had between 3-6 speakers and occasionally also a few discussants. In between the sessions were 15-minute breaks during which "kolace", coffee and other refreshments were served.

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At 4 PM on the first day, sessions were interrupted so that the participants could hear the welcome keynote address by Ambassador Martin Palous and the words of welcome by the Coe College President James R. Phifer. After a short intermission followed the SVU General Assembly meeting. In the evening, the guests were treated to chuck wagon BBQ to the tune of an all-piece popular Czech Plus Band of Cedar Rapids. It did not take long before dancers appeared on the floor, including Ambassador Palous.

The academic program continued on Friday from 8 AM until 6:15 PM. The Friday night was the traditional SVU banquet during which SVU President presented several citations and awards and a number of lucky attendees received a door prize donated by various sponsors. The highly enjoyable evening was concluded with a sing-along, led by Anita Smisek, as well as tunes of Michael Cwach's bagpipes.

It is beyond the scope of this article to dwell in to the subject matter of the various papers presented whose number well exceeded 150. Suffice it to say, that they covered practically every aspect of immigration, settlement, life and contributions of Czech and Slovak Americans. A number of sessions were devoted to their contributions to North

America and to the question of how to preserve their cultural heritage. Other sessions dealt with the issues concerning the Czech and Slovak Americans, the echoes of Czech and Slovak history and culture in America and American culture in Czech and Slovak Republics, as well as with the relations with the Czech and Slovak Republics.

On Saturday, those participants who signed up for the tour, had to get up early so that they could get on the excursion bus which took us through the rolling Iowa landscape to Spillville and the environs. Loren Horton, a noted historian of the State Historical Society of Iowa, accompanied the tour, explaining everything about all important sites along the way. It was a memorable day during which we saw the famous Bily Brothers Clocks and Antonin Dvorak Museums, the St. Wenceslaus Church, the awesome Czech cemetery with the famous Andera crosses, the Dvorak Monument and the schoolhouse purported to be the oldest Czech Catholic parochial school building in the US. This is also the building where Dvorak first performed his Opus 96 and 97. Senator "Jara" Moserova, who came with us on the tour, showed us her music skills on the St. Wenceslaus Church organ on which Dvorak played during his 1893 memorable summer. At noon, lunch was served in the lunchroom of the new school, prepared and served by the members of the St. Wenceslaus Heritage Society. Later the official dedication of a historic Andera Cross on the grounds of the Museum, with active participation of Michael Klimesh, Loren Horton, Mayor of the City, SVU President and Zdenek Lycka, was held. Some of the visitors had the opportunity to also see several other Czech settlements, including Ft. Atkinson and Protivin and retraced the historic route of Antonin Dvorak to Spillville. Going back, Loren Horton again accompanied the tour.

After a dinner at Coe College, visitors were treated to a special piano and clarinet recital of Vanhal, Dvorak and Martinu works, performed by Bohumir Zvolanek, clarinet and Erik Entwistle, piano.

Sunday was devoted to sightseeing of Cedar Rapids and the old Bohemian settlements in the vicinity. The bus first took us to the Czech Village for a walking tour of this historic area, following which we stopped for lunch at Zindrick's or Sykora's Café, now operated by SVU member John Rocarek who also donated many of the baked goods at the breaks. Throughout the morning, Jan Stoffer Tursi, Educator and Program Coordinator from the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library was our able guide.

Mark Hunter, a historian of the Linn County History Center, accompanied us through other areas of Cedar Rapids rich in Czech history and culture. We saw the magnificent St. Wenceslaus Church established in 1873, the Czech National Cemetery and the nearby communities of Ely and Solon. Ely was the home of the first Czech Protestant Church in the US. In Solon, we viewed Sts. Peter and Paul Church and the adjacent Bohemian cemetery, founded by the Czech settlers, in the second half of the 19th century. Here we were treated to Czech kolace and other goodies prepared for us by the Czech parishioners.

The conference, in its totality, was an extraordinary event. In the opinion of many, it was the pivotal event of the year for anyone interested in the thing Czech or Slovak. The organizers prepared a truly outstanding program. Never before such a comprehensive conference has been convened and so many experts on the subject and different community leaders assembled, be it here or abroad. According to my count, just about every state of the Union with significant Czech or Slovak population, was represented, including: California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, So. Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin, as well as Canada. There must have been at least 10 participants from the Czech and Slovak Republics. What was remarkable was the presence of many young people.

In terms of various organizations represented, I counted at least the Friends of Czech Republic, American Sokol, Bohemian Benevolent and Literary Association of New York, Bohemian Citizens' Benevolent Society of Astoria, Czech Slovak Association of Canada, Czech and Slovak Heritage Association of Maryland, Czech and Slovak Music Society, Czech and Slovak Society of Oregon, Czech and Slovak Solidarity Council, Czech Heritage Foundation, Czechoslovak Society of America (CSA), Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU), Damska Matice Skolska, Federation of Czech Groups of Cedar Rapids, Friends of Slovakia, German Bohemian Heritage Society, Komensky Club, Matice Vyssiho Vzdelani, National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, Nebraska Czechs, Nebraska Czechs of York, Spillville Historic Action Group, Slovak Institute, St. Wenceslaus Heritage Society, Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center at La Grange and the Western Fraternal Life Association (WFLA).

All in all, everything was perfect, including the weather. Everything was fantastic, enjoyable, memorable, educational and relaxing. And above all, everyone was so pleasant, friendly and hospitable. No single adjective or noun can express the atmosphere and the prevailing mood. Those SVU members who did not attend cannot imagine what they missed.

Thanks to all the organizers, especially Kacenska Oslzly, for the unforgettable days which will forever stay in our memories.

MILA RECHCIGL, SVU President

Prezident republiky

V Praze dne 25. dubna 2003

Vážený pane prezidente Rechcígle,

děkuji Vám za Váš e-mail ze dne 13. března 2003 a za pozvání na Konferenci SVU v Iowě, která se koná ve dnech 26. - 27. června 2003.

Velmi si vážím Vašeho pozvání a oceňuji Vaši činnost na poli česko-amerických vztahů a krajanového života. Plně si uvědomuji význam a roli Společnosti pro vědy a umění, která patří mezi nejaktivnější krajanové organizace ve Spojených státech amerických. Jsem rád, že mohu poskytnout vřítu nad Vaší konferencí. Bohužel, mé povinnosti a vyčerpávací program mi nedovolí osobně se zúčastnit této akce.

Vzpomínám na naše mnohé setkání v minulosti. Ještě jednou Vám děkuji za Váš e-mail a přeji Vám mnoho úspěchů.

S pozdravem

Václav Klaus

Vážený pan Miloslav Rechcígl prezident SVU

Free translation from Czech:

Prezident republiky

Prague, 25 April 2003

Dear President Rechcígl:

Thank you for your e-mail dated 13 March 2003 and for your kind invitation to 2003 SVU Conference, which will be held in Iowa on 26 - 27 June 2003.

I am honored to be invited and I value your efforts bearing on Czech-American relations and your cultural activities. I am fully aware of the significance and the role of SVU, which belongs among the most active Czech-related organizations in the United States. I am therefore delighted to provide patronage for the Conference. Unfortunately, my duties and busy schedule will not allow me to accept your invitation to personally attend.

I recall with fondness our meetings in the past. I would like to thank you once again for your invitation and wish you continued success.

Sincerely yours,

Vaclav Klaus

To: Mr. Miloslav Rechcígl President SVU

Tesne pred uzávierkou ZPRÁV predsedníctvo SVU jednohlasne rozhodlo udeliť Cenu tolerancie Dr. Andreja Eliáša na rok 2003 poslancovi Národnej rady Slovenskej republiky a predsedovi Paneurópskej únie na Slovensku

Ing. JÁNOVI FIGELOVI

Podrobnejšie informácie budú uverejnené v nasledujúcom čísle ZPRÁV SVU.

Thursday, June 26, 2003

OPENING CEREMONY

Chair, Miloslav Rechcigl, President SVU 8:00 - 8:30 AM Cherry Auditorium, Peterson Hall

National Anthems Anita Smisek, OP, Vocalist

Words of Welcome by the President of Coe College James R. Phifer

Opening of the Conference by SVU President Miloslav Rechcigl

Greetings by the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the US H.E. Martin Palous

Greetings by the Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the US H.E. Martin Butora

Greetings by Senator, Parliament of Czech Republic The Honorable Jaroslava Moserova

Greetings by Director, Cultural Dept. & Relations with Czech Abroad, MZVI Dr. Zdenek Lycka

Words of Welcome by the Lord Mayor of the City of Cedar Rapids, IA The Honorable Paul D. Pate

Comments by the Conference Coordinator Ms. Catheen M. Oslzly

Remarks by SVU President Mila Rechcigl at the Opening of SVU Conference, Cedar Rapids, IA

Y our Excellenees, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It gives me great pleasure, in my capacity as President of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences, to open this year' s SVU Conferenee in Cedar Rapids. SVU, as is our Society known in short, is an independent, non-profit international cultural organization dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge, free dissemination of ideas, and the fostering of eontaet among people. It brings together scholars, scientists, writers, educators, students, lawyers, businessmen, and others who beecause of their ethnic baekground or professional ealling, have an interest in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, their histories, peoples or their cultural and intelleetual eontributions.

This is the fourth SVU Conference devoted to the subject of Czeeh and Slovak Amerieans. We have purposely selected Cedar Rapids for the Conference site because the State of Iowa more than any other state in the Union had reminded the early settlers from the territory of former Czechoslovakia of their home country. It is of note that Matic e Vyššího Vzdeání - which initiated the first scholarship program for the Czech American students and whieh is still active today - had its beginnings in Iowa, as did Charles Jonas' periodical Pokrok and Jan Barta Letovsky's Slovan Americký. Not too far from here is an old settlement Spillville where the world famous Czeeh composer Antonín Dvořák spent a memorable summer and eomposed some of his important compositions.

Our organizers have prepared for you a truly outstanding program, eonsisting of a variety of lectures, discussion panels and symposia relating to Czeeh and Slovak Americans, their lives, struggles and contributions, their historie settlements and the efforts how to preserve their cultural heritage for future generations. Part of the proceedings is devoted to issues that concern Czech and Slovak Amerieans, the eeoes of Czeeh and Slovak culture in America and the relations with the Czeeh and Slovak Republics.

Apart from the rich academie program, the organizers have prepared for you a number of exciting social and cultural programs, including a bus exeursion to historie Spillville and the environs.

Most of the planned activities will be held here on the beautiful eampus of Coe College which is our official host. I do want to thank President of the College for hosting our Conference here. I would like to also thank the Mayor of Cedar Rapids and the City's Visitor's Bureau for making our stay pleasant and enjoyable.

I should like to use this opportunity to thank to our sponsors and especially to Nebraska SVU Chapter, under the leadership of Kacenska Oslzly, .for all they have done to make this Conference a reality and which will be I am sure a big success. Enjoy the meetings!

ACADEMIC PROGRAM IN BRIEF

Subject Outline

I. General Surveys

A. Immigration to North Ameriea from the Czeehlands and Slovakia B. History ot and Lite in Czech and Slovak Settlements

1. Czechs and Slovaks in the Upper Midwest
2. Czechs and Slovaks in Iowa
3. Czechs in Cedar Rapids
4. Czechs in the Lower Midwest and Southern States

II. Contributions of Czech and Slovak Americans

- A. Readings from The Taste of a Lost Homeland. A Bilingual Anthology of Czech and Slovak Exile Poetry Written in America
- B. Music and Art
- C. Contributions in Professions

III. Preservation of Czech and Slovak Heritage in North America

- A. Historic Sites, Monuments and National Halls

- B. Cultural Centers, Institutions, Ethnic Programs
- C. Archival Material in America and its Future
- D. Family History and Genealogy as a Tool in Maintaining One's Roots
 - 1. Sources and Methodology
 - 2. Family Histories

IV. Education and Youth

- A. Teaching and Learning Czech and Slovak Languages in the U.S. and Canada
- B. Teaching Czech in the U.S.: A Linguist's Perspective
- C. American University Programs Bearing on Czechs and Slovaks
- D. The Accent on Youth: A Roundtable Discussion

V. Issues that Concern Czech and Slovak Americans

- A. Civil Society

- B. Women's Issues
- C. Health and Mental Health Issues

VI. Echoes of Czech and Slovak History and Culture in America and American Culture in Czech and Slovak Republics

- A. Good Soldier Svejk and Hasek
- B. Czech Reflections in American Literature
- C. Art, Artifacts, and Art Preservation
- D. Music
- E. History
- F. Media and Journalism

VII. Relations with Czech and Slovak Republics

- A. Mutual Relations between the Czech and Slovak Republics and the U.S. and the Czech/Slovak American Community
 - 1. Political and Cultural Aspects
 - 2. Business and Trade
- B. Joint Projects of the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic with the U.S. and Canada
- C. The Effects of Cooperation among Czech, Slovak and American Citizens on Institutional Initiatives: A Roundtable Discussion

From Executive Board

The SVU Executive Board met on May 17, 2003 at SVU President Mila Rechcigl's home in Rockville. With seven members in attendance, the Board met the requirements of quorum and was thus able to make decisions.

In his introductory remarks, Mila Rechcigl admonished the board members to respond to his e-mails in timely fashion and urged them to attend the forthcoming SVU Conference in June in full force. He also requested that individual Board members send him their reports so that he can include the information in the SVU Annual Report.

Editor Clinton Machann sent in his report, including the contents of the next issue of Kosmas. The Board members expressed satisfaction with the new issue and favorably commented on its quality. Despite the previous promises made by the former Editor Bruce Garver to get the outstanding issue (Vol. 14, No. 2, Spring 1999) published A.S.A.P., no progress has been reported to date. The Executive Board expressed great concern about this matter and instructed Secretary-General to give Professor Garver an ultimatum to get the issue published right away or immediately return the papers to the Society, otherwise it would be forced to take a corrective action. There was a consensus that it is unfair to the contributors who have submitted their manuscripts in good faith with the understanding that they will be published, just as it is unfair to the SVU's reputation which is ultimately responsible for the periodical.

With reference to SVU monographic publications, Rechcigl provided a status report on the new SVU Directory. The Directory is currently in press in Prague, with the expectation that it will be ready for and available at the SVU Conference in Iowa this June. A total of 3000 copies are being printed, of which 1000 will stay in the Czech Republic for distribution in Europe, and the rest will be transported to the US. As far as the Plzen Congress proceedings are concerned, the Czech and Slovak papers are in press while the English papers are being readied for publication.

Vera Borkovec gave a report on the planned monograph relating to Czech and Slovak Theatre Abroad. The Board reaffirmed its previous decision that Vera Borkovec has the chief responsibility for editing, with the assistance of a three-member advisory board. All Board members should be recognized scholars.

Rechcigl briefed the Board members on the status of the preparation of 2003 SVU Conference in Iowa this June. Everything seems to be in place, including logistics and programs. After the last-minute revisions are completed, the only thing remaining is to finalize scheduling of individual panels. Every effort will be made to avoid conflicts. Since a large number of speakers and other attendees have not yet registered, the organizers will need to send them urgent reminders. Detailed information about the Conference appears in the last issue of Zpravy SVU and is also posted on the SVU Website.

The Board members were also informed about the letter SVU President received from Vaclav Klaus, President of the Czech Republic. In this letter, apart from cordial greetings, President Klaus informs SVU of his patronage of the Iowa Conference, with regrets that he cannot personally attend due to other commitments. Efforts are also afoot to get similar patronage from the Slovak President.

Considerable part of the meeting was devoted to the next SVU World Congress scheduled for the year 2004. Rechcigl distributed a letter which he received from Ivo Bartecek, Dean of Palacky University in Olomouc, Czech Republic. This was the long-awaited letter which provided a number of answers previously raised by the Executive Board. Based on the contents of the letter, the Executive Board gave its approval to holding the 2004 SVU World Congress in Olomouc. There are a number of issues that will need to be resolved and details worked out. The SVU membership will be periodically informed about the progress. Any suggestions from membership regarding the Congress, particularly its program, are welcome. They should be sent via e-mail SVU President at: SVU1@comcast.net

Other items discussed at the meeting included: SVU Fellows program, SVU Local Chapters, Student Awards, Ambassador Butora's citation (posted on SVU Website) and the plans for the Augustine Herman marker.

The next meeting of the Executive board is scheduled for Saturday, July 19, 2003.

ČINNOST A POCTY ČLENOV

The Rt. Rev. WILMA SAMUELLE KUCHAREK, of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Torrington, CT, was elected Jun 22, 2002 as bishop of the Slovak Zion Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Bishop Kucharek is the first female Slovak bishop in Slovakia and the United States. She succeeds the Rev. Dr. Juan Čobrda, who has served as the synod's bishop since 1993.

The ceremony of consecration was celebrated during the Festival Eucharist worship that concluded the assembly, June 23 in the Chapel, on the Muhlenberg campus. Participating in the consecration were: The Right Reverend Bishop Paul V. Marshall of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; Bishop George C. Carlson of the South Central Synod of Wisconsin-ELCA; Bishop Ralph E. Jones, Bishop of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod-ELCA; and retiring Bishop Juan Čobrda of the Slovak Zion Synod-ELCA. Bishop Kucharek assumed her duties on September 1, 2002.

The Rev. Wilma S. Kucharek, age 47, a native of Upstate New York, graduated from Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN; she was a deaconess from 1976-79. She earned her Master of Divinity and Master of Sacred Theology degrees at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, PA. She served as pastor in Pennsylvania from 1982 to 1986 and since 1986 to the present she served a parish in Torrington Connecticut. In addition, Rev. Kucharek has served the ELCA on its Board for the Division for Global Mission from 1997 to the present and has been its secretary since 1999. Within the Slovak Zion Synod, Rev. Kucharek has been the co-chair of the Slovak Zion Synod's Ecumenical and International Relations Committee and its Central and East European Mission from 1995 to the present; assistant to the bishop and dean of the Eastern Conference 1995 to the present; a member of the National Council of Churches in Christ-USA Partnership with Korean Women Task Force from 1999 to present; and a member of the NCCCUSA Delegation to North and South Korea, 2000.

The bishop is a member of the Czechoslovak Society for the Arts and Sciences, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages, and the Slavic Heritage Institute.

The bishop is married to The Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Drobena. They are the parents of two sons: Thomas, age 14, and Joshua, age 9.

The ELCA Slovak Zion Synod includes congregations across seven Midwestern and Northeastern states and one in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. It is the only non-geographic synod within the ELCA. The synod office will be relocated to Torrington, CT.

Rev. LUBOMIR ONDRASEK received his Master of Divinity degree Summa Cum Laude from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Boston, MA. Rev. Ondrasek was also accepted to work on his Master of Theology degree at Harvard University, starting in September, 2003.

New SVU Publications

Bohuslava Bradbrooková: OSVOBOZUJÍCÍ KRÁSA MALÝCH VĚCÍ je uprchlická odysea z Prahy do Cambridge. Prameny a studie k dějinám Československého exilu 1948-1989, sv. 6. Řídí Jiří Pernes. Vydalo nakladatelství Prius, Brno, 2002, pro Ústav pro soudobé dějiny, Akademie věd České republiky v Praze. 111 stran.

V Prešovskom nakladateľstve Michala Vaška vyšla nedávno kniha V KRÚTOM STOROČÍ, ktorej autorom je známy slovenský kultúrny a historický pracovník, Dr. Ladislav Takáč. Táto bohato dokumentovaná kniha je dôležitým prínosom k slovenskej historiografii, i keď jej dej sa točí hlavne okolo osudov jednej veľmi širokej, viac-generáčnej, vlasteneckej, československy orientovanej rodiny, jednej z najvýznamnejších slovenských rodín 20. (krutého) storočia. Centrálnou témou publikácie je sága troch československých generácií, bratov V eselovcov. Hrdinskú rolu hraje v knihe aj významný člen SVU (príslušník tejto rodiny) a dokonca vyskytuje sa v nej aj meno redaktora ZPRÁV SVU. Kniha je ilustrovaná mnohými, dnes už historickými, fotografiami.

Jeden z našich bývalých SVU Student Award Recipients (2001) vydal v Brně knihu, která by mohla zajímat mnohé z našich členů. Daniel Neval: VORSEHUNG UNO AUFTRAG: POLITIK UND GESCHICHTE BEI EDW ARD BENES. Knihu možno objednat u nakl. Luboš Marek, Pekárská 18,602 00 Brno, Czech Republic.

New SVU Directory

A long-awaited new SVU Directory has just been published in Prague. Members who have ordered it earlier and paid for it will receive it automatically as soon as the shipment has been received in the US. Other members living in America may order it for \$22 from SVU Treasurer: F. Mucha, 36 West 88th St., New York, NY 10024.

Papers from 2002 SVU World Congress - Plzen

We are also pleased to announce the publication of 2 volumes of selected Czech and Slovak papers from the 2002 SVU World Congress in Plzen.

Transformace české a slovenské společnosti na prahu nového milenia a její úloha v současném globálním světě. Sborník vybraných příspěvků 21. Světového kongresu Společnosti pro vědy a umění. 24.30. června 2002, Plzeň. Pod záštitou. prezidenta České republiky Václava Havla. Plzeň: Západočeská univerzita v Plzni, Fakulta humanitních studií, 2003. Publisher: Aleš Čeněk, Dobrá voda 44, 394 02 Dobrá voda u Pelhřimova. Print: Jaroslav Samek, Dolnokubínská 1451,39301 Pelhřimov. ISBN 80-86473-39-2. Price: \$20.

Evoluce člověka a antropologie recentních populací. Sborník panelů 21. Světového kongresu Československé společnosti pro vědy a umění. Plzeň, 24.-30. června 2002. Editoři: Vladimír Sádek, Patrik Galeta, Vladimír Blažek. In: Biologická antropologie, Sborník I. Katedra sociální a kulturní antropologie, Fakulta humanitních studií ZČU v Plzni. Publisher: Aleš Čeněk, Dobrá voda 44, 394 02 Dobrá voda u Pelhřimova. Print: Jaroslav Samek, Dolnokubínská 1451, 393 01 Pelhřimov. ISBN 8086473-34-1. Price: \$10.

Both volumes can be ordered from Ms. Jana Jantschova, Faculty of Humanities, University of West Bohemia, Sedlackova 38, 306 14 Pilsen, Czech Republic or from the publisher: Ales Cenek, Dobra voda 44, 39402 Dobra voda u Pelhrimova, Czech Republic.

In Memoriam

THEODORE PROCHAZKA (1904-2003)

Theodore Prochazka died on March 3, 2003 at his Rockville, MD home. He is survived by his wife, K veta, and granddaughter, Miranda. He was born in Prague and was the father of Theodore Prochazka Jr.

Historian, journalist, publicist, he received his doctorate from Charles University in Prague and a second doctorate from the Sorbonne University in Paris, where he was working with Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), already as an emigre.

Before emigration, he was an editor with the official Czechoslovak news agency, CTK, and in the 1930s was correspondent for Petit Parisien, Reuter's and The New York Sun.

In 1938 he was sent to Berlin as the CTK correspondent for seven years. This position was linked to underground activity. The head of this organization was Dr. Zdenek Shmoranz. He was sentenced to death in retaliation for the assassination of German Reichs protector in CSR, Reinhard Heydrich.

Dr. Prochaska returned from Berlin in 1944. Then for two years he worked on Czech Press Survey for the British press attache Cecile Parot, later Ambassador Sir Cecile Parot.

In 1947 he emigrated to France and after seven years to the USA where he worked with Voice of America. His publications were mostly diplomatic history.

JAROSLAV TUZAR (1915-2003)

Dr. Jaroslav Tuzar se narodil 25. března 1915 v Dymokurech. V letech 1933-1939 a 1945-1948 studoval matematiku a fyziku na Karlově univerzitě v Praze, kde obdržel doktorát přírodních let. Dne 17. listopadu 1939 byl internován v koncentračním táboře Sachsenhausen.

Roku 1948 obdržel Rockefeller Foundation Scholarship na dva roky studia na University of Chicago. Po 45 let byl šéfem výzkumu pro Salerno-Mesgowen Biscuit Company v Niles, Illinois. V letech 1960 až 1970 učil na Northwestem University v Evanstonu, v letech 1970-1984 v pozici profesora matematiky. Specializoval se na matematickou statistiku, rozdělení konečného počtu distribucí a systém stochastických rov

j.. nic. Dr. Tuzar byl členem SVU od samého začátku a kromě toho byl členem Československé národní rady americké a celé řady vědeckých společností.

Dr. Tuzar zemřel 14. května 2003 v nemocnici v Niles, ve státu Illinois. Jeho manželka, Jiřina, po 52 let, operní zpěvačka, zemřela roku 2002. Zanechává dceru profesorku Janu Tuzarovou.

VLASTIMIL KOUBEK (-2003)

Vlastimil Koubek, one of Washington, DC's most influential architects, passed away on February 15, 2003. His work on nearly 100 hotels, offices and apartment buildings helped shape the city's skyline.

Mr. Koubek immigrated to the United States from Czechoslovakia in 1952 and served two years in the U.S. Army. He studied architecture in his native Czechoslovakia and after working briefly for a New York architectural firm, opened his own architectural practice, Koubek Architects in Washington, D.C. in 1957.

Mr. Koubek's buildings include the headquarters of the National Bank of Washington, the American Security Bank, the Union Labor Life Insurance Co., the American Automobile Association and the Postal Service. He was the lead architect for L'Enfant Plaza's east building, the International Square building and the renovation of the Willard InterContinental Hotel and office building in the mid-1980s. In 1985, Washingtonian magazine named Mr. Koubek one of 20 notable Washingtonians "who in the past 20 years had the greatest impact on the way we live and who forever altered the look of Washington." Mr. Koubek died of cancer at his home in Arlington, Virginia. He is survived by his daughter Jana Koubek.

JIRÍ KOLÁŘ (1914-2002)

This is a belated obituary of one of the best known Czech artists Jiri Kolar who died in Prague on Aug 12, 2002 and who held SVU honorary membership since 1990. Best known for his poetry and innovative collages, whose work brought him into conflict with the country's former Communist rulers, he died after a series of illnesses which left him weak and exhausted.

Kolar, a leading figure of a 1940's surrealist group, was born in the southern town of Protivin in 1914. Kolar was a carpenter and held a number of manual jobs before embarking on his artistic career. His poetry, and collages became the trademark of his work in the second half of the 20th century. He had his first exhibition in 1937 and his poetic debut, Christening Certificate, was published in 1941.

The Communist rise to power in Czechoslovakia in 1948 marked the start of Kolar's decades-long struggle to be allowed to publish and exhibit. He was jailed for nine months in 1950 for one of his writings. His refusal to compromise led him to sign Charter 77, the declaration calling on the Communist authorities to respect international human rights agreements, which brought in main opposition figures including President Vaclav Havel, a former playwright. Kolar emigrated to France in 1980, where he stayed until the collapse of Communist rule in 1989. He had several exhibitions in western Europe and the United States, including a 1981 show in New York's Guggenheim Museum.

VÁCLAV NOVÁK (1919-2003)

Ing. Václav Novák se narodil 25. srpna 1919 v Mníšku pod Brdy. Vystudoval Vysokou školu architektury a pozemního stavitelství v Praze. Do exilu odešel v roce 1949 a žil dočasně v táboře Valka v Německu. Pak po čtyři léta pracoval jako inženýr v Maracaibo ve Venezuele. Roku 1955 emigroval do USA. Po 34 let pracoval pro City of Chicago Public Works, Bureau of Engineering. Dohlížel na údržbu chicagských mostů. Rád cestoval a fotografoval. Na odpočinek odešel v roce 1993. Zemřel po delší nemoci 29. března 2003, zanechal po sobě manželku Jiřinu.

Ing. Novák byl členem Masarykova klubu při University of Chicago a Společnosti pro vědy a umění. Zpíval ve spolku Lyra pod dirigentem

Dr. Kubinou. Byl oblíben pro svoji radostnou povahu. ZH

LADISLAV FISCHMEISTER, MD, PhD (1923-2003)

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our good friend Dr. Lada Fischmeister, who died in Sarasota, Florida on Easter Sunday, having reached his eightieth birthday on March 12th. He had undergone a serious operation ten days earlier. He seemed to have been recovering well the first three days, but his condition worsened and he passed away in the intensive care unit of the hospital, with his wife Martha by his side.

Born in Humpolec, Czechoslovakia, Lada was the only child of Andela and Bretislav Fischmeister. In his youth he spent time in the Auschwitz concentration camp, having been judged as not fully Aryan. After WW II his undergraduate studies at Prague's Charles University were terminated by the Communists for political activities. He quickly left for Switzerland, receiving a long sentence in absentia. He completed

his studies at the University of Geneva, where he earned his medical degree, specializing in obstetrics and his PhD in biochemistry. He later emigrated to Quebec where he practiced obstetrics at a Catholic hospital. Upon being discovered as not being Catholic, he was given an opportunity to study further, became a psychiatrist, and practiced in a northern Canadian hospital. In the early sixties he and his first wife, Marush, came to Washington where he entered a position at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. In the eighties he joined the Veterans' Mental Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida, from whence in 1988 he retired and moved to Sarasota, Florida. After the death of Marush he married his second wife, Martha who cared for him through the rest of his life.

Dr. Fischmeister spoke six languages. He was known as one of the half dozen most prominent Czechoslovak stamp collectors, primarily for his exhibits of stamp rarities, which won him numerous national as well as international awards. Dr. Fischmeister was a member of the American Philatelic Society where he served on the Expertizing Committee, and the Society for Czechoslovak Philately.

Lada had an extraordinary love and respect for animals and would want any memorial contributions to be made to animal rescue charities of the donor's choice.

He had no close living relatives, and is survived only by Martha and their five cats who live at 1419 Fleetwood Dr., Sarasota, FL 34232. A memorial service will take place in Humpolec at a later date.

He will be sorely missed by his philatelic and other friends on both sides of the Atlantic. HENRY HAHN

STURMAN, TANJA BELLA (1905-2003)

died in her sleep on April 19, 2003 at Piedmont Gardens Skilled Nursing Facility in Oakland, California, at age 98. Tanja was the widow of the late Paul Sturman, also prominent in the Czech and Slovak communities, and was a resident of Arlington, Virginia for many years. She was born in Vrútky, Slovakia, and came to the United States after her marriage to Paul in 1926. Their first home was in Detroit, Michigan where their son, Ivan, was born in 1927. In 1933 they moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and in 1943 they moved to Washington, DC.

Soon after arriving in Detroit, Tanja and Paul were active in Czechoslovak and international social and community activities. In Pittsburgh, she was President of the Evangelical Slovak Womens Union, Secretary of the Czechoslovak Ladies Circle of the Czechoslovak Room at the University of Pittsburgh, Chairman of the World War II War Bond Booth "Udice," and Co-Chairman of the Czechoslovak Red Cross Auxiliary that sewed and knitted for Czechoslovak refugees in England.

After moving to Washington, she continued her Red Cross and War Bond volunteering, and also visited veterans at Walter Reed Hospital. She taught Slovak to government and private students. She worked in the Czechoslovak Embassy until after the suspicious death of Jan Masaryk. She became active in the Czechoslovak National Council, The American Fund for Czechoslovak Refugees, the Washington Chapter of Sokol, and the Wilsonian Club. In 1968, she was active in the founding of the Czechoslovak Interdenominational Church. She was a member of the Ruth Chapter of Eastern Star. She was also, like her late husband, a member of the SVU.

Besides being an enthusiastic cook and hostess, Tanja was employed as resident manager of apartments, starting with the Fairview Apartments and moving up in responsibility to the Irene and Rittenhouse, all owned by Pollin Properties. She retired from her apartment management career in 1975.

Her husband Paul died in 1990, and in 1995, she moved to Oakland, CA, to be near her son and grandson and their families. Tanja is survived by her sister Margita Korman in Vrutky, Slovaquia; her son Ivan and his wife Jane in Kensington, CA; her grandson John and his wife Elizabeth and her two great granddaughters Ceci and Lucy in Bethlehem, PA.

A memorial service was held on May 24, 2003, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 7700 Bradley Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817. Donations in her memory may be made to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, or to the church or charity of choice instead of flowers.

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