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Vážení přátelé, členové Společnosti pro vědy a umění,

dovolte mi, abych při příležitosti 40. výročí založení Československé společnosti pro vědy a umění vyjádřil především své poděkování za nedocenitelnou úlohu, kterou Vaše společnost sehrála v průběhu své existence pro zachování toho největšího bohatství, které Česká republika má, pro zachování nejlepších intelektuálních hodnot, které byly doma - spolu s jejich nositeli - po tak dlouhou dobu potlačovány a pošlápávány a které se právě díky úsilí Vaší společnosti podařilo nejen udržet, ale nadále plodně rozvíjet.

Již pouhý výčet osobností, které stály u zrodu Československé společnosti pro vědy a umění v roce 1958 a které od té doby působily v jejích řadách, svědčí o jejím zcela mimořádném postavení a jsem rád, že se mi v minulosti dostalo té cti, abych se stal jejím čestným členem.

Pevně věřím, že i další činnost Československé společnosti pro vědy a umění bude obohacením vědeckého poznání a současně přispěje k řešení těch nejpálčivějších problémů, před kterými dnešní svět stojí.

Přeji Vám všem mnoho úspěchů ve Vaší záslužné činnosti.

Václav Havel

The President of the Republic

Dear friends and members of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences:

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences let me first of all thank you for the invaluable service that the Society provided during the course of its existence to the preservation of the Czech republic's greatest national treasure, namely to the preservation of those intellectual values which were suppressed and trampled underfoot in our country - along with those who maintained them - and which, thanks to the efforts of your Society were not only able to survive but to further fruitfully develop.

If one only takes into account the number of outstanding personalities who were among the founding members of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences in the year 1958 and who continued working for its aims, one has proof enough of the extraordinary character of the Society and I am very proud that in the past I was chosen to be its Honorary Member.

I am deeply convinced that the future activity of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences will lead to the the enrichment of scholarly understanding and at the same time will contribute to the solution of the most pressing problems the world faces today.

I wish you much success in your praiseworthy endeavors.

Signature: Vaclav Havel



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Executive Board Meets Again

The newly elected SVU Executive Board held its second meeting on December 5, 1998 in Mila Rechcigl's home in Rockville. Present were eight members, representing sufficient number to constitute the quorum.

The Executive Board noted with appreciation the congratulatory letter from President Vaclav Havel on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences. The verbatim reproduction of President Havel's letter, with English translation, appears elsewhere in this issue of *Zprávy SVU*.

The first order of business was the follow-up on the SVU World Congress in Bratislava. Following the financial report of Past Secretary-General Vera Ulbrecht, Rechcigl informed the Board of Professor Tkac's letter, expressing satisfaction with the payment of the outstanding bills. The idea of publishing selected papers from the Congress has been tentatively tabled, pending the submission of a realistic proposal. Next on the agenda was a discussion of Rechcigl's draft of the Society's Mission Statement. Apart from stylistic changes, it was suggested that an additional area of emphasis be added to current SVU priorities, i.e., to serve as a focal point for the developing civil society. The other priorities are:

1. to enhance and promote Czech and Slovak culture,
2. to coordinate and assist the work of SVU members,
3. to foster cooperation between scientists, artists, and other professionals, as well as with cultural institutions in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, and those abroad,
4. to assist with the preservation of Czech and Slovak cultural heritage abroad.

The revised SVU Mission Statement is printed below. It bears directly not only on the future of SVU but also on the question what the Society can offer its members and ipso facto on the recruitment of new members. Vice President Jaroslav Verner has the responsibility of translating these aspirations into a practical menu of services which could be offered to potential SVU members.

With reference to membership and our services, some time was devoted to the discussion of the SVU Clearinghouse, based on the materials prepared by Juraj Slavik. Since the previous experiences with various questionnaires, published in *Zpravy SVU* or sent directly to members by mail, were largely unsuccessful, it was felt that we ought not to pursue this approach. Instead, it was felt that it would be by far more practical, to simply announce the existence of such Clearinghouse in *Zpravy SVU* and give Juraj Slavik's name, phone and fax numbers, as the main contact. In case of inquires, he would then contact the relevant people to render possible assistance. Individual Executive board members offered

assistance in helping with networking. Publications have always been considered a cornerstone of SVU activities.

Based on Professor Machann's report, the monograph containing selected talks from the 1997 Conference in Texas is in press. There is a separate announcement of the book in this issue of *Zpravy*. We urge members to send in their orders as soon as possible.

The Executive Board commented favorably on the appearance and contents of *Zpravy SVU* and expressed thanks to Dr. Andrew Elias for his good work. In order to assure that news is not out of date it was recommended that the Editor includes in each issue a specific deadline for submission of the news items. Another delay in the issuance of the next issue of the English periodical *Kosmas* was received with regret and concern by the Executive Board. In the meantime, Vice President Josef Machac and his committee are proceeding with the in-depth evaluation of the periodical with the aim of making it a viable enterprise.

The upcoming SVU Conference in Minnesota is taking shape. Based on Rechcigl's report, the central theme of the Conference will be "Czech and Slovak America – Quo Vadis?" Three general areas will be covered in the program: The historic and contemporary issues relating to Czech and Slovak Americans, the preservation of our cultural heritage abroad, and the relations with the Czech and Slovak Republics. The Conference will culminate with the address by President Havel. Professor Josef Mestenhauser was designated as the conference coordinator.

Considerable time was devoted to the discussion of the next SVU World Congress, scheduled for the year 2000 in Washington, D.C. This will be an extraordinary event – our 20th World Congress – which will take our Society into the next Millennium. As was reported earlier, the Congress will congregate on the campus of American University which is offering the Society a number of advantages. The tentative dates for the Congress are August 9-13, 2000. The local arrangements are in the hands of the SVU Washington D.C. Chapter, under the chairmanship of Dr. Alexej Borkovec. The logistics are coordinated by Dr. Vera Borkovec, who is a Professor at American University, and the Local Arrangements Committee, which she is assembling.

In this connection, Vice President Milton Cerny and Mila Rechcigl had a very successful meeting with Claudio Grossman, Dean of the Washington College of Law, who offered SVU facilities of his school for the Congress. At the suggestion of Milton Cerny, the Executive Board agreed that the central theme of the Congress will be "Democracy and the Civil Society to the 21st Century." As an interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary society, we'll also have the customary sessions and symposia based on various disciplines. Another meeting is planned with the President of the American University Dr. Benjamin Ladner.

The last item on the agenda was the question of preservation of our cultural heritage abroad, a new project which is spearheaded by Rechcigl. In this connection, as was reported previously, the Society has been awarded a grant from the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs to survey historical sites and monuments, and the archival material relating to Czech Americans. This announcement was placed in various newspapers and newsletters in US, Canada and Europe, as well as on Internet, with the aim of stimulating interest among our people as well as the general public. A detailed account of the project was published in *Czech the News*.

The project is envisioned as a long-term and broadly based effort, involving close cooperation with individual Czech American organizations and the relevant institutions in the Czech Republic, such as Naprstek Museum. It is our hope to eventually enlarge the project to also include the Slovak materials with the cooperation of the relevant Slovak organizations in America. The key Czech American organizations were invited to join the National Heritage Commission, the makeup of which is being finalized. Apart from the SVU, which is coordinating the overall effort, the following societies agreed to join this important undertaking: Czechoslovak National Council of America, American Sokol, CSA, SPJST, RVOS, Czech Heritage Society of Texas, Moravian Heritage Society, Czech and Slovak Heritage Association of Maryland, American Czechoslovak Club of North Miami. Additional organizations would be welcome.

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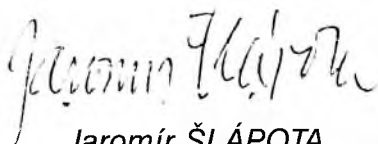
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všem přátelům, čs. krajanům a jejich spolkům a sdružením

v novém roce 1999

hodně štěstí a radosti, dobré zdraví a mnoho úspěchů

v práci i osobním životě.



Jaromír ŠLÁPOTA
předseda



Josef KOLÍNSKÝ
ředitel

New Faces on SVU Executive Board

JAROSLAV VERNER, voted as one of our new vice-presidents during the last election, was born in Minneapolis and raised in St. Paul, Minnesota. His parents were very active in the Czech community in the Twin Cities and he grew up in that milieu. Czech was spoken at home and, after a long period when he refused to speak anything but English, he too realized the advantages knowledge of another language can bring and made an conscious effort to improve his knowledge and use of Czech.

Jaroslav started his education in the St. Paul public schools, earned his BA at the University of Minnesota in Russian language and Russian Area Studies, and did graduate work at the Russian Institute of Columbia University. After finishing college and before entering graduate school he did a tour with the U.S. Army in Korea. With his wife Lois, Jaroslav biked in Europe for four months in 1957. It was during this trip that they made their first of many trips to Czechoslovakia. Jaroslav left Columbia University with a Master's degree in history and a certificate from the Russian Institute and traveled to Moscow to participate in the U.S. National Exhibition in 1959. His experience there led him to choose a career in the Foreign Service with the United States Information Agency (USIA) rather than the Department of State. Asked why he chose USIA over State, he just shrugged and said, "More interesting people."

The Verners' first assignment abroad was in Zagreb, Yugoslavia which was essentially a training assignment. From there Lois and Jaroslav were transferred to the American Consulate in Poznan Poland where they lived and worked from 1961 to 1964. The Consulate consisted of three American diplomats and their families and they were responsible for American interests in all of Western Poland. While in Poznan Lois and Jaroslav were sent to Brno to assist in the initial U.S. participation in the Brno Trade Fair. The Verners returned to the United States on leave in time for their first daughter to be born before they returned to Zagreb for a second tour there. This second Zagreb tour was cut short when Lois and Jaroslav were asked to return to the Soviet Union to work with two American traveling exhibitions. During the next year they took the exhibitions to six different Soviet cities for a couple of months each, giving them considerable experience in the Soviet provinces before being assigned to Moscow in the Fall of 1967.

While in Moscow Jaroslav received an invitation from the Czechoslovak Ministry of Post to give a lecture on the postal service of the Czechoslovak Legions in Siberia at a seminar on Czechoslovak stamps which was held in the summer of 1968, thus bringing them to Prague during the Prague Spring. They returned to Moscow just 10 days before

the Warsaw Pact forces invaded Czechoslovakia. Following a tour in Washington, where their second daughter was born, and a year at the National War College, the Verners were off to four years in Kabul, Afghanistan. Life in the Hindu Kush was like nothing they experienced before or since, "like living in the pages of the National Geographic," he noted. For sharp contrast, the next assignment took them to Hamburg for four years.

The following four years were spent in Washington before returning to Moscow in 1984 where Jaroslav was the Press Attache during the following intense, turbulent and historical four years. USIA recognized that the Verners need a respite after their grueling time in Moscow so it sent them to the "quiet" of East Berlin. There, looking forward to a period less turbulent, Lois and Jaroslav witnessed the occupation of the Embassy, the collapse of the German Democratic Republic, the unification of Germany, and the fall of communism throughout Eastern Europe. Jaroslav ended his career by assisting in opening the American Embassy in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, one of the successor states to the Soviet Union. Throughout his career he worked in the area of public affairs, that is, those aspects of diplomacy that reach out to the peoples of other societies to "tell America's story to the world," as the motto of USIA has it. Along the way he learned Polish, Croatian, and German in addition to the Czech and Russian he spoke when he began his diplomatic career. With retirement, Jaroslav has more time to follow many of his interests including his life-long interest in Czechoslovak philately.



EVA VANEK is the newly elected Secretary-General of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences. She is a native of Prague, Czechoslovakia where she received her primary and secondary education and then attended Charles University. After the communist takeover of 1948 she was forced to leave the country; first to a refugee camp in Germany; shortly thereafter, she started working as an announcer for Radio Free Europe in Munich, Germany. After two years at Radio Free Europe (RFE), she moved to Geneva in order to further her education at the University of Geneva Interpreters School. Concurrently she worked as a Research Assistant at the International Labour Office there. In Geneva Eva met her future husband George who, at that time was stationed in Frankfurt, Germany with the USAF.

In 1957, on George's return to civilian life she came to the United States. George and Eva lived in Texas, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and New York. They have raised three children. During this time Eva obtained a MS degree in library and information science from Long Island University and accepted a position with Merrill Lynch Investment

Banking Division in New York. Eva organized and managed the Investment Banking Information Center and retired as Vice President in 1992.

The Vaneks now live in Virginia where she enjoys gardening, tennis, grandchildren, birdwatching and frequent trips to the "old country".

SVU Mission Statement

WHO WE ARE

SVU is an independent nonprofit international and cultural organization dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge, free dissemination of ideas, and to fostering of contact among people. The Society brings together scholars, scientists, artists, writers, students, lawyers, businessmen and others, throughout the world, who are interested in the Czech Republic and/or Slovakia, their histories, peoples or their cultural and intellectual achievements.

WHAT ARE OUR AIMS AND GOALS

1. To enhance and promote Czech and Slovak culture

- a) by organizing meetings, public lectures, conferences, seminars, workshops, etc.,
- b) by sponsoring and/or publicizing concerts, exhibits, and other cultural events,
- c) by publishing scholarly, educational and literary works, as well as periodicals and newsletters,
- d) by compiling selected bibliographies and other information briefs,
- e) by establishing a documentary center,
- f) by maintaining liaison between cultural institutions in the Czech and Slovak Republics and their counterparts abroad,
- g) by cooperating with similar organizations on joint activities.

2. To coordinate and assist with the work of SVU members

- a) by periodically reporting on their activities in its newsletter,
- b) by enabling members to present results of their work and research at its world congresses, annual conferences, etc.,
- c) by preparing biographical directories of members with the listing of their accomplishments,
- d) by establishing a clearinghouse regarding members' interests and making effective use of their expertise,
- e) by using its extensive worldwide network to provide them with advice and contacts.

3. To promote cooperation between scientists, artists, and other professionals, as well as between cultural institutions in the Czech and Slovak Republics and those abroad

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- a) by maintaining contact with major cultural institutions in the Czech and Slovak Republics and their counterparts abroad,
 - b) by keeping track of study and research opportunities worldwide,
 - c) by providing advice on the art of "grantsmanship",
 - d) by preparing specific study and research guides,
 - e) by assisting with joint projects.
- 4. To assist with the preservation of Czech and Slovak cultural heritage abroad**
- a) by mapping historical sites relating to Czechs and Slovaks abroad,
 - b) by surveying and collecting archival material relating to Czechs and Slovaks abroad,
 - c) by fostering studies and research on Czechs and Slovaks abroad,
 - d) by organizing conferences, seminars and workshops with the focus on Czechs and Slovaks abroad,
 - e) by sponsoring relevant publications,
 - f) by working with other organizations with similar aims.
- 5. To assist with development of a civil society**
- a) by using new forms of communications media to provide the transfer of knowledge about the current development of Czech and Slovak society as they exist in their homeland and throughout the world,
 - b) by serving as a facilitator in the creation of such civil society.

Note to SVU Members

The above statement was prepared by the Executive Board in an effort to stimulate discussion among SVU members with the aim of preparing a framework for the SVU future activities. Specific comments regarding the substance and the wording of the document should be sent to Mila Rechcigl, 1703 Mark Lane, Rockville, MD 20852; tel/fax: (301) 881-7222; e-mail: <rechcigl@aol.com>.

SVU 1999 Annual Meeting and Special Conference on CZECH AND SLOVAK AMERICA: QUO VADIS?

The conference, organized in conjunction with the visit of President Vaclav Havel to the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, MN, will be held on April 24-26, 1999 at the University of Minnesota, Macalester College and the University of Saint Thomas.

The theme of the conference permits focusing on three issues that

will be of interest not only to Czech and Slovak Americans, but Americans concerned with Central Europe, NATO, democracy, and global interdependence. The three sub-themes are:

1. Issues dealing with historical and contemporary settlements of people from Czech and Slovak Republics in America;
2. issues dealing with the preservation of cultural identity and heritage in the face of growing globalization and homogenization; and
3. issues dealing with future relationships between Czechs and Slovaks living in America and those in the Czech and Slovak Republics.

The format will be open to allow other topics of interest. Conference participants will have the opportunity to attend regular keynote and plenary presentations, share their knowledge of the theme topics, meet some of the members of the President's entourage, participate in social and cultural events, witness President Havel receiving honorary degrees, hear his major address on Civil Society in the 21st Century, give the President a warm Welcome Party filled with speeches, folk singing, dancing and brief cuts from his plays, hear the President address Czech and Slovak Americans, visit the pictorial exhibit of Czech immigration to USA: 1848-1918, and help build lasting foundation for Czech culture in Minnesota.

Hotel accommodations should be made directly and will be available on first-come-first serve basis. About fifty rooms have been reserved in Day's Inn, 2407 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414 (Kirsten Helmers, sales manager) at a rate of \$59.00 per room. Some rooms may accommodate as many as four people. These rooms will be reserved until March 23, 1999, but if you delay your reservations, they may be filled by then. Call (612) 623-3999, or fax (612) 331-2152. Additional arrangements can be made directly with other near-by hotels, but at considerably higher prices. They include Radisson-University, 615 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414, tel. (612) 379-8888, fax (612) 379-8682, toll free (800) 822-MPLS; Holiday Inn-Metrodome, 150 Washington Ave., South Minneapolis, MN 55454, tel. (612) 333-4646, fax (612) 338-4049; Econolodge, 2500 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis 55414, tel. (612) 331-6000 and Best Western University Inn, 2600 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414, tel. (612) 379-2313. You should remember that the Twin Cities are popular convention sites and many conventions are already scheduled for these dates.

Due to the extreme demand for space, early registration (by March 1, 1999) is recommended – at \$20 per SVU member, \$25 per non-member. Accompanying persons will not be charged registration fees. After that date the fee is \$30.00. The cost of the banquet will be \$25.00 per person. Application with the payment (checks should be made to SVU) and a brief description of the proposed talk should be sent to Dr. J. A.

Mestenhauser, Department of Educational Policy and Administration,
University of Minnesota, 330 Wulling Hall, Minneapolis, MN 55455, tel.
(612) 624-8350, fax (612) 624-3377, e-mail: <j-mest@tc.umn.edu>.



PREREGISTRATION FORM*

SVU Conference, Minnesota, April 24-26, 1999

Send application with your check (made to SVU) in the amount of \$20) to
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SVU Member: YES NO

Registration Fee: \$20 SVU Member \$25 Non-member

Banquet \$25/person. No. of Persons: _____ Total \$ _____

Title of Proposed Talk: _____

Please attach a short description, if you plan to present a paper.

* Regular registration will be \$30.

From New SVU Rolls

DONALD THOMAS KRIZEK, Plant Physiologist, U.S. Department of
Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Natural Resources Institute,
Beltsville, MD. Dr. Krizek is a native of Cleveland Ohio, son of Lad
Thomas Krizek, who was President of the Czechoslovak Legionnaires in
America. He received his B.A. in Botany at Western Reserve University
in 1954, M.S. and Ph.D. in Botany (plant physiology) at University of
Chicago in 1958 and 1964, respectively. In addition to his research re-
sponsibilities at USDA, where he has worked since 1966, he also holds
the position of Adjunct Professor of Horticulture at the University of
Maryland. His research is aimed at elucidating the mechanisms by which
plants cope with increased UV-B radiation and other environmental
stresses. In addition, he also conducted research on plant response to

water stress, root restriction, carbon dioxide enrichment, ozone and sulfur dioxide pollution, aluminum toxicity etc. He published over 200 journal articles and book chapters in the area of photobiology and stress physiology.

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JAN SMARDA, Professor of Biology, Faculty of Medicine, Masaryk University, Brno. He is a native of Brno and holds degrees: MUDr. from Masaryk University (1955), CSc. in medical biology (1963) and Dr.Sc. in microbiology from Charles University (1987). He specializes in general and molecular microbiology, electron microscopy, cyanobacteria and is credited for introducing bacteriocin research in Central and East Europe. He wrote around 150 scientific papers, some 60 reviews and monographs, 74 textbooks and scripts, 3 films and video programs, 140 book reviews, 160 reports, etc. Among his publications of particular note are *Obecná biologie* (with O. Necas and J. Soska, 1975) and his *The Effects of Colicins* (1975), *The Action of Colicins on Eukaryotic Cells* (1983) and *Život z obou stran* (1992). He received numerous honors, including J. E. Purkyne Medal, Masaryk University Memorial Medal, Masaryk University Gold Medal, Medal from Ministry of Education, honorary memberships of Czechoslovak Microbiological Society and Czechoslovak Biological Society, and others.

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ELENA SOKOL, Professor of Russian Studies, College of Wooster, Wooster, OH. A native of Chicago, she received her BA from the University of Chicago in 1965, M.A. from the university of California-Berkeley in 1974 and Ph.D., also from Berkeley in 1974. Prior to coming to Wooster, where she has recently been promoted to full professorship, she taught at Oberlin College, University of Washington and Reed College. During the academic year 1982-83, she was resident director of CIEE Cooperative Russian Language Program at Leningrad State University. In addition to numerous articles and translations, she is the author of *Russian Poetry for Children* (1984).

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EVA M. CESKAVA, Religious Educator, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Huntington, Huntington, NY. She is a native of Marshall, TX and holds B.A. from Oklahoma City (1967) and M.Div. from Phillips Theological Seminary (1972).

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VIOLET KETELS CORNISH, Associate Professor of English, Temple University, Temple, TX. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she was Director of the Intellectual Heritage Program and Undergraduate Chairperson of the Department of English, for a number of years.

JAMES OTIS JIRSA, Chairman and Professor, Dept. of Civil Engineering, University of Texas, Austin, TX. He is a native of Nebraska. He received his B.S. from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln (1960), M.S. from the University of Illinois (1962) and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois (1963), all in civil engineering. Prior to coming to the University of Texas, he taught at Rice University (1965-71). As a teacher and researcher, he specialized in the design and behavior of reinforced concrete structures, earthquake engineering, repair and strengthening structures. He published extensively and is a member of a number of prestigious organizations. His honors include membership in the National Academy of Engineering (since 1988) and a number of awards and prizes.



MARK LEE LABAJ, Senior Pastor, Temple Brethren Church, Temple, TX. He is a native of San Angelo, TX. He hold B.S. from the University of Texas, Austin (1974), M.Div. from Moravian Theological Seminary (1980) and D. Ministry from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary (1988). Currently he is studying history at the University of Texas. Between 1985-97 he served as President of the Unity of Brethren in Texas.



JOSEF BODOR, Biotechnology Fellow, National Cancer Institute, NIH, Bethesda, MD. He is a native of Pilsen and holds RNDr. degree from the University of J. E. Purkyně (1984) and CSc. from the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences (1990). He specializes in molecular genetics in which field he published a number of papers. Before coming to NIH, he was a research fellow at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and instructor in medicine at Harvard Medical School.



ROBERT KENT EVANSON, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Missouri, Kansas City, MO. He received B.A. from the University of Illinois-Urbana in 1966, M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, in 1970 and 1979, respectively. His expertise lies in the area of international relations and comparative politics with Central European and post-Soviet regional emphases. For several years he also served as Associate Dean (1989-1992) and Department Chair (1989-1996).



CLARICE MARIK SIMPSON, Travel Photographer, Houston, TX and Bay Head, NJ. She had one-man shows in Houston, TX, Princeton, NJ and Bay Head, NJ on such themes as Egypt and Turkey, East Africa, Eastern European Countries, From the Baltic to the Caribbean, Nepal and India, France and Spain. She also exhibited her photographs in Prague,

Pilsen and Breclav. Apart from her art work, she has been active in a number of Czech Texas heritage organizations, and served as Director of Czech Cultural Center in Houston and Director of Czech Educational Foundation of Texas.

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CHARLES DANIEL SABATOS, Lecturer of English Language and Literature, Yeditepe University, Istanbul, Turkey. He received B.A. in professional writing from Carnegie Mellon University (1993) and M.A. in international studies from the University of Washington (1998). He specializes in Czech and Slovak literature, Czech writers in exile, Turkish themes in Czech/Slovak literature, and French literature, and literary translations.

Vyznamenání členům SVU

Dodatečně se dovídáme, že několik dalších členů SVU bylo vyznamenáno řádem TGM a sice prof. Victor M. Fic, historik dr. Vilém Prečan a prof. Erazim Kohák. Všem upřímně gratulujeme.

Activities of SVU Members

JAN F. TRISKA, Past President of SVU, is the author of the recent publication, *The Great War's Forgotten Front. A Soldier's Diary and a Son's Reflections*, published by the East European Monographs in Boulder, CO and distributed by the Columbia University Press. It is an authentic story of a front-line soldier on the Austro-Italian front in World War I. The book is of great value to historians for its first-person detail, and honest, eloquent and extraordinarily vivid narrative. The soldier's son, a professor emeritus of political science at Stanford University, provides commentaries on the soldier's background and experiences as well as a frame of reference for the times, places, and events which characterize the soldier's war. In addition, he reflects on the meaning of World War I for us today. He offers the view that the war was the great existential divide that not only changed the world but has defined much of the twentieth century.

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LEOPOLD POSPISIL, a former President of SVU, is the author of a monumental publication, *Obernberg: A Quantitative Analysis of a Tyrolean Peasant Economy*, published by the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences. It is an exhaustive study of every aspect of economic life of an isolated Tyrolean farming village of about 300 inhabitants, based on painstaking research lasting some thirty years. The author

mapped fields to study years of crop rotation, timed farmers at their work, and drew upon detailed financial records for individual farms, cooperative agricultural and tourism enterprises, and the village itself. The study culminates in 1967, just before the completion of a modern highway linked Obernberg to the eternal world and drastically altered its economy and demography. His work led Pospisil to question theories of peasantry that stress small enclaves' isolation from the larger economy, or that contend on more ideological than verifiable grounds that peasants resist participation in a diversified market. The study is presented in quarto size 330 pages of double column text accompanied by beautiful full-page illustrations, 27 figures and maps, and 79 multi-page quantitative tables. As all his other work, *Obernberg* is marked by his insistence upon fluency in the language of the culture, incomparable fieldwork, a holistic approach to the intersection of culture, law and the economy, and the attention to definition and detail. This Pospisil's publication is destined to be a primary resource in quantitative anthropology.

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HANA GERZANIC (HONS), who found her second home in Australia, and who now spends her time alternatively in Australia and Czech Republic, is the author of a recently released volume of poetry, *Nová epocha*, published by Karel Veselý in Plzeň. Two years ago she published at the same publishing firm a slender volume of poetry entitled *Ve stínu eukalyptů* and presently she is preparing another volume for release on the occasion of the forthcoming Prague Fair, "Svět knihy", in Prague. She is a doctor of philosophy, and holds a diploma in a theology and is a linguist of some ability. She writes poetry in both Czech and English and the last year the US National Poetry Library included her in its International Hall of Fame. Her works appear in four American anthologies of verse and two of her poems have been recorded on a CD "The Sound of Poetry." Dr. Gerzanic-Hons is a great promoter of cultural ties between Australia and the Czech Republic, and was instrumental in introducing Australian works of art in Prague.

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ZDENĚK MACKŮ. Tvorba: mal'ba, kresba, grafika, umelecké kováčstvo. Individuálne, kolektívne a skupinové výstavy od roku 1963.

Zdeněk Macků a jedinečný charakter i štýl jeho mal'by hovorí o veľkej autorskej ambícii formulovať svoj umelecký prejav jako jasnú, pôsobivú maliarsku správu o človeku, jeho živote a jeho zemi.

Mal'ba, ktorou nás Z. Macků oslovuje — vizuálne i myšlienkou, podobnosťou i poselstvom — má však v sebe aj kúzlo syntéz viacerých tendencií formy i duchovného obsahu umenia dôb minulých a súčasných. Sám autor sa hlási k secesii i kubizmu, ale aj k exotickým kultúram starých Aztékov a Mayov.

k umeniu Japonska i k ľudovému výtvarnému prejavu. V rámci svojej syntézy formuluje svoj program poetického realizmu, ktorý akcentuje rytmus, kolorit i skladbu krátkych oblých a hranatých linií a ako obsahový princíp zdôrazňuje predovšetkým hravosť, humor a vtip.

Paradoxne „maliarsky grafizmus“ obrazov a kresieb Z. Macků hovorí o človeku i svete plnom rytmov života, farieb a úsmevu, ktorý je devízou i protikladom tých tienistejších stránok našej existencie. PhDr. BOHUMÍR BACHRATÝ



GEORGE O. KRÍŽEK, M.D., washingtonský psychiater, jehož koníčkem je entomologie (věda o hmyzu), objevil letos nového denního motýla pro území USA. V odborné terminologii je to t.zv. „State and U.S.A. record“. K objevu nového motýla, modráska *Hemiargus ammon Lucas*, došlo 31. května 1998 na Floridě, a to na nejjižnější části, na jednom z řetězu malých korálových ostrovů, vybíhajících v délce více než 200 km jihozápadním směrem do Karibského moře.

Lze hovořit o štěstí. Oblast, kde byl nový motýlí druh objeven (ostrov zvaný Big Pine Key), je velmi intenzívně prozkoumávaná část floridské přírody, kam během posledních několika desetiletí jsou vysílány doslova stovky doktorandů, postgraduálních i jiných pracovníků z university v Gainesville na Floridě, sídla několika špičkových světových entomologů. Že objev čekal na motýlkáře z celkem malé střeoevropské země, je opravdu pozoruhodné.

Nejprřednější entomologické časopisy nyní publikují barevné fotografie nově objeveného motýla, jež Dr. Krížek fotografoval v jeho původním habitatu, tropickém terénu ostrova Big Pine Key.



Dr. CARMEN MAYEROVA (recently retired from Temple University, Philadelphia) was awarded a medal by Charles University Prague in recognition of her many contributions, including developing the new Political Science Department at the School of Social Sciences (Fakulta sociálních věd), a six-year teaching span and publication of a handbook of Comparative Politics. This honor occurred during the 650th anniversary celebration of the Charles University.



ZDENEK HRUBAN, Professor Emeritus in Pathology, was recently awarded the Medal of Merit of the First Degree by Vaclav Havel, President of the Czech Republic.

Hruban received this state decoration in the Library of Congress on Sept. 17 for “lifetime efforts in the promotion of Czech-American relations.” Attending the award ceremony were Madeleine Albright, Secretary of State, and Alexandr Vondra, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the United States.

Hruban established the Archives of Czechs and Slovaks Abroad at the Joseph Regenstein Library in 1972 with the help of the late Vaclav Laska, a former

Slavic bibliographer at the University. The archives contain personal material and the works of Czechs and Slovaks published outside the Czech and Slovak Republics.

The archives are located in the Special Collections section of the library and consist of 260 shelves of books, brochures, periodicals, anniversary publications, almanacs and personal papers of Czechs and Slovaks living outside of the Czech Republic. The majority of the materials comprising the archives were published in North America during the past 150 years.

University of Chicago Chronicle, Oct. 15, 1998



Zdenek Hruban (standing, at right), Professor Emeritus in Pathology, accepted the Medal of Merit of the First Degree from Vaclav Havel (center), President of the Czech Republic. The ceremony took place in the Library of Congress. Also attending the event was Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

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Preserving Czech Cultural Heritage in America – Announcement of the new SVU initiative involving a joint effort of most Czech-related organizations in America.

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Note: We would welcome additional suggestions for useful HomePages with which our members have some experience. If you have your own HomePage we would appreciate it if you would also link with the SVU HomePage. Please send your comments or suggestions to <rechcigl@aol.com>.

In Memoriam

Vladimír Dostál (1913-1998)

It is with great regret that we inform our membership of the recent death of our long-time member JUDr. Vladimír Dostál. He was born in Dobříkov in eastern Bohemia on July 11, 1913. He studied law at Charles University, University of Grenoble and the Paris Sorbonne. During the early years of the Nazi occupation he was active in the National Alliance ("Národní souručenství") in an effort to help his subjugated nation.

After the communist coup in 1948 he escaped and emigrated to Canada, and in 1955 to the US. He was an active member of the Agrarian Party in Exile and a frequent contributor to its publications. He was also a regular correspondent of Radio Free Europe. For two years he held the position as the Vice President and four years as President of the SVU New York Chapter. During his tenure, the NY Chapter was one of the most active SVU Chapters.

In 1989 he published, under the aegis of the Cz. Republican Party in Exile, the book, *Antonín Švehla, Profil československého státníka* (222 pgs.), which was reprinted in 1990 in Prague. Most recently, he authored another important book, *Agrární strana. Její rozmach a zánik* (356 pgs.), published by Atlantis in Brno. He died after a short illness in Bethel, CT on September 24, 1998. Dr. Dostál, whom I knew personally, was a person of great ability, energy and impeccable character who will be sorely missed by his many friends and SVU members.

Mila Rechcigl



Charles Bruml (1912-1998)

Charles Bruml, 85, a retired artist, and a long-time member of our Society, whose talent helped him survive Nazi concentration camps of World War II, died March 22 at the Powhatan Nursing Home in Arlington, VA. A native of Prague, where he was born on October 8, 1912, Mr Bruml retired in 1979 after 32 years with the commercial art firm of William P. Gelberg Inc. In Terezin and Auschwitz camps he was put to work painting numbers on uniforms and in the printing and engineering department. He survived the 40-mile death march in January 1945 from Auschwitz to Gleiwitz, where prisoners were being moved away from invading Russians. Mr. Bruml was liberated by British troops later that year.

He met his wife, Dr. Hana Bruml, a clinical psychologist who had been in the same camps, for the first time at an office in Prague after the war. The couple married and then moved to the Washington area in 1947.

Charles Bruml studied at the Corcoran School of Art. He displayed his paintings at galleries in the Washington area and at the Jewish Com-

munity Center of Northern Virginia.. His artifacts from the war, including the suitcase he carried on deportation transport, are part of the collection of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. A videotaped interview with the Brumls, who had traveled back often over the years to the concentration camp sites, is also at the Museum. MR



Libuše Drobílková (1927-1998)

We have just learned of the untimely death in Prague on October 4, 1998 of our member Libuše Drobílková. She was born in Cisovice January 22, 1927. She lived for forty years in exile where she distinguished herself as a Secretary of the Women of Free Czechoslovakia. Together with Betka Papánková, who was the organization's President, she helped a number of Czechs and Slovaks abroad with their problems. She also held the position of executive secretary of the Czechoslovak National Socialist Party, under the chairmanship of Dr. Vladimír Krajina. And thirdly, she represented the *České Slovo* in the US.



Dr. Ilya R. Gregor

o jehož životní dráze jsme v minulých *Zprávách* psali, zemřel náhle 10. září při návštěvě své dcery v Bruselu v Belgii.



Místní skupina SVU v Clevelandu ztratila svoji dlouholetou tajemnicí **Jarmilu Hynčík**, která po dlouhém boji podlehla zákeřné nemoci 12. září 1998. Narodila se v Praze v roce 1936. Jarmila Hynčík byla velice činná nejen v SVU, ale i v jiných důležitých krajanských organizacích. Majitelka a ředitelka Wimarko International bohatě podporovala všestranně umění. Pracovala jako překladatelka z francouzštiny, španělštiny, angličtiny, češtiny a mnoha jiných jazyků, které perfektně ovládala.

Budeme ji všichni velice postrádat.

DAGMAR V. POSEDĚLOVÁ



Cecilia Slavik Fruhlinger

Cecilia Slavik Fruhlinger, 81, of Saranac Lake died Sunday, November 15, 1998 at the Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake. Born Nov. 22, 1916 in Jindrichuv Hradec, Czechoslovakia, she was the daughter of Josef and Marie (Ceska) Slavik.

Mrs. Fruhlinger attended schools in Czechoslovakia, including English College in Prague. She left her home country in 1947 living in England until 1951 when she came to the United States in February of that year. She graduated from St. John's Hospital School of Nursing in Tulsa, Oklahoma in Sept. 1954 and received a B.S. in Psychiatric Nursing at Boston University. While there, she worked at McLean Psychiatric Hospital in Belmont, Mass. In 1963 she received a Masters Degree in Nursing Education and Administration. During her graduate studies, Fruhlinger worked as a supervising nurse on the surgical services unit at the Roswell Park Memorial Institute in Buffalo. In 1963 she was appointed Director of Nursing Services at the Ray Brook State Tuberculosis Hospital. After 1971, when the hospital closed, she served as Chief of Nursing

Services at Sunmount Developmental Center in Tupper Lake and later as the Public Health Nurse for the Tri-Lakes area, retiring in 1978.

In Czechoslovakia, Mrs. Fruhlinger was the third ranking women athlete, and a member of the Czechoslovak National Women's Rowing Team.

While residing in Ray Brook and Saranac Lake, she served as hostess and interpreter for the Czechoslovak sports teams competing in winter sports in Lake Placid.

Fruhlinger was a member of the National League of Nursing, The Senior Citizens Council of Franklin County and a long standing member of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences in the USA.

Survivors include her husband, Ben Fruhlinger, MD, whom she married in 1985 in Saranac Lake, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations can be made to the Tri-Lakes Humane Society in care of Fortune-Keough Funeral Home.

Z ČINNOSTI SKUPÍN

MS SVU Švýcarsko

Dne 14. června t.r. přednášel v sále Slovanského semináře univerzity v Basileji režisér a dramaturg Slovenského národního divadla v Bratislavě Martin Porubjak o vztahu české a slovenské divadelní kultury. Jeho přednáška našla živou odezvu v následující diskusi, která se dotýkala nejen kulturních, ale i politických vztahů mezi oběma zeměmi. M. Porubjak, někdejší poslanec a ministr poslední federální vlády, zodpověděl dotazy velmi kompetentně a s plnou otevřeností.

Švýcarská skupina se spolu s Etnografickým ústavem AV ČR podílela na organizaci sympozia „**Češi za hranicemi**“, které se konalo ve dnech 29. a 30. června t.r. v rámci Týdne Čechů v zahraničí v Praze jako součást oslav 650. výročí založení Karlovy univerzity. Ve velkém sále rektorátu KU se sešlo na 400 účastníků z celého světa, aby tu diskutovali o svých zkušenostech, problémech i záměrech. Účast členů švýcarské skupiny byla

překvapivě vysoká, mezi přednášejícími byli prof. J. M. Lochman, L. Paukertová, J. Stránský; předseda skupiny K. Hrubý působil jako moderátor. Naproti tomu na výzvu uveřejněnou v 1. čísle *Zpráv SVU* začátkem t.r. se přihlásili jen dva referenti ze Severní Ameriky, prof. M. Povolný a prof. O. Ulč, což bylo řadou severoamerických účastníků považováno právem jako nedostatečné. Ze sympozia bude vydán obsáhlý sborník a na žádost většiny účastníků bude podobné sympozium svoláno do Prahy znovu v roce 2000.

Dne 21. srpna 1998 se v kinosále Uměleckého muzea v Bernu promítaly **české a slovenské filmové týdeníky** zachycující průběh okupace Československa před třiceti lety a dva krátké filmy o Janu Palachovi. Večer uvedl předseda skupiny K. Hrubý stručným historickým přehledem; o překlad textu týdeníků pro švýcarské diváky se postaral ing. L. Křivánek. Potěšitelná byla účast mladší exilové generace, která si tu připomněla osudové udá-

losti, jež zažívala ještě v dětském věku či znala jen z vyprávění rodičů. Zájem obecnostva byl takový, že sedadla nestačila — mnoho diváků se proto usadilo na zemi či postávalo u zdi.

Dokumentární film „6. prapor“, zachycující osudy pronásledovaných a diskriminovaných za Slovenského štátu, byl 3. září vysílán německou televizí. Je prací místopředsedy ŠS Dušana Šimko a Mirka Pazdery.

20. listopadou pořádala švýcarská skupina ve spolupráci se spolkem Domov v Basileji čtení z nové **divadelní hry Julia Effenberga o Janu Masarykovi**. Je to psychologické drama člověka, který usiluje o lidskost a přátelství mezi lidmi a je přitom zahrán do bezvýchodné situace. Účinkovali Marta Lachová z Berlína a autor. Večer měl vysokou uměleckou úroveň.

Nejvýznamnější akcí tohoto roku byl bezpochyby **vzpomínkový večer** 25. listopadu v Bernu, jímž Češi a Slováci vyjádřili svůj dík Švýcarsku za velkorysou pomoc před třiceti lety. Tehdy otevřelo Švýcarsko své hranice více než 12.000 Čechů a Slováků a poskytlo jim možnost důstojného života ve svobodě. Koncertní sál hotelu Bellevue byl zcela zaplněn oficiálními zástupci švýcarské vlády, parlamentu, církví, univerzit a četných dalších kulturních, hospodářských i politických institucí. Z celého Švýcarska se sjelo více než 400 Čechů a Slováků, takže prostorný sál byl zaplněn do posledního místa.

Večer zahájil jménem SVU, Svazu

spolků Čechů a Slováků ve Švýcarsku a velvyslanectví ČR místopředseda ŠS-SVU doc. Dušan Šimko. Shromáždění pak pozdravil krátkým projevem velvyslanec České republiky Dr. R. Belcredi. Po něm se ujal slova zástupce švýcarské vlády ministr hospodářství Pascal Couchepin, který ocenil přínos československého exilu k prohloubení spolupráce a přátelství mezi Švýcarskem a Českou i Slovenskou republikou. Slavnostní projev měl prof. J. M. Lochman, rector emeritus Basilejské univerzity, který zhodnotil, čeho se tehdy našim exulantům ve Švýcarsku dostalo a Češi a Slováci naopak Švýcarsku přinesli. I když většina exulantů přicházela s prázdnými rukama, jejich hlavy nebyly prázdné. V kulturním, hospodářském i veřejném životě hostitelské země je jejich působení zřetelné. Československému exilu se ve Švýcarsku dostalo skvělé příležitosti rozvinout plně schopnosti a dovednosti, které ve svém domově nemohli pro politickou diskriminaci uplatnit. Za to patří Švýcarské konfederaci upřímný dík.

Po projevu prof. Lochmana následoval koncert ze skladeb A. Dvořáka, B. Martinů a B. Smetany pro housle a klavír. Vynikající český houslový virtuos Josef Suk za klavírního doprovodu Roberta Kolínského nadchl posluchače svým vřelým, hluboce propracovaným přednesem a připravil tak posluchačům opravdu nezapomenutelný zážitek.

KAREL HRUBÝ

NEW SVU BOOK BASED ON 1997 SVU CONFERENCE IN TEXAS

A book entitled *Czech-Americans in Transition* is scheduled for publication in early 1999 by Eakin Press, Austin, Texas. This collection of essays, edited by Clinton Machann of Texas A&M University, is based on a selection of presentations made at the 1997 Annual Meeting and Conference of the SVU, held July 12-13, 1997, at the Bell County Exposition Center in Belton, Texas, in conjunction with the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Slavonic Benevolent Order of the State of Texas (Slovanska Podporujici Jednota Statu Texas, SPJST).

Czech-Americans in Transition contains important new research on historical and cultural topics and illustrates the continuing strength and vitality of the Czech-American community, pointing toward a hopeful future for Czech ethnicity in America and the development of stronger ties between the U.S. and the Czech Republic.

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Appendix: "Czech-Americans: A Selected Bibliography of Publications in English," compiled by Miloslav Rechcigl, Jr.

The advance mail order price of *Czech-Americans in Transition* is \$16.00 per book (including shipping fees) and there is a 45% discount for orders of 50 books or more. This price is almost 20 percent less than its suggested retail price in bookstores next spring. To order, send a check along with your name and address to Eakin Press, P.O. Drawer 90159, Austin, TX 78709-0159.

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