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Interview

The Interview with our officers conducted in Jan-Feb 1991 issue of Vestnik, answered many questionable aspects of our organization, spirit of our club and in overall outlined and also reminded all of us about the general idea of membership in "Sokol". As of now, some officers opted not to be involved in our open discussion and did not reply.

Following are the replies of our officers and involved members to questions stated in previous Interview.

Dopisy

Dear Brother Cecil,

remembering the enthusiasm, joy and eagerness of the Czech people displayed by the people of Prague joining Sokol after the WW2, I would like to see the same happening now here after communism is finally out of Czechoslovakia. Sokol has much to offer to all our countrymen and women of all ages. Most of all we as Sokol members must make new members really feel that they belong and can contribute much. Sokol San Francisco is here for all the Czechs and Slovaks in the Greater San Francisco Area. Remember there is Power in Unity: political, social and economic and everybody benefits, Sokol included.

NAZDAR!



Frank Dlask, Recording Secretary

Contribution from Linda Apodaca, Sokol member:

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3-29-91

Dear Brother and Sister Sokols,

I am writing this letter in friendly response to the questions raised about the San Francisco Turners in the Jan-Feb issue of Vestnik.

I am, and have been, a member of the Turners since I was a very young girl. I have been a member of Sokol San Francisco for over a year now. I try to attend the monthly Sokol meetings on a regular basis.

Though I have been unable to attend Sokol dinner-dances in the past, I and many of us who work out at the Sokol hall on Wednesday evenings have tried to contribute to those events by putting down chairs and putting tablecloths on the tables to facilitate the decorating committee's preparations on Fridays prior to the dances. Several of us have helped stock and tend bar with brother Kolar.

To answer directly the "questions" about the Turners motives for joining Sokol;

1/ The Turners first inquired about renting the hall in 1984. We came to Sokol because both clubs have gymnastic backgrounds (which they have shared in the past, when Sokols and Turners worked out jointly while Sokol was still located in San Francisco). Sister Blanche Duffey recommended us on that basis. We rented the hall for 4+ years. The Turners greatly appreciated the fact that Sokol rented the hall to us very reasonably, because The Turners, unlike Sokol San Francisco, do not own their own facility (and could never afford one even from the time of the club's formation in 1948). Our coffers have never been anywhere near as large as those of Sokol even at the time of fullest membership (approximately 100 Turners). Over the years, our membership has dwindled down to only about 40. While we were renting Sokol hall, we were required by law, as a "gymnastic" organization, to carry our own separate liability insurance, which ran us about \$1800.- a year. That sum, in addition to \$250.- a month (later lowered by Sokol to \$200.-), brought our yearly outlay to Sokol to a total of approximately \$4800.- Based on that dollar amount, I estimate that the Turners would have gone broke by 1992 and would have had to disband.

2/ It was Sokol who approached the Turners with the proposal to become members. Both clubs held general meetings to discuss the pros and cons. The majority of Sokols were enthusiastic about having almost 40 new individual members (we did not join as the club). Some Sokols were concerned about the loss of the rental income. A very small number voiced dislike of the Turner's "German" roots. (Contrary to that belief, the Turners have never presented themselves as a German-American club at all, but strictly as a gymnastic organization). The Turners, on the other hand, were very grateful to be offered the opportunity to join the Sokol club for a number of reasons;

- 1) Insurance costs were putting a strangle-hold on our financial resources.
- 2) We would be able to keep our club intact.
- 3) We would be helping Sokol to increase its membership.

The only negative considerations had by some, were the remarks made about our club's German background. While it is a fact that many of our members are of German descent, the ancestry is very diluted. Most of our members are of the Heinz 57 Variety lineage, and with the exception of 1 or 2 of us, are born in the USA.

3/ When we joined Sokol we understood that we would be turning as Sokols on Wednesday evenings (this included not just volleyball but exercising as well) and that all Sokols were welcomed to attend. This meant that we would not be able to conduct Turner meetings at the hall. We agreed to this and as a result, held several of our monthly club meetings at our member's homes.

The Sokols did say it was OK for us to update our members, at the end of our calisthenics each week, about our Turner outings, birthdays, anniversaries, illnesses, parties, etc.

When logistics began to impede our monthly club meetings, we approached Sokol and asked if we could hold our meetings at Sokol hall and we offered to pay \$40.- to \$50.- a month to "rent" the hall for the 1-1.5 hours it would take to conduct them. Sokol said that we could use the hall for our meetings and that no payment would be necessary.

In every aspect to our dealings with Sokol (as Turners), we have found them to be most generous, gracious, considerate and genuinely concerned about us as fellow individuals and athletes. Now, over a year after being sworn in as Sokols we find this to still be true. Let us put all "assumptions" and "gossip" on the shelf where they belong ! Come and join us on Wednesdays, fellow Sokols !

Sincerely, Linda Apodaca

Answer from Vladimir Kolar - Building Physical Structure Committee:
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Žpráva budovy.

3-19-1991.

Na otázky ohledně solidnosti sokolské budovy není třeba odpovídat . Jsou známy a uspokojující. Že budova potřebuje různé opravy vidí snad každý. Bylo o tom již jednáno a rozhodnuto s kterými začít. Je jen třeba práci zadat a určit, kdy se bude provádět. To kdy je důležité vědět, jak pro plánování aktivit, tak pro pronájem. Další práce odborné, by pak měly pokračovat podle stavu financí.

Kromě toho je třeba natřít kuchyni a všechny kabinety vyčistit. V baru se musí umýt stěny a natřít nějakým leštidle. V sále podlaha potřebuje pořádně umýt a znovu napolířovat. Stěny kolem stolů také umýt všechny světla na stěnách rovněž tak. To samé platí pro jeviště. Záclony v sále a baru vyprát, na jevišti oponu sundat, vysát, vykartáčovat a znovu zavěsit. Kancelář remodelovat. Ladies toilets natřít, přebytečný cement z dlaždiček seškrabat/. Vystouplá část dvora se musí vyrovnat a spáry vymazat. Okraj asfaltového povrchu zarůstá plevelem, nechá-li se růstí dosahuje výšky až tří stop. Je nutno jej tři až čtyřikrát do roka vytrhat, nebo vykopat. Chodník před budovou jednou za týden zamést a část koridoru, kde skladujeme odpadky polít vodou a koštětem rozlité, nebo zaschlé zbytky jídel koštětem vymést, vždy po odvozu odpadků. Tyto práce by se měly udělat pokud možno v době co nejkratší a vzhledem k tomu, že na ni není třeba odborníků členy a bezplatně. Každý, kdo se stal členem Sokola San Francisco stal se spoluopatrovníkem sokolského majetku. Tak jako se stará musí si najít trochu času pro sokolskou budovu. Pod slovem musí je míněno, není jiné cesty Sestry a Bratři. Odborné práce budou stát téměř všechny naše úspory a proto pokládejte svoji účast na pracích za jednu z plánovaných aktivit.

Oslovení Sestry a Bratři. Téměř žádný bratr neodepře pomoc své sestře nebo obráceně, tak je tomu i v Sokole. To je asi, proč zakladatelé sokolstva přišli s návrhem, aby členi mezi sebou se oslovovali Sestro a Bratře. Ono to jaksi sbližuje a také zavazuje.

Ludva Cecil, Vestnik Editor
Sokol Club of San Francisco
San Mateo, Calif

April 1, 1991

Dear Brother Cecil,

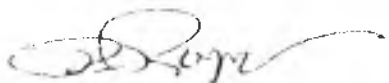
I feel that it is important that those of us who are S.F. Turners, as well as S.F. Sokols answer the questions brought up in the February-March issue of Vestnik. The question regarding our motivation for joining Sokol was asked and it is important to understand why any individual would join a social organization. Yes, at the time we joined we were in an expensive position. But we were paying our rent and insurance and could have continued to do so for many years as long as these didn't increase too much.

Since January 1990, when all of the active members of our group became Sokol brothers and sisters, we have all attempted to become strong individuals with the belief that Sokol is truly an organization dedicated to the physical, mental and cultural advancement of its members. Many of us attend monthly meetings, we work on committees, we have helped with dances, we attended special activities such as the 85th Anniversary Dinner Dance, and now one of our members, Cliff Tucker, became the President of Sokol, San Francisco for 1991.

We have always invited other members of Sokol to all our activities. We submitted a list of the Turner-Sokol activities to the Sokol officers in 1990 and 1991. This list should be in the Vestnik. They are open to everyone. All members of Sokol are invited to our Wednesday night activities from 7 to 10. This is a Sokol event, not just S.F. Turners. We play volleyball for an hour, do calistenics for forty-five minutes and socialize. Everyone is welcome.

To sum it up, as Edmund and Georgina Teyrovsky so aptly put it, S.F. Turners is merely an organization within an organization of S.F. Sokol and therefore meets the bylaws. If any Sokol member would also like to be a S.F. Turner member, we are open to all. We will all individually and collectively strive to maintain and motivate the ideals of S.F. Sokol.

Nazdar


Richard Ruppel, President S.F. Turners
Brother S.F. Sokol



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MANY THANKS TO VLADIMIR KOLAR.

Member of Sokol for many years, Vladimir is in charge of Building Physical Structure Committee. And that's definitely not, where his commitment, devotion and involvement in our Sokol ends. You can see him at every dance or other social events, always ready to help and work on various tasks, as needed. Besides these "visible" occasions, there is enormous effort, that Vladimir implies to maintain our building. From little repairs on all types of equipment to substantial jobs on quite a large scale, like the repair of the roof of our building. Vast amounts of dollars are saved through energy and allegiance of this one person - and for all the good times and nice environment we share in our club - there is this huge THANK YOU from all of us !
Vladimir, it's a great pleasure to have you as a member of San Francisco Sokol !

Ludva Cecil



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PENINSULA INFORMATION

April 9, 1991

Petition

Subject: Discrimination

We are joining and fully supporting Petition endorsed by Council of Free Czechoslovakia, Washington chapters of Sokol, SVU, the Czechoslovak National Council of America, Wilsonian Club and others.

We are requesting your support to correct an injustice and discrimination that is going against U.S. Citizens. Several laws were recently passed in Czechoslovakia for returning properties previously confiscated (= stolen) by Communists. These properties to be returned only to persons having Czechoslovak citizenship and permanently living in Czechoslovakia. U.S. citizens of Czechoslovak origin are by Treaty of 1928 between CSR and USA barred from dual citizenship.

So many properties presently held by staunch communist would be prohibited from returning to rightful owners who are living in United States and having U.S. citizenship.

Contrary to this fact, President Havel promised compensation to Sudeten Germans out of whom many were Nazi collaborators. The reason for denying return of properties to U.S. citizens was explained by Minister Klaus that Czechs living in United States have much higher living standard than Czechs living in CSFR. Also Czechoslovakia is going presently through difficult economic times. At the same time there is lot of talks about privatization and plans to give "Investment Coupons" for free to workers in factories and these coupons can be exchanged for stock shares. Yet such coupons will be refused to U.S. citizens who were rightful owner, founders, or heirs of these industries founders.

We realize that CSFR has financial difficulties and is short of funds, but returning real properties, providing shares, stocks securities for businesses, houses, land to rightful owners will in no way strain financial funds of CSFR.

We believe that these conditions (possibly motivated by envy of Socialists) are not prudent. They will definitely put a damper on outside investment on stream of new technologies, know how, modern

work methods that could have been brought to Czechoslovakia. Influx of ideas and overseas funds would bring multi-fold benefits much outweighing short sighted gain by not returning properties to right-full owners.

In Czechoslovak press, it was mentioned that residency will be very liberally considered, and it would be supposedly accepted if claimant lists address of his relatives. Also dual citizenship is no problem for Czechoslovaks living in West Germany, Switzerland and many countries. But Czechoslovaks living in United States are barred from dual citizenship. So this appears to be a brazen discrimination for U.S. citizens.

Therefore we are respectfully asking you that U.S. will demand to end this unjust discrimination if CSFR wants to keep favorable trade conditions with United States. Such trade advantages should be suspended untill the unjust discrimination will stop.

Very truly yours

Sokol Gymnastic Association of San Francisco

This petition has already been endorsed by the Council of Free Czechoslovakia, and by the leaders of the Washington chapters of Sokol, SVU, the Czechoslovak National Council of America, and the Wilsonian Club. Other organizations and individuals are being invited to help with the gathering of signatures.

P e t i t i o n

Since the establishment of a communist regime in 1948, many people have suffered confiscation, expropriation and seizure of their property in Czechoslovakia. These acts are considered illegal under present Czechoslovak law.

The restitution of such property to lawful owners or their heirs has been decided in principle by the new Czechoslovak authorities; their resolve to redress past injustices is being widely acclaimed.

However, the recent relevant legislation, passed by the Czechoslovak Federal Parliament, stipulates that only Czechoslovak citizens with permanent residence in that country should be entitled to such relief. This is an insult to all exiles who greeted the downfall of communism with as much joy and hope as the people in Czechoslovakia.

Restitution of private property, taken in violation of a fundamental human right, should not be subject to arbitrary restrictions or discriminatory conditions. Forcing American citizens in search of a legitimate redress for a long-standing wrong to choose between their country of birth and their country of adoption is legally and ethically unacceptable.

We, the undersigned, request that the United States authorities protest against the arbitrary discrimination against American citizens and promote a respect of private property rights in Czechoslovakia.

SIGNATURE

PRINT NAME

ADDRESS (optional)

Please send signed copies of this petition to: The Free Czechoslovakia Fund, PO Box 65111, Washington, DC 20035-5111. It will then be forwarded to officials in the US House and Senate and in the Executive Branch, including the Department of State. Please photocopy as necessary. If you have questions, call Olga Jonas, (301) 229-8643.

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Event	Day	Time	Place
Registration begins	Wed.	Noon	Hyatt Regency
Judges and Directors meet	Wed.	3:00 pm	Hyatt Regency
GYMNASTIC COMPETITION:			
Opening Ceremonies and Championship Competition Optionals	Wed.	7:00 pm	Convention Center
Jr. Girls C Division	Thur.	8:00 am	Gym #1 Convention Center
Jr. Girls B Division	Thur.	8:00 am	Gym #2 Convention Center
Jr. Boys C, Division	Thur.	8:00 am	Gym #3 Convention Center
Jr. Boys B & A Division	Thur.	8:00 am	Gym #3 Convention Center
Jr. Girls A Division	Thur.	12:00 pm	Gym #1 Convention Center
Jr. Girls Intermediate Div.	Thur.	12:00 pm	Gym #2 Convention Center
Jr. Boys and Senior Men Int., High & Champ. compuls.	Thur.	12:00 pm	Gym #3 Convention Center
Jr. Girls and Sr. Women High and Champ. compuls.	Thur.	3:00 pm	Gym #1 Convention Center
Senior Men Masters, A and B	Thur.	3:00 pm	Gym #3 Convention Center
EVENING AT THE ZOO AND DANCE	Thur.	6:00 pm	Indianapolis Zoo
(for Jr. and Sr. Competitors)			
COCKTAIL HOUR	Thur.	6:00 pm	Hyatt Regency
XXI SLET BANQUET	Thur.	7:00 PM	Hyatt Regency
GYMNASTIC COMPETITION:			
Sr. Women A and Intermediate Division ..	Fri.	8:00 am	Gym #1 Convention Center
Sr. Women Masters & B	Fri.	8:00 am	Gym #2 Convention Center
High Division Sokolads	Fri.	2:00 pm	Gym #3 Convention Center
High Division Sokolettes	Fri.	2:00 pm	Gym #2 Convention Center
RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS			
all Female Divisions	Fri.	11:00 am	Gym #1 Convention Center
SOKOL TRIATHLON			
males only	Fri.	10:00 am	Gym #3 Convention Center
VOLLEYBALL PRELIMINARIES	Fri.	8:00 am	Gym #4 Convention Center
VOLLEYBALL FINALS	Fri.	3:00 pm	Gym #4 Convention Center
VICTORY DANCE	Fri.	7:30 pm	Indiana Rooftop Ballroom
SLET REHEARSALS	Sat.	8:00 am	Convention Center
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"THE ENCHANTMENT OF PRAGUE: 1600-1750".

"Prague is the Most Beautiful Jewel in the Stone Crown of the Globe."-Goethe

On Friday March 15, 1991 and Saturday March 16, 1991, Humanities West presented series of lectures called "The Enchantment of Prague: 1600-1750". This lectures were excellently organized mainly by Professor Jan Triska. I have attended only the Saturday lectures that were of high culture quality.

Friday, March 15, 1991, 8:00-11:00 p.m.

Introductory remarks: Jan Triska
Lecture: Theodore Rabb, Princeton University,
Wallenst Bohemia and the Thirty Years
War
Performance: Sonata II in g minor by Jan Zelenka
(1679-1745)
(Andante)/Allegro/Andante/Allegro
Passacaglia for violin by Heinrich Biber
(1644-1764)
Sonato III in b-flat major by Zelenka
Adagio/ Allegro/Largo/Allegro
Michael Sand, violin Gonzalo Ruiz, oboe,
Michael Dollendorf, bassoon, Elaine
Thornburgh, harpsichord

Ms. Beverly Heisner, University of South Carolina, lectured on Rebuilding Prague in the Baroque Mold. She brought many slides and drawings mainly of Prague Baroque Churches.

Ms. Lee Hendrix spoke about the high quality of illuminated Baroque manuscripts and show/slides of book master pieces in the collection of museum.

Mr. Robert Lindell played some outstanding examples of Baroque music.

Mr. Hillel Kieval presented in very interesting way Legend of Rabi Loew and of Golem.

The program was enlightened by readings by Mrs. Carmel Triska about a Golem Legend and of Charles IV. While the lecturers were well prepared, I would like to make the following comments.

Ms. Heisner said that the church of St. Nicholas, the master piece of Central European architecture, was build by Krystof Dientzenhofer and finished by his son Kilian Ignac Dienzenhofer. The building history of this church is rather more complex. The later discovery indicates that the design of Nave was a master piece of an unknown Italian Architect (1704-1709) that later-on was suggested to be a pupil of the Italian master Guarino Guarini. The inside of Nave and the front of church was finished by Krystof Dientzenhofer (father) (1704-1711). While the cupola was designed by his son Kilian Ignac Dienzenhofer in 1736, the narrow tower Campanile finished by K. I. Dienzenhofer's son-in-law Anselmo Lurago in 1755. One correction seems to be in place. Several lecturers, especially, Ms. Beverly Heisner, mentioned it that all of the artists were from outside of Bohemia and no local Czech artist participated in this magnificent Baroque epoch. This is not the case.

Prestigious Larousse Encyclopedia Volume Renaissance and Baroque Art is listing as world foremost Artists Carl Skreta (1610-1674), Peter Brandl, Czech painter, (1668-1735), Jan Kupecky (1667-1740), other names could be mentioned such as Jan Krystof Liska (1650-1712) V. V. Reiner, Norbert Grund, Vaclav Hollar (1607-1677) graphic and etcher who was particularly famous in England. We can also add that at this time started world famous Czech cut-glass and colored crystal. One outstanding example of this glass is in De-Young Museum in San Francisco with picture of Prague Belvedere.

All my friends who have attended this lecture were enthusiastic about this programs and grateful to Professor Triska for organizing this event and hoping that similar programs would be staged in future.

Edmund Teyrovsky

Edmund Teyrovsky



„Na tebe, národe český a moravský, vlasti milá, zapomenouti také nemohou při svém již dokonalém s tebou se loučení.“

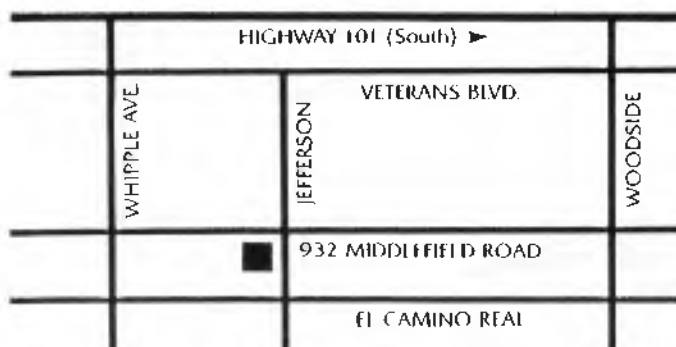
„Věřím i já Bohu, že po přejiti vichřic hněvu, hříchů našich na hlavy naše uvedeného, vlada věcí tvých k tobě se zase navrátí, ó lidé český!“

J. A. Komenský: Křať umírající matky Jednoty bratrské (1650)

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NOTE: MONTHLY MEETINGS WILL NOT BE HELD IN JUNE AND JULY !!!!!

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There will be a meeting Tuesday, May 7, and then in August 6, 1991.

1991 DUES.

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All members, who still didn't find the time and courage to pay their dues for 1991 should know, that the Sokol's dues year began in November 1, 1990. From the Bylaws: "A member whose dues are in arrears on November first of any year shall have notice sent to him, and unless payment be made by December first, he shall cease to have any privilege or right in the Association". -OK, we know these are not the "good old days" anymore, but everyone should show a bit of class and send in the dues - without any additional "begging for it"...

How about that, Sokols ?



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EMIL ZATOPEK - VISITING SQUAW VALLEY.

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If someone is a living legend of one sporting discipline or another, then there is absolutely no doubt about "sport of running" and big, huge star of it - Czechoslovak athlete Emil Zatopek. Holder of Olympic gold medals, World Champion many times over, is visiting California. There is no way to describe the feeling of being the lucky one to spend an evening with such a wonderful man. At 69 years of age he is still a kid at heart, bursting with energy. Emil has much to talk about, most of it concerning sport, achievement, fun and life. He loves to be with friends and friendly people, loves to sing, is ready anytime to either tell, or listen to a story. His visit to California should enrich his already vast travel memories. To demonstrate the popularity of this outstanding sportsman - picture the following: Emil Zatopek, browsing through Squaw Valley Village when someone walks up to him and says: "Excuse me, this might be silly, but I herd you speaking foreign language, aren't you, by chance, Emil Zatopek ?"

And then Emil had to autograph some of the skiing tickets
And - in my opinion, that's a sign of a "Legend of Running".

By L.Cecil

Sis Hoops says: Take time to smell the roses while your smeller still works.



MINI-INTERVIEW S JIŘINOU BOHDALOVOU

JIŘINA FUCHSOVÁ pro Československý videní

26. února 1991, Hotel Del Capri:

■ *Paní Bohdalová, co Vás přimělo k rozhodnutí vydat se na dalekou cestu až do Kalifornie, abyste zde pro krajany uspořádala benefiční vystoupení ve prospěch čs. zdravotnictví pod záštitou Československého Institutu v Los Angeles?*

„V těch benefičích už mám jaksi tak trochu praxi. A sice když loni v létě prodávala paní Eva Smith, sestra zdejší Heleny Grunewaldové, na libereckých trzích oděvní výrobky ve prospěch Jedličkova ústavu, pomáhala jsem jí trochu s vyřizováním různých technických zádrhelů, aby se její dobročinnost mohla v Československu uskutečnit. Finanční výdělek celé akce — 554 000 Kčs a šedesát haléřů jsme s paní Olgou Havlovou a paní Hánovou z Turnova, maminkou Heleny a Evy, předaly Jedličkovu ústavu v říjnu 1990.“

■ *Jaké jsou Vaše první dojmy z Kalifornie a jak proběhl Váš první koncert v neděli v San Diegu?*

„V San Diegu byla velmi slušná návštěva, což mi, samozřejmě, způsobilo velkou radost. Program, který se odvíjel na základě dotazů z publika, proběhl ve velmi srdečném ovzduší. Zajímavé je, že zdejší krajané reagovali téměř přesně jako moji diváci doma, což svědčí o tom, že i po letech prožitých daleko od domova neztrácíte tady smysl pro český humor. Kalifornie, nebo co jsem z ní zatím viděla, se mi nesmírně líbí, některé domky v San Diegu vypadaly přesně, jak jsem si je představovala. Když mi ukázali ranč, který kdysi patřil známému zpěvákovi Bingovi Crosbymu, zamrzelo mne, že náš praotec Čech ty své nohy kdysi nenatáhl o koustínek dál...“

■ *Děkuji Vám za rozhovor. A jménem naší krajské Kalifornie Vám upřímně přeji, aby se Vám mezi námi hodně, hodně líbilo!*

3. března 1991, během letu San Francisco-Los Angeles, odpověděla paní Bohdalová písemně na poslední otázku:

■ *Máte, nyní již po třech úspěšných vystoupeních v Kalifornii pro nás nějaké poselství z domova, z Československa?*

„Poselství je moc veliké slovo...Snad jsme na nové startovní čáře, tak nám držte palce a jak můžete, pomáhejte. Myslím, že my musíme teď společně s vámi rozvíjet vlastnost, která se jmenuje trpělivost. Děkuji vám všem zde, byl to ten nejkrásnější zájezd, jaký jsem kdy zažila.“

■ *Ještě jednou děkuji. A my všichni Vám přejeme šťastný návrat!*



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Zemřel Ladislav Fialka

Bílý oděv, bílá tvář Pierota. Mim, Marcel Marceau nebo Ladislav Fialka? Pro nás, kteří jsme vyrůstali zároveň s českou pantomimou, to byl Ladislav Fialka. Tento světově proslulý mim, choreograf, režisér a pedagog zemřel dne 22. února 1991 v necelých 60 letech.

Byl spoluzakladatelem a uměleckým vedoucím pantomimy Divadla na zábradlí. Spolupracoval s činohrou, pořádal letní semináře, na které jezdili zájemci z celého světa. Zanechal za sebou nejen pořádný kus práce, ale i kus sebe sama. Ve svých následovnicích, kterých vychoval řady, v našich vzpomínkách na umění náznak. V dobách oficiálního polopatismu nás učil vnímat, rozumnět poezii nevyřčeného. Smutné oči Pierota. HB

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