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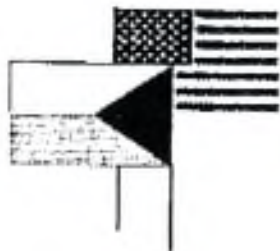
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Many people asked about CZECHOSLOVAK INSTITUTE OF LOS ANGELES. That is the institution which arranged "The evening with Jirina Bohdalova" and partially realized "Recital Evy Pilarove". After phone conversation with Mia Valert, following is the summary of the above named institution:



CZECHOSLOVAK INSTITUTE OF LOS ANGELES

The Czechoslovak Institute, a non-profit organization, was founded in April 1990 to promote cultural, educational, scientific and humanitarian contacts between the citizens of Czechoslovakia and the United States. The Institute hopes to assist in the reestablishment of the friendly relations between our two countries that have existed since 1918, the year of Czechoslovak independence.

The basic goal of promoting and fostering the exchange of ideas, information and people will be accomplished through the following services and programs:

- Promote cultural awareness through lectures, language classes, workshops, seminars, conferences, films, concerts, art exhibits and programs that focus on special topics, issues and themes dealing with Czechoslovakia.
- Collect much needed equipment and supplies such as computers, medical equipment, books and films and arrange for transportation to Czechoslovakia.
- Support special projects in Czechoslovakia such as Olga Havel's work with mentally handicapped children.
- Coordinate visits of Czechoslovak citizens to the United States. This includes arrangements for professional and social appointments, educational programs and housing.
- Investigate and promote educational exchange opportunities for Czechoslovak students and scholars in the U.S. and American students and scholars in Czechoslovakia.
- Organize and house a library which would be a collection of books, journals, films, periodicals, and articles covering topics relating to Czechoslovakia.
- Publish a quarterly newsletter giving information of activities, programs, events, and stories of interest concerning Czechoslovakia.
- Organize a referral file of Czechoslovak communities and clubs in Los Angeles and on the West Coast.
- Collate a directory on American companies and organizations conducting business in Czechoslovakia.
- The Czechoslovak Institute will finance these activities through membership dues, individual contributions, solicitation of corporate and government monies and special fund raising events.

For further information, contact Mia Valert, International Student Center, 1023 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles 90024. Telephone: (213) 824-1806. FAX: (213) 208-7813.

All letters received for this issue of Vestník indicated appreciation of the work and performance of our musicians and other members involved in program "VEČER PÍSNÍ TÁBOROVÝCH OHŇŮ"

ÚSPĚŠNÝ "VEČER PÍSNÍ TÁBOROVÝCH OHŇŮ":

Naši talentovaní členové nové sokolské hudby nám připravili velmi krásný "Večer písní táborových ohňů" v pátek 14.června 1991. Přes pokročilou letní dobu se nás sešlo na 80 bývalých význavačů tramského života, ale hlavně milovníků tramských písní - a stálo to zato. Chlapci na jevišti nás pozvolna uvedli do dob, kdy my jsme sedávali doma kolem táboráku, zpívali písně při kytáře a opékali burty. Chlapce na jevišti doprovázela a některé písně uváděla svým kultivovaným hlasem **Jarka Kavková**

Je třeba velmi ocenit záslužnou a nezištnou činnost těchto dobrovolníků, neboť již je to druhý krásný večer - po vánočních koledách - který nám tato skupina připravila a jak se proslýchá, nebude to ani poslední. Na podzimní sezónu již plánují "VEČER NÁRODNÍCH PÍSNÍ" a není pochyby, že bude zrovna tak úspěšný, ne-li úspěšnější, než ty dva předešlé. V tomto úzkém kroužku je mnoho talentu a hlavně dobré vůle dosáhnout i vyšších cílů a my všichni pevně věříme, že toto je teprve začátek a další krásná překvapení nás ještě čekají. Ti co na tomto večeru byli přijdou jistě opět i na další. Ti, co se dostavit nemohli, přišli o krásný zážitek, ale v budoucnu by si tuto příležitost neměli nechat ujít.

Svou chválou a vyslovenými díky nemohu zůstat jen u hudebníků a zpěváků. Příprava vkusných zpěvníků, který každý obdržel, si jistě vyžádala hezkých pár hodin mimo pracovní dobu. Burty jsme tentokrát sice neopékali, ale zato o hlad a žízeň bylo postaráno v kuchyni, kde vše vzorně klapalo.

Veškerý výtěžek tohoto večera byl věnován ve prospěch opravy naší Sokolovny, která si vyžádá více jak \$ 30.000.- výloh na nezbytné opravy. Kéž by tento záslužný a nezištný čin všech účinkujících byl zářným příkladem novým a štědrým dárcům pro tento účel.

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VZPOMÍNKA NA VEČER TÁBOROVÝCH PÍSNÍ.

Je to již hodně dlouho, co jsem nebyla na žádném pořadí v Sokole. Z vyprávění přátel, z kulturní činnosti posledních měsíců, i z nové úpravy a hlavně obsahu Věstníku mi bylo ale jasné, že náš starý, milovaný Sokol dostal do svých žil novou krev! Po dlouhé zimě zaval čerstvý vítr a s ním příslib jara...

Za léta svého členství jsem zažila mnoho společenských večírků, výtvarných akcí a vzpomínkových představení, ale nikdy jsem se neúčastnila s takovou chutí a citem jako v pátek. Zpívala jsem za dva! Jakou báječnou věc jste si to, chlapci, vymysleli, "VEČER TÁBOROVÝCH PÍSNÍ"! Každému z nás šly ty písničky rovnou k srdci, každý z nás si zavzpomínal a osvěžil v paměti melodie, které mu byly drahé.

Nálada byla radostná a vztah mezi návštěvníky a hudebníky velmi spontánní. Snad je to proto, že písně byly již od pradávna projevem nejhlubšího citění, tryskajícího z hlubin duše, kdy mysl se odpoutávala od všedního života a poetické hodnoty nabývaly nových realit. I v historii, v dobách útisku, to byla píseň, kterou si lid dodával odvahy čelit příkorí a sílu věřit v lepší zítřek. A táborové písně sahaly ještě dál, - mnohdy i do zamoří, do krajů, o kterých jsme čítávali s nadšením a kam nás naše fantasie bujně provázela. - TÁBOROVÉ PÍSNE !! - Písničky mládí, vzpomínky na kamarády a na šťastně prožité chvíle! Byla v tom zpívání nostalgie, radost i žal, a v té jiskře spolitosti - SÍLA!

Blahopřeji vám všem, kteří jste se zúčastnili, k úspěchu, těším se na další, a - DÍKY!

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Historical Notes:

Na zdar:- In Sokol is used official greetings "Na zdar". The origin of this greetings is explained that in the middle of 19th century, collection was made for Czech National Theatre. This was important undertaking as the theatre was called "Golden Chapel of Czech Culture." Many ladies were using collection boxes and asked "Na zdar Narodniho Divadla", meaning "for the success of National Theatre". The word "Na zdar" became so popular that it became a patriotic greeting.

Greeting "Ahoj":- When in the middle ages, Portuguese sailors met an unknown ship: they called "Ad Honorem Jesu" probably to assure themselves that the ship belongs to a Christian nation. This greetings became abbreviated to "Ahoj" or "Ahoy".

Jeans:- In New York a Jewish merchant was making pants form a strong cloth, left over from Bohemia. It became very popular because of its durability. Neighbours commented that wearers look like Genovese (Genes) sailors. From it, it changed to Jeans.

Denim:- Jeans are usually made from material called Denim. In French City of Nimes was made similar cloth (Serge) From it de Nimes denim.

Denier:- This was small French coin (originated from Latin Denarius). Thickness of silk was measured as how many denier (coins) was needed to put on a scale to weigh the same as skein of silk, now it is how many grams weighs a skein of 9,000 meters. The thickness of fillament yarns; nylon, polyester, silk, etc. is indicated in deniers



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CZECH IMMIGRATION TO CALIFORNIA:

Very little information is available on the first wave of Czech immigration to California. The discovery of gold was noted in Czech newspapers and immigration agents were present in Bohemia and Moravia to handle the requests for passage to California. The first available records for Czechs in California show that in 1853, 3419 Czechs came to California: 1311 from the Plzeň (Pilsen) district and 1009 from Budějovice district. In 1854, the number increased to 6,128, but by 1855 had dropped to 3021. In 1859 only 842 new immigrants arrived. In his book "The Čechs (Bohemians) in America" Thomas Capek states that immigration from Bohemia to the United States during the Gold Rush period was about 25,000. If one refers to the above figures, obviously not all of the 25,000 could have come to California, but sizeable number did make it and formed the basis for a Czech community.

After the Gold Rush the Czech immigrants moved to the cities or set up small agricultural (especially fruit) concerns in the Central Valley - Fresno-Clovis. In the 1860s a Bohemian by the name of Korbelt came to California. He was a lumberjack, had worked in Panama and had made some money operating a canteen during the Canal project. He settled in the Russian river region near the wine-growing areas of the Napa and Sonoma valleys and claimed some land on a bend in the river, about two miles upstream from the town of Rio Nido. First he cleared the land of its redwoods and sold the lumber, then planted a vineyard, working around the stumps that were too difficult to remove and thereby creating one of the most picturesque vineyards in the state. At first he manufactured a dry champagne "Grand Pacific", which later was known as Korbelt Brut. As of 1949, the vineyard was still owned by the Korbelt family, but since then it has passed into other hands and is noted for its fine brandies.

In 1876, a Czech organization in Chicago, "the Česka Osada" (meaning "Czech Colony"), was considering a move to a warmer climate. "Onward to Texas, Arizona and California" read their address, "let the Čechs feel joy of resting in the shade of orange trees after their daily toil!" They sent a committee to Shasta County, California, to report on conditions. Some of the members opposed a move there because they felt the land prices were too high; Oklahoma, Kansas or Nebraska seemed to offer better

opportunities. In addition, a member of the committee and a supporter of the California move, Frank Petrovec, was killed in a train crash during the investigation and this discouraged many of the members of Ceska Osada.

The Czechs who did come to California were described as "splendid pioneers, industrious and lawabiding". One of their number, Frank Lastufka, was the Czech vice-consul in San Francisco from 1886. His interest and helpfulness earned him the affectionate title of "Father Lastufka."

This was the first beginning of immigration to California. Later another mighty waves of immigration came to the shores of the Pacific ocean, but this could be entirely new chapter.

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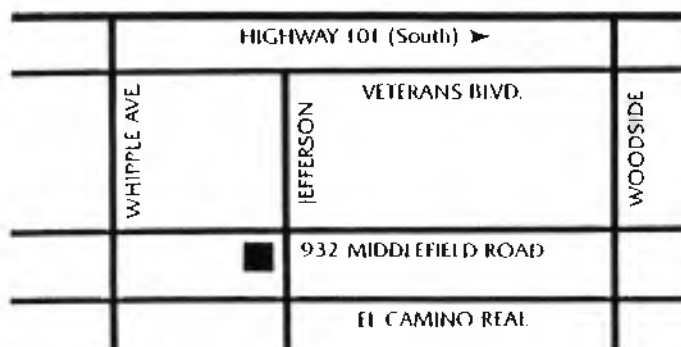
Musím se přiznat, že jsme si již dlouho tak dobře nezazpívali, jako při pořadu "Večer písní táborových ohňů". Slyšet chorál nějakých osmdesáti "ladících" hlav v nestárnoucích evergreenech jako Vlajka, Ascalona, Nebeští jezdci, Niagara a třicet dalších, vůbec se ndivím, že mnohým z přítomných se nepodařilo potlačit slzy. Myslíme si, že to byl úspěšný program a na základě žádostí, které již do Sokola přicházejí, se možná bude "Večer písní táborových ohňů" opakovat. Bylo nám vytknuto (v dobrém smyslu), že jsme ze samé skromnosti ani nepředstavili účinkující v tomto pořadu a že to byla chyba, protože se, podle názoru všech zúčastněných lidí, nemáme za co stydět. Prý právě naopak. Je to pro nás odměna, slyšet, že se pořad líbil, a chtěli bychom všem hostům poděkovat za pěveckou spolupráci, bez Vás všech by to zdaleka nebylo tak pěkné. Tak doufejme na podzim při opakování pořadu na shledanou v Sokole - a zde jsou jména, která dlužíme:

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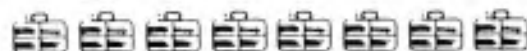
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Issue #1:

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To be honest, I am a little bit hesitant to start this money talk. It does not come natural to ask, or to beg for money. Most unfortunately that is what we at Sokol are forced to do. It is hard to believe we have the end of June already and so many members did not have enough dignity to pay their dues. Ladies and Gentlemen, it is sad. Against our will, we have to ask: "Would you, please, send in your annual dues for year 1991, please ? Thank you !" It's \$ 20 per person.

Issue #2:

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We took for granted that all non-members, who wished to subscribe to "Vestnik", would automatically send in the annual donation of \$ 8.- to cover the expenses and mailing of the newsletter. In many cases it did not happen therefore we have to beg again: "Would you, please, send in your annual subscription dues for year 1991, please ? Thank you ! Eight dollars, is that so much money to ask ?"

Issue #3:

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Now this one is the pleasant one, because there is nobody to blame or accuse of wrongdoing. It's about our Sokol Hall and the cost of repairs over \$ 30 000.-, which will be completed during this summer. We believe the building is serving all of us, each one of us have experienced some fun and good time here. So, in this matter, I don't feel too bad to indicate a need for a financial help and suggest to all of you, who care and feel for our Sokol, to join the pool of those people which already pledged their donation. I want to assure you that every little bit will help. It takes a lot of small fish to make a great aquarium. It is my pleasure to ask: "Would you, please, send in your donation for a repair of OUR building ?

All contributions will be truly appreciated ! Thank you !"

Ludva Cecil - Vestnik editor.

\$\$\$ MONEY TALK - NEŘEHLÉDNĚTE !!!

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If there are any questions please contact any one of these camp directors:

Frank Maslowski (209) 431-0582

Cheri Riddle (209) 299-5001

Directions and Map:

From U.S. 99 in Fresno, Ca. follow Ca. 168 East (Shaw Ave) or Clovis Ave. North through the city of Clovis to Shaver Lake (Ca. 168). In Shaver Lake turn right onto Dinkey Creek Road. Travel 13 miles East on the Dinkey Creek Road. When entering the Dinkey Creek area pass the Forest Ranger Office (do not turn to cross the bridge-McKinley Grove Road) and on to the Dinkey Creek Store. Turn right at the store and then left into the camp at the wood bridge (the bridge has been closed to vehicle traffic). Signs will be posted in the area.

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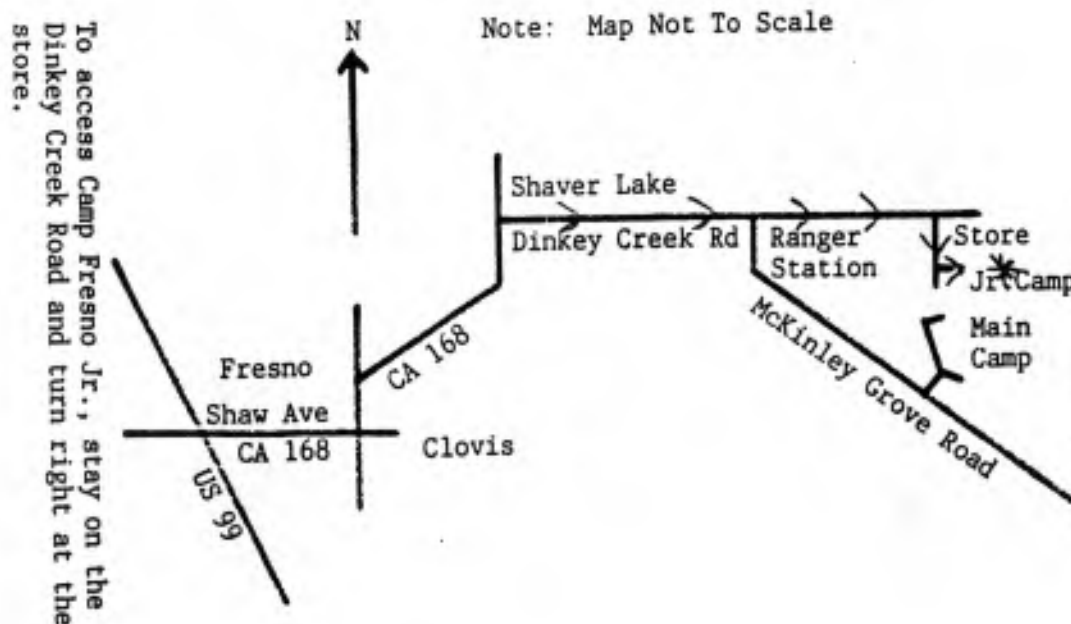
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Accommodations:

In barracks or cabins. Bring your sleeping bags, sheets, blankets and pillows. Hot and cold showers, a washing machine and a clothes line and flush toilets are available in the camp. The camp will only hold approximately 90 people. Those wishing to attend must return their reservation form as soon as possible.

Cabins and tent or R.V. camper facilities are available in the area. Those using these facilities rather than the Sokol Camp can still participate in the daily and evening activities. Please notify us on the attached Reservation Form.

FOOD

Bring your food in ice chests which can be stored in the large refrigerator. Non-refrigerated food can be stored in the large kitchen but should be kept in closed containers, i.e. plastic boxes, etc. Cookware, plates, silverware, cups etc. are available in the kitchen where you can prepare your meals. A large BBQ (wood will be provided) is also available.

Sokol Fresno will prepare a no-host Tri-Tip dinner on Saturday night.

Activities:

Teenagers and adults are encouraged to create and supervise activities for younger children and other campers. Some ideas suggested are: Na' Walks, hiking to Dinkey Dome, Fishing, swimming at the slides, an overnight camp-out, family games, crafts, volleyball, horse-shoes, table tennis, skits, a talent show, Czech language or Czech song lessons, dancing, aerobics or any activities you would be willing to supervise and or provide material for.

Horseback riding is available at a near-by pack station.

Camp Regulations

Note: (The Camp Regulations on the attachment must be followed explicitly or we may not be able to use this camp in the future).

- Quiet Time: Please show consideration for other campers by limiting noise from radios, tape players, musical instruments, voices, etc. in the dorms from 10 P.M. to 6 A.M.
- All youngsters under the age of 18 must be supervised by a responsible adult after 10 P.M.
- No alcohol in dorms or cabins.
- No smoking in dorms or cabins.
- Campers of all ages will be responsible for keeping the kitchen clean.
- Use of kitchen after 10 P.M. by minors must be supervised by a responsible adult.
- If necessary, a lock will be placed on the refrigerator after 10 P.M.
- Camp-fire singers should be aware when small children are present and keep songs with "questionable" language for a later time.
- The camp director will assign you to a barrack or a cabin.
- Teens will not be allowed a cabin by themselves without a responsible adult in the same cabin.
- The head of the family is responsible for all it's members.
- Each camper who stays in the barracks or a cabin must pass a cleaning inspection by one of the camp directors before departing the camp for home.

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RESERVATION FORM:**DINKEY CREEK**

(Please Print)

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Any special requests or questions contact Frank Maslowski Tel. #209-431-0582

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AUGUST 30 - SEPT 2, 1991****CAMPING AT HUME LAKE - LABOR DAY WEEKEND !!!****CAMPFIRES - SPORTS - GOOD FOOD - GOOD MUSIC - GOOD PEOPLE !!!**

The annual and by now Traditional Labor Day Weekend Camping at not too large, but very romantic Hume Lake, is always a very nice event. Just like every year, campsites are reserved for "Sokol", camping fee will be collected by Ranger on the spot. There will be plenty of sport activities - volleyball, noheyball ,swimming, singing by the fire - and the best of all - perfect weather.... Bring your kids and dogs !

To get there: on your own to Fresno, then see the map:

HWY 180 EAST, pass Wilsonia and Grant G. Village, turn right on HUME ROAD and there it is - can't miss it...



Masters of Drama Face to Face

A few months ago, Italian movie director Lina Wertmuller traveled to Czechoslovakia, where she had a chance to get acquainted with Czech President Vaclav Havel. She describes him in the latest issue of Interview magazine.

Wertmuller was quite taken with Havel, especially because of "that aura of irony that illuminates his presence, giving me the impression that the drug of success has not poisoned his serenity."

She especially liked it when he told her: "He who takes himself too seriously always runs the risk of cutting a comic figure. He who manages always to poke fun at himself doesn't risk ridicule."



Havel: laughs at himself

Getting Rid of Soviets and Beards

In 1968, many Czechs began growing beards as a protest against the Soviet invasion of their country. Yesterday, this man and others had their beards removed during a shaving ceremony at Prague's Wenceslas Square — a celebration of the withdrawal of the last Soviet troops from Czechoslovakia. The troop pullout is scheduled to be completed this week.

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in memoriam

We regret to let you know that on February 3, 1991 passed away Mr. Josef Necas of San Mateo after long illness.

Mr. Necas was born in Mikulov, Czechoslovakia, in 1905. He was a member of San Francisco Sokol for 28 years. Among many other activities, Mr. Necas was active in welfare help in Ostrava and actively helped the women of Lidice, who survived the German prisons, to be placed into recreational facilities. Mr. Necas was rewarded "An Honorable Citizenship of Lidice" for this activity.

Josef Necas resided in California since 1957. He is survived by his wife of 61 years. For many years of help and activity Sokol San Francisco is remembering him and his wife with a gratitude.

Soviets Formally End Czechoslovakia Force

Prague — The Soviet Union signed away its military presence in Czechoslovakia yesterday, formally ending almost 23 years as a hated occupation force that arrived at the head of a Warsaw Pact invasion.

The final trainload of Soviet soldiers, last of the 73,500 troops stationed in Czechoslovakia since the August 1968 invasion, left last week.

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