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Interview

It was a pleasure to have an interview with Bill Moser, an American, who - one would think - should not have any reason to spend vast amounts of time and money to help Czechoslovakia as a country and to Czechs and Slovaks as people. To help to make a transition from old to new easier. Bill Moser does not have any other reason to do that, than being a good person with a big heart.

Here is a summary of what Bill's act is all about:

Help Needed for Educational Programs

During the past year, after retiring from Menlo College where I was Director of Admissions and Registrar, I worked as a volunteer for Komenskeho University and the Slovak Ministry of Education in Bratislava. At the university I taught conversational English for an adult educational program, Jaspex, and for the Ministry of Education, I was the senior advisor for the Slovak Academy's Information Agency. Besides the great desire to learn and improve their English, many individuals wanted to come to the United States for an educational experience -- either at a high school or university for a year, or with a corporation for a short term internship. Some physicians also wished to have an opportunity to observe and obtain additional knowledge about their specialties.

It is possible for high school students (juniors and seniors) to live in America as guests with host-families and attend the local high schools without paying tuition. If these students participate in a program such as AFS, there are fees which they must pay -- usually around \$3,000 - \$5,000. Students in Czecho-Slovakia do not have the resources for these programs and therefore are unable to participate. However, if a host-family can give a student room and board for ten months, several students can pay for their medical insurance and the air fare to San Francisco. For these students, I need host-families. If you can host a student or know of someone who would be able to host a student, I would appreciate hearing from you.

Several individuals are interested in corporate internships -- computer manufacturing and sales, banking, retailing and marketing, construction engineering, nuclear physics, and also medical seminars or technical assistance in neurosurgery and cardiology. They are eager to bridge the educational and technical gap between the "east" and "west."

For students who have applied to American colleges and universities, scholarship money is urgently needed. Some universities will offer a partial scholarship -- the student must obtain the balance. Menlo College offered a scholarship to a student this year, but he was unable to obtain the \$4,000 difference in the financial aid package and was unable to accept the offer. Another student however was offered a 100% scholarship at Linfield College in Oregon and he enrolled this September.

I am hoping to find host-families for high school students (two for January), corporate internships and financial aid for eager, well-educated, highly motivated individuals. Any assistance you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

William A. Moser
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PENINSULA INFORMATION

August 26, 1991

TO: ALL SOKOL MEMBERS

Re: SOKOL BUILDING REPAIRS

For several years many Sokol members were aware that some repairs of our building are necessary. On April 17, 1990 two-thirds of members that answered questionnaire about Sokol building voted to keep the present building while provide minimum of needed repairs. Finally on regular Sokol meeting on May 14, 1991 it was decided to go ahead with overdue repairs. Bid of City Wide Builders Contractor was selected out of several bids.

The price was \$30,624.00 plus some minor dry rot repairs. When contractor opened the affected walls it was found that large portion of building walls and beams are completely rotten. San Mateo City Inspector declared the building dangerous for occupation.

Already accepted hall rentals needed to be refunded. Contractor was instructed by the city to make emergency shoring to prevent life threatening situations. Building Committee consulted Sokol Board members and special membership meeting was called on August 13, 1991 at 7:30 to decide next steps about the building. Special membership meeting decided:

1. To save the building. One reason was that building in present condition is unsellable, there is not enough money to buy a new building (or exchange). Some members made vague offers to ask their real estate agents about possible value of present building. Any such estimate obtained by the Sokol members or Sokol friends will be highly appreciated.

2. Members approved payment for the work done so far by the contractor, mainly for lumber supporting the building to prevent it's collapse and provide work ordered by Building Department of City of San Mateo, which should not exceed

\$10,000.00. Contractor said that shoring lumber can be re-used for building repair.

3. The present construction engineer Alexian Albert will prepare plans for needed repairs. These plans to be approved by City of San Mateo and by Sokol Association.

4. Approved plans will be sent to several contractors for bids. Bids will be requested to give maximim "ceiling" price and charge for actual material and lumber which hopefully would be less.

5. Contractor bids would then be reviewed by Sokol building committees and presented to membership for approval.

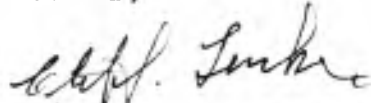
6. While the repair cost is much more that ever was previously expected the special Sokol meeting about our building agreed and reconfirmed previous two-thirds Sokol membership vote to keep present building and do necessary repairs.

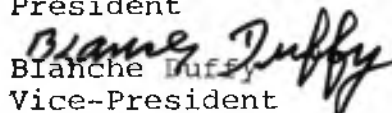
7. Edmund Teyrovsky was asked to prepare application to FEMA (even if we have small hope) to request government help with repair costs.

8. It was decided to rush repairs as reasonably possible in order to salvage at least part of Sokol Fall and Winter program; also to be able to rent the hall to get some income against enormous expenses.

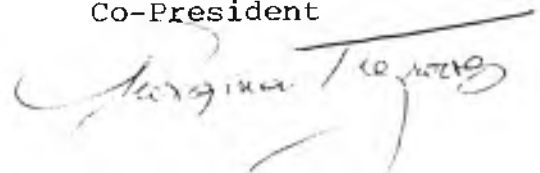
9. In view of this tremendous financial burden all members and friends are urged for maximim donation towards the building repair. All names of kind donors (except anonymous) will be not only mentioned with thanks in Sokol Vestnik, but will be written in "gold letters" in Hearts of San Francisco Sokol Association Members.

Nazdar,

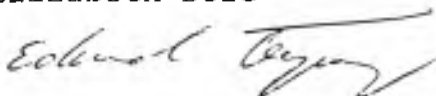

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For Sokol building Committees:
Vladimir Kolar, Edmund Teyrovsky, Paul Burda, Alois Rozehnal,
Elizabeth Bele



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July 31, 1991

Mr. Edmund Teyrovsky
26563 Durham Way
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Dear Mr. Teyrovsky:

Thank you for your follow-up letter and for copies of the petitions. I appreciate your kind comments and support.

I am glad to hear that the Czechoslovakian government is recognizing the strong support in the United States Congress to address the valid claims of Czech-Americans. I hope justice will come soon on this issue.

Sincerely,



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Sokol families and their friends met this summer during the week of July 28-August 4, 1991 at Dinkey Creek for our 6th annual Sokol Family Camp.

A total of 55 people attended the camp this year. Most of the participants are "regulars" - families who come back year after year. Others attend one summer and are never heard from again. Campers come from all over California, but mostly from the Los Angeles and the Fresno region.

Dinkey Creek is an incredibly beautiful and very peaceful spot located near Shaver Lake in the Sierras. It is tucked away from the rest of the world at the end of a 13-mile turnoff from the main highway 168 and this location protects the area from traffic. The long-debated and now-dead issue of flooding the entire area by damming the creek by Southern California Edison spared Dinkey Creek from development and actually forced many businesses out of the area. The only commercial installations in the area are campgrounds, a ranger station, a general store, and horse stables. Dinkey Creek remains one of the last large undammed creeks in the Sierras. The 5,680 ft. elevation of the camp is ideal during the summer - high above the heat of the valley below, yet low enough to be comfortable.

The camp we rent is owned by the city of Fresno and is reserved by lottery in November. The demand for this camp is great and it takes some effort for Sokol Fresno to get the camp each year. The camp is set up for group use: there is a large, fully equipped kitchen - "mess hall", including a large walk-in cooler for food storage, a communal dining hall, communal showers, restrooms, and laundry facilities. Campers sleep in barracks (dormitories), where each family occupies a compartement.

This year, as all the other years, campers participated in many activities, both individually and in groups. These included: swimming in Dinkey Creek, fishing and mushroom picking by Courtright Reservoir, visiting nearby McKinley Redwood Grove, horsebackriding, and hiking to Dinkey Dome. In the evening we had campfires and the children enjoyed the free Disney movies shown on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays in the outdoor amphitheater. The hike to Dinkey Dome, about 4 miles one way, offers some of the most beautiful scenery in the Sierras, complete with splendid rock formations and spectacular waterfalls. There are many waterholes and waterslides within walking distance from the camp as well.

With the sweeping political changes taking place in Czechoslovakia, many Sokols are visiting the old country and this situation has no doubt contributed to the decrease in participation in our Sokol Family Camp this year. In order to reserve the camp for the next year, the camp director will need a firm commitment from at least 8 families for the full week by **November 1** of this year. We are still 3 families short, so please contact **Bro. Frank Maslowski** at (209) 431-0582 if you plan to attend next year. The exact dates of the 1992 Sokol Family Camp will not be known until December 1, 1991, after the lottery takes place.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!



Yvonne Masopust
Santa Barbara

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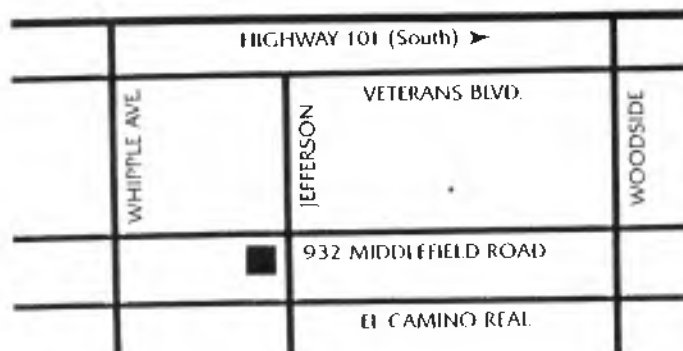
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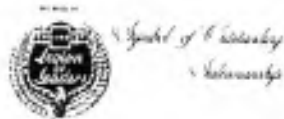
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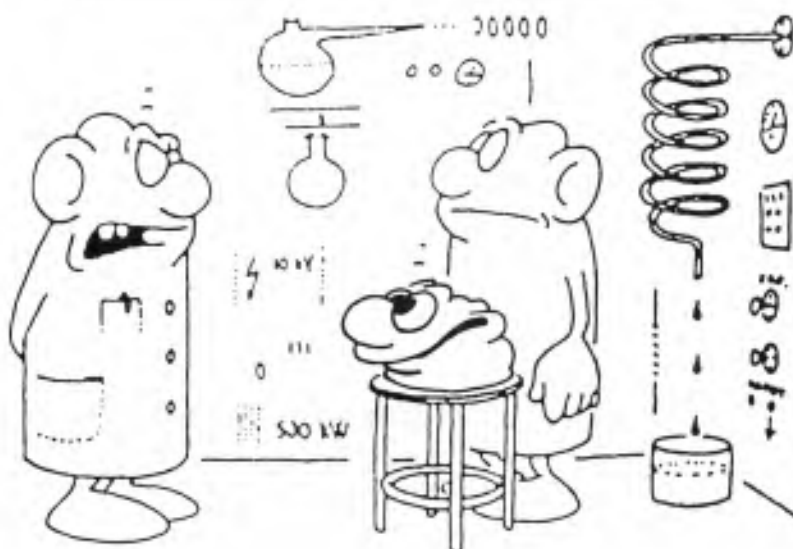
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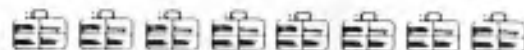


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CZECH ORGANIZATIONS IN CALIFORNIA:

The most active Czech organizations in the United States have been the Sokol groups. These clubs, which were extremely popular in Czechoslovakia before World War II (and were thought by Hitler to have formed a nucleus for underground resistance activity), focus on physical and cultural education. Each chapter belongs to central organization in Chicago. In 1909, the American Sokol organization established a Pacific District, headquartered in San Francisco, where a chapter had been started in 1904. The units of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle, Oakland and Malin (Oregon) were active in the Pacific District. The sheer number of miles between the northern and southern chapters made it difficult to establish the sense of camaraderie that the midwestern units had. Later, World War I severely depleted the groups' membership. But by 1923, the division had been re-energized by the efforts of some enthusiastic workers and after-war immigration. The same thing happened with the World War II but by 1968, Seattle, Portland, Los Angeles and San Francisco still had Sokols (San Francisco and Los Angeles also had Sokolice, the women's division) and Fresno had been added to the list of chapters.

After World War I a sizeable Czech colony also grew in San Diego, attracted by the opportunities to work in the airplane and ship-building industry. The social clubs developed there too. In 1935, the whole Czechoslovak colony organized the Czechoslovak Exposition Committee of the Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco. The ladies of the group dressed in native costume to greet visitors to the Czechoslovak pavillon, which was to present "a true picture of the culture, accomplishments and the peaceful traditions of our people." At that time Pasadena Czech Club was also active as well as several mutual benefit groups. In Oakland there was a branch of the Czech National Alliance and All Slav Club located in San Pablo had many Czech members.

The Sokol Hall on Page Street in San Francisco was the center of Czech activity. During World War I most of the young Sokol gymnasts were in the Armed Forces, while the older members took an active part in the liberation movement. Various delegations and dignitaries en route to and from the Czechoslovak legions in Siberia were received in Sokol Hall... The onset of World War II meant a repetition of former patriotic activity. Once again Sokol Hall became the scene of many enthusiastic receptions. With the influx of new immigrants following World War II, new life was generated in the unit. The crowning moment came in 1960, when Sokol was able to erect and unveil a statue of President T.G. Masaryk, prominently located in San Francisco Golden Gate Park. This was the historic moment, a living proof that Sokol was influenced by Masaryk's ideal of "Pravda vitezi" (Truth prevails).

For many decades Sokol San Francisco served as the very center for varied national activities. By 1968 when racial disturbances engulfed San Francisco centering mostly around the very area where the Sokol Hall was located, the membership voted to sell the building and leave the seat of so many memories and the Sokol Hall has been moved to the San Francisco suburb of San Mateo.

Today, the Czechoslovak community due to the 1948 and 1968 immigration is probably larger than in the early years, but the activity is not equal to that of early immigrants. The Sokol Hall is still the center of activities for whole Czechoslovak community around the Bay Area.

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4. října "GREENHORNS" v Carpenter's Hall, Redwood City.

Koncem října plánujeme opakování úspěšného programu tramských písní, "VEČER PÍSNÍ TÁBOROVÝCH OHŇŮ", kde si všichni společně zazpíváme...

V půli listopadu bychom mohli prožít večer povídání a vzpomínek s hercem MILOŠEM KOPECKÝM.

Koncem listopadu přijede zpěvák a kytarista PAVEL NOVÁK. Je také známý humorista a obsah večera bude zpěv a vyprávění.

Na plovinu prosince - na předvánoční období - plánujeme tradiční "KOLEDY", které měly minulý rok velký úspěch. Zazpíváme si koledy všichni společně.

Všechny uvedené programy budou oznámeny individuálními pozvánkami, ale předběžně se můžete těšit

P A V E L N O V Á K

se narodil 10. 3. 1944 v Přerově. Už od dětství inklinoval k hudbě a sportu, takže není divu, že po studiu na Gymnázium v Přerově odchází do Olomouce, kde na Palackého Univerzitě studuje tělovýchovu a biologii. V průběhu školní docházky a studia navštěvuje také hudební školu, kde studuje housle a zpěv a později další nástroje. Ve svých 18 ti letech zakládá skupinu Synkopa a už o dva roky později začíná pronikat na výsluní, aby se stal zpěváckým idolem šedesátých let. Kapely se střídaly, ale písničky zůstávaly.

Pihovatá dívka, Význání, Malinká, Podivný spáč, Nádheraná láska a mnoho dalších se hrají dodnes. Napsal kolem 250 písniček, 2000 textů, ale píše také poezii a prózu.

Vydal přes 100 SP a 10 LP doma i v zahraničí. V roce 1973 získává 1. místo i v Německu hitem Tausend Farben a natáčí svou německou LP. Vzhledem k tomu, že hovoří německy i anglicky, vydává také několik SP v anglické verzi.

MEETING INFORMATION

Minutes of Sokol San Francisco General Meeting on August 13, 1991.

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 pm. President Tucker lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of officers indicated that Treasurer Vrana was absent.

Since this was a special meeting for discussion of repairs to the Sokol hall the minutes and reports were tabled until the September meeting.

President Tucker welcomed all in attendance to this important meeting especially on such a hot and humid evening. He explained what areas of the hall should be avoided due to damage. He also introduced our contractor, Henry Janek.

Br. Teyovsky reported on the proposal to make repairs. Last year members were asked to help with decisions regarding repairs, replacement, etc by questionnaire. The members who replied preferred that we repair the hall as necessary providing costs were nominal. However, once repairs were underway, it has been discovered that the hall is far worse condition than first thought. Further investigation of costs and repairs is necessary. We are also trying once again to receive Government help for financing some of the costs for damage repair. Generally, damage is due to extensive dry-rot and termites.

Br. Kolar reported that we must have had a Guardian Angel looking over us because the damage from the front to the back walls is extensive, and we could have had a serious accident. More walls will have to be removed in order to find internal damage. The City of San Mateo Building Inspector has condemned the building, and for the sake of safety the building has been "shored up". Members should be notified if we are unable to hold meetings at the hall.

Sister Duffey made a motion for a novation of the contract with Henry Janek. The motion was seconded by Sister Sika. The motion passed. Henry Janek will present a bill for his work completed next week, for which he will be paid.

We now need to have a structural engineer inspect the building thoroughly, draw plans to be submitted to the City of San Mateo for approval, and get three or four bids from contractors for costs of the work, and finally approval from the Sokol membership for completion of the work.

No further action can be taken until all of the above is completed. It was suggested that we should have a comparison cost for demolition, new construction, value of property, etc.

We are reminded that the hall is condemned so we are unable to rent the hall or to have any Sokol functions until the hall is renovated. If possible, we will have monthly meetings at the hall.

A motion was made by Br. Teyovsky and seconded that we hire an engineer to prepare the plans after thorough inspection of building (including termite inspection), to pay city planning fees as necessary, and then solicit several contractors for bids. The motion was approved.

President Tucker congratulated Brother and Sister Prosser on becoming citizens of the good old US of A. Cheers from everyone!!

A motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

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