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Sokol San Francisco

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WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT.....

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The sale of SOKOL HALL located in San Mateo is completed. The proceeds from the sale were placed in a Money Market account temporarily and at the last Sokol meeting in February a financial committee was nominated: brothers Burda, Teyrovsky and Dlask. The aim is to invest Sokol money securely with minimum risk and with the best interest possible. Br. Burda is working on satisfying our payments to ASC and Zupa. Also our investment group has to be legally dissolved and money with interest distributed. It means a lot of work for br. Burda who is doing his best. Under the circumstances we made the best deal possible selling our Hall. It was a question of a very short time: sell or face foreclosure due to bankruptcy. Based on these facts, all the officers and I would like to thank all of you who voted YES for the sale because you saved Sokol San Francisco and assured its continuity. The NO votes, and there were some, would have destroyed our Sokol unit completely.

At the moment, Sokol San Francisco is in a transitional period. We are looking for a permanent place to hold our monthly meetings. Since we intend to carry on with Sokol dinners, dances and celebrations, we are looking for a place convenient and not too expensive. Our aim is to conserve our capital and make it grow, if possible, not to diminish it. To achieve this goal we will follow what other units are doing: namely make sure all affairs done under Sokol name will be profitable or at least break even. That goes for all groups: singers, dancers, gym just to name a few.

In this issue of Vestnik you will find a questionnaire. Please, answer it and give us your ideas and comments. Do not let others make the decision for you. The new Czech government is more interested in the Czech community in the world and the Czech consul from Los Angeles is willing to come and join us for a discussion. Would you be interested and attend a meeting with her? Let us know.

To conclude my message I would like to thank all of you involved with the sale of our Hall, it took a lot of time and effort. The burden of moving Sokol property to storage was shared by br. Kucera, str. & br. Rus, str. Duffey and myself. And of course, this letter would not reach you if it were not for labor and time of br. Kucera who is putting out our Vestnik so we all know what is going on.. Remember, Sokol is yours and will be what you want it to be.

NAZDAR!

Frank Dlask, President

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO OUR MEMBERS !!!

SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO HAS THE NEW ADDRESS
All mail to our organization should be directed to:

GYMNASTIC ASSOCIATION SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO, INC.
P.O.Box 4006
MENLO PARK, CA 94026 - 4006
Telef.No: (650) 327 - 8656
Frank Dlask - President

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To attain speedy processing of membership dues , we would advise our members to pay these directly to : Jennifer N O V A K
1759 Cape Coral Drive
San Jose, Ca. 95133 - 1109
Tel.(408) 259 - 7454

Monthly meetings are held at 7.30 pm. every second Tuesday of the month .
January and February meetings were held in the private home of our sister Blanche Duffey
Next meeting is scheduled in the home of Br. and Sis. Edmund and Georgina Teyrovsky,
26563 Durham Way, in Hayward, CA 04542 on MARCH 10, 1998 AT 7.30 pm.

Sis. and Bro. Teyrovsky are inviting all members to come earlier at 6.30 pm. and share light snack with them or to enjoy walk through the garden.

We appreciate the hospitality of our members, but we are still searching for permanent place, where we could conduct our regular meetings. Our spring schedule for Sokol dances and other activities were disrupted this year due to the sale of Sokol Hall. We would like to have our events for autumn season firmly scheduled, but so far we were not able to secure a suitable hall. We are asking our members to help us in the search for the hall with sufficient parking and also it should be centrally located. If you know about some suitable hall, please contact our Sokol Organization.

and FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY.....

Financial Corner

As mentioned in last Vestnik our building was sold out, preventing bankruptcy of Sokol Unit. Our Organization was able to pay off its creditors and the mortgage Company, ending with approximately of \$ 300,000. Considering capital gain taxes we have to pay and membership to ASO in Chicago and to Zupa, our balance is considered to be less.

Our future financial situation is thoroughly discussed during our monthly meetings. Please, show up and participate! We are looking for our permanent meeting room. Blanche Duffey rented generously her home for the meetings in January and in February. Our next meeting in March is in sister's Teyrovsky home in Hayward

Finally, Sokol Partnership was paid off, satisfying its contract demand with approximately \$64,000. Br. Burda, General Partner and Trustee is preparing paperwork for the distribution very soon.

Membership Corner

Our membership of 167 members was reduced to 107 members from 1996. Also, our membership contribution to ASO in Chicago was reduced consequently.

Here is list of members had to be drop off the Sokol membership for none payment of membership dues.

NAME	Last year paid	NAME	Last year paid
Adamec Veronica	94	Orsag Bozena	95
Adamec Vladislav	94	Pokorny Lucy	94
Berger Danuse	94	Ryzl Jirina	94
Berger Josef	94	Sirota Richard	94
Brzobohaty Irene	95	Spanek Denis	94
Brzobohaty Rudolf	95	Spiro Marketa	94
Divisek Ann	94	Stika Milos	92
Divisek Fred	94	Strnad Alois	94
Hlousek Rosa	94	Strnad Elizabeth	94
Houfek Iva	94	Torres Ilonka	94
Jandova Eva	95	Tsanakas Bill	93
Kurka Anna	95	Tsanakas Peggy	93
Mach Slava	95	Vach Fred	94

We were notifying all members in 1997 Vestniks that Sokol can not keep members who are not paying dues on its active membership roster and pay their membership portion to ASO in Chicago and to Zupa.

It was hard decision to make because Organization appreciates everybody's membership and we hate to lose people. Our Unit function is overlooked by ASO and Zupa and must function rather with fewer people active than with larger group just formally being on the list. We are trying to get in contact with you members whatever we can through our Vestnik. We need your backfeed and your participation.

There is a risk of your ignorance and your noneparticipation however that your building money can be misused in the future.

Obviously, payment of the dues can reinstate your membership from the date the membership is being paid.

The new officers of SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO for 1998 are as follow:

President:	Frank DLASK
First Vice-president:	Georgina TEYROVSKY
Second Vice-president	Blanche DUFFEY
Financial Secretary:	Paul BURDA
Treasurer:	Jarmila DLASK
Recording Secretary	Shirley GANGELHOFF
Membership Director:	Jenifer NOVAK
Nacelnice:	Lea CUNNINGHAM
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Vestnik Editors:	Jan KUCERA, Paul BURDA
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Property Manag.Committee:	Edmund TEYROVSKY - chairman Paul BURDA, Wayne WALDEN
Reconcil. Committee:	Edmund TEYROVSKY , George SPANEK James FROLIK
SOKOL Legal Advisors:	James FROLIK, - Ondrej KOJNOK -lawyers

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Brothers and Sisters the time for payment of Sokol dues is **N O W**. On the last Annual Meeting our Financial Secretary reported that by the end of 1997 more than sixty members did not pay the dues for 1997 and even the previous year. We ask urgently all members to check their obligation to the unit and pay the dues. Please do it **NOW** and save us a lot of money which we have to pay in advance to Zupa and ASO as a part of your membership dues. You can use the below preprinted card.

1998 Dues --Pay Now
Send Your Dues - \$ 25.00
per Member to:
Jenifer NOVAK
1759 Cape Coral Dr.
San Jose, Ca 95133-1109
Tel: (408) 259-7454

Enclosed check - Money order in the amount of \$.....
My membership dues for the year 199.....\$.....
Donation - Contribution (if any).....\$.....
Name.....
Address.....
City.....State.....Zip.....

QUESTIONNAIRE :

Dear Member,

After the ~~necessary~~ and regretful sale of Sokol building, we are asking for your suggestions about desirable future Sokol activities.

YES NO

1. Would you like to continue Sokol evening dances with dinners? _____
2. If so, would you regularly attend such dances ? _____
3. What percentages do you estimate to attend : 100%, 75%, 50% 25% ? _____
4. Would you be interested in lectures, movies or other entertainment _____
5. Would you like Sokol to subsidize performances of renown Czech and Slovak artists in our area ? _____
6. Would you prefer to conserve all Sokol's funds including the interest (and yield) for possible purchase of another Sokol building in the future ? _____
7. Would you prefer to conserve the principal capital of proceeds from the sale of the building , but spent all or part of received interest (yield) of this amount ? _____
8. Should we look for future Sokol activities in other Bay Area location ? Suggest where ? Or should we concentrate only in San Mateo area and vicinity ? _____
9. What would you be willing to do and volunteer for Sokol S.F. association ? _____
10. Any other suggestion for Sokol ? _____
11. Would you offer your house for Sokol meeting at least once a year ? It attends usually 7 - 16 members from 7:30 p.m. and lasts about 1½ hour. _____
12. Other suggestions _____
13. Comments _____

Dear Brother and Sister if you are interested in the future activities and direction of our Sokol unit, please take a few minutes of your time and fill in the above questionnaire. We need to know your opinion - more people - more ideas. We will announce the results of this research in the future Vestnik.

You can send this questionnaire to our new Sokol address (see page No. 2 in this Vestnik) or to the editor of Vestnik (see address on the left upper corner of the last page).



Příjemné svátky velikonoční

The GOLD RUSH in CALIFORNIA

One hundred and fifty years ago was discovered gold in California. Actually it happened January 24th, 1848 and it changed the life in California for ever. Thousands of people moved to California expecting to strike it rich, but for most of them that dream was never fulfilled. More than \$ 500 millions worth of gold (at those days value) was shipped from California. How much money it would be today is anybody's guess. A pea-sized chunk of gold that sparked the Gold Rush was found at John Sutter's sawmill in Coloma, 50 miles north-east of Sacramento of the Eldorado County.

"Gold, boys, gold" exulted John Marshall, the carpenter at Sutter's saw mill, after finding the pea-sized nuggets on the south fork of American River. " By God, I believe I've found a gold mine!"

He did and his discovery set off the largest American migration in history and practically overnight transformed California from a wild frontier on the edge of continent to El Dorado, a land of unlimited wealth and unrestrained promise. Drawn by the visions of easy riches and adventure "Forty-niners" descended on the Mother Lode from all over America and every corner of the globe during the 1849 - 1851 Gold Rush.

But the reality of the gold fields was harsh, rowdy, cruel and unforgiving. Murder, violence and theft were common. The death penalty was decreed for thefts of more than \$ 100 and justice was quick and hard - lynch law ruled when the courts were slow.

Relatively few struck it rich, but the dream of finding a fortune in the next shovelful was a powerful magnet that caused the population to explode from 13.000 non-Indians in 1848 to about 300.000 six years later. In the meantime, California became the 31st state in the union on Sept. 9, 1850. Even after the Gold Rush ebbed in 1853, the state's population continued to grow first because of gold, then silver, then because of state's boundless opportunities for entrepreneurs, adventurers, farmers, gamblers, crooks and others seeking a new start in life.

From 1860 to 1960, California's population doubled every 20 years. Growth has slowed some but with 32.6 million residents, the state is by far America's most populous. It is growing at a rate 480.000 a year, if you count 100.000 illegals.

The Gold Rush is over now, yet most of Californians believe that this state has a bright future ahead. We live in place blessed by nature with a mild climate and geography of grand scale, sculpted and molded by earth quakes, glaciers and floods. The state boasts fertile agricultural lands that produce half the fruits and vegetables consumed in the United States. California remains a promised land where people still flock to seek their fortunes and to realize their dreams.

It is good to remind ourselves every now and then that we live in a special place with a wondrous history where the Gold Rush spirit still lasts.

J. Kucera

FEW THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.
2. You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.
3. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.
4. You cannot establish security on borrowed money.
5. You cannot build character and courage by taking away a man's initiative and independence.
6. You cannot help man permanently by doing for him what he could and should do for himself.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Senior Artists Show Creativity Doesn't Fade

by Martha Kennelly

Although the exhibit was only up for a short period, the Senior Art Festival's opening generated a lot of excitement at Castro Valley's Adobe Art Center.

Seniors were out in force, some in wheelchairs or pushing walkers, along with relatives, friends and instructors in the various adult programs. Even a busload of seniors from Oakland joined the party.

There was art everywhere you looked, some 200 pieces covering all the usual ranges of artistic activity. A small anteroom displayed craft projects.

It's a long way from her native city of Prague, but Georgina Teyrovsky brought her interest in art along with her when she came to this country. A serious painter, Teyrovsky opened her Hayward

studio as part of the recent Open Tours weekend sponsored by the Hayward Art Council.

At the Adobe she showed a large untitled acrylic painting on the twin themes of dream and reality. A young ballet student sits dreamily as a cobbler works away on repairs to her toe shoes. Scattered about the painting are smaller scenes of ballet dancers in different poses, all based on actual San Francisco Ballet dancers.



Georgina Teyrovsky paints ballet dancers

Photo-MARTHA KENNELLY

GEORGINA KEEPS BUSY.....

Our sister Georgina TEYROVSKY, beside being very much involved in Sokol work and many other activities, still finds the time to learn the intricate ways of painting. It was always her great wish to paint and learn a different styles, but being fully occupied in their business, she couldn't find the time to do that. When they sold the business and retired, she immediately took the lessons and very soon she was ready to show her accomplishment exhibiting her pictures in Senior Art Festival at Castro Valley's Adobe Art Center. Since that time she had at least two more exhibits. We wish her good luck and a fast progress in her wonderful hobby !!!!

We appreciate very much **DONATIONS** received during the months of March(last donations published in February) through December 1997 and January 1998. It's not that we forgot to thank all donors, but there was either not enough room in our Vestnik or not enough time to get proper records. This time we have both:

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WE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO ALL GENEROUS DONORS !!!!

PRAGUE 21 JUNE 1621

The day after the battle at White Mountain, the city of Prague surrendered. Ferdinand's armies entered the city and for several weeks plundered everything in sight. The prosperous city was reduced to burning buildings and dead bodies were scattered in the streets. The whole Kingdom of Bohemia was impoverished for many generations to come. The emperor's revenge against the Bohemian rebels was swift and savage. Much of Bohemia's land was sold or given to the Emperor's supporters.



On that fateful day of Friday, June 21, 1621 at 9:00 a.m. the execution of Czech rebels began. A scaffold was built in the Old Town Square and was covered in black fabric. In its center was erected the execution block and gallows for hanging the sentenced victims. Immediately below the scaffolding, soldiers stood with their weapons drawn. Drummers were staged immediately behind the soldiers and at a given order, hammered on the drums to deaden any outcries from the accused. The cavalry attired in their battle dress was ready to prevent any interference from the civilians who gathered in the square to witness this gory and tragic theater.

At exactly 9:00 a.m. a cannon was fired to announce the beginning of the executions. Count Jachym Ondrej Slik steadily walked to the executioner's block, said his final prayers, and knelt with his head against the block. While the executioner's helpers were taking the body to the coffin, others were spreading sand on the floor to absorb the blood. Twenty-three helpless victims followed Count Jachym Ondrej Slik to their deaths. Three times the executioners changed their dulled swords. Three rebels were hung. After the gory proceedings, twelve heads were hung on the spikes of the tower at the end of Charles Bridge to remind the population of the fate of those who dared to upraise against the authorities.

Ten years later in 1631 when Prague was occupied by the Protestants from Saxony, the heads were removed from the Tower spikes and buried in a church not too far from the execution scene. The burial place was kept a secret. (During the restoration of this church in 1766, a coffin with eleven heads was found).

Although such executions were common practice in all of Europe at that time, the Prague executions were especially tragic for the nation because the executed were not only noblemen, but also educated writers and talented composers and musicians; included among them was the Dean of Charles University. It was not only tragic for those who shed their blood, but symbolically, the whole nation bled.

J.K.

Czech President Vaclav Havel was reelected:

Czech president Vaclav Havel was reelected President of Czech Republic on January 1998, but by majority of only one vote. In the first round of elections Vaclav Havel was short of 2 votes in Senate and 10 in the Congress. In the second round he needed at least 99 votes out of 197 and that was exactly number he received. Against his candidacy were 98 congressmen. Out of 81 present senators, 47 were for him, so he was elected by the slimmest margin of one vote. It is amazing that such world known personality as Vaclav Havel, who is recognized outside of Czech border as a true democrat and philosopher - holder of several peace and other awards - almost did not make it in his home. This is a clear picture, how is the political situation there confused and in total turmoil. Oh well Where are "the good old days" when Papa Stalin took care of everything !!!!

This Corner for Laughter !

(Reprinted from Sokol Fresno Bulletin)

Actual Announcements Taken from Church Bulletins:

- * Thursday night-potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- * Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- * Tuesday at 4 p.m. there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.
- * Thursday at 5 p.m. there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become Little Mothers, please see the minister in his private study.
- * This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- * Next Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and get a piece of paper.
- * The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement Friday.
- * A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening the church. Music will follow.
- * Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- * 8 new choir robes are currently needed , due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- * The Senior Choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.
- * At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be " What is Hell?". Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- * The service will close with "Little Drops of Water." One of the ladies will start (quietly) and the rest of the congregation will join in.

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WORDS OF WISDOM:

OUR DUTY IS NOT TO SEE THROUGH ONE ANOTHER, BUT TO SEE ONE ANOTHER THROUGH>
 INSTEAD OF POINTING A CRITICAL FINGER, TRY HOLDING OUT A HELPING HAND.
 TO BECOME PERFECT JUST FOLLOW THE ADVICE YOU GIVE TO OTHERS

SUCCESS:

How do we measure success in anyone? By comparing with others? Not hardly. In each of us there are differences in how we are gifted with abilities and personalities as well as what we see as our purpose or calling in life. To put it simply; some are called to lift, some to carry, some to guide.

Perhaps a real measure of success might be to learn what gifts we have, how they might be used or joined with gifts of others to help those in need. We would also have to be willing to try.



ČESKÉ ZPRÁVY



Byli jsme požadáni místní skupinou Katolíků uveřejnit následující oznámení v našem Sokolském Věstníku. Radi tak činíme!

O Z N A M E N Í

Vážení Krajane!

Do roku 2000 planujeme vybudovat CZECH VILLAGE IN CALIFORNIA.
Kdo můžete přispět finančně, radou a nebo by jste chtěli investovat do tohoto projectu,
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365 WHIPPORWILL DRIVE
RIVERSIDE, CA 92507
Telefon: (909) 781 - 8719

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ZPRÁVY Z DOMOVA:

OSLAVY 650 VYROČÍ KARLOVY UNIVERZITY

Za přítomnosti významných osobností české politiky, kultury a církvi se sešlo v pražském Karolinu vedení Univerzity Karlovy, aby zahájilo oslavy jejího 650. výročí. Při této příležitosti byla zahájena výstava osvětlující vývoj UK od založení v r. 1348 do dneška. Univerzitní narozeniny vyvrcholí 7. dubna 1998, ale výroční akce budou pokračovat až do dubna 1999

Předčasné parlamentní volby by se v české republice mohly uskutečnit 19. června t.r. S termínem I návrhem procedury, přišel kabinet Josefa Tošovského po schůzce představitelů parlamentních stran.

Inflace v ČR loni dosáhla 10%. Ceny zboží a služeb za loňský rok podražily přesně o desetinu. Míra inflace, založená na srovnání průměrných cenových hladin posledních dvanácti měsíců vůči předchozím dvanácti, vykazovala 8.5 %.

V ČR UBYVA UČITELU.

Po letošních prázdninách nastoupilo za katedry statmch a obecních škol o 13.400 učitelů méně. V důsledku některých opatření ministerstva školství, mládeže a tělovýchovy se počet učitelů snížil o 8.6 procenta průměrného stavu v prvním pololetí tohoto roku.

Z Vězení Po Laně !

V minulem čísle Věstníku jsme oznámili umrti našeho byvaleho členu Jana TICHÁČKA v Brně, na Moravě. Tentokrát chceme uveřejnit jeho husarsky kousek - zachráněni jeho sestry z komunistického vězení, které on naplánoval a provedl.

Po komunistickém puči v r. 1948 zahajilo StB velké zatykání členů a funkcionářů nekomunistických politických stran. Přirozeně se proto vytvářely skupiny lidí, které pomáhaly ohroženým a organizovaly jejich převádění přes hranice. StB nasadila mezi ně svého agenta V.S., který je měl nabaďovat k rozšíření odbojové činnosti. Když se pak jeden převedený utečenec neprozřetelně vrátil a byl chycen, v lednu 1949 přikročila statní policie k většímu zásahu a pochytila a uvěznila celou skupinu.

Statní soud v Brně vynesl 30. června 1949 rozsudky nad 16ti obžalovanými, mezi nimiž bylo i několik akademiků z Brna. Jako vedoucí skupiny byla uváděna JUDr. Alena Tichačková. Čtyři obžalovaní byli odsouzeni k trestu těžkého žaláře v trvání 25 let. Prokurátorovi to bylo málo, podal odvolání a Nejvyšší soud zvýšil tresty a Dr. Alena Tichačková byla v říjnu 1950 odsouzena k odnětí svobody na doživotí. Ale tento rozsudek byl vynesena za její nepřítomnosti. Toho roku se jí totiž podařil útek z vězení po laně.

Alena přemýšlela o možnosti útěku od okamžiku svého zatčení. V srpnu 1949 byla přemístěna do pracovního tábora v Lomnici nad Popelkou. Teprve v březnu příštího roku plán dozrál. Organizátorem útěku byl její mladší bratr Jan Tichaček. On a pár dalších odvážných přátel riskovalo velmi mnoho, ale nebylo to nadarmo.

V Lomnici nad Popelkou byly trestankyně umístěny ve 2. patře byvalé soudní budovy. Patro bylo zajištěno mřížemi a všechna okna byla zamřížována. Jen jedno menší, v umyvárně, se zdalo být pouze zbedněné. Stražnice se dřívěma strašnými byla v přízemí. Okenko bylo přímo nad vězeňským dvorem, který byl obehnan zdi a draty, ke zdi přilehala kulna. Alena chtěla s sebou vzít Doru L. která byla z politických důvodů odsouzena na několik let. Více spoluvězenkyň s sebou vzít nemohla, protože by na to nebyl stačil čas.

Rozhodující noc v březnu 1950 byla dost větrná a oblačná. Po večerním sčítání odešla stráž do přízemí. Před půlnocí se Alena a Dora vytratily do umyvárny a pak šlo vše raz naraz. Zavřely dveře do umyvárny ohnutým hřebíkem, vyšroubovaly žárovku a Alena začala pačít okenko.

Dora jí sloužila jako stupátko. Nešlo to snadno, ale konečně se za značného rupání otevřelo. Alena učitila zavan chladného vzduchu a když se nahnula, rozeznala postavu přitisknutou na stříšce dřevárny a uslyšela tichý signál. Na připravenou pradelni šňuru navazala trestanec ky kabat a šňuru rozhoupala tak, aby jí její bratr mohl na stříšce zachytit. Klaplo to a Jan hbitě navazal na šňuru horolezecké lano, které Alena vytáhla nahoru. Lano v rozčilení nebylo provlečeno tak, aby se po slaňení mohlo zase vytáhnout. Alena musela na laně udělat uzly, které pak znemožnily vyzvonění lana. Lano zustalo podél zdi a pár hodin naskoku tak bylo ztraceno. Bylo jasné, že obchazející hlídka spatří lano a útek se prozradí dřív, než teprve při raním nastupu.

Nejprve Dora se spouštěla po laně na stříšku kulny. Nyní byla řada na Aleně ale ta se znovu musela vyšplhat na okenko. Stalo se to, s čím nepočítala. Její síly ochably a trvalo drahnou chvíli, než se vzepnula na okenko. Když si chtěla na okenku přehodit lano, aby mohla kontrolovaně slanit, ruka jí selhala a měla vědomí, že pada do tmy...

Až za Novým Jičínem, když v autě hladila svůj spaleny prst si uvědomila, že se asi zachytla lana a sjela dolů do Janovy naruče jako blesk. Měli naskok do rozednění, ale před sebou cestu až na jižní Moravu. Projeli i nočním Brnem a když začalo svítat, zastavili u chalupy, kde měl pro ně být připraven ukryt. Majitel však ztratil odvahu, nepřijal je a museli rychle na jinou

adresu. Bylo brzy z rana, nikde nikdo, když uprchlíci zmizeli za vinnými sudy ve sklepě srdnateho sedlaka. V noci je sedlak převedl do sypky a mezi zmím přechkali další den. To už je hledala policie a nebezpečí, že budou dopadeni, vzrůstalo. Jejich dalším sídlem byla stodola se senem a odtud se měli dostat na sraz s převaděčem Frantou Gajdou, vyborným znalcem pohraničního terenu. A tak v podvečer vyšel ze stodoly nějaký chasniček - Alena, pak selka Dora a později Jan jako čeledín s nějakým nafadím a zmizeli v polích. Zdalo se, že dojdou na sraz včas, ale za nějakou dobu uviděli vlak, kterým asi odjížděl Franta Gajda. Přišli až k nadraží, z něhož krátce před tím odjel vlak a kde StB zadržela několik lidí. Děvčata se schovala za starými lokomotivami a Jan se vydal zjistit, jak najít další spojku. Od jedné dívky na nadraží se dozvěděl, kde hledana spojka bydlí. U ní zjistil, že Franta už musel odejít a přijde znovu za par dní. Znamenalo to se zase stát společníky myši v další stodole. Desátného dne po útěku z vězení se konečně setkali s Frantou Gajdou, který je bezpečně dopravil přes řeku do Rakouska, které bylo tehdy ještě rozděleno na čtyři zony a s ČSR sousedila sovětská. Až když přejeli kanál Dunaje ve Vidni, mohli si vydechnout.

Vděčně vzpomíná Alena Tichačková na všechny, kdož ji, při útěku pomáhali, ale tisícere díky jistě musela vzdát svému bratrovi nad rakvi, když se s nim loučila na poslední cestě.



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