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### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS ALUMNI

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April 14, 1993



Eli Segal  
Director National Service  
The White House  
Washington, DC

Dear Director Segal,

National Service was passed by a consensus congress and in the ACT Section 124 (a) (1) (A) thru (M) a duplicate of the old Civilian Conservation Corps is called for.

Middle level young people are getting your ear to provide them with an education paid for afterward by community service. We know what a farce that would be as we have educational loans not paid for now nor do we have doctors doing what they contracted for in getting their government paid education.

The well off middle economy young will always survive no matter what is done or not done for them. They are adroit in that.

It is the downtrodden that need the help to save the nation, environment and economy as the old CCC did. The program does not conflict with the unions as it will be administered by the military in far off places (much like the old CCC).

David Roosevelt was suggested for the Director position of the new revitalized CCCII which still does not have a Director as called for since 1990.

Congress as a whole voted for National Service and Category C is part of it. It should not be deemphasized due to the pressures exerted by an articulate middle class young. Read their literature in Youth Service America and note that they demand funds with no restrictions as to what they now have as a resource.

It is the ever evident situation where the needy get nothing; while the haves get everything in largess.

May I hear from you and the implementation of Section 124 of the ACT?

Sincerely,  
JOHN R. MOSCINSKI



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December 30, 1992

Senator David Pryor  
Room 267 SR Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Pryor;

We CCC Alumni from all over the country would like to inform you of our interest in getting CCC-!! started and from our dealings with David Roosevelt (Son of a Roosevelt, and Grandson of President Franklin Roosevelt who who signed the first CCC Bill into law.) we think that he would make a very good Director of CCC-!!.. We hope you folks in Washington go ahead with CCC-!! and also give David Roosevelt all the support he needs to become Director of this new CCC organization.

There probably is no need for anyone to try to sell to Congress the need of a new CCC and what it can do for the benefit of the Country. If you just used the rules and guidelines of CCC-! it would turn out OK. The old CCC was so many things good to so many people.

Yours truly,

  
Robert Chenevert Pres. Ch 111 NACCCA  
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March 9, 1993

Mr. John Moscinski  
52 Woods Road  
Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Dear Mr. Moscinski:

Thank you for contacting my office about the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) that will begin operations this year. I have been pleased at the enormous support this program has received from Americans around the country.

Enclosed please find information about the CCC. Should you have any questions about this bill, please contact either Beth Garrett or Darcy Bentley at my Washington, D.C. office (202) 224-4721.

I appreciate knowing of your interest in this issue.

Sincerely,



David L. Boren  
United States Senator

DLB/dbp  
Enclosure

University of Massachusetts Lowell  
Office of Community Service

Eli Segal  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
The White House  
Washington, DC.

April 14, 1993

Mr. Segal,

I am a VISTA volunteer at the University of Massachusetts Lowell working in the Office of Community Service. I believe that I, along with other VISTAs are good examples of what President Clinton is seeking for his plan of national service.

In President Clinton's address to Rutgers University on March 1, 1993, he spoke of a Summer of Service. He believes that this will bring people from different walks of life, different ages and different economic backgrounds together and allow them to work towards a common goal: putting America together "in a way that makes strength out of diversity, that lifts us up out of our problems, and that keeps our people looking toward a better and brighter future." I wholeheartedly agree with this plan and believe that this plan for service this summer will, at the very least, make people more aware of the service movement and its potential for good.

President Clinton also explained a little bit about what the Summer of Service program would look like. I found it ironic that the same things that the President is proposing are in full force in much of the country already through the VISTA program. In Lowell alone we have a VISTA who works in a rape crisis center. She is also involved in several community education programs and she promotes a teen rape/sexual abuse awareness program for our teens. We have two men serving their VISTAs in housing projects and still another working with low-income families. I myself am working with the students here at UMASS Lowell urging, encouraging and promoting community service activities and values. There is even a VISTA who is working in developing service opportunities for students at UMASS Lowell and for Middlesex Community College as well as helping to plan a course which would integrate service into the curriculum.

All over just Massachusetts, VISTAs are working with youth in cities like Boston, Springfield and Worcester to educate our youth and be positive role models. The job of a VISTA is to work with low-income people to help them improve the conditions of their own lives. It is to help them help themselves. We are helping others get back on their feet so that our communities can once again function as productive parts in our state and in the country.

Aside from my work at UMASS Lowell, I am also working with the City Year program in Boston. They are working with many other youth organizations to put on a Conference for youth appropriately named the Youth HEROES Conference. This Conference will have a similar format of the Super Conference on Youth that was held in Washington, DC. in November of 1992. With this Conference we hope to educate youth from all over Massachusetts about the service movement. We want to promote the power and possibilities of doing service. The Conference will be held May 1 and 2 and promises to be a huge success.

As a recent college graduate with a degree in Communications/Broadcasting, I have big goals that I want to accomplish. VISTA has put me on the right track. It has allowed me to work in an environment which has given me the opportunity to give of myself in a way that ultimately allows me to receive many rewards in return. It is teaching me a lot about life. I hope, as part of my VISTA, to be able to speak soon to youth and adults alike about service opportunities and the positive rewards it reaps. I am not unlike many other VISTAs in that I want to be a positive role model to the many who need one. I want to make a difference and most importantly I want to urge others to want to make that same difference.

I truly believe that the work of the VISTA is what president Clinton is seeking. We are already part of his plan. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francesca A. Verri". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Francesca A. Verri, VISTA  
Office of Community Service  
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Mr. Eli Segal  
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Dear Mr. Segal:

The Volunteers of America of Oregon, inc. has been fortunate in having had VISTA Volunteer placements over the past few years. It is my understanding that the Clinton Administration is considering the option of closing the Action office and potentially the VISTA program itself. Hence, I would like to comment on my experience with the VISTA program.

VOA Oregon has used VISTA placements to:

- Develop program enhancements to strengthen existing programs, such as the development of a big sister program, drug and alcohol education, assessment, and referral services for homeless teen girls.
- Assist start-up of a new program, such as initial staffing for an adult day care and a family preservation program.
- Provide developmental ground work for new program planning and fund development, such as an employment development program for felons and housing and community based programs for seniors.

We have never had VISTA volunteers come to us fully skilled in the placement task at hand. We have received good, dedicated, raw talent. Our job has been to take an idea/project in need of development and to assist the "raw talent" in moving the project forward. For the most part, VISTAs have been able to deal with physical displacement, poverty, the anxiety of the responsibility for minimally defined tasks they have no idea how to perform, and the need for a self-directed, self-motivated work environment. Some VISTAs are better than others at doing these things.

As far as the community and the agency are concerned, there are probably more efficient ways of getting all these new projects accomplished; however, we can not afford them. VISTA volunteers are a resource for program improvement and development that we could not replace. In addition, our VISTAs have contributed

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their vitality, their passion, their creativity, their modeling of voluntarism and "giving back," and their courage.

The VISTA volunteers get dream jobs--the chance to be creative and to start something new. VISTAs are given responsibilities far beyond their existing knowledge or skill level. By the end of the year, they typically have gained a significant range of new skills and know an area of social services fairly well. When the VISTA program works, it is an ideal win for the VISTA volunteer, win for the agency, and win for the community.

I do have some recommendations for program improvements.

- Provide training to site supervisors regarding the role, support, and optimal use of VISTA volunteers.
- If VISTAs are to be used for economic development, provide training to potential site supervisors on models and issues relative to economic development. Relatively few agencies have an existing expertise in this area. Also, provide training to VISTAs in economic development theory, models, and skills.
- VISTAs are currently authorized for development purposes rather than program operations. While there is some real value in this role, there is a significant learning curve and supervisory support needed to help the VISTA be effective. Use of VISTAs for program operations would be overwhelmingly embraced by agencies who are desperate for operations resources. These volunteers could be much more readily placed and supported in direct service agencies including shelter, literacy, and economic development projects.

In summary, I hope you consider maintaining the VISTA program; it has proven very useful to us and to communities throughout Oregon. The Oregon Action office, while thinly staffed on occasion, has given both the VISTA volunteers and the Volunteers of America support and guidance in the development of services to people living in poverty. The local Action staff have an extraordinary breadth of experience and are practical managers of their limited resources.

Thank you for reviewing these comments. If there is any way I can be of service to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Liza Andrew-Miller  
Vice President

LAM:jrs



4-2-93

Mr. Eli Segal  
Director of the White House  
National Service Plan  
1600 Penn. Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. Segal,

Please allow me to submit to you an abstract of my doctoral dissertation on the nature of Community Service Learning. I thought you might be interested in my study, the first one on Community Service Learning in the nation, because:

--my research supports a connection between Community Service, financial aid, and debt-relief

--my conclusions specifically call for a National Service Plan.

I hope this sparks an interest in such research.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Joseph C. McGill  
Associate Dean of Students  
Director of Residence Life

PS. Also please know that our University's federal \$86,000 FIPSE grant, for which I am Project Director, has been of considerable importance in this research

THE RELATIONSHIP OF COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING TO  
DEVELOPING MATURE INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS  
IN A SAMPLE OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

BY

Joseph C. McGill

ABSTRACT

This study ascertained university student involvement in community service, as determined through the Community Service Involvement Inventory Format-II as a correlate to the developmental task, developing mature interpersonal relationships (MIR), as defined on and assessed by the Student Developmental Task and Lifestyle Inventory (SDTLI) (Winston, Miller, & Prince, 1987). Two hypotheses were developed to guide the study. One postulated that a significant relationship would be found between MIR and student involvement in community service, while another contended that such a relationship exists between MIR and students' perception of the extent to which community service contributed to their developing mature interpersonal relationships. Each hypothesis, tested in null form, was rejected ( $p \leq .05$ ).

Data used in hypotheses testing were elicited from 104 students with senior standing at the University of Redlands,

California, in the fall of 1991 and spring of 1992. The Pearson product-moment correlation coefficient and analysis of variance (ANOVA) statistics were used, respectively, in testing the two hypotheses.

Study findings led the writer to conclude that (a) community service learning positively affected the development of mature interpersonal relationships in the study sample of undergraduate university students, and (b) the total hours of involvement in community service learning, and the perception of the extent to which community service contributed to their developing mature interpersonal relationships, as defined by the MIR task on the SDTLI. Implications are that university faculty, administrators, and others working in the area of community service learning need to acknowledge the importance of community service learning to student development. They must design instructional programs and services with community service learning in mind to help students to capitalize on the psychosocial growth potential study findings suggest for community service as part of the undergraduate collegiate experience.



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Dear Mr. Segal:

Attached is a suggested program to establish **Federal Employee Volunteerism**. Also enclosed are letters of support for this Federal Employee Volunteer program.

I am a Federal employee (b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)f and heavily involved in volunteerism in Little Rock and therefore I speak from experience. As the attached paper reflects, there is a great need for a Federal volunteer program. The implementation of such a program would reap benefits that are more than substantial. Implementation would be relatively simple (National Service Act Initiative or Executive Order) and involve very little expense. I will be in Washington D.C. in the near future and would like to discuss this idea with you and/or with your staff.

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Sincerely,

(b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)f

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**PROBLEM: FEW FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ARE INVOLVED IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, FEW VOLUNTEER FOR OTHER THAN PROGRAMS FROM WHICH THEY RECEIVE A BENEFIT.**

**REASON FOR THIS PROBLEM:**

1) The Federal Government does not have a Government wide volunteer program that actively encourages volunteer participation by Federal Agencies or its employees in their communities.

2) Federal Government Agencies have traditionally seen the Federal job as being a service to the community.

3) Federal Agencies are often putting the agency and its concept of its role ahead of the needs of the community, the nation and its clients. (citizens)

**THE HARM DONE:**

1) This insensitivity to the community and the Agencies' clients are reflected in everyday decisions made by the Federal Agencies.

2) This insensitivity is perceived by the public who then mistrust the Federal Agency and/or the United States Government and the political process. (take no ownership in their county or their community)

3) The public's mistrust results in the individual Federal employee not wanting to be involved in his/her community.

**SOLUTION:**

Either through Executive Order or The National Service Act require the following:

1) Every Federal Agency should be instructed foster as part of their mission volunteerism in the community and to reward volunteerism in its employees.

2) Each Federal Agency at each of its facilities should have a part time or full time coordinator of volunteer activity.

3) Each Federal Agency should set up a system of recognizing and rewarding employee volunteers. (as part of performance evaluation, time off, public recognition)

4) Federal Agencies should provide information to its employees on all volunteer opportunities in the community.

5) Every Federal Agency should consider involvement by the Agency in a specific volunteer activity. (support a shelter)

6) Federal Agencies should be allowed with controls to authorize use of its resources for volunteer activities. (material and employee time)

7) Each Federal Agency should be required to identify positions where volunteer citizens can be placed in the Federal Agency and actively recruit these volunteers.

**BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY:**

1) The Federal employee volunteer and the Federal Agency will be more sensitive (take ownership in their community) to the

needs of the community and therefore more responsive to each client.

2) Citizens who volunteer at a Federal Agency will become sensitized to the problems and process of the Agency and give vision to the Agency's response to its clients.

3) The community will benefit in volunteer hours, in talent availability, in better utilization of community resources and substantial dollars saved.

4) There will be more opportunities for volunteerism and citizen involvement in their community.

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## PRAGUE-BORN ALBRIGHT BECOMES NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Madeleine Albright was only 11 years old when she left the former Czechoslovakia for the United States. Now, 44 years later, she is the newly-selected U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, bringing an impressive list of credentials to her post.

Taking a particular interest in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, Albright advocates a more active role for the U.S. in backing the region's emerging democracies. She is familiar with many East European leaders, especially Václav Havel.

Albright's relationship with Havel began in 1989, when they were introduced by Foreign Minister Jiří Dienstbier. Albright quickly became his advisor and friend. Their international meetings have continued over the years, encompassing both business and personal visits.

Born May 15, 1937 in Prague, Madeleine Korbel Albright spent the first nine years of her life living in Prague, London, and Belgrade. The daughter of an anti-communist Czechoslovak diplomat, Albright fled from Prague with her family when the communists took over in 1948. The Korbels settled in Colorado, where her father became dean of the University of Denver graduate school of international studies. Having attended English schools during World War II, and later a Swiss boarding school, Albright became fluent in English and French, in addition to her native Czech.

An honors graduate from Wellesley College, she married Joseph Albright in the early 1960's; their marriage eventually ended in 1980. While raising three daughters, Albright pursued graduate studies at Columbia University, finishing her PhD in 1976. In the same year, Albright won her first paying political job as chief legislative assistant to Senator Edmund Muskie (D-ME).

After two years in Senator Muskie's office, Albright joined National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski, one of her former professors, as a legislative aide in the

National Security Council. Her job ended in 1980 when the Democrats lost control of the White House.

In 1981, Albright spent the year as a Woodrow Wilson International Fellow, writing about events in Poland. She has also been a senior fellow in Soviet and East European Affairs at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington, DC think-tank.

Albright was appointed to the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service faculty in 1982. Since then, she has worked at Georgetown as the William H. Donner Professor of International Affairs, teaching courses on East European politics and international relations. Albright is also director of the school's Women in Foreign Service Program, working to train women in foreign policy decision making.

A desire to reenter politics became a reality in 1984, when Walter Mondale asked Albright to serve as foreign policy advisor to Geraldine Ferraro. During the 1988 presidential campaign, Albright worked for Michael Dukakis as his senior foreign policy advisor.

In 1989, Albright was elected president of the Center for National Policy, another Washington, DC think-tank. After the 1992 presidential election, Albright was appointed transitional foreign policy liaison for President-elect Clinton.



*Madeleine Albright, next U.S. ambassador to the UN*

Albright has authored several books about political developments in Poland and the former Czechoslovakia. She also maintains a foreign policy salon at her Georgetown home, drawing together politicians and academics for debate and analysis. Albright's supporters describe her as one who feels comfortable with a wide range of people and cultures, praising her appointment as a tribute to her heritage, academic background, and political experience.

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## PRESIDENTS ELECTED TO HEAD NEW SLOVAK AND CZECH REPUBLICS

### KOVÁČ ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SLOVAK REPUBLIC

After two rounds of voting, the Slovak Parliament elected Mr. Michal Kováč as the republic's first president on February 15. Kováč, 62, backed by the Movement for a Democratic Slovakia (HZDS), was the only candidate in this third round of voting. With 106 votes, he easily won a three-fifths majority of the 150-seat Parliament.

In the first two rounds of voting, held in January, neither Mr. Roman Kováč of the HZDS nor Mr. Milan Ftáčnik of the Democratic Left could secure the 90 votes needed for election. Both candidates withdrew as a new slate of candidates is required for a third vote.

Born in Lubis, the new Slovak president graduated from the Commercial Academy and School of Economics. In 1969, Kováč was recalled from London, where he was working as deputy director of a trade bank; a decade later he was ousted from the Communist Party and demoted to the position of bank clerk at Bratislava's State Bank.

After the 1989 revolution, Kováč was appointed minister of finance of the Slovak Republic. In the elections of 1990, Kováč ran as a candidate of the Public Against Violence movement, and was elected deputy of the Federal Assembly in the House of People. When Vladimír Mečiar became prime minister of Slovakia, Kováč was appointed minister of finance.

Kováč resigned his position in 1991, when Mečiar was taken out of office. Since 1991, Kováč has served as the deputy chairman of the Movement for a Democratic Slovakia's economic office. In 1992, Kováč was elected deputy of the House of People of the Federal Assembly for Eastern Slovakia, and in the Federal Assembly's first session in June 1992, he was elected speaker of the Federal Assembly of the ČSFR.

ACSA NEWS was not able to obtain a photograph of Mr. Kováč before press. It will appear in the next issue of ACSA NEWS.

### HAVEL ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CZECH REPUBLIC



*Václav Havel, new president  
of the Czech Republic*

Václav Havel, former president of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, was elected to a five-year term as president of the new Czech Republic on January 26. Mr. Havel, 56, was sworn in at a ceremony at Hradčany Castle on February 2.

Havel received 109 votes in a secret ballot of the 200-member Czech Parliament (172 valid electoral votes). Marie Stiborova, the Communist Party's candidate, received 49 votes, while Miroslav Sladek of the far-right Republican Party won 14.

Born in Prague, Havel started publishing magazine articles at age 19, many of which embraced humanist values suppressed by the Communist regime.

After completing his military service, Havel worked as a stagehand for various theaters in Prague. His first plays were produced in the early 1960s, and he continued to advocate for democratic principles throughout the decade and into the 1968 Prague Spring.

After 1969, when Czechoslovakia was invaded by Soviet troops, a nationwide ban was put on the publication of Havel's plays. He became known as a leader of the Czechoslovak opposition, and in 1977 co-founded Prague's Charta 77 movement. Havel's dissident activities resulted in imprisonment three times, for a total of nearly five years.

In the 1970s and 1980s, Havel continued to write plays, many of which were performed internationally. He became head of the Civic Forum, an association of opposition movements whose activities culminated in the 1989 Velvet Revolution.

Havel was elected president of Czechoslovakia in 1989. In the first free elections of 1990, he was reelected for a two-year term. Havel resigned from the presidency in July 1992, as the country's split gained momentum.

As the new state's first president, Havel declared his main goals to be promoting political stability, "morality" in government, and human rights. Hoping to encourage close ties with Slovakia, Havel has chosen to go there on his first foreign trip as president.

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## 1992 ACS MERIT AWARD RECIPIENT WENDY LUERS, CHARTER 77 FOUNDATION - NEW YORK

As a networker, a link, and a "jump-starter," the Charter 77 Foundation - New York has provided for hundreds of functioning programs in the former CSFR. "We are providing assistance that's not being given by others," said Wendy Luers, the foundation's president. "We are a sort of translator," she said, "between those who have needs and those who can meet those needs." In December, the 1992 ACS Merit Awards honored Wendy Luers for her assistance to the dissident struggle and the new democracy of the former CSFR.

The original Charta 77 Foundation was founded in Sweden in 1978 to support the dissident Charta 77 movement in Prague. Due in part to the financial backing of American businessman George Soros, the Charta 77 Foundation sponsored the movement's underground publications and human rights activities for the next decade.



*Wendy Luers, president of the  
Charter 77 Foundation - New York*

In 1984, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York was founded to coordinate support for the movement from the United States. With the support of several U.S. organizations, the Foundation was reorganized in 1990 as a networker, designed to match Western resources with Eastern needs.

Many mistakenly associate the current Charter 77 Foundation - New York with George Soros' Charta 77 Foundation in Prague. "We were never a Soros foundation," said Luers. "Our only connection with the Charta 77 Foundation was renting office space from them in Prague," she said. At the end of 1992, Soros' growing group of foundations demanded additional office space, forcing Charter 77 - New York to relocate its Prague office.

A second connection between the two foundations is that Luers and Soros both served on the Charta 77 Foundation's Board of Directors. Both eventually resigned; Soros in 1991, Luers in 1992. "Although to a different extent," said Luers, "we didn't agree with the foundation's goals. We weren't seeing any tangible accomplishments."

Since its reorganization, the Charter 77 Foundation - New York's projects have expanded rapidly. The Project on Justice in Times of Transition, inaugurated in late 1991 to advise East European leaders on matters of justice during the region's transition to democracy, has hosted three major conferences in the past year. The project's first conference, held in Salzburg, Austria in March 1992, brought East European decision-makers together with Latin American, West European, and U.S. politicians, journalists, and academics to discuss the issues related to transitional justice.

At the request of Hungarian President Goncz, a second conference was held in the fall of 1992 to address such issues as the freedom of information and privacy acts. The two-day conference was attended by Poles, Russians, Czechs, Slovaks, Hungarians, Germans, Western Europeans, and Americans.

In January 1993 a third conference, entitled "Reconciliation in Times of Transition," was held in El Salvador, bringing East Europeans together with Chilean and Western human rights leaders, journalists, and legal figures.

The Foundation's Expert Advisors Program, started in 1991, has proven equally successful. By placing Western economists, politicians, and social reformers for six to twenty-four month stays in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, the Foundation provides advice and training for Czech and Slovak decision-makers. "This program provides a hands-on, very carefully selected transfer of expertise from West to East," said Luers. "We are trying to provide neutral, high-level, needed and wanted people." Advisors have been placed with the Federal Ministry of the Economy, the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, the Chief Architect of Prague, and the Central Bank of Slovakia. To date, 13 Western advisors have been placed, including two in Slovakia. The program boasts former Ambassador of the CSFR to the U.S. Rita Klimova as acting consultant, working to match advisors with Czech and Slovak partners.

The Expert Advisor Program is assessed continually, said Luers. Two conferences have been held to obtain feedback from both advisors and advisees, used to determine whether the program is effective, whether it is still needed, and whether "hard" currency should be taken for "soft" advice.

Other programs initiated by the Foundation include the German Marshall Fund Travel Grants, which sponsor eligible Czech and Slovak leaders for short-term study stays in the United States; the Civic Education Project, which sends American academics to teach at Czech and Slovak universities; and the Masaryk Fellowship Program, which selects American volunteers to teach English in the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

This year's split of the former CSFR has only doubled the Foundation's work, said Luers. The Foundation has been advised to emphasize its activities in Slovakia, the smaller of the two new states. "Slovaks are facing a much more difficult situation than the Czechs," said Luers, "partly because their economy is based on heavy industry, and partly because there has been a lack—both before and after the revolution—of opportunities to develop a professional class."

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*"As opposed to the first few  
euphoric years, now is the time  
when the hands-on, micro-  
involvement has to take place."*

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According to Luers, the Foundation has met with several Slovak ministers and is hoping to open an office in Bratislava. Efforts to develop such programs as the Masaryk Fellowship Program in Slovakia, however, will depend on the region's political and economic climate. "Slovaks have a great deal of natural ingenuity," said Luers. "If their government allows for free enterprise and doesn't try to repress its own media and frighten away potential investors, they will have every opportunity to succeed," she said. In perhaps their most successful Slovak venture to date, the Foundation's Independent Journalists Initiative will help open a counterpart to Prague's Center for Independent Journalism in Bratislava this month.

In the coming year, the Foundation plans to continue its existing programs and further develop its activities in Slovakia. "We will continue to provide assistance as needed, and help to assess what those needs are," said Luers. "Our benefit is to stay small, lean, and creative," she said, "and to never promise anything we can't deliver."

*More photographs of 1992 ACS Merit Award winners will appear in next month's ACSA NEWS.*

## CURRENCY SPLIT

The Czech and Slovak Republics decided to end their common currency on February 8, responding to a growing gap between the liquidity of Czech and Slovak banks.

According to *The Journal of Commerce*, individuals were allowed four days, and companies three, to exchange their money for bank notes stamped with Czech and Slovak insignias. In the Czech Republic, anyone over 15 years of age could exchange 4,000 korunas (\$137); extra cash was to be deposited in non-interest-bearing bank accounts for exchange at a later date when more currency will be stamped. The stamped currency will gradually be replaced with official Czech and Slovak money.

In the settlement treaty agreed upon by both republics, Czech and Slovak korunas are to be traded initially at a 1-to-1 ratio. The two currencies are allowed to "float" against each other, however, which many predict will lead to the rapid devaluation of Slovak currency.

According to the *Journal*, it is expected that Czech exports to Slovakia could drop by as much as 30 billion korunas (over \$1 billion) this year. Bilateral trade has already suffered due to strict border controls and a new system for collecting the new value-added tax. In one example, U.S. retailer Kmart has reported that shipments of Czech goods to its seven Slovak stores have dropped almost 75% since January 1.

Under the settlement treaty, the trade deficit between the two countries will be assessed every three months and paid in convertible currencies. Using past trade statistics as a guide, Czech officials expect that the Czech Republic will consistently register a trade surplus with the smaller Slovakia.

## NEW TAX LEGISLATION IN SLOVAKIA

New legislation in the Slovak Republic will give tax exemptions for expatriates working for foreign companies and tax breaks for investors in the Slovak economy. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, this legislation is part of an effort by the new republic to encourage foreign investment in its economy.

A series of 26 treaties, including a common customs and economic zone and the creation of banking and taxation structures, have been passed to ensure that the January split with the Czech Republic does not lead to economic decline..

## TEMELIN NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Political and environmental controversy is surrounding Westinghouse Electric Corp.'s attempt to supply fuel, controls, and instrumentation for a Czech nuclear power plant currently under construction. According to *The Journal of Commerce*, the deal's original deadline of January 18 has been extended to the end of February, as the debate over nuclear power in the new republic remains unresolved.

The Russian-designed power plant is now under construction in Temelin, a town 50 miles south of Prague. Under criticism from environmentalists and the World Bank, some Czech ministers have determined the Temelin plant to be indispensable to the country's energy future, needed to replace aging coal-fired power plants.

According to Czech Prime Minister Václav Klaus, however, no official decision has been made on whether to complete the plant. A study conducted by the Czech government predicted that the Temelin plant's first 1,000-megawatt reactor would begin operation in 1996. The project is expected to cost more than \$2 billion.

## JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Pending negotiations, Sony Corp. could become the first Japanese company to own a manufacturing plant in the new Czech Republic. According to the *Nihon Keizai Shimbun*, the Japanese electronics enterprise has been asked to acquire Glass Television Components, a state-run glass manufacturer. Glass Television operates its main plant in northern Moravia.

## KMART EXPANDS IN THE CZECH AND SLOVAK REPUBLICS

After an investment of \$120 million, Kmart is now operating 13 stores in the Czech Republic. According to *The Journal of Commerce*, the world's second-largest retailer is hoping to add at least two more stores before the end of the year.

Kmart has stated that it intends to stock its Czech and Slovak stores with goods made locally, only importing those items unavailable in suitable quality or quantity. According to Donald MacNeill, managing director for Kmart's Central European office, U.S. imports will be largely limited to stationery and household goods. Although still distant, there are also plans to stock U.S. stores with goods made in Central Europe.

## CZECHS TO PREVENT BANKRUPTCIES

Czech Economics Minister Karel Dyba told the *Financial Times* this month that the Czech government is revising the nation's bankruptcy law to protect companies facing serious financial difficulties. The law, approved by the Czechoslovak federal parliament last year, was spurred by calls from numerous companies urgently requesting financial help.

Many companies, including some of the nation's largest and best-known firms, are caught in a circle of bad debt resulting from customers' unpaid bills. Those companies most severely affected by the debt problem used to serve the former Soviet and East European markets.

## "CZECHINVEST" CREATED TO ATTRACT INVESTORS

In an effort to spur foreign investment in the Czech Republic, Czech Minister of Industry and Trade Vladimír Dlouhý recently created CzechInvest, the Czech Agency for Foreign Investment. According to the January *Financial Times*, CzechInvest plans to launch a major promotional campaign early this year to attract foreign investors, hoping to raise \$10 billion in foreign investments before 1998. The group's campaign will publicize such statistics as the Czech Republic's low national debt of \$590 per capita (compared to Hungary's \$2,150 per capita debt).

## NEW U.S. EMBASSY IN BRATISLAVA

According to the U.S. Department of State, the United States began official embassy operations in Bratislava on January 4, 1993, making the former Consulate General Bratislava the new Embassy Bratislava. In the Czech Republic, the U.S. government will continue to be represented by the embassy in Prague.

Former Consul General Paul Hacker has been appointed chargé d'affaires ad interim, pending designation of an ambassador. Embassy Bratislava has yet to establish record telegraphic communications, and cable traffic must be routed through the U.S. embassy in Vienna and labeled "Hold for Bratislava."

The address of the embassy is: American Embassy Bratislava; Box 5360, Unit 25402; APO AE 09213-5630. Telephone: (42)(7) 330-861; fax: (42)(7) 335-439.

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# BOHEMIAN FORESTS SUFFER DECLINE

by D. K. Rathbun

Forests cover two-thirds of all the land in the Czech Republic, representing a great natural resource for the production of lumber and other wood products, as well as providing a retreat for hikers, bird-watchers, naturalists and others who enjoy a green environment. Douglas fir, Norway Spruce, and Scots pine grow in large, dense, almost pure stands on and around the mountains of Bohemia.

Since the early 1980's, unfortunately, these great forests have suffered extensive damage from human pollution and natural predation. Photographs taken by Landsat, the Earth-observing satellite, show a patchwork quilt of clear-cut areas where only grasses grow, dead and dying forests, and newly replanted stands of trees among the remnants of healthy forest.

The main cause of the dramatic deforestation is airborne pollution from coal-burning. Electrical power plants and defense-related heavy industries, which burn the sulfur-rich brown coal mined in the area, known as the Black Triangle, have been spewing out tons of nitrous and sulfurous oxides, ozone and other pollutants for decades. The effect on the forests has been devastating. According to Frits Mohren of the Institute for Forestry and Nature Research in the Netherlands, the pollution damage to forests in the former CSFR "encompasses the widest range of exposure and impacts on forest ecosystems to be found in Eastern Europe." Whereas some pollutants, such as ozone, can choke the ability of some leaves to respire, the blanket of sulfur-laden air smothers the trees entirely. Other damaged areas of the forest have been destroyed by fire, or decimated by an infestation of a pest known as the worm bark beetle.

A large and growing population of red deer has been responsible for damage to newly replanted and other young trees in the forests. The animals graze on the growing tips of young trees, which become stunted mature trees that foresters whimsically refer to as "Bohemian Bonsais," after the Japanese practice of deliberately cultivating tiny trees. One solution has been to spray the young trees with a deer repellent, a substance that the deer would find unpleasant to smell and nauseating to eat. Another ingenious solution that does not use chemicals can protect stands of trees as a group. Foresters build a small rail fence around the trees, which keeps the deer out. After twenty years or so, the fence will degrade, fall to the ground and decay. Meanwhile, the trees inside the fence will have grown tall enough to carry their delicate crowns out of the reach of hungry deer.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forestry Service has been instrumental in

coordinating Czech air-pollution and forest-health monitoring, and in developing response strategies. The long-standing tradition of culling dead or dying trees from the forest, for instance, is now being discouraged. According to Ann Bartuska, a Wetlands Specialist with the Forest Environment Research Department of the Forest Service, "A dead tree is better than no tree at all." By leaving the organic material wherever it may fall, nutrients are conserved, the soil is better protected, and the conditions for forest regeneration are improved.

Bartuska was one of five Americans to attend a seminar last summer, sponsored by the CSFR Federal Committee for the Environment and the Czech Ministry of Agriculture. The seminar participants spent a week travelling to forested areas of the Czech Republic, including visits to the Brdy Mountains, the Krušné hory mountain range, the Jizerské hory mountains, and adjacent forested areas. Their objectives included the assessment of damage, the discussion of options for forest management and reforestation, and the stimulation of international cooperation. The natural resilience of forest ecosystems was in ample evidence, but it is abundantly clear that increased pollution control that cuts across international boundaries is a must to ensure the re-establishment of healthy forest ecosystems in the new Czech Republic.

Interaction between Czech and Slovak foresters and their respective ministries is minimal. Dissolution of the CSFR resulted in the demise of one of the seminar's co-sponsors, the Federal Committee for the Environment, which formerly provided oversight to the Ministries of Agriculture and the Environment, now divided. Contributing to the difficult transition is an underlying tension between young scientists and those who remain from the communist era. This tension is partly due to the young scientists' desire to inject new ideas and approaches into the current system.

It is the intent of the Czech Republic's forestry institutions to transfer over half of the state-owned forests to private hands. New landowners will naturally include lumber companies, but will also include the forest's original owners (before nationalization), former state forestry employees who have exercised their option to purchase shares of privatized forests, and Bohemian villages who will collectively own the surrounding forests.

D. K. Rathbun is the ACSA NEWS production editor.

# AN INTERVIEW WITH DANIEL VESELÝ

by Gabriela Haas

*Daniel Veselý is the press secretary at the Czech Embassy and personal assistant to Michael Žantovský, ambassador of the Czech Republic to the United States.*

**Please describe your background and how long you have been at the Embassy.**

I was born in 1963. At Charles University, I studied journalism. During my studies, I also concentrated in pantomime and dance. Afterwards, I worked for two years as a public relations officer for drama and ballet at the National Theatre in Prague. There, I became active in the strike committee of the National Theatre during the Velvet Revolution. In February of 1990, I went to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for a three-month crash course in diplomacy. Then in May, 1990, I was posted at the U.S. embassy in Washington D.C. working for Ambassador Klimova as the press secretary. I am currently the press secretary and personal assistant to Ambassador Žantovský.

**What are the main goals of the new Czech embassy in furthering U.S.-Czech relations? What are the priorities in the upcoming year?**

One of our priorities since the division of Czechoslovakia is to demonstrate that the peaceful split is a reality; the two countries respect one another and are committed to do so in the future. In other words, it is important to assure our American partners that the region has not been politically destabilized by the split and that the Czech Republic has already stabilized its economy. The Czech Republic is a good and secure country for investments. And from a political point of view, the Czech Republic envisions the U.S. as a major foreign partner, supports a U.S. military presence in Europe and is glad to see that Americans view the Czech Republic as a small but important country for stability in Central Europe.



*Daniel Veselý, press secretary  
of the Czech Embassy*

**What are your thoughts on the division of Czechoslovakia from your perspective in the United States? How has it affected your work at the embassy?**

The division was not the best decision and for a long time, Czech political circles tried to avoid it. But you cannot defend the undefendable. You cannot force a person to stay in a federation if they believe it is better to separate. The division is a loss for both sides. But it is not a tragedy and I am optimistic about the future of our country.

Fortunately, the relations between the staff of the Czech and Slovak embassies are very good. The current situation, where we are working in the same building, is a temporary one because after two embassies have divided, they should not remain in the same location. It is like a marriage that has failed. There are many opportunities for conflicts and even if one is sensitive, disagreements are difficult to avoid.

**Considering how the ČSFR split, are there currently any tensions in the Czech Republic between people in Moravia and Bohemia?**

No, the Czech Republic is a unitary state inhabited by one nation and several small groups of minorities. There is no minority in the Czech Republic that would even come close to 10% of the total population in our country. Therefore, division of the Czech lands into Bohemia and Moravia is due purely to territorial reasons and not ethnic ones. But it is true that a discussion of Czech territorial structure is currently under way.

**Do you have any thoughts on ACSA?**

ACSA is beneficial in its activities. As an independent organization gathering people interested in the Czech Republic, it is in some ways a public relations group, and it is appreciated. The working groups and newsletter are useful, and they also contribute to our work.

*Gabriela Haas is the ACSA NEWS assistant editor.*

## CORRECTION

*On page 10 of our January 1993 issue, we incorrectly referred to the Citizen's Democracy Corps as the Christian Democracy Corps. We will reprint the corrected article in its entirety in the next issue of ACSA NEWS.*

# CZECH AND SLOVAK AMERICAN ENTERPRISE FUND

The Czech and Slovak American Enterprise Fund (CSAEF), formed through the Support for East European Democracy Act (SEED) of 1989, has responded to the January split by dividing its funds almost equally between the Czech Republic and Slovakia, and by maintaining offices in both Prague and Bratislava.

CSAEF invests in small and medium-sized Czech and Slovak private businesses, as well as sending industry experts to the former ČSFR to provide training and expertise. For U.S. companies seeking to do business in the Czech or Slovak Republics, CSAEF can help by investing in Czech or Slovak businesses that buy from or sell to U.S. companies, investing in the creation of joint ventures between U.S. and Czech or Slovak companies, and by introducing U.S. businesses to Czech and Slovak companies. Currently, CSAEF is looking for joint ventures with Czech and Slovak companies that process electrostatic air filters, dental equipment, machine tools, and thermoplastics.

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, the aims of the CSAEF are "to enhance and upgrade the level of employment, promote exports, contribute to environmental improvements, encourage energy efficiency, and assist in agricultural sector investments, including food processing."

CSAEF receives its funding from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), which has authorized CSAEF to commit \$27 million, with a total grant expected to exceed \$60 million.

## DATABASE OF BUSINESSES AVAILABLE

Information on more than 12,000 Czech and Slovak companies is now available in the new *Catalogue of Companies, Entrepreneurs, and Organizations*. Published in cooperation with the Czech Chamber of Commerce, the catalogue is divided alphabetically by products and services, and lists names, addresses, organizational structure, technology, and other company facts. The catalogue's information was compiled by INFORM KATALOG, Ltd., an organization founded in 1990 to develop a directory of information about Czech and Slovak companies. For more information about the catalogue, contact INFORM KATALOG, Ltd.; Sumavska 31; 612 64 Brno; Czech Republic; telephone: (42)(05) 75-92-56.

# AMERICAN BRINGS HIS ENTREPRENEURISM TO CZECHS AND SLOVAKS

by Gabriela Haas

With "Entrepreneurship Centers" in Prague and Bratislava, the Central Europe Institute assists entrepreneurs both directly, by providing one-on-one consultations on formulating, evaluating and developing ideas for business ventures, and indirectly, by helping to improve the overall business environment of the two countries.

Founded in 1990 by Peter McFadden, an American, and Dr. Ladislav Venyš, a Czech, the non-profit think tank is dedicated to serving the new Czechoslovak state in building democracy and a market economy. The Institute now operates what its brochure describes as "the most established and successful small business consulting program" in the Czech and Slovak republics.



*Peter McFadden, president of the Central Europe Institute*

Since the Entrepreneurship Center Program began operating in September 1991, its centers have counseled more than 200 entrepreneurs in business areas as diverse as honey production and auto supplies. The program has reached hundreds more budding entrepreneurs through its bimonthly "how to" columns in the prominent business periodicals *Ekonom* and *Trend*, as well as through lectures at universities, chambers of commerce and industry associations. The Central Europe Institute is also helping the Czech Republic's largest business school—the Prague University of Economics—prepare a new small business curriculum. And finally, out of concern for Czech and Slovak infrastructure, the program is addressing the lack of commercial real estate by helping city officials in Plzen and Piešťany establish business zones that will provide space and support for 25 new enterprises.

In 1992, the Central Europe Institute

received \$262,600 in support for its programs from a number of foundations and corporations, including the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Czech and Slovak American Enterprise Fund, the Open Society Fund of New York, Pfizer International, Honeywell, Apple Computer, and the Atlantic Richfield Company. The U.S. government has also contributed to the entrepreneurship programs with a grant of \$20,000 from the U.S. Agency for International Development. Such strong U.S. support reflects the quality of work the institute has achieved.

In addition, the Entrepreneurship Center Program provides young Americans with the opportunity to get involved and learn from the economic transformation that is taking place in Central Europe.

So how did the founder and president of the Central Europe Institute, a young American with few ties to Czechoslovakia, initiate this effort to foster entrepreneurship among Czechs and Slovaks? McFadden attributes his entry into Czech and Slovak affairs to Ronald Reagan and the former president's commitment to arms control. In 1987, McFadden was employed by the U.S. Department of State's Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. In a year-long study on the future of the Soviet Union, McFadden and his colleagues concluded that the Soviet Union would disintegrate within a few months—a theory that in 1987 was considered unrealistic. For McFadden, however, the realization that "this nightmare of communism could expire soon" was exciting. McFadden's aversion to communism was inherited from his father, an activist in the U.S. labor movement and veteran of numerous struggles over labor issues with American communists.

In 1988, McFadden, who describes his life as "not one of central planning," saved enough money and time for his first vacation. When a friend suggested that they tour Eastern Europe, McFadden immediately warmed to the idea as he had always considered this region remote and off-limits to American tourists. It was on this trip that McFadden's relationship with Czechs and Slovaks was sealed.

While touring Prague's colorful pub scene, McFadden met numerous Czechs and Slovaks, some of whom were wary of associating with Americans, and others who welcomed the chance to talk with a young Westerner. Those who McFadden befriended often made modest requests for western goods. On McFadden's last day in Prague, however, he was asked for a much larger favor—to help a young engineer

defect to the United States. After almost losing his State Department post for "engaging in illegal fraternization with foreign nationals of hostile countries" and expending significant financial and personal resources, McFadden helped his new Czech friend attain political asylum. The Czech engineer is now working toward a master's degree at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business.

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McFadden's experiences during his trip to Czechoslovakia, as well as the complications he encountered while helping his friend defect, made him eager for new challenges. Soon after the November 1989 revolution, McFadden was asked to organize a lecture for a member of Civic Forum at the State Department. The lecturer, Ladislav Venyš, had been an economics professor at Charles University until 1973, when he was fired for his dissident political views. Venyš then worked for the state regional planning agency, TERPLAN. During Venyš's State Department visit, McFadden spoke to the former professor about his idea to establish a U.S.-ČSFR organization designed to facilitate assistance and advice to the newly-freed Czechoslovakia. Out of this meeting, the Central Europe Institute was launched.

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*Gabriela Haas is the ACSA NEWS assistant editor.*

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## ENERGY LINKS IN CENTRAL EUROPE

A \$186 million high-voltage electric current link between Etzenricht in Bavaria, Germany and Hradec in the Czech Republic was recently completed and will begin full operation within a few weeks. The cable will allow Czechs and Bavarians to exchange up to 600 megawatts of electricity supplies instead of the current arrangement—transmitting power via Austria.

Germany's utility, Bayernwerk, paid \$124 million for the project while the Czech state-owned ČEZ contributed \$62 million. The immediate impact of the link will be on the region's environment, as the Czech utility will be able to cut production from its brown coal power stations.

## A RECENT TRIP TO THE FORMER ČSFR

by Alena Fencl

In January, Eastern Europe is an adventure—a very cold adventure. My recent trip to the Czech Republic and Slovakia was one of both pleasure and business. As a native Czech, I was going to visit my hometown of Teplice. As the ACSA Social Events Director, I was investigating organizations to benefit from the proceeds of an ACSA-hosted art exhibit to be held at the Slovak Embassy later this year.

After flying into Prague, my two American companions and I travelled to Teplice, where I lived until 1969. Eighty kilometers from Prague (about 48 miles), Teplice is the forgotten fourth spa of the once-celebrated quartet of Bohemian resorts that also included Karlsbad, Marienbad, and Franzenbad. We stayed with a childhood friend whom I have known since I was five years old. My friend, a local artist, painted a "Michelangelo look-alike" in the city's favorite restaurant, U Petra's.

On our way back to Prague we stopped at Terezín, built in 1780 by the Hapsburgs to serve as a fortress against Prussia. During World War II, Terezín was converted into a concentration camp. It's an eerie and soulless place; after a visit to Terezín the events of the past are no longer so abstract.

Our time in Prague was brief but memorable. We stayed at a private residence reserved for us by the ACSA Visitor Service on St. Peter's Square, only a five-minute walk from Old Town Square. There is a

certain romance and mystery associated with Prague's old city that makes it my favorite city in the world.

The following day we flew to Bratislava on Czechoslovak Airlines (ČSA), which offers a one-way fare from Prague to Bratislava of approximately \$35. We were quite impressed by the up-and-coming airline; the service was excellent and they have recently acquired a new fleet of planes.

For us, the best thing about Bratislava is its people. They are warm, friendly, and, unlike those in Prague, still intrigued by Americans. Bratislava is also a city full of art and culture; the city's cultural center (Mestské Kultúrne Stredisko) organizes frequent cultural events and festivals.

While in Bratislava, I met with artists Peter Augustovič and Peter Klučík, whose etchings will be featured in the upcoming art exhibit. I also met with Dagmar Hupková, deputy director of the Slovak Ministry of Culture, who is tentatively helping us secure a third artist, Albin Brunovski.

With the close of our visit emerged a worthy recipient for the art exhibit's proceeds: the Rada Mládeže Slovenska, an organization of orphanages throughout Slovakia. Through Bratislava's Mestské Kultúrne Stredisko, arrangements will be made to funnel all profits to the organization's neediest orphanage.

*Alena Fencl, the ACSA social events director, is a flight attendant for USAir.*

## ACSA BUSINESS AND TRADE COMMITTEE

by Bernard Lendman

After a six-month hiatus, the ACSA Business and Trade Committee's Roundtable will recommence monthly meetings beginning March 10, 1993. Henceforth, the Business Roundtable will have monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month (April 14, May 12, etc.).

The topic for the March 10 meeting will be an update on the activities of the Czech and Slovak American Enterprise Fund (CSAEF). The Roundtable will be addressed by Mr. Richard Dine, senior investment officer of CSAEF. Please contact Peter McFadden at (202) 638-5505 for additional information.

The Roundtable is currently compiling a database of individuals in the Washington metropolitan area interested in receiving

notices of upcoming meetings. If you would like to be added to the list, please fax your name, address, telephone and fax numbers to (703) 276-0231 or call (301) 890-2306.

The Roundtable is now being jointly managed by a group of individuals that are sharing the responsibilities related to facilitating the monthly meetings. At present, six people are involved: Cecilia Ciepiela, Katarina Dubielova, Bernard Lendman, Peter McFadden, Eva Munk, and Peter Wingate. There are additional positions for others interested in selecting topics and speakers and coordinating future Roundtable meetings. Please contact Bernard Lendman at (703) 276-1616 for additional information.

*Bernard Lendman is chairman of the ACSA Business and Trade Committee.*

## FINDING ROOTS IN BOHEMIA

by Janet Blackford

I had been gathering genealogical data for many years; I took classes at the National Archives and had joined the Fairfax Genealogical Society. Oh, to find my roots! Being Irish-English on my mother's side and German-Czech on my father's made it difficult to focus on a particular country. So I collected data and researched, often aimlessly, until a favorite aunt passed away in 1989; in her belongings was a name and address in the Bohemia region of the former Czechoslovakia—Maria Špiraková in Dubová Lhota.

I immediately charged off an enthusiastic letter to Maria in English, and received a reply written in Czech soon after. After combing the telephone book for a Czech-sounding organization, I happened upon a Dr. Hasek who was willing to translate.

It soon became clear that the house of my grandmother, Maria Lokajová, was still standing in Dubová Lhota, inhabited by a great-nephew. I learned that my grandmother, at age 14, had sailed to Ellis Island in the steerage class to meet cousins in Massachusetts, where I was later born. Maria had drawn a family tree for me (she was my father's first cousin) which put so much in perspective. I cannot possibly relate the exhilaration from such a discovery; it was more than I could have imagined! Maria sent a photograph of her nephew, Karel, who was dabbling in English and had offered to continue the correspondence.

In July 1990 I departed for Europe with the Friendship Force, a Washington, DC cultural exchange group. I attempted to convey to cousin Karel, who lives two hours outside Prague in Janovice, that since my hosts were in Bratislava I would not be able to visit the Prague area and, unfortunately, could not meet them on this trip.

You will never know what it was truly like to take a boat from Vienna, Austria up the Danube, dock in Bratislava and be greeted by the most wonderful and exhilarating surprise of my life. Cousin Karel, with the ingenuity and brilliance of the Czech people, had searched for the Friendship Force contact in Bratislava and insisted on hosting me—driving clear across his country to find me. Never had I imagined I would meet my never-known family in such a dramatic way!

During the 1992 holidays, I took my daughter, Kim, to Prague for her Christmas present and to Janovice to finally meet her family. ACSA had arranged our

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accommodations in Prague with a terrific woman named Olga (she and I have become fast friends and she will be a great resource for human rights and women's issues). We experienced a very pleasant visit with Maria Babakova of SPUSA, picked up a Christmas issue of *Prognosis*, shared my ACSA business cards with several people living in Prague, and made many Czech friends.

We spent two days with cousin Karel in Janovice. Once again, Karel took us to the General Patton plaque in Klatovy's square that ACSA Vice President Robert Doubek spoke of at the 1992 ACS Awards Ceremony in December; it is something they seem quite proud of. It was a holiday visit that shall never be forgotten— not only because everyone finally met Kim, and she met them, but also because on January 1 we experienced the historical division of Czechoslovakia.

*Janet Blackford is chairperson of the ACSA Committee on Human Rights and Women's Issues.*

## HOST A CZECH OR SLOVAK TEEN

Over 350 Czech and Slovak teenagers are spending the 1992-1993 academic year with host families throughout the United States. Coordinating these visits is the American Intercultural Student Exchange (AISE), which is now seeking host families for the 1993-1994 academic year. Students arrive with their own insurance and spending money; host families are only responsible for providing room, board, and a welcoming environment. For more information on becoming a host family, contact Carol Hines at (619) 935-2235 or 1-800-SIBLING.

## NEW NATIONS CHOOSE SYMBOLS

by Gabriela Haas

*This month, ACSA examines symbols that will be used by the new Czech and Slovak states. In a future issue, ACSA NEWS will continue the series by detailing the historic origins of Slovakia's most famous symbol, the double cross atop three mountains.*

After January's separation of the Czech and Slovak Republics, new symbols have been chosen for the independent states. In most cases this transition has been smooth, but some controversy has arisen regarding the Czech Republic's new flag.

Most new symbols have been introduced without dispute. In the Czech Republic, a red shield bearing the silver double-tailed lion will remain the state's small emblem. The unique lion will also remain in the state's large emblem, along with Moravia's silver and red checked eagle and Silesia's black eagle. The Czech Republic's state colors are white, red, and blue (arranged in that order). Finally, the new state's anthem will be familiar to most Czechs—it is the first part of the Czechoslovak anthem composed by František Škroup, with words written by Josef Kajetán Tyl in the 1800s.

Slovakia has retained its former emblem—the double cross whose origins will be traced in a future issue of ACSA NEWS. The republic's colors are the same as in the Czech Republic, but in a different order—white, blue, and red. These colors are displayed in the Slovak flag, which was accepted with the state's new constitution on September 1, 1992. The nation's anthem is the second part of the ČSFR anthem, written by Janko Matuška during Slovakia's national "reawakening" in the 19th century.



*The new Slovak flag*

It is the Czech Republic's choice of flag, however, which has spurred dispute between the republics. In the November 25, 1992 law which ended the former federation, the Federal Assembly stipulated that neither of the successor republics could use the federation's symbols after January 1, 1993. On December 17, 1992, however, the parliament of the Czech Republic mandated that the new Czech flag would be identical to the former Czechoslovak flag. By approving this law, the Czech Parliament rejected the suggestions of several ministers that they circumvent the law by altering the flag's blue triangle.

Politicians and lawyers argue that the federal dissolution law is not binding for the independent states, and many citizens claim a sovereign right to choose their own flag. Jirina Pavliková, chairman of the Czech Parliamentary Heraldic Commission, said in mid-November that the ČSFR flag provides a historic connection between the Czechoslovak and Czech states, and since Slovakia had already adopted a different flag in September, the ČSFR flag would be "available" after January 1, 1993.

Some Slovaks have asked their government to protest the new Czech flag. Milan Knažko, Slovakia's minister of foreign affairs, submitted a formal protest to the Czech Minister of Foreign Affairs and, in a January 21 interview with *Národná Obroda* said that the problem would be solved through a mutual agreement between the two governments. According to Knažko, "It is a matter of opinion, or political ethics, that the Czech side did not consider this [the November 25 federal law] to be relevant and voted in favor of using the same flag as we had before.... I believe that when a firm has a common symbol, none of its successors may use it."

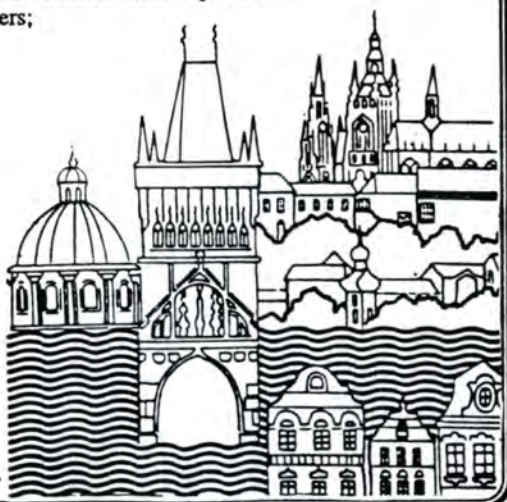
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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### Until February 28:

"Contemporary Czechoslovak Posters," a free exhibit at the Anderson Gallery of the School for the Arts; 907 1/2 West Franklin St.; Virginia Commonwealth University; Richmond, VA. For more information, call (804) 367-1522.

### February 24, Wednesday, 8:45 p.m.:

The American Film Institute (AFI) will screen two films by Slovak film-maker Martin Holly. *Signum Laudis* (1980) will be shown at 6:30 p.m.; *Silent Pain* (1990) at 8:45 p.m. Both are in Slovak with English subtitles. AFI Theater; Kennedy Center; Washington, DC. Admission is \$5 for AFI members, \$6 for non-members. For more information, call (202) 828-4090.

### February 27, Saturday:

The Washington Opera presents the first performance of *The Cunning Little Vixen* (*Liška bystrouška*), a lavishly produced opera by Czech composer Leoš Janáček. Kennedy Center; Washington, DC. For ticket information, call (202) 416-7800 or (800) 87-OPERA.

### March 10, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.:

ACSA Business and Trade Committee's Monthly Business Roundtable. Discussion will be led by Mr. Richard Dine, senior investment officer of CSAEF. For more information, please contact Peter McFadden at (202) 638-5505.

### March 10-April 11:

*The Makropoulos Secret*, a chilling gothic fantasy by Czech playwright Karel Čapek. The Washington Stage Guild; Carroll Hall; 924 G Street, NW; Washington, DC. For ticket information, call (202) 529-2084.

### March 12 and March 14:

The Opera Theater of Northern Virginia presents *The Good Soldier Schweik*, a comic opera by Robert Kurka. The Thomas Jefferson Community Center; 125 S. Old Glebe Rd.; Arlington, VA. For ticket information and reservations, call (703) 549-5039.

### ACSA HOTLINE (301) 869-3016, EXT. 2

Since August, we have been operating an information and registration hotline announcing upcoming events in the Washington metropolitan area. The hotline's voice mail operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This service is especially useful in keeping up to date with events not listed in either ACSA NEWS or committee mail.

### March 28, Sunday:

Two Czech hockey players compete when the Washington Capitals host the Pittsburgh Penguins, pitting Michel Pivonka (Washington) against Jaromir Jagr (Pittsburgh). Capital Centre, Washington, DC. To reserve tickets, mail \$27 to Todd Soycek; P.O. Box 34263; Washington, DC 20043. For more information, call (301) 869-3016, ext. 2. Deadline: March 5.

### April 6-8:

East Europe Expo '93, featuring exhibitors from Eastern Europe and the U.S. Las Vegas, Nevada. For more information, contact Steven Colantuoni, Inter-Trade, at (602) 795-3690.

### April 7, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.:

Meeting of writers, editors, photographers, desktop publishers, and all persons interested in working with ACSA NEWS. Lobby, 1155 Connecticut Ave., NW; Washington, DC. For more information, please contact Gabriela Haas at (202) 667-6231.

### April 26-28:

1993 East Europe Business Outlook Conference. Pittsburgh, PA. For more information, contact Dr. Andrew Blair, University of Pittsburgh, at (412) 648-1570.

### May 20, Thursday:

The Center for Contemporary Opera premieres *The World We Live In: An Insect Comedy*, an opera by Martin Kalmanoff, in New York, NY. The opera is based on *From the Life of Insects* (*Ze života hmyzu*), written by Czech playwrights Karel and Jozef Čapek. For more information, call (212) 308-6728.

## INTERNSHIPS WITH ACSA

A limited number of 1992-93 internships are available with the following ACSA committees: ACSA NEWS; International Relations; Government Relations; Business and Trade; Academic Affairs; Cultural Affairs; Legal Affairs; and Fundraising.

Interns should be undergraduate or graduate students studying political science, international relations, or international business.

To apply, send a letter of inquiry, one letter of recommendation, and a current resume to the ACSA address. For more information, call (301) 869-3016, ext. 5.

## CZECH STRING QUARTET IN CONCERT

In cooperation with the Slovak Society of Washington, ACSA will host an April concert of the Wallinger String Quartet in Washington, DC. Based in Brno, the quartet has performed in Austria, France, Switzerland, and Germany. They were awarded the Beethoven Prize at the 1987 Hradec Competition, and received honors at the 1988 Prague Spring Competition and France's Evian Competition. Beginning in March 1993, the quartet will conduct its first tour of the United States, performing 25 concerts along the East Coast, including an appearance at the Embassy of the Czech Republic, 3990 Linnean Ave., NW, Washington, DC on April 2 at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (202) 638-5505.

## VISITING CZECH AND SLOVAK FELLOWS

The Central and Eastern European Internship Program provides practical training for new Czech and Slovak leaders with their American counterparts in government, journalism, and business management. Launched in 1990, the program is sponsored by the National Forum Foundation, and has coordinated three-month training programs with almost 200 of Eastern Europe's emerging leaders.

One of this year's visiting fellows is Katarina Haroniková, a consultant with Edward Callan Ltd. Born in Slovakia, Ms. Haroniková was an active member of the Public Against Violence movement until its dissolution. She was secretary of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the Federal Czechoslovak Parliament, and later became a consultant. Ms. Haroniková is also working toward the formation of a new political party in Slovakia.

A second participating fellow from the former ČSFR is Mr. Jiri Oberfalzer. Mr. Oberfalzer is the former director of President Havel's Press and Information Office, where he arranged press briefings, maintained the Presidential Archives, and often acted as presidential spokesman. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Oberfalzer served as the editor of *Forum*, the weekly publication of the Civic Forum movement. He also co-founded the Civic Dialogue Group, whose "Eight Principles of Dialogue" contributed to the Velvet Revolution.

For further information concerning the stays of Ms. Haroniková or Mr. Oberfalzer please contact The National Forum Foundation at (202) 543-3515.

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## INTERNATIONAL LIAISON OF LAY VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

*U.S. Catholic Network*

*Celebrating*  
**30**  
*Years of Service*  
1963 - 1993

## AN INVITATION

International Liaison of Lay Volunteers in Mission (ILLVIM) invites you to JOIN US in our mission by sharing your

TIME

TALENTS

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

## SERVICES/PROGRAMS

1. Widespread **RECRUITMENT** of volunteers for service among the poor as well as those who are experiencing any form of injustice. The volunteers serve on most continents.

2. **RESPONSE**, annual directory published and distributed free of charge to facilitate recruitment effort. Currently 70,000 **RESPONSE** directories are in print, listing over 150 volunteer programs. The volunteer programs offer placements for periods from 2 weeks to 4 years worldwide.

3. **TOLL-FREE 800** number to the ILLVIM National Office providing access to firsthand information and advice regarding volunteer options and support for the over 150 member volunteer programs.

4. **HOW CAN I HELP?**, bi-weekly (every two weeks) newsletter announcing congressional involvement and National Office news. Attached to newsletter sent to member volunteer programs is a listing of potential volunteers who have contacted the ILLVIM office by phone or letter requesting information about volunteer opportunities.

5. **COORDINATION AND FACILITATION** of education/formation opportunities through two workshops offered for those looking to begin a volunteer program. A third workshop provides spiritual renewal of volunteer programs. An annual Celebration Conference enables networking among Directors of Volunteer programs as well as an introduction to lay volunteerism.

6. **CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING** through publication and distribution of brochures inviting persons of all ages to discern the call to serve others through volunteerism; involvement in Mission Appeals in parishes throughout the U.S.

7. **NETWORKING** with the U.S. Catholic Bishops Conference, U.S. parishes, religious congregations of women and men, National and Diocesan Propagation of the Faith offices, and collaborative agencies.

## GOVERNANCE AND NATIONAL OFFICE TEAM

A fifteen member Board governs the mission, purpose, policies, plans and financial stability of ILLVIM. The membership consists of volunteer program directors and persons with specific expertise from the general public. The Board meets twice a year and members are encouraged to serve on committees throughout the year.

National office team is administered and managed by an Executive Director. The team consists of four members, volunteer and paid, as well as volunteer consultants sharing the responsibilities of the office.

An Episcopal Advisor guides ILLVIM and its efforts.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

General operations are supported through membership fees; contributions from individuals; dioceses/parishes; religious organizations/groups; foundation/corporation grants; in-kind volunteer services; donations from families, friends, and supporters of ILLVIM's mission.

*"Yes, it has been a year of faith and service. Instead of seeing my beliefs enhanced by my work, I saw them challenged. Instead of having my faith answered through my service, it was questioned. However, during the course of this year, I have come to embrace my faith more fully."*

*Theresa Vithayathil*

## ILLVIM TODAY

ILLVIM can boast of many blessings during its thirty (30) years of service. It was established in 1963 as an independent not-for-profit affiliate of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops for the purpose of facilitating the Spirit's urging among Catholic women and men toward involvement in "mission activities" worldwide. ILLVIM has promoted and facilitated the establishment and operation of many volunteer programs. These in turn have made it possible for thousands to experience personal transformation through activating their baptismal call to serve others in need throughout the world. ILLVIM presently continues as a viable membership service organization, promoting and enabling all persons to find a way to put their faith into action.



## ILLVIM TOMORROW

Thirty years is only the beginning. ILLVIM continues to move forward promoting lay volunteerism. Our primary goals for the future include greater collaboration with other networks, higher visibility, increased services to member programs and greater endowment. We envision together "a new generation of missionaries" --our laity in mission.

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*Micah 6:8*

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)