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# CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICA

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October 15, 1958

Dear Rabbi Tannenbaum:

In reference to our conversation on the phone I send you a copy of a letter containing more information on the Salute to Free Czechoslovakia. I also enclose an invitation for you and Mrs. Tannenbaum. We are very pleased that you have agreed to attend with Mrs. Tannenbaum the Salute to Free Czechoslovakia Dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria and to dismiss us with a closing prayer and a benediction.

Our speakers will be: Thomas K. Finletter, Governor Harriman, Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, Nelson A. Rockefeller and probably either Dr. Tsiang, the Ambassador of China to the United Nations or Madame Chiang-Kai-Shek.


The Overseas Press Club will be recipient of the First Jan Masaryk Award in recognition of outstanding services of its members in the struggle for freedom and democracy.

I would appreciate if you would send me some biographical notes on yourself and a mat for our publicity.

Thanking you for your cooperation,

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

  
(Rev.) Blahoslav Hruby

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## AMERICAN JEWISH

The Czechoslovak National Council of America, representing the great majority of Americans of Czechoslovak descent, will commemorate several important anniversaries under the title of a "SALUTE TO FREE CZECHOSLOVAKIA", particularly:

- a. the 40th Anniversary of the birth of the Czechoslovak Republic
- b. the 20th Anniversary of the fateful Munich Peace Pact, and
- c. the 10th Anniversary of the tragic death of Hon. Jan Masaryk

"SALUTE TO FREE CZECHOSLOVAKIA" will consist of two great events, namely:

1. a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York City, on Saturday, October 25, 1958, at 6:30 P.M. with many representatives of the United Nations as guests, and
2. a service of commemoration on Sunday, October 26, 1958, at 11:00 A.M. at the Jan Hus Czech Brethren Presbyterian Church, 351 East 74th Street, New York 21, at which a plaque will be dedicated to the memory of Hon. Jan Masaryk, "the ambassador of world brotherhood".

The people of Czechoslovakia are forbidden by their communist oppressors to commemorate the birth of their democratic Republic - October 28, 1918 - and inasmuch as they are denied the most basic freedoms, the Czechoslovak National Council of America and the Masaryk Memorial Foundation, Inc., together with many friends of free Czechoslovakia, want to pay tribute on this occasion to their indomitable, liberty-loving spirit which no amount of brutality has been able to extinguish throughout the centuries.

Believing that you are in sympathy and accord with our endeavor, we request you to permit us to include your name in the list of distinguished sponsors. We sincerely hope that you will grant this request and that you

will honor us with your presence, but even if you should not be able to attend personally, your acceptance of sponsorship will be highly valued and deeply appreciated. A short statement by you for this occasion would be welcome. It would appear in a special volume containing articles and messages concerning this commemoration.

Trusting that we shall have your favorable reply at an early date, we remain,

Respectfully yours,

Andrew J. Valuchek  
President, Committee for Salute  
to Free Czechoslovakia



# "SALUTE TO FREE CZECHOSLOVAKIA???"

**Who Are the Organizers of the Czechoslovak Jubilee  
At the Waldorf Astoria?**

**Head Organizer: New York Daily (New Yorksky Dennik)**

— See photo of Benes-Stalin —

"In Stalin the nations of the USSR have a genial leader, master of the worker party, a great strategist, liberator, politician, to whom even the Czechoslovak republic owes her liberation, It is his merit that the USSR won the World War II, when Stalin was the commandant-in-chief, and this way the USSR became the first rate power of the world." (Editor's page, NYD, December 21, 1945.)

## **Members of Czechoslovak National Council of America, N.Y.C.**

Excerpts from a report of the House Un-American Activities Committee:

"The report listed the following organizations as 'actively associated with American Slav Congress' . . . . Czechoslovak Council of America, N.Y.C.; United American Czechoslovak Society, N.Y.C. . . .

"Loyal Groups listed as opposed to Communist rule and as supporting present United States foreign policy: **Slovak League of America.**"

Naturally, Slovak League of America is opposed to the Czechoslovak Council in America and to any of their activities pro-Czechoslovakia.

## The Founder-Fathers of Czechoslovakia

The first President of Czechoslovakia, Prof. T. G. Masaryk and Dr. Eduard Benes, Secretary of State and President, both Czechs. Gen. Dr. M. R. Stefanik, the first Secretary of Army, the Slovak, a victim of political murder.

The first two were the first in the world to sign a pact of friendship and mutual assistance with Stalin in 1935. The Slovaks, at a great peoples manifestation in Piestany (Slovakia) in 1936 tore to pieces a copy of that pact and burned it with the flag of the USSR.

The third one — scientist, diplomat, soldier, French general — was the Slovak Milan R. Stefanik, who fought the war against Communism back in 1918. He was the first Secretary of War and while on duty in Siberia in 1919, he sent this message to the Prague government:

“Beware of bolshevism as the greatest enemy of the civilized world.” Alas, he was killed to the order of Dr. E. Benes. (See Congressional Record, 1958.)

Dr. E. Benes said in a speech in Prague, Dec. 22, 1945, at the occasion when he received two honorary degrees:

“As a reaction to the decaying individualism is the doctrine of Marx-Engels completed by Lenin . . .” (CTK) Dec. 23, 1945.

Jan Masaryk, son of the first president, Secretary of State 1945-48, never voted against the USSR in the U.N., but he did vote many times against the Western democracies. On the 4th day of December, 1945, in London, he proclaimed:

“We have carried out a lot rather daring legislation. However, we are masters in our own house and we are going to continue to be. Don't believe a word about any country, Soviet Russia included, interfering in the internal affairs of my country.” (New York Herald Tribune, December 5, 1945.)

What happened in 1948 is well known, but the “daring legislation” prepared the way to Communism, and some of the so-called Czechoslovak Democrats are among the organizers of this jubilee.

## Differences Between the Czechs and Slovaks

In so-called free elections in Czechoslovakia, May 26, 1946, one-third of the Slovak people were not allowed to vote, because of their anti-communist attitude. Despite that, 70% of the cast votes was for the democratic parties. However, in Bohemia, the Czechs in the same elections voted 62% for the Communist and Left Socialist parties. And this is the way the Slovak nation was enslaved by the Czech communists after they assumed power.



In 1945 Slovakia was annexed by the Czechs through the intermedium of the Soviet Armies. No plebiscite was permitted by the Czechs who were supported in their anti-Slovak policy by Moscow as a reward for their services to the cause of backing interests of International Communism in the duration of the last 30 years.

Ethnically, the Slovaks represent a different group from the Czechs by their history, popular culture and language. .

Some of the Czechs aspire for restoration of Czechoslovakia. While the Slovak people clamor for the re-establishment of the Slovakian State, the Czechs do everything to mislead the influential quarters of the other nations of the world.

To believe their propaganda, the Slovaks are "fascists" and only a few of them are democrats and the so-called democrats, who for the sake of money, put themselves at the service of the Czech Imperialists. These few traitors do not represent the political will of the Slovak Nation. The so called Czechoslovakia and true democracy emphatically contradict one another.

### **Slovaks Seek Democracy and Freedom**

The Slovaks want Democracy and Freedom — that which they were deprived by a common Czech-Communist fraud.

**AWAY WITH THIS FRAUD!  
LET DEMOCRACY BE VICTORIOUS!  
LET SLOVAKIA BE INDEPENDENT.**

Participating in this picketing are New York branches of the following Slovak organizations:



**Slovak National Council Abroad  
Slovak Liberation Committee  
Slovak Catholic Federation of America  
First Catholic Slovak Union in U.S.A.  
Under the Auspices Of  
Branch 1, Slovak League of America**



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"The Blessing of Life"

O Lord, Thou has set within our hearts the urge to live. We all deeply wish to live, in health, joyously, vigorously, usefully and without suffering. And within our hearts, O Lord, Thou hast also deeply set the urge to help others live, in health, joyously, vigorously, usefully and without suffering.

Of old it has been said to Thy earthly children, "I set before you this day life and good or death and evil... therefore choose life." May we indeed all of us choose life, and because ours is the blessing of life, may we give gladly and with open hand to support the life-saving work of the American Cancer Society. Through a generous outpouring of support for the Society we would further Thy gift of life, with brighter hope for the stricken and for all Thy children, that we shall know the blessing of health and length of years. Amen.

Rev. Dr. D. de Sola Pool  
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