# In Prague

New York Times News Service

PRAGUE — Prague's immensely rich cultural life — accentuated even more by this month's music spring festival — is a breathless counterpoint to Czechoslovakia's liberalizing political revolution.

This cultural explosion, covering everything from classical music and late-night jazz to 32 legitimate theaters and some of the best contemporary cinema-making in the world, is not revolutionary in the immediate sense and, ostensibly, bears no direct relationship to the experiment of the progressive Communist leadership here in democratizing Marxism.

**Key Role**

But the influence of the Czechoslovak intellectuals, writers, journalists, playwrights, artists, movie-makers — all of whom have long ago turned their back on the Soviet-inspired "Socialist realism" to orient themselves avidly toward the West and its cultural traditions — has played a key role in propelling this nation towards the liberalizing revolution within Communism.

Such, in fact, is the importance of these men and women in shaping this "new path to Socialism," that the jocular talk here these days is that the Communist "dictatorship of the proletariat" has been replaced by the "dictatorship of the intellectuals and journalists."

Underlying this phenomenon, and presumably also explaining it, is that Prague is essentially a Western-thinking city in all things from the type and quality of its cultural life to the veritable mania for turtleneck sweaters that has swept this capital in recent months.

**The Problem**

This spring, with the month-long spring music festival richly adding to the diet, the problem here is not what to do with one's evening, but what to choose and how to get in.

Tickets to the National theater, the Smetana Hall and the House of Artists, where most of the festival performances are held, are at a premium with such internationally known performers and orchestras as the American pianist Julius Katchen, the Greek pianist Gina Bachauer, the Polish violinist Henryk Szeryng, the Netherlands' concert Gebouwerkes Orchestra and the Budapest Symphony Orchestra, the Prague public and the western tourists have turned the spring festival into a massive success.

And, setting the tone of the new Czechoslovakia, President Ludvik Svoboda attended the opening night of the festival at Smetana Hall — a gesture that his orthodox Communist predecessors never made — and brought the tears to the eyes of the audience as he stood erect to hear Bedrich Smetana's "Our Country," which is to the Czechoslovaks what the song "America, the Beautiful" is to Americans.

**Only One Part**

But the music festival is only one part of the cultural scene of Prague and Czechoslovakia. On June 5, the International movie festival opens at Karkovy Vary, with the added attraction of the three Czechoslovak productions that could not be presented at the Cannes Festival this month because Prague is essentially a cause of the French upheaval.

There are also the Church Singers at St. Vitus Cathedral; the famous mime, Ladislav Fialka, reminiscent of France's Marcel Marceau, the Czechoslovak television doing some of the best European work in drama and, not the least, the jazz experiments at a club known as "Reduta Jazz-Klub."

A major art exhibit of the late painter Frantisek Kupka is at Prague's Kinsky Palace, and art shows, including those of "protest groups" are found everywhere in town.

All this activity — plus the abundance of night life enjoyed by the Czechoslovaks and tourists alike — has made Prague a throbbing city where hand-to-hand combat is required to conquer a table at a restaurant after the evening's cultural and other endeavors, where taxis are as elusive after dark as the strains of music in the night air, and where the unspoken theme is, "we Belong to the West."



(Herald photo)

# Old Grads of San Carlos School

Continuing a tradition of Monterey alumni of San Carlos School, most of whom attended classes there around the turn of the century, gathered recently at the Fireside restaurant in Seaside for their annual reunion and "class" picture. Those present were, standing from left, Joe Silva, Mrs. Julia Breinig, Mrs. Annette Spiegler, Mrs. Rose Carmody, Carl Doelter, Mrs. Joe Silva, Mrs. W. O. Irvine, Mrs. Ray Krallfier, Bill Downey, Mrs. J. H. Peacock and W. O. Irvine, and, seated from left, Mrs. Bill Downey, Abel Espinosa, Mrs. Ethel Hyde, Raymond Crummey, Mrs. Abel Espinosa, Mrs. Raymond Crummey, and Mrs. Ray Sollman.

## Funeral Notices

MITCHELL — Martin Mitchell, May 20th, 1968, a resident of Carmel, 3b years. Aged 67 years. Beloved husband of the late Barbara Mitchell. Father of Franklin B. Mitchell of Oakland, Martin H. Mitchell of Diablo, Calif., Donald S. Mitchell of Livermore, Calif., and Sgt. Kay Rahmadi, also survived by six grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 25th, 1968 at 1 p. m. in the Mission Mortuary Chapel. Rev. Dwight Hall of the Salem Episcopal Church officiating. Interment Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland, Calif. The Mission Mortuary in charge of local arrangements.

JOHNSON — Estelle Johnson, May 20th, 1968. A native of Whiteville, Tenn. Aged 56 years. Wife of William Johnson of Monterey. Mother of Robert J. Aspinall of Monterey. Daughter of Mrs. W. B. Sharp of Dallas, Tex. Also survived by three sisters. Funeral services and burial will be held in Dallas, Tex. Mission Mortuary in charge of funeral arrangements.

MASTERS — Mildred M. Masters, in Monterey May 24th, 1968. Aged 60 years. Native of Buffalo, N. Y. Resident of Pacific Grove since 1947. Former resident of Colorado Springs, Col. Wife of the late Lt. Col. Howard N. Masters. Daughter of the late Charles and Rose M. Russell. Survived by a niece, Mrs. Doris Russell Schubert of Allison Park, Penna., a cousin, Mrs. G. Creighton Snyder of Pleasant Ridge, Mich., and a cousin of the late Col. Masters, Mrs. Edith Cornell of Niagara, N. Y., and several nephews. Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 1, 1968, at 11 a. m. in the Little Chapel by the Sea, Asilomar Blvd., Pacific Grove. Interment to follow at a later date in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, N. Y. Chaplain George J. Lenk, USA, retired, officiating. The Paul Mortuary in charge of funeral services.

VERVEKA — Bessie C. Verveka, May 26, 1968. Native of San Jose, Age 78 years. Resident Monterey 30 years. Wife of Anton Verveka of Monterey. Mother of Richard Verveka of Monterey, Mrs. Jack Verveka of Salinas, Ohio, and Mrs. Laverne Owens of Oakland. Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 25th, 1968 at 1 p. m. at the Paul Funeral Chapel with Rev. Vincent Evans of the First Methodist Church officiating. Private interment will follow in the Oak Hill Memorial Park. Sea Jay The Paul Mortuary in charge of funeral arrangements.

## Deaths

### Russell Hadley

Private services were held yesterday in Salinas for Russell R. (Jack) Hadley, 74, who died Wednesday in a Salinas hospital following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Hadley, a retired advertising executive, is survived by his wife, Elsie, of Salinas, and a son, Jack R. Hadley, of Anaheim. Struve and Laporte Funeral Home handled arrangements.

### Services Tomorrow For Mrs. Masters

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow in the Little Chapel-by-the-Sea in Pacific Grove for Mildred M. Masters, who died Wednesday in a local convalescent home.

Captain George L. Lutz (USA-ret) will officiate. Inurnment will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery at Buffalo, N.Y. The Paul Mortuary is in charge of local arrangements.

### Ultimate Test

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass. (AP) — A student curriculum committee recently distributed a 47-item questionnaire for students to tell professors anonymously what they think of them and their courses. The ultimate question to test a professor's appeal: "If the course were given at 8 a.m. on Saturday, would you attend?"

### New Tavern Law

BOSTON (AP) — A new Masachusetts law sets the closing hours for taverns at 1 a.m. Sunday instead of Saturday midnight.

# 2500 Teachers Absent

LOS ANGELES (AP)— The American Federation of Teachers told its members to conduct a one-day strike today, but school officials said the 2,500 absentees were about normal for the day after a holiday.

The federation represents 2,500 teachers.

The federation, affiliated with the AFL-CIO, said it hoped that double its membership would support the strike.

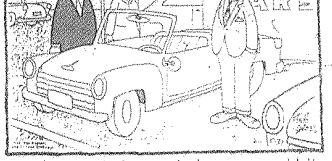
"This is about the amount of absences we would expect on the day after Memorial Day," said a school district spokesman.

In declaring the walkout was in effect, a federation spokesman said "The number of absences will vary from zero at some schools to very high in others."

School officials said the San Fernando Valley, where the AFT has most of its members, was hardest hit by absences today.

Striking teachers were to show up at the Board of Education office this afternoon in an effort to meet with the superintendent of schools. But their spokesman said, "We don't expect him to be there."

He added: "We'll hope for good results. We think the system is just falling apart."



"It's had very little use—the last owner couldn't even get it started."

### Tomorrow

First Theater, Monterey, "All a Mistake," 8:30 p.m.

Circle Theater, Carmel, "Noah," 8:30 p.m.

Studio Theater, Carmel, "Send Me No Flowers," 8:30 p.m.

Theater-in-the-Ground, Forest Theater, Carmel, "Feiffer and Folk," 8:35 p.m.

Monterey Peninsula College Little Theater, "A Happening," 8:30 p.m.

Crown Chamber Players, Monterey Peninsula College music hall, 8:30 p.m.

### Council's Tree Tour Monday in Carmel

The Carmel City Council, Tuesday, primary election day, is an official holiday and city hall will be closed.

The Carmel City Council will hold its monthly tree tour before council meeting date.

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Seaside Performing Arts Committee presents Gilbert Boyer, pianist, Peninsula Buddhist Temple, 1155 Noche Buena, 8:30 p.m.

### Big Ben Not for Sale

LONDON (AP) — Sorry, California — Big Ben is not for sale.

Robert Mellish, Britain's minister of public buildings and works, sent the sad news today in a letter to the Golden Ages Club of Oceanside, Calif.


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CORRECTION
The item in our ad in Thursday's Herald reading: 2775 Brand New U.S. Silver Dollars — $4568.00 was in error. It should have read:
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