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Abstract: Polka and polkomanie in the Bohemia of the 1830'and 1840'was first a manifestation of the energy of the young dynamic bourgeoisie profiting from all features, which could help to build the national identity and finally result in the creation of the national state. The proofs of the Czech and popular origin of the polka came out at the same time. Many of them were soon considered just a speculation while others played an important role. The aim of the study is to investigate what was the particular reason why polka has always been considered a Czech national dance and what features were picked up from music and dance for building the identity or the national look. This approach involves principal questions such as: when did polka become the national symbol in Bohemia, how, for whom and why and what the concept of polka in Bohemia was when it started to be meaningful in the national movement?

To answer these questions we have to look at some crucial facts which enable us to follow polka as a cultural text in different strata of the 19th century society in Bohemia and to identify its power. Polka considered as a myth has to be seen in the socio-cultural context and in ideological and political discourse. Its look of the Czech national symbol was created in symbolic level as a mental representation of the national circle of intellectuels and artists. *Key words*: polka, dance, ethnochoreology, national identity, cultural text

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Abstract: On the basis of the theory of Benedict Anderson on the "imagined political community", the work analyses the processes of construction of bodily ideal and movement patterns in physical exercises of the Czech sport association Sokol ("Eagle"). Through gymnastics based on Greek mythology and Plato, through large-scale floor exercises, through paramilitary marches, body became a tool for constructing national identity. Through ritualized exercise and the use of body symbolics, body became "nationally encoded". However, Anderson's concept of "imagined community" does not suffice for an explication of the fact that at the end of the nineteenth century Sokol achieved great increase of members. Especially for young gymnasts of both sexes membership in the association entailed the fulfillment of concrete social and psychological needs. Contact with coevals and pubertal search for one's own identity were equally important in mass integration into Sokol as individual pursuit of better performance.

The author raises a query if the perception of Sokol as "popular" (instead of "national") movement represents a meaningful cathegorial enlargement. Dance figures and Greek myths dealing with the purity of the body indicate a "popular" ideology of the association, separated from the political ideas of modern nation.

Abstract: Revolution of the year 1848 constituted a specific space for human behaviour, permeated by symbols and metaphors. Under the sphere of outward behaviour comes also the peculiar problem of fashion of the time. This fashion we can call revolutionary in broader context, in Czech millieu it could be called national fashion. A prerequisite for spreading of concrete aspects of revolutionary fashion in Europe constituted the nascent "communication space" that enabled, among others, also the trasfer of cloth designs. In the Czech lands the year 1848 was marked by the efforts for establishing the national style of dress. National clothing became a political symbol of the time, a way to acclaim liberties and constitutionalism. More pronounced was its national role. National clothing was perceived, together with language and national character, as an outward display of the the peculiarity of Czech nation. The most important was not the shape of the national clothing, but its very existence. On the other hand in European context we can talk about revolutionary fashion. As an example could serve the situation of German democrats and revolutionaries who did not have peculiar uniforms, but in most cases followed the style of their leaders. This relates especially to head covers as well as hairdressing. National and revolutionary dress served also as a means of symbolic occupation of public space. In the Czech lands this was true for ethnical competition with Bohemian Germans, in general context for "marking" of revolution or liberal territory against conservative forces.

Key words: revolution 1848/49, symbolic behaviour, revolutionary fashion, national clothing, role of women in revolution of 1848/49, public space

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Key words: ethnological research, work migration, ethnic minority, Bulgarians, Brno

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His wife published, besides some translations from Polish, several ethnographic studies from the region of Polish Galicia; most of them were accepted positively, but her last but one study *Pictures from the Life of Huculs*, in which she tried to compare folk Galician and Czech cultures, provoked a negative response, though the discussion was rather emotional. In the last years of her life, the author was interested especially in the education of girls.

Key words: Slavonic Ethnography in the National Revival Period, Czech-Polish Relations and Reflexions

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Key words: popular song, popular prophecy, folklore, Bohemia, Morocco, 18th and 19th century

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Abstract: Within the frame of study of ethnical stereotypes was also elaborated the problem of the image of the Gypsy in folklore songs of the Czech lands. The attitude of majorite society towrads the Gypsy is being reflected in an original way in folklore texts, sometimes quite differently from the way the coexistence of Romani and non-Romani population looked in everyday reality. After a short period of more amiable attitude to the minority that differed from the majority not only by the outer appearance and lifestyle, but also by different psyche and philosophy, the reality brought to the Romani persecution and accentuated racism especially in the during the World War II. On the other hand the folklore production comments the existence of Romani population mainly in joking, humorous way, or in a neutral way, through simple stating of certain facts. We don't find markedly negative tones. In the texts of folk songs certain stereotypical images leveled off that comment primarily the appearance of the Romani people (black Gipsy woman, white teeth, curly hair), their activities (smithery) or different lifestyle (wandering). The range of songs reflecting the Gypsy is not big, is stable and with limited number of themes. To these belong both songs recorded in isolated cases and great groups of variants documented in many regions.

Key words: ethnical stereotype, image of Gypsy, folk song, Czech lands

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Dance tune, including the text, represents a complex web of relations on specific levels (rhytmical, melodical, tonal, declamatory). Innovation of one part is necessarily balanced by changes of other substructures, in order to preserve the aesthetical outcome. Change of the text can influence the rhythm of the song, but often is also being reflected in the form, metrics, melody and tonality.

For the *round and round* tunes is characteristic the linear ordination of musical and textual motives. The rhyme schemes *a-a, b-b* and *a-b, c-b* prevail. Number of syllables in melodical segments depends on the number of bars and concrete rhytmical figures.

Czech musicologists emphasize the fact that folk dance songs in general declaim perfectly. We checked this assertion on the example of *round and round* tunes. In considering the rhytmical-declamatory models, I distinguish between *one-bar* (O), *two-bar* (F) and *three-bar* (SV) types. Only in case of one-bar type (O) the musical accents correspond completely to verbal accents. However, other rhytmical-declamatory models did not originate by chance, but through deliberate playing with verbal accents on the basis of dance metrical pulsation.

Our knowledge of the historical material enables us to consider the problem of development tendencies and construction archetypes of folk song. Aside of tables and schemes, there is an interesting collection of more than three hundred dance songs *round* and round that destacate by poetics as well as musical refinement.

Key words: round and round, rotative dances, declamation, structural analysis, musical type

Abstract: In the course of more than one hundred years of its existence, the sound recording became not only an important tool of ethnomusicological research, but also the factor of influence for the folk music. Forms of this relationship change together with the changes of the technical form of recording and reproduction and also with the changes of the attitude of society to these technologies. Roughly stated, there are three basic forms of relationship of folk music and sound recording.

In the initial phase the sound recording – first on vax rolls – had been used for archivation of acoustic manifestations of folk music. Relatively early, however, folk music had been also spread and popularized by this means. This brought about also the influence of sound recording on mutual influencing of specific cultures and regions. The more and more accessible technologies of sound recording causes changes of the processes by which music is being passed down and taught. In the last decades, the sound recording had become also the means of music creation, a fact that manifests itself especially in various genres of contemporary electronic dance music.

Key words: folk music, sound recording, phonograph, technology, media, twentieth century

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Key words: Folklore - Classification; Folklore - History and Criticism; Folk Legends; Fairy Tales

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Abstract: The text sums up the conclusions of the author's sociolinguistic investigations conducted (particularly in the form of questionnaires) in years 1996–2001 and published in the monograph Sprachverhalten und ethnische Identität. Sorbische Schüler an der Jahrtausendwende (Language Attitudes and Ethnic Identity. Sorbian Students at the Turn of the Millennium) in 2005. Investigations were carried out at many Sorbian schools in Upper Lusatia and were aimed at ethnic awareness of the students, their choice/use of Sorbian or German, attitude to both languages, and reception of culture among young Sorbs aged 11–19

The author is mainly focused on the Sorbian Grammar School in Bautzen (Budyšin in Sorbian). In order to make the generalisation of the acquired outcomes possible, analogical surveys were also conducted at lower secondary schools in the villages of Crostwitz/Chróscicy, Ralbitz/Ralbicy, Panschwitz-Kuckau/Pančicy-Kukow, Räckelwitz/Worklecy, Radibor/Radwor, and in the municipality of Bautzen/Budyšin.

The findings presented, analyzed and interpreted in the paper can, to a great degree, be in general applied to the present-day young Sorbian population as a whole. Simultaneously, they yield data for possible comparisons with the situation of other minority ethnic groups in Europe (e.g. the Welsh, the Romansh, Breton...).

Key words: (Lusatian) Sorbs, ethnic identity, language attitudes, reception of culture

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Abstract: France has a prolonged tradition of being land of asylum. Nevertheless, the everincreasing influx of immigrants and inconvenient immigration politics had provoked many difficult situations within French society. On the one hand, the existence of the so called problematic zones and their social problems clearly manifest the defects of republican integration system. On the other hand, we should not omit the role of the immigrants themselves as participants in the prolonged crisis. Other influence that could be mentioned is the clash of memory and history, when, among other factors, the state comes into play as a souce of official history, especially the colonial history. This situation affects most intensely the immigrants from northern Africa, especially the Algerians.

Key words: immigration, French, Algerians, image of other, integration politics, colonial history

Holubová Markéta, *Život v jezuitské rezidenci v Golčově Jeníkově v období baroka*... (Life in the Jesuit Residence in Golčův Jeníkov in the Baroque Era)

Abstract: Marian devotion has represented until today crucial aspect of Christian, especialy Catholic, spirituality. Its extraordinary flourishing took place in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, when Pietas Mariana became an imprescindible component of Baroque religiousness. The vigour of Baroque Marian devotion brought about not only the veneration of statues and pictures, but also the reintroduction of pilgrimages and the building of Marian pilgrimage sites throughout the land. One of the most influential Catholic orders that contributed in an important degree to development and spreading of Marian devotion was the Society of Jesus. Aside of their educational and pastoral activities, the Jesuits served as custodians of important Marian pilgrimage sites, as was also the case of the residence in Golčův Jeníkov, where they remained in the years 1657–1773. Throughout this time, they constructed Marian pilgrimage site of regional importance where religious brotherhood had been established and where Loretan devotion had been spread. The everyday life of the residence brought about many activities, among them the organization of festivals along the lines of Baroque ostentatiousness and regular radius of pilgrimages.

Key words: Baroque, Loretan devotion, pilgrimages, religious brotherhoods, Society of Jesu

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Abstract: This paper focuses on a description of the meaning assigned to funeral rites by Czech believers and their preferences as to their own funeral. It is based on the findings of qualitative field research carried out within four religious groups in Prague in 2003 and 2004. These groups cover two parishes of the two main churches in the Czech Republic – The Roman Catholic Church and the Protestant Church of the Czech Brethren – and two smaller religious societies which, nonetheless, have a growing number of members and carry out significant missionary work – the Religious society of Jehovah's Witnesses and ISKCON (International Society for Krishna Consciousness).

An important relationship was found between membership of a specific religious group and preferences concerning funeral rites, as well as, but less strictly, between denomination and meaning assigned to funeral rites. The funeral was seen as a separation by most Catholics questioned as well as by some Protestants and Jehovah's Witnesses. On the other hand, most Hare Krishna devotees described the main meaning of the funeral as the destruction of

the body. Funeral preferences are most clear and inter-group matched between smaller groups of Jehovah's Witnesses and Hare Krishna devotees who both chose cremation followed by the scattering of the ashes. Conversely, Catholics would prefer a traditional burial in a grave; Protestants were most ambiguous about funerals, with a slight preference for cremation.

Key words: funeral rites, Czech believers, Roman Catholics, Protestants of the Church of the Czech Brethren, Jehovah's Witnesses, Hare Krishna devotees

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