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NOTE ON BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Andrej (Ondrej) Kučera was born in Radošovce, Trnava (Slovakia) on October 25, 1899. In 1926, he moved from Slovakia to Canada, eventually settling in Winnipeg, Manitoba (Canada). Afterwards, Andrej Kučera worked for Canadian Pacific Railroad, first as a secondstationman and, then, as a foreman.

In December 1932, Andrej Kučera with Juraj Rošo and Pavol Sabo founded the Canadian Slovak League (CSL) in Winnipeg. This organization was to focus on the needs of Slovak Canadians. Andrej Kučera was the president of the CSL for 25 years. In 1957, he was named Honourable President for Life.

In December 26, 1974, Andrej Kučera passed away, leaving behind his wife Maria. They had two sons and a daughter: Karol, Kamil and Valerie Hačko (née Kučera). He also had a daughter and a son-in –law named Mary and Tony and two grandchildren: Mary Ann Doucette (née Hačko) and Anthony (Tony) J. Hačko. At his funeral, J. Metchler was a pallbearer.

CUSTODIAL HISTORY

In January 2006, Mary Ann Doucette and Tom Hačko, Andrej (Ondrej) and Maria Kučera’s grandchildren, donated through Prof. Mark Stolárik, the holder of the Chair in Slovak History and Culture, a box of papers, periodicals and other material belonging Andrej, Maria, Kamil and Mary Kučera, Anton Valeria Hačko and Zdenka and John Mechtler.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This fonds is part of the Slovak Archives at the Archives and Special Collections of the University of Ottawa Morisset Library. It includes documents donated by Mary-Anne Doucette and Anthony (Tony) J. Hačko, Andrej Kučera’s grandchildren belonging to the Kučera and Metchler families. Its content details the Kučera’s involvement in various Slovak organizations such as the Canadian Slovak League.

This fonds consists of textual documents that pertain mostly to Andrej Kučera’s work in the Slovak League of America and the Canadian Slovak League (CSL) in Winnipeg and publications collected by the Kučera family during a span of approximately thirty years.
The bulk of the material was collected between 1928 and 1971. It is organized in one series.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Series 1: Papers and Miscellaneous documents collected by the Kučera and Metchler families. 1928-1972, [January 2006]. – 15 cm. of textual records (Box 1667)

This series includes correspondence by Andrej Kučera and Potocký, a text on the CSL, Branch 1 (Winnipeg, Manitoba (Canada)), a booklet from the Canadian Slovak Benefit Society, various books and ledger containing budgets, lists of expenditures and receipts, memorandums and minutes meeting from the Slovak League of America, Lodge 415 and the CSL, Lodge 1, both located in Winnipeg, Manitoba (Canada) and other material. The documents gives an overview of the beginning of the Canadian Slovak League (CSL) and the internal politics of the Slovak League of America and the CSL predominantly between 1932 and 1959. The documents of this donation enhance the Kučera papers available in the Imrich Stolárík (X20-11) fonds. This series in the order provided by the donators.

NOTE ON ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

We maintained the original order as provided by Mary-Anne Doucette and Anthony (Tony) Hačko. Issues of Slovak periodicals are retrievable in the library catalogue. See Table of Content for a list of these publications.

NOTE ON LANGUAGE

Most of the documents are in Slovak with material in English and French.

NOTE ON ACCESS

Most of the documents are open for consultation. Files preceded with a red dot have access restrictions.

NOTE ON REPRODUCTION

In this fonds, we have, in some cases, made photocopies for conservation purposes (i.e. in case of newspapers clippings). In the case of newspaper clippings, we have retained only the copy made on archival paper.

Reproduction of documents is permitted, according to the Canadian Copyright Law.
NOTE ON BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Data for biographical sketch collected from:


- Archives and Special Collections, Morisset Library, University of Ottawa, Ontario (Canada), X20-5 (Andrej Potocký Fonds), 287.32, *Andrew (Ondrej) Kucera* (an obituary) by Larry Larson, published [after 26 December 1974]


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**Series 1: Papers and miscellaneous documents collected the Kučera and Metchler family**

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