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Organizations Abroad

28 October Celebrations In Scandinavia.

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Solemn celebrations in commemoration of the establishment of the Czechoslovak republic, 28 October 1918, have already started in Scandinavia by the inhabitants of the Czech Dr. HORAKOVA-home in DRAMMEN, Norway. The c:a 40 Czech refugees who live in that home, called after the woman doctor HORAKOVA, who was executed in PRAGUE after the war, gathered to a sermon on 17 October 1953. They had to choose this early date, as being the only one when they could ask a Catholic priest to visit them.

The Czech colony, with about 30 members, will gather 27 October to hear some Czech music and to sing some Czech songs. No speeches are expected to be held, but the party is likely to be visited also by members of the Norwegian-Czech Friendship Association.

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Since there are hardly any Czech refugees living in COPENHAGEN, no large party will be held.

In Sweden where the bulk of Czech refugees in Scandinavia, or about 700 are living, there will be two celebrations. About 300 Czechs will meet on Saturday 24 October to listen to speeches made by dr. WALTHER Emil, Czechoslovakia's former minister in OSLO, now living in UPPSALA, by the countess POSSE BRAZDA Amelie, a Swede, who was married to a Czech and who has done much to increase Czech goo-will in Sweden and by VALOUSEK Václav, vice president of the European "Sokol" Associations. In Czechoslovakia, VALOUSEK was well-known as the former president of Czech football and as the vice president of FIFA.

The 54 young Czechs living in VAESTERAAS, Sweden, will meet on 27 October. This meeting is arranged by the "Tělocvičná Jednota Sokol" and the athletic club "Bohemia." The chairman of the two associations engineer FRYC Květoslav will speak and he has also invited VALOUSEK to address the refugees, all of whom are between 19 and 26 years old.

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