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This year Czechoslovak mathematicians and physicists celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Union of Czechoslovak Mathematicians and Physicists (Jednota československých matematiků a fysiků). Such a jubilee is an occasion on which to meditate on the work of the Union and the path it has followed. We remember the founders, who played so great a role in founding and organizing systematic independent Czech and Slovak work in mathematics and physics and we recall the many ways in which the Union helped to organize scientific life and raise the standard of science at times when scientific activity did not receive proper support from state organs. The Union always devoted great attention to the tuition of mathematics and physics in school. In educational matters it always took a progressive stand, aware that education should not be the privilege of one class but that all members of society should have the same access to sources of learning. And Czechoslovak mathematicians and physicists will do all they can so that the Union, even under today's very different conditions, will make a valuable contribution to the development of mathematics and physics, to their application for the needs of our socialistic society and to the thorough preparation of young people for the tasks awaiting them.

*The Editorial Board*