Czech cagers experience a touch of Americana

ONE OF FRIDAY's activities was a tour of the Observer and Eccentric plant where the group saw first hand the latest technological advances in

the latest technological advances in computerized newspaper publishing. The team, none of whom spoke any English, then went on to the Eliza-done where they met the Patiens. "They were absolutely amazed at the Silverdone," Cortis said. Saturday the team played against the Henry Ford Community College team, beating them 81-67.

"They said they didn't play very well because there were still thed from the tip over here," Coth is reported. Its apparently they got their second, do not smilled, because they asked to go to an American discortinal night two sons, Mike and flob, extrated most of the team to Center fligge in Canton where the Diffilies musical group are featured.

cTHEY HAD A great time—especially since two of the Dittilies, Sleve King and Kim Slewart, are from Livenia. They made a big fuss over them, amounting to the audience who they were and encouraging the young ladies

there to come over and meet them," Cortis said. "And they wound up by bringing home a bunch of friends they mel there."

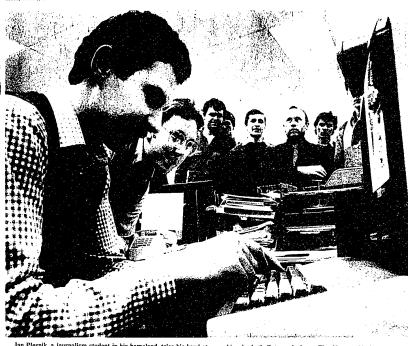
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Similary and the whole team taking in the Hearf-en slight in downhown Detroit, including a felly to the Place's Sommit restaurant. That was followed by a shopping four at Fairlane Town Center where nearly all of them bength ski jackets, blue Jeans and cowbuy hats. "Because of the size of the group, we split up at Fairlane and told them all to meet back at a specially designated spot in the parking lod at a certain time. Amazingly, they were all back on time," Cortis sald.

"It's almost a must," Codis ex-plained "Greenfield Village is quite well known in Greensbrookin, proba-bly because other people who have been here have gone ther. The team was quite impressed with the fact that we can trace how things actually be gan. They think Henry Ford was a won-derful man to do what he has done there."

And of course, no trip would be com-plete without a stop at both Mac-

Donald's and Kmart "They were wild about the Big Macs and french fries," said Mrs. Cortis

All in all, Cuttle figures be drove about 540 miles from the time be gived them up Fishay moning until Manday morning when be dropped from the until at the utilitate lenter. From their they went to Window where they are playing backerball every day. The schedule them calls for more games in



Jan Plesnik, a journalism student in his homeland, tries his hand at the keyboard of an Observer & Eccentric copy editing terminal whil copy editor Tom Panzenhagen and members of the touring Czechoslo

vakian basketball team look on. The 25-year-old, 6-7 Plesnik wrote "Srdeene posbaravuje," which, according to an interpreter, means "Greetings from the heart." (Staff photo by Bill Bresler)

Make holidays fire safe

The National Fire Protection Association offers this checklist for a fire safe holiday season.

• Children's safety:

- Don't leave children alone or you invite accidents at Christmas time.

- Plug-in electric toys should be labeled for fire safety by a testing agenue.

Don't buy highly combustible toys or ones that use flammable liquids.

Your Tree:
 Don't buy a tree with shedding needles.

 Cut off 1 inch from the trunk.
 Keep the tree in water in a non-tip stand, away from exits and sources of heat.

— Plastic trees should have a fire-retardant label. ● Lighting Safety:

Lighting sets must be labeled by a safety-testing agency. Replace worn

 Don't overload outlets. Protect wires from injury. s from injury.

- Don't hang lights on a metallic

Outdoors, use special outdoor Outdoors, use special outdoor lighting.
 Unplug the lighting before you go to bed or leave the house.

• Christmas Parties and Smoking: Use flame-retardant or non-combustible decorations and costumes.

 Don't smoke near the tree or decorations.

Have large ashtrays and store matches above the reach of children.

 Check for cigarette butts in upholstered furniture before you go to bed.







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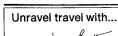






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