

BETWEEN THE COVERS RARE BOOKS

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(World War II, Prague)

[Photo Album]: 1938 Strahov Stadium Sokol Gymnastics Exhibition

Prague: 1938

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Oblong 16mo. Measuring 9¾" x 6¾". String-tied stiff green paper over cardboard. About near fine with rubbing and nicks at the perimeter with fine photos. An album containing 68 gelatin silver photographs, measuring between 2½" x 2½" and 5½" x 3½". The album was assembled by a participant in the 1938 Sokol gymnastics exhibition in Prague at Strahov Stadium, which then and now is the largest stadium in the world with a seating capacity of 220,000-240,000.



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The exhibition was held at the onset Nazi occupation with Czech national pride running high and clearly visible throughout the album, which includes image of a parade, crowds on the street, women in traditional costumes, marching bands, groups shots of athletes, and most spectacular, views of athletes on the pitch which seem to stretch to the horizon. A compelling album of Czech national pride at the start of World War II. [BTC#403267]



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