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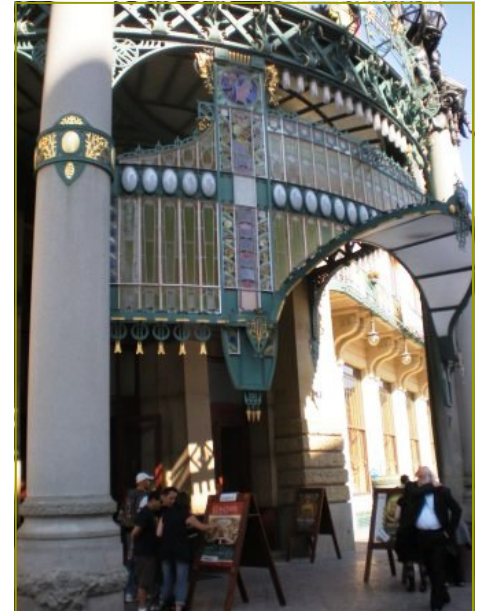
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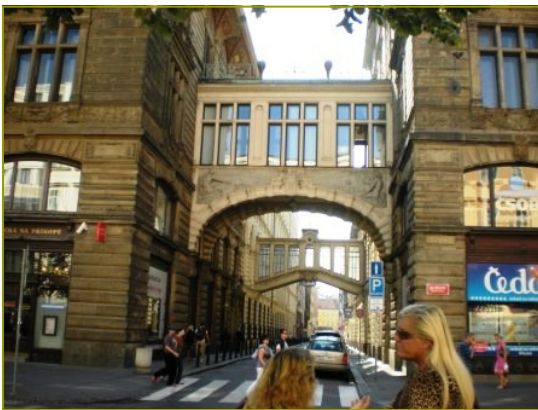
AROUND PRAGUE, PART II OF IV

NAMESTI REPUBLIKY

Náměstí Republiky is one of Prague's focal points, situated at the interface between Old Town and New Town. The Obecní dům (Municipal House) has salons, concert halls, restaurants, and reception rooms. It occupies a key position next to the Powder Tower on the edge of Old Town. Facing the Obecní dům is the stern grey facade of U Hybernu which served for many years as the Customs House. Náměstí Republiky is also the site of Kotva department store and Palladium Mall, a recent creation that offers a wide range of stores. *From www.columbia.edu*



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NA PRIKOPE

The wide boulevard Na příkopě (On the Moat) runs eastward from the bottom of Wenceslas Square. It contains some of the most expensive commercial real estate in Prague. The avenue is lined with shops and shopping "galleries" (the Černá Růže, Myslbek, and Slovanský dům passages can all be found there), cafés, and a few major banks, including the imposing building of the Czech National Bank.

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NOVE MESTO (NEW TOWN)

When the New Town of Prague was built 700 years ago, it was meant to serve as Prague's main commercial district. And that is how it can still be characterized today. Numerous businesses, hotels and banks are located there, as well as department stores, boutiques and a few small shopping malls. The New Town is also rich with culture, offering many theatres, movie theatres, museums, and an opera house.



New Town Hall at Karlovo namesti



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CHARLES BRIDGE (KARLŮV MOST)

Charles Bridge is a stone Gothic bridge that connects the Old Town and Malá Strana. It was actually called the Stone Bridge (*Kamenný most*) during the first several centuries. Its construction was commissioned by Czech king and Holy Roman Emperor Charles IV and began in 1357. In charge of the construction was architect Petr Parléř whose other works include the St. Vitus Cathedral at the Prague Castle. It is said that egg yolks were mixed into the mortar to strengthen the construction of the bridge.

