

*Prior to Kuhner's death in 2016, Dr. Stephen J. F. Zuber, D.P.M, F.R.S.H. sent us this memory of an early encounter with Felix Kuhner.*

My parents and I came to Berkeley in the Fall of 1950 when I was 19 years old. We knew no one except Mr. and Mrs. Kuhner, the parents of Felix Khuner. The Kuhner and Zuber families had known each other in Moravska Ostrava, in the Czech republic.

On our third evening here the Kuhnners invited us to their home. Mrs. Kuhner very proudly stated that her son was a violinist. "So is mine!" replied my father. As far as I can remember I was still playing in the first position only.

Felix said nothing but quietly left the room returning shortly with violin and bow in hand. Handing them to me he said, "Play!" I declined as politely as I could, hoping the ground would open up and swallow me. Little had my father or I known that Felix was the Assistant Concert Master of the San Francisco Symphony!