CHINESE GLAZED COCKTAIL MEATBALLS

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PREP: 20 Min COOK: 2 Hrs 30 Min SLOW COOKER

APPETIZER MAKES 30 SERVINGS

QUA	MEASURE	INGREDIENT	PROCESS	
5	Pounds	Frozen Cooked Meatballs (1/2 Oz)	Pre-Cooked	
CHINESE SAUCE				
2	10 1/2 Oz	Cans Beef Stock (Swanson)		
6	Tbsp	Unsalted Butter		
6	Tbsp	All Purpose Flour		
1/2	Cup	Sour Cream (Breakstone)		
1	Tbsp	Red Currant Jelly	Optional	
	OR			
1	Tbsp	Lingonberry Jelly	Optional	
1/2	Cup	Italian Parsley Leaves	Fine Chop	
PREPARATION				
FACTOID	Use any frozen, prepared Meatballs you like, or, preferably, make your own from scratch from any of the recipes in here.			
CAUTION	The voice of experience here: Before beginning, nuke a frozen Meatball in the microwave and taste it! I once purchased a 5 pound bag from Gordon Food Service that ended up having a horrible aftertaste. & the dish-to-pass we made SUCKED and ended up being trashed & re-done.			
NOTE	The optional Jelly imparts a slightly tart taste to the Swedish Sauce. I leave it out!			
TOOLS	1) 6 Quart Crock Pot 2) 2 - Aluminum Half Sheet Pans 3) Medium Saucepan & Lid 4) Small Mixing Bowl			
PREP	MEATBALLS 1) Partially Thaw the Meatballs to allow separating them. Most pre-packaged frozen Meatballs still have a lot of grease inside. 2) Preheat the oven to 350 degrees with racks in the middle and lower third. 3) On 2 sheet pans lined with parchment paper spread the Meatballs out evenly - NOT touching. Bake them for 20 minutes. Place the hot Meatballs on paper towels to drain off any remaining Fat.			
1	SWEDISH GLAZE: Hand rub the Butter and Flour together in a small mixing bowl to make a smooth paste (which will be used to thicken the Sauce). Pinch off 1/2-inch balls, and set them aside on a small plate.			
2	SWEDISH GLAZE: In a medium saucepan over medium heat, thoroughly mix the Beef Broth, Jelly (if using) and Sour Cream together and bring it to a boil. Whisk in the Butter / Flour balls until the Sauce is a thick as you like it.			
2	MEATBALLS: Add the Meatballs into the crock pot. Pour the Swedish Sauce evenly over the top. Cook on low for 2 hours. Just before serving, stir carefully one time to evenly coat the Meatballs with the Swedish Sauce. CAREFUL - once hot, the Meatballs will crumble apart easily.			
SERVE	Sprinkle the top	Sprinkle the top with the chopped Parsley and serve while hot with toothpicks.		