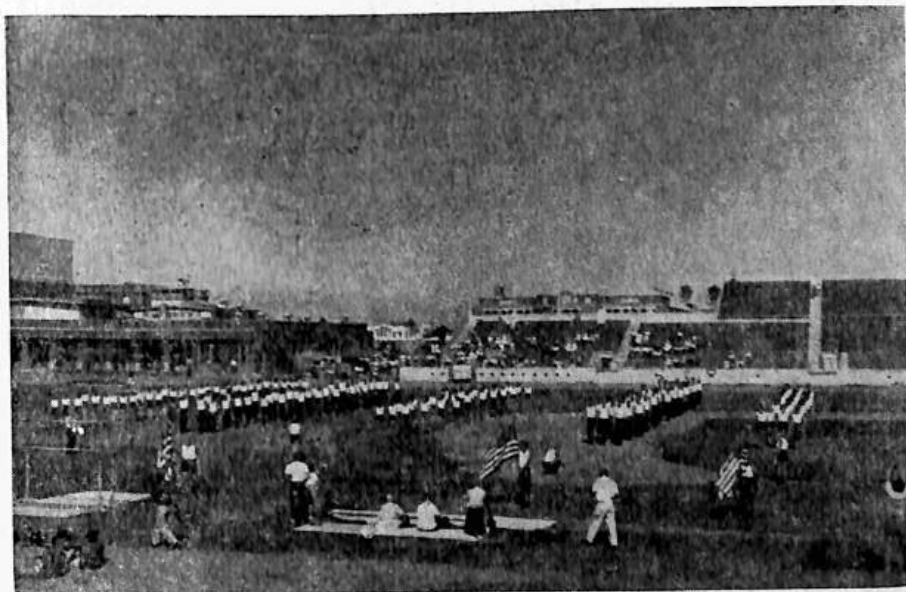


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NOT HAVE BEEN SO GREAT A MORAL
SUCCESS AND WE HOPE WHEN ALL
REPORTS ARE RECEIVED, YOU WILL
FEEL WELL REPAID FOR THE MANY
HOURS THERETO EXPENDED.

NAZDAR!

Edwin Halik

Mildred Prchal

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UMŘEL NÁM BRATR KOŠAŘ.

Ve chvíli, kdy uzavíráme číslo "Sokola Amerického" došla zpráva, že v neděli večer, 6. září zastavilo se navždy srdce br. Jarky Košaře, které tlouklo pro nás, pro Sokolstvo.

Celá Americká Obec Sokolská truchlí nad skonem jednoho ze svých nejvěrnějších.

V příštím čísle našeho měsíčníku vzpomeneme jeho životního díla.

Theodore B. Hlubucek

"WHAT SOKOL MEANS TO ME . . ."

Many of our Sokol units throughout the country seem to be lacking suitable material for their educational discussions in spite of a wealth of books, booklets and brochures—many of them on hand or supplied by the Obec. "We need something that will touch our own threshold . . ." they say. I do not recall the name of a brother in my own "home-town" Jednota Sokol in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who some years ago conceived a splendid idea which unfortunately was not carried out. He suggested that at each monthly meeting one member—regardless of age—would in his own words say what brought him to our ranks and "What Sokol means to me . . ."

Needless to say that this would be an inexhaustable source of interesting information and good listening to everyone. Naturally it would have to be well planned in advance—no last minute surprises. Also there should be a time limit in order to avoid boredom. Here we would hear so many different things and interpretations of Sokol ideals that no books—no matter how carefully written—could supply. Above all if anything would hit the home front or threshold this most certainly would. To me the repetition of historical facts is not nearly as important as our own conceptions. In these brief talks on "What Sokol means to me . . ." we could express ourselves freely and honestly. After all what really counts is the application of any ideas on our own lives.

Take for instance my own case. As far as I can remember I never had great ability for athletics. At the age of six I attended gym classes in Zamberk, participated in public exhibitions of all sorts, but no trophies, no ribbons. Still I remained a Sokol to this day with no regrets—gladly admitting that I have greatly benefited. Achievements or stardom of my fellow brothers brought admiration free of envy. They simply deserved these honors. My membership was never a paper one—anyone could get a pin upon his initiation into the Sokol unit. Since I could not qualify on the gym floor there were many other opportunities to be useful to the very same cause. Just like in the army or a factory you will find need and place for all sorts of "jobs," our Sokol units must have helping hands not only in the gym but everywhere else to grow and achieve a common goal. Even in this respect I never claimed any wonders in spite of the fact that twice I was elected to the post of starosta and for several terms served as mistostarosta.

Many of my fellow brothers have much more colorful experiences and should share them with others. I believe that this exchange of experiences would instill a deeper respect for the Sokol ideas in the younger generation without a European background which is not essential but cannot be disassociated from the Sokol movement anywhere in the world.

AMERICAN SOKOL EXCURSION TO MID-SLET AND CALIFORNIA

PART II

We concluded the first part of our journey saying farewell, but not good-bye to Sokol Fresno.

A family style breakfast was arranged for us in the beautiful Grand Ballroom of the California hotel on Tuesday morning.

After sisters Kalivoda, Prener and Vorel distributed the bus and luncheon tickets we were ready for the next jaunt on our trip. Yosemite National Park was our destination.

Buses were boarded as well as stretch-outs (station wagons). We evidently used up every available piece of equipment in the Yosemite Park Garage, because four of us rode in a taxi cab to the town of Coarsegold some 26 miles from Fresno. This was the first rest stop on the trip. Here we transferred to one of the large buses. We were entering the park by way of the South Entrance.

Yosemite Park is located some 200 miles east of San Francisco in the very heart of California's rugged and picturesque Sierra Nevada Mountain range. The park itself has an area of 760,951 acres of scenic and unspoiled beauty. Its two great snow crested peaks, Mt. Lyell and Mt. Dana, rise 13,000 feet into the sky. Sixty-two kinds of animals and several hundred varieties of birds live in the forest and on the mountain slopes.

Yosemite has thirty-one kinds of trees and more than 1,300 varieties of flowering plants.

There are 3 groves of giant Sequoias. Yosemite Park is a part of the National Park System owned by the people of the United States.

The Mariposa Battalion has been credited with the discovery of Yosemite Valley, but Capt. Walker, a famous trapper and guide of the early west, crossed the Sierra Nevada at this part in 1833.

It is believed that the Ahwahneeches or original Yosemite Indians lived in the deep "grassy valley" for centuries prior to the arrival of the white man.

Upon entering the park at the South entrance we were some 36 miles from the Mariposa Grove which was to be our first stop in the park.

The big trees of Yosemite are known as Sequoia gigante and this species is found only on the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada range at elevations of 5000 to 8500 feet.

It is said that some of the giant Sequoias were seedlings as long as 2000 years before the birth of Christ. No other tree in the world has looked down on so many centuries as the Sequoia.

Many of these giants have been damaged by fire and electrical storms but they continue to grow.

All of us took a ride through the famous Wauwona tree. The tunnel was cut in 1883 and is 8' wide and 26' long.

This also was our lunch stop. Cafeteria style luncheon, but good wholesome food. Some time was spent in browsing around in the gift shop, relaxing on the porch, but the greatest attraction was walking through the forest among the giant trees looking for oversized cones. Already I could see that new baggage would have to be purchased to carry these treasures home.

It was wonderful. We were all trying to get our fill of the lovely scented air.

It was all aboard much sooner than we wished to leave, but we had a long journey ahead of us and magnificent breathtaking sights to see.

One side of the road was more scenic than the other. We traveled along the highway thru the Wauwona Tunnel toward Glacier Point and to view the spectacular waterfalls. During the flood waters of spring these falls are at their zenith and their volume and spray provide a matchless spectacle. 1959 was one of the driest seasons in history and the falls and spray were greatly weakened. The upper falls are 1430 ft., lower falls 320 ft. and are formed by the Yosemite Creek. It is said that for dramatic beauty and picturesque setting Yosemite Falls has no rival.

It is not necessary to say that at all these interesting points the cameras worked overtime, and already we have seen a few samples of what is in store for us.

Opposite Bridalveil Falls at Yosemite stands El Capitan. This rock is the largest exposed monolith of granite in the world.

Just above Bridalveil Falls tower the Cathedral Rocks, sometime called "The Three Graces."

The Cathedral spires and Cathedral Rocks stand side by side and are sometimes considered the most striking formation in the Park.

Through bro. Wenzara's binoculars we had an opportunity to see all this beauty at close range.

Our bus escort explained that only recently El Capitan had finally been scaled. And so a last glimpse and all aboard.

We traveled along the Merced River to our destination Camp Curry where we were housed in primitive cabins in perfect harmony with the surrounding country.

Camp Curry may well be called a village. It consists of a huge lodge or dining room, where students from colleges and universities throughout the United States serve the guest during the summer season. Gift shop, swimming pool, post office, accommodation office where lodging may be secured (if you are fortunate enough). When we arrived there were lines of people waiting patiently, hoping that some reservation would be cancelled. The park can accommodate between 8 and 9 thousand people a day and space is like a precious jewel, difficult to find. Thank goodness our reservations were in order.

At the foot of Glacier Rock hundreds of cabins are erected, and in front of them a large area with seats made of split logs, where hundreds of people sit during the day to rest and in the evening gather around the campfire to listen to the program, followed by the well known "Yosemite Firefall" ceremony. As the lights are extinguished and the audience stands and faces Glacier Point the Stentor calls out in a loud voice "Hello Glacier." As the echoes of the hailer's voice die against the sheer granite walls of the valley, the reply faraway, but clear drifts back "Hello Camp Curry!" The answer to the command is the Yosemite Firefall, a colorful glowing 1000 feet fall of red fire spilling over Glacier Points cliff above Camp Curry.

You could have heard a pin drop. An awed stillness predominated during the entire ceremony. And then to rest, in the cool mountain air, beneath a sky filled with shining stars.

Wednesday morning was free to do as each individual wished, to rise when he chose, to roam, to catch up with correspondence, or just relax. It was a very restful morning for most of us.

At 12:30 baggage was loaded once again into the buses and we were ready to leave this paradise. This time to Merced where we would catch the San Joaquin Daylight to San Francisco. Traveling along the scenic Merced river with its giant boulders, toward the Arch Rock entrance. We left the beautiful park behind us and quickly the scenery took on a different look. Thousands of acres of fruit trees lined both sides of the highway. All of this the property of the famous Del Monte Company.

At 2:30 we reached Merced. It was a very hot afternoon in this rich fertile valley and everybody looked for shelter in the small but air-conditioned station to purchase some refreshments.

San Francisco was contacting us by telephone checking our arrival and transfer to our hotels.

Dinner on the train and at 7:30 we arrived at the 16th Street Station in Oakland. To avoid a double transfer, arrangements were made for our party to be driven directly to the hotel. Assigning of rooms at the very nice Bellevue and El Cortez took only a very few minutes, but this was followed by the long tedious job of assigning the baggage and getting it sorted.

Many of the group felt chipper enough to refresh themselves and do some carousing around town, but I threw out the alarm clock, wound up the cat and rolled into bed. Thankful that we arrived safely.

Thursday was a busy day for us in this unique, picturesque interesting city. A 30 mile "get-acquainted" tour of the city, passing the Civic Center, stopping at Mission Dolores; up the drive on Twin Peaks from which you could see the city's seven hills in one inspiring view. Passing by many lovely homes and gardens in St. Francis Wood and Sea Cliff, where we stopped at the famous Cliff House—overlooking Seal Rocks. We continued with a visit to Golden Gate Park, the Presidio and viewed the mighty Golden Gate Bridge.

Our luncheon stop was the famous Exposition Grotto, where many of us enjoyed the delicious sea food platter.



PREPARING FOR
DEPARTURE TO
MID-SLET

From left to right: Sis. H. Prener, B. Vorel, B. Cihak. Talking to bro. A. Smunt, bro. C. Prchal and sis. M. Prihoda.

After lunch we continued with our tour over the mighty Golden Gate Bridge, the Oakland and Bay bridges and on to Berkeley, around the great University of California. Our rest stop was the unique lovely old Claremont Hotel, the home of our brother and dear friend Felix Lenhart, who was instrumental in making arrangements for our lunch at Fisherman's Wharf. We returned to our hotels late in the afternoon. Time left to relax before we departed for the Sokol Hall at 6:30 where another fine evening awaited us.

Bro. Antonin Kohoutek, starosta of Sokol San Francisco, and his committee were on hand to greet us. The hall and tables neatly arranged and here we enjoyed our first real Czech dinner. Roast duck, dumplings and sauerkraut, delicious Moravian kolacky and any type of refreshment that the palate might desire.

The dinner was followed by a fine camp fire number with some excellent singing by the members of Sokol and Sokolice San Francisco. The dance number dedicated to our sis. Zdenka Tintera was very well executed and the entertainers were thunderously applauded for their performance.

The final number of the program was group singing led by our bro. Frank Prihoda (better known as "Teach").

This was the final highlight of our trip. Thank you, sisters and brothers of Sokol and Sokolice San Francisco, for the splendid

evening, we had a wonderful time and your fine hospitality and Sokol spirit will be remembered by all.

The last bus left the hall, stopped at the hotel, picked up another dozen or two people and we were off for Chinatown. Something that was not planned, just a last minute inspiration.

We walked up one side of the street and down the other, peering into the shops, filled with china, jewelry, toys and dolls, all products of China, including robes and slippers. Zdenka and I stopped to purchase a few Chinese dolls.

The next idea that occurred to someone was that we should ride the cable car up to Knobb Hill to the Top of the Mark. After standing around the corner for about 10 minutes we were informed that the cars did not run at this time of the night, and so we decided to try to climb. It was steep and the going was slow, but we made it. It was well worth the effort. The lovely panorama of the city is something we wanted everyone to see, and I don't believe very many missed it. This was our last night out and a very pleasant one indeed.

Friday was free for shopping and a ride on the cable car. To those that were extending their vacations in California, or going elsewhere to visit family and friends we said bon voyage.

We boarded the City of San Francisco, this time coach and pullman cars were together. The entire trip to Chicago was a

happy one. Spirits were riding high and everybody enjoyed the journey home.

We said good-bye to our Cleveland Sokols and friends. They all assured us that they enjoyed the excursion tremendously and

happy that they made the trip.

And so ends the largest and most successful trip of the American Sokol Organization in America.

Nazdar!

Dík za poctivě vykonanou práci.

Cleveland, 4. srpna.

Sestra Bláza Čiháková,
jednatelka AOS.
Chicago 23, Illinois.

Milá sestro:

V poslední řádné schůzi Výkonného výboru sokolské župy Severovýchodní, byly účastníky sokolského zájezdu podány zprávy. Ode všech byla oceněna Tvoje velká práce, jakou jsi s výpravou měla a Tvoje skutečně sokolské starosti, které jsi celému zájezdu věnovala. Uznáváme, že to je největší práce mít na starosti tak početnou výpravu jako byla tato, kde účastníci tak mnoho viděli. Každý účastník byl se zájezdem úplně spokojen a opět se osvědčilo to pravdivé rčení, že když někdo se

Sokoly jede, má tu nejkrásnější vzpomínku pro celý život.

Zájezdem, který jsi tak úspěšně plánovala, udělala jsi velkou práci pro naši sokolskou rodinu ve Spojených státech.

Bylo proto ve schůzi jednohlasně usnešeno, aby Ti V.V. župy, jménem všech účastníků bratrsky poděkoval. Přijmi to jako skutečné uznání; víme však, že tou největší Tvoji radostí je zdar tak dobře vykonaného díla!

Za Sokolskou župu Severovýchodní, s přáním zdaru k další Tvoji práci, s naším

NAZDAR!

JAN TICHÝ, starosta.

K. ZAHRADNÍČEK, jednatel.

CONCENTRATE ON PROMOTING YOUR SOKOL, LOCALLY, NATIONALLY, INTERNATIONALLY

by

A. J. Suster, President, Sokol Tyrs, Cleveland, Ohio
(Public Relations Consultant)

(Bro. Anthony J. Suster, President of Sokol Tyrs, Cleveland, Ohio, is well qualified to write about public relations as he is a professional in this field. His suggestions are so timely, and presented in such fine form that they can be a valuable asset to every unit. We recommend that our units study them thoroughly and keep them in a separate folder for easy reference.

This is a fine text on a phase of our work in which we have been exceptionally weak. The material will be published in serial form, every month. This is installment number VI.—J.L.C.)

d.) ANNUAL REPORTS—It used to be the secretary who had to give a report at the annual meeting. The members who could not attend such a meeting, did not know what had happened in their unit at all. But they, too, have the right to know.

Therefore, a condensed, or elaborate, printed Annual Report might become a very handy public relations media in telling the story about your unit and your membership activities.

Annual reports can be published in various forms and designs. It can be a two page statistical report on your classes and gymnastic activities, or it can emphasize each annual activity separately under the headings of appropriate officers of your unit. A mimeographed form, offset, or letterpress, report booklet can be used successfully. Such an annual report serves as a very good publicity media which can be used throughout the next year along with your publicity releases or as an informative brochure for your new members.

Any good housekeeping method in a unit can publish their statement of finances. This gains confidence for your officers on the part of the membership and it shows also, that you have nothing to hide. By published annual reports you have an opportunity to justify your actions and receive greater understanding from your member-

ship when you need their support for new projects and new activities.

e.) **Unit's Brochure — Pamphlet — Fact Sheet**—An inexpensive publicity brochure, pamphlet or fact sheet should be on hand at all times at all Sokol units. This a permanent propaganda sheet which can be used, reprinted or added to, as often as necessary.

Such pamphlet or brochure can be used for 1) enclosing it with your publicity releases, 2) recruiting new members, 3) asking for contributions, 4) mailing to persons or individuals who expressed interest in your organization, 5) used by libraries and athletic organizations as a reference sheet or used by public information offices for distribution, as well as be filed with local Chamber of Commerce or other civic groups in your area.

Such brochure, pamphlet or fact sheet should specify the following:

- 1.) Brief explanations of Sokol principles, Sokol Health Culture and meaning of Sokol;
- 2.) Description of the organizational structure of your unit;
- 3.) Brief unit history (actual dates);
- 4.) Excerpts and description of ASO. organization in USA.;
- 5.) Activities and facilities offered to the membership;
- 6.) Schedule of classes and age groups;
- 7.) Full name and address of your gymnasium or the meeting place.

Do not use the names of officers, to avoid necessary corrections and reprints of your brochure. Besides, the use of names on permanent printed matters is not practical unless you give credit line to author or copywriter.



VLASTA CHLOUPEK,
2nd Place
Women's Intermediate Div.



RUTH REISE,
3rd Place
Women's High Division



SUSAN LUTKUS,
2nd Place
Junior Low Division



JULIE REZNICEK,
1st Place
Junior Low Division



JEANETTE VOTAVA,
1st Place
Junior Intermediate Division



JANICE POLACEK,
3rd Place
Junior High Division

RESULTS OF ASO. MID-SLET COMPETITIONS

JULY 3, 4, 1959 — LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

MEN'S AND BOYS' GYMNASTIC COMPETITIONS

WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' GYMNASTIC COMPETITIONS

TRACK AND FIELD

SWIMMING AND DIVING

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION — MEN

I	Edward Gombos, SGUS	365.1
II	Robert Tomanek, Omaha	354.9
III	Rudy Mayling, Los Angeles	347.3
IV	Joe Cepuran, Omaha	301.5

HIGH DIVISION — MEN

	Edward Gombos, SGUS	194.6
	Robert Tomanek, Omaha	189.4
	Rudy Mayling, Los Angeles	186.8

(The above listed men placed in the championship division and therefore are not eligible for awards in this division.)

I	Kenneth Heidler, Tabor	171.4
II	Art Albright, Omaha	169.0
III	Joe Cepuran, Omaha	163.2
IV	Leo Slovacek, Tabor	154.6

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION — MEN

1.	Charles Kuderna, Los Angeles	185.8
2.	Philip Cahoj, South Omaha	185.1
3.	Jerry Milan, Fort Worth	179.5
4.	Joe Votava, Tabor	171.5
5.	Herb Pencile, Los Angeles	167.9
6.	Jack Gallagher, Cedar Rapids	166.2
7.	Paul Sabo, Los Angeles	161.6
8.	Frank Hokr, Los Angeles	160.0
9.	William Vermeulen, Los Angeles	154.6
10.	G. Zurek, Los Angeles	141.7

LOW DIVISION — MEN

1.	Donald Pulkrab, Cedar Rapids	191.5
2.	Leroy Webster, Cedar Rapids	186.4
3.	Leonard Mickas, Chicago	186.1
4.	Charles Dvorak, Slavsky	182.4
5.	Charles Novotny, Slavsky	180.3
6.	George Zenisek, Havlicek-Tyrs	179.5
7.	Quentin Hruska, Omaha	166.6
8.	Frank Koubsky, South Omaha	160.7
9.	Richard Trapp, South Omaha	158.2

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION — JUNIOR BOYS

I	Manuel Turchan, Detroit	336.8
II	Gerald Machala, Detroit	330.6
III	Richard Beran, Omaha	326.4
IV	Joe Mach, Omaha	322.9

HIGH DIVISION — JUNIOR BOYS

	Manuel Turchan, Detroit	182.1
	Gerald Machala, Detroit	174.8
	Richard Beran, Omaha	175.5

(The above listed boys placed in the championship division and therefore are not eligible for awards in this division.)

I	George Dvorak, Slavsky	183.1
II	Ted Smith, Cedar Rapids	176.3
III	Joe Mach, Omaha	169.3
IV	Darryl Netolicky, Cedar Rapids	160.0

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION — JUNIOR BOYS

1.	Eddie Parma, Dallas	198.5
2.	Joe Pavlasek, Cleveland	193.9
3.	Martin Lukes, Tabor	193.0
4.	Vojmir F. Benak, Jr., So. Omaha	191.9
5.	Dennis Chudoba, Tyrs	188.6
6.	Jerry Polacek, Tabor	185.3
7.	Carl Palas, Los Angeles	183.9
8.	Franklin Veverka, Tyrs	183.5
9.	Dave Cermak, Tabor	182.9
10.	Raymond Webster, Cedar Rapids	177.6
11.	Roy Votava, Tabor	172.5
12.	William Karbens, Tabor	164.5

LOW DIVISION — JUNIOR BOYS

Teams

I	SOUTH OMAHA	891.2
II	WILBER	834.2
III	LOS ANGELES	818.3

Individuals

1.	Larry Hojer, Crete	198.2
2.	James Kalkwarf, Crete	195.0
3.	Derrick Taylor, Crete	191.1
4.	Larry Laznovsky, Ennis	189.8
5.	Leo Mach, Omaha	189.6
6.	Louis Blecha, Slavsky	188.9
7.	Marvin Vala, So. Omaha	186.9
8.	Ricky Teagarden, Los Angeles	185.9
9.	Jerry Hunacek, Omaha	184.1
10.	Robert Pavlasek, Cleveland	183.8
11.	Don Piksa, So. Omaha	183.5
12.	Charles Kalat, Slavsky	182.4

13. David Nesuda, Ennis	180.8
14. Joe Vonasek, So. Omaha	179.6
15. Richard Bartunek, Cedar Rapids	178.8
15. Richard Pavlasek, Cleveland	178.8
16. John Thompson, Fort Worth	178.7
17. Marty Ryzak, Los Angeles	178.1
18. Joseph Seda, Los Angeles	178.0
19. Allan Cauble, Wilber	176.3
20. Rodger Martonovich, Cleveland	176.0
21. Edward Kohel, Wilber	175.2
22. Robert Hrudka, Cleveland	175.1
23. Tim Kantor, So. Omaha	174.2
24. Roger Prasil, Cedar Rapids	173.5
25. Robert Brenneman, Crete	172.3
26. Norman Vlasak, Wilber	169.1
27. Steve Hofscheir, So. Omaha	167.0
28. Lonnie Sanner, Scio	165.8
29. Richard Vesely, Slavsky	165.6
30. Dean Kunce, Wilber	157.7
31. Teddy Sup, Wilber	155.9
32. Lloyd Peterson, So. Omaha	153.2
33. Jerry Kral, Slavsky	146.9
34. Jim Riha, Los Angeles	138.8
35. Frank Riha, Los Angeles	137.5
36. Harold Boyanovsky, Scio	132.6
37. Charles Lastovica, So. Omaha	132.0

TRACK & FIELD EVENTS

100 Yard Dash — Men

1. Chuck Dvorak	Slavsky
2. Chuck Novotny	Slavsky
3. Jerry Milan	Fort Worth

100 Yard Dash — Junior Boys

1. Jerry Machala	Detroit
2. Roy Votava	Tabor
3. George Dvorak	Slavsky

220 Yard Dash — Men

1. Chuck Novotny	Slavsky
2. Chuck Dvorak	Slavsky
3. Jerry Milan	Fort Worth

220 Yard Dash — Junior Boys

1. Gerald Machala	Detroit
2. Roy Votava	Tabor
3. Carl Palas	Los Angeles

High Jump — Men

1. Chuck Novotny	Slavsky
2. Joe Votava	Tabor
3. Jerry Milan	Fort Worth

High Jump — Junior Boys

1. Richard Beran	Omaha
2. Joe Mach	Omaha
3. Roy Votava	Tabor

Broad Jump — Men

1. Chuck Dvorak	Slavsky
2. Chuck Novotny	Slavsky
3. Joe Votava	Tabor

Broad Jump — Junior Boys

1. George Dvorak	Slavsky
2. Gerald Machala	Detroit
1. Roy Votava	Tabor

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION — WOMEN

I Henrietta Milan, Fort Worth	296.8
II Annette Banfi, Tabor	283.9
III Helen Pesout, St. Louis	245.1

(Jeanette Sykora, St. Louis, Missouri, withdrew due to injury.)

HIGH DIVISION — WOMEN

I Larry Schweitzer, Tabor	152.1
II Jeanette Sykora, St. Louis	149.9
III Ruth Reise, Tabor	148.6
4. Libbie Vrla, Ennis	142.9
5. Sylvia Laznovsky, Ennis	140.4
6. Vlasta Laznovsky, Ennis	119.0

HIGH DIVISION TEAMS — WOMEN

I TAVOR	452.1
II ENNIS	402.3

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION — WOMEN

I Mary Alice Byers, Los Angeles	153.0
II Vlasta Chloupek, Tabor	152.0
III Georgia Jencik, Cleveland	146.6
4. Lillian Hokr, Los Angeles	146.5
5. Claudia Heidler, Tabor	144.4
6. Loretta Pencille, Los Angeles	143.7
7. Violet McCarthy, Tabor	143.5
8. Barbara Pulkrab, Cedar Rapids	138.3
9. Lynn Panka, Cleveland	136.9
10. Jirina Sikola, Los Angeles	125.4

LOW DIVISION — WOMEN

Teams

I CRETE	725.8
II SLAVSKY	721.5

Individuals

I Vicky Nespor, Crete	154.3
II Ann Halik, Slavsky	153.8
III Gloria Zadina, Omaha	152.2
4. Norma Henning, Crete	150.0
5. Barbara Dymacek, Crete	149.9
5. Mili Udaykee, Berwyn	149.9
6. Bernice Berenis, Libuse, S. Omaha	149.5
7. Anne Kalkwarf, Crete	149.0
8. Alma Matuza, Omaha	148.2
9. Elaine Barcal, Slavsky	145.5
10. Blanche Wostratzky, Slavsky	144.0
11. Mildred Valenta, Los Angeles	142.2
12. Marie Strnad, Libuse, S. Omaha	140.9
13. Anne Svec, Slavsky	140.5
14. Frances Susterka, Omaha	139.9
15. Vlasta Machek, Los Angeles	139.7
16. Rose Kubice, Slavsky	137.7
17. Marie Karpisek, Omaha	135.6
18. Jana Kazda, Los Angeles	129.0
19. Irene Krbec, Tabor	124.8
20. Ellen Kazda, Los Angeles	123.6
21. Alice Kalkwarf, Crete	122.6
22. Edith Kral, Slavsky	116.0
23. Rose Votava, Tabor	112.0

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION — JUNIOR

GIRLS

I	Carol Eck, Tabor	290.5
II	Roseann Barcal, Slavsky	289.4
III	Mary Jane Renfro, Fort Worth	280.2
4.	Carole Barcal, Slavsky	279.2
5.	Janice Polacek, Tabor	272.2

HIGH DIVISION — JUNIOR GIRLS

Teams

I	SLAVSKY	440.7
II	TABOR	431.9

Individuals

I	Carole Barcal, Slavsky	146.7
II	Marie Drozd, Slavsky	142.3
III	Janice Polacek, Tabor	141.7
4.	Nancy Tomecek, Tabor	140.5
5.	Elaine Polacek, Tabor	135.7
6.	Donna Wilkinson, Tabor	135.2

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION — JUNIOR

GIRLS

I	OMAHA	750.50
II	SLAVSKY	736.50
III	CEDAR RAPIDS	727.80

Individuals

I	Jeanette Votava, Tabor	159.3
II	Shirley Newcomer, Omaha	155.6
III	Carol Drozd, Slavsky	154.5
4.	Julie Halik, Slavsky	153.1
5.	Gloria Foucek, Omaha	152.9
6.	Patricia McGuire, Omaha	152.7
7.	Betty Pulkrab, Cedar Rapids	152.3
8.	Janelle Palas, Los Angeles	152.1
9.	Rita Svoboda, Cedar Rapids	151.7
10.	Lois Blecha, Slavsky	146.0
11.	Jacqueline Newcomer, Omaha	145.9
12.	Pat Maholic, Cleveland	145.2
13.	Janet Olisar, Los Angeles	145.1
14.	Gerry Webster, Cedar Rapids	143.9
15.	Joan Gregor, Slavsky	143.7
16.	Diane Brezacek, Omaha	143.4
17.	Marie Webster, Cedar Rapids	142.1
18.	Dorothy Turek, Slavsky	139.2
19.	Carolyn Mach, Cedar Rapids	137.8
20.	Betty Blugas, Omaha	137.7
21.	Audrey Schorpp, Cleveland	131.7
22.	Alice Gurney, Fort Worth	131.4
23.	Donna R. Steinman, Fort Worth	126.6
24.	Linda Teagarden, Los Angeles	116.7

LOW DIVISION — JUNIOR GIRLS

Teams

I	TABOR	785.4
II	WILBER	778.5
III	CRETE	768.1
4.	CLEVELAND	760.6
5.	LIBUSE, S. OMAHA	754.4
6.	SAN FRANCISCO	753.9
7.	OMAHA	737.3
8.	LIBUSE, S. OMAHA	728.8
9.	WILBER	728.4

Individuals

I	Julie Reznicek, Tabor	158.3
II	Susan Lutkus, Tabor	157.7
III	Marilyn Drevo, Crete	157.1
4.	Anne Cermak, Tabor	157.0
5.	Joyce Nepil, Tabor	156.8
6.	Nancy Shaw, Wilber	156.7
6.	Lois Chab, Wilber	156.7
6.	Janette Jurcik, Ennis	156.7
7.	Joan Novak, Wilber	156.5
7.	Marilyn Kay Olsen, Libuse, S. Omaha	156.5
8.	Rosemarie Vanous, Tyrs, Cedar Rapids	156.1
9.	Gail Konvalinka, Tabor	155.6
10.	Kathy Olsen, Libuse, S. Omaha	154.8
11.	Geraldine Hrudka, Cleveland	154.4
12.	Karen Ripa, Wilber	154.2
13.	Nancy Bodnar, Cleveland	154.1
14.	Carol Bruning, Omaha	153.9
15.	Lee Varmuza, San Francisco	153.8
16.	Jo Ann Henning, Crete	153.6
17.	Noreen Broz, Wilber	153.4
18.	Judy Calta, Omaha	153.3
19.	Judy Lindstrom, Crete	153.1
19.	Rosie J. Chlupacek, Libuse, S. Omaha	153.1
20.	Lucille Daniels, Crete	152.9
21.	Karen Mulhall, San Francisco	152.8
22.	Jane Huml, Cleveland	152.2
23.	Ruth Chaloupek, Cleveland	151.7
24.	Paula Holub, Libuse, S. Omaha	151.5
25.	Anita Hein, Crete	151.4
26.	Cindy Boss, Tabor	151.2
26.	Kathy Walker, Libuse, S. Omaha	151.2
27.	Lillian Keber, San Francisco	150.9
28.	Cecily Keber, San Francisco	150.7
29.	Sherry Lastovica, Omaha	150.4
30.	Kathy Duffy, San Francisco	150.1
31.	Charldene Weinman, Crete	149.7
32.	Eva Holubar, San Francisco	149.4
33.	Anne Wissenburg, Wilber	149.0
34.	Mary Ann Maly, Cleveland	148.2
35.	Carolyn Milan, Fort Worth	148.0
35.	Bridget Hajek, San Francisco	148.0
36.	Carol Stafford, Libuse, S. Omaha	147.9
37.	Joanne Fraley, Los Angeles	147.8
38.	Bonnie Kovar, Wilber	147.7
39.	Phyllis Weiler, Wilber	146.8
40.	Ruth Capek, Cleveland	146.7
41.	Ielean Miller, Scio	146.0
42.	Shirley Roner, Scio	145.7
42.	Joan Slepicka, Libuse, S. Omaha	145.7
43.	Roberta Pechous, Libuse, S. Omaha	144.9
44.	Maryanne Novak, Libuse, S. Omaha	144.4
45.	Marilyn Rasmussen, Omaha	144.0
46.	Margie Kriz, San Francisco	143.9
47.	Connie Houska, Wilber	143.0
48.	Sandra Grimm, Tyrs, Cedar Rapids	142.6
49.	Kathleen Weiler, Wilber	141.9
50.	Janice Skrivanek, Ennis	141.6
51.	Joan Stafford, Libuse, S. Omaha	140.6
52.	Eda Hoover, Scio	140.5
53.	Carol Mason, Fort Worth	138.2
54.	Donna Baumwart, Omaha	135.7
55.	Pat Novak, Libuse, S. Omaha	133.2
56.	Kate Bednar, Los Angeles	132.0
57.	Elana Holubar, San Francisco	130.7
58.	Ann Johnson, Fort Worth	129.9
59.	Carolyn Karpisek, Omaha	113.5

SWIMMING AND DIVING

25 Yd. Freestyle — Small Boys

1. Eddie "Spook" Halik Slavsky
2. Jimmy Divisek Los Angeles
3. Fred Prudek Fresno

25 Yd. Freestyle — Junior Girls

1. Donna Wilkinson Tabor
2. Rozanne Kulhan Fresno
3. Terry Raiskup Fresno

50 Yd. Freestyle — Junior Boys

1. Martin Lukes Tabor
2. Roy Votava Tabor
3. Carl Palas Los Angeles

50 Yd. Breast Stroke — Junior Boys

1. Martin Lukes Tabor
2. Carl Palas Los Angeles
3. Roy Votava Tabor

50 Yd. Back Stroke — Junior Boys

1. Martin Lukes Tabor
2. Roy Votava Tabor
3. Bill Karbens Tabor

25 Yr. Freestyle — Women

1. Joan Gregor Slavsky
2. Stella Prudek Fresno
3. Jirina Sikola Los Angeles

25 Yd. Breast Stroke — Women

1. Jirina Sikola Los Angeles
2. Donna Wilkinson Tabor
3. Joan Gregor Slavsky

50 Yd. Freestyle — Men

1. Bob Tomanek Omaha
2. Jan Sikola Los Angeles
3. Art Albright Omaha

50 Yd. Breast Stroke — Men

1. Jan Sikola Los Angeles
2. Joe Votava Tabor
3. Bob Tomanek Omaha

25 Yd. Back Stroke — Men

1. Joe Votava Tabor
2. Jan Sikola Los Angeles
3. Jack Prudek Fresno

Diving — Women

1. Donna Wilkinson Tabor
2. Mary Alice Kurtz (unit not listed)
3. Kathy Prudek Fresno

Diving — Junior Boys

1. Martin Lukes Tabor
2. John Thompson Fort Worth
3. Bill Karbens Tabor

Diving — Men

1. Joe Votava Tabor
2. Leo Slovacek Tabor
3. Jack Prudek Fresno

SLET TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:

Edwin Halik, Director of Men

Stanley Barcal, 1st Asst. Director

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Frank Sula Joe Votava

Jerry Husa Joe Regner

Mildred Prchal, Director of Women

Zdenka Tintera, Asst. Director

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Women's High Division



CAROL ECK,
Champion
Junior Division

ZÁPIS ZE SCHŮZE VÝKONNÉHO VÝBORU AMERICKÉ OBCE SOKOLSKÉ, konané ve středu 19. srpna 1959.

Přítomni: bratři Brouk, Čihák, Halík a Vydra.
Sestry: Čiháková a Faltová. Omluveni bratři Marek
a Šimaner, sestry Prchalová, Prenerová a Tintěrová.

Předsedal starosta br. Prchal.

Zápis z poslední schůze dodatečně přijat. Probrány zprávy ze Župy Severovýchodní, Střední a Jižní. Dále vzaty na vědomí tři zápisy Sletového výboru z 9., 13. a 16. června.

DOPISY: Sokol Tyrš, Cleveland, podává zprávu o táboření mládeže. Cvičitel'ský sbor konal volby a opět zvolení osvědčení vedoucí.

Jednota vypraví let do Říma na Olympické hry. Bude spojen se zájezdem do Londýna, Paříže, Švýcarska a Říma; na zpáteční cestě do Bavor na Pašiové hry v Oberammergau, a přes Dánsko, zpět do New Yorku. Schváleno Výkonným Výborem, aby tato výprava byla oznámena v "S.A."

O chystanou operetu se jeví velký zájem. Představení konat se bude 7. a 8. listopadu.

Sokolice Libuše, Crete, žádají V.V. o poskytnutí kopií dokladů AOS. o zproštění od daně z příjmu. Jednotě bude vyhověno a doporučeno, aby do vyplněného formuláře bylo vtěleno, že jsme vzdělávací a tělovýchovnou organizací.

Br. Holub děkuje ses. Čihákové za vzorně vedenou a připravenou výpravu do Kalifornie. Všichni Clevelandští účastníci jsou více než spokojeni.

Župa Severovýchodní zvláštním příspěvem děkuje sestře Čihákové za vykonanou práci se zájezdem a projevuje uznání této. Schváleno, aby dopis byl uveřejněn v "S.A."

Slavnostní výbor na otevření nové budovy Sokola Žižka a SPJST., zve bratra starostu co řečníka na dedikaci v neděli 13. září. Schváleno.

Br. Halík čte doporučení náčelnictva, aby br. náčelník se zúčastnil programu a aby byly vyslány čtyři ženy z Chicaga. K nim by se připojily další tři, které jsou v Texasu, k provedení cvičení na nářadí. Rozhodnuto, aby pouze br. starosta Obec zastoupil.

Česká útulna poslala pozvání na svůj druhý Československý den dobročinnosti v neděli dne 20. září. Br. starosta vyzval všechny členy V. V. k účasti. O sokolské vystoupení je postaráno.

Mezisletový výbor v Los Angeles žádá V.V. o zaslání všech účtů spojených s prací náčelnictva. Br. Prchal, ses. Čiháková a br. Halík se sejdou a účty připraví.

Časopis "Naše Hlasy" v Kanadě žádá o zařazení projevu AOS. do stránek časopisu k dvacátému výročí založení Batawy, 5. a 6. září. Rozhodnuto poslat blahopřání Sokolu Batawa.

ZPRÁVA JEDNATELKY: Župa Východní si vyžádala všechnu literaturu, která je na skladě a diplomy pro posluchače v cvičitelské škole, konané v táboře župy v East Haddam, Conn., od 16. do 29. srpna. Všechn material byl poslán.

Sokol Schenectady pozval V.V. na oslavu 60 let trvání jednoty, 10. října. Bratru Matouškovi byl poslán dopis a jednota upozorněna, že v stejný den Sokol Moravan v Toledo, Ohio, oslavuje 50 let své činnosti. Odpověď dosud nedošla.

Bratru Andrew J. Valúškovi, starostovi STJS. a jeho rodině poslán projev soustrasti po zprávě o tragické smrti jeho choti. Br. Valúšek za projev poděkoval.

American Council for Nationalities Service potvrdil příjem našeho předplatného na jejich zprávy a poděkoval za upozornění, že zprávy dochází příliš pozdě, aby mohly být užity v "Sokole Americkém".

Společnost T-V Window, Kanada, poslala informace o zapůjčení českých a anglických vzdělávacích zvukových filmů.

Příští sjezd AOS. bude konán v Cedar Rapidsích, Iowa, v červnu 1960. Hotelu Roosevelt byl poslán dopis s dotazem, zda možno hotelu užít co místo sjezdu. Pan Kennedy sdělil, že dosud může nám zajistit kterékoliv datum, jaké si určíme. Doporučuje ale druhou část měsíce, neb v první jsou graduace Coe College v místě a universitě Iowa, v Iowa City, kdy mnoho rodičů přijede, aby bylo přítomno obřadům a ubytuje se v hotelu.

Bylo by třeba usnest se o určitém datu dnes. Rozhodnuto, že sjezd bude zahájen 20. června 1960.

K 75. výročí tragické smrti velkého zakladatele Sokolstva Dr. Miroslava Tyrše, byl vypracován projev a poslán časopisům, které většinou jej uveřejnily. Byl podepsán za AOS., za Svaz Amerického Sokolstva a Svaz Svobodného Sokolstva.

Otevření nového domova Západní Česko-Bratrské Jednoty v Cedar Rapidsích, Iowa, a "Open House" určen na pondělí 14. září. Sestra Čiháková pověřena zastoupit AOS. při tomto podniku.

Pan Ward od Lincoln Turners volal ses. Čihákovou a pozval AOS. k účasti na Lincoln Turner Pan American večeru dne 30. srpna. Bude položen věnec u pomníku Lincolnu a Dr. Alvarez promluví. Bude připraven program a celá budova bude k použití. Celý V.V. je zván.

Vedle svých pravidelných povinností v úřadovně, sestra Čiháková ztrávila mnoho večerů a téměř všechny soboty a neděle na zpracování zprávy o zájezdu. Podrobná zpráva bude podána později.

Zpráva AOS. za II. čtvrtletí je připravena k vyúčtování dozorcím odborem.

Všechna korespondence byla odpovězena, žádosti o sokolský materiál a jiné objednávky vyřízeny.

Zpráva ze schůze náčelnictva a zprávu náčelníka přečetl br. Halík.

Sestra Prchalová vzdala se redakce "Sokol Gymnast". Náčelnictvo doporučuje, aby materiál byl otiskován v "Sokole Americkém" jako dříve a aby 200 kopií této části bylo vytištěno zvlášť pro dorost, který "S.A." nedostává. Schváleno.

Náčelnictvo doporučilo, aby brožurka bratra Jos. Čermáka "Dr. Miroslav Tyrš" byla vytištěna bez desíti stránek anglického názvosloví. Rozhodnuto odložit vytištění na pozdější dobu.

Sestra Čiháková přečetla zprávu sestry Prchalové, náčelnice žen.

Br. Čihák podal zprávu vzdělavatele.

Ses. Čiháková podala zprávu Zájezdového odboru. Požádala, aby finanční zpráva byla vyúčtována veřejným počtářem, neb jedná se o velké obnosy. Schváleno.

poděkováno všem, kteří přispěli k úspěchu zájezdu.

Všechny tyto zprávy budou uveřejněny v "Sokole Americkém".

Br. Prchal podal zprávu za Redakční kruh. — Oznamil, že látka, která dochází, je ze 75 proc. v anglickém jazyku.

Dále podal zprávu o své činnosti od poslední schůze V.V.

V úterý 30. června vedl část zájezdu AOS. k Mezisletu v Los Angeles. 47 účastníků jedoucích v pulmanových vozech. Největší část vedla sestra Bláža Čiháková. Do Los Angeles dojeli ve čtvrtek dopoledne. O zájezdu samém podá zprávu ses. Čiháková. Byl svědkem příprav, cesty samotné i úkolů, které sestra jednatelka plní do dnešního dne a vřele jí děkuje za krásné dílo, do nejposlednějšího detailu připraveného a za vzorně vedenou výpravu. Kde bylo možno, hleděl jí její povinnosti usnadnit.

O sletu promluvil na banketu k oslavě 50 let Sokola a 40 let Sokolic Los Angeles. Dále o večeru vítězů k závodníkům a o hlavním vystoupení k veřejnosti. O banketu promluvila také sestra Čiháková a v zastoupení župy Střední br. Šimaner.

V neděli 19. července ses. Čiháková a br. Šimaner pochodovali s br. starostou na průvodu při 21. Moravském dni. Všichni se také účastnili Dne ČSA. 2. srpna.

Promluvil se sestrou Čihákovou o zájezdu na daleký západ na rozhlasě AOS. v červenci. Promluvil na rozhlasu v srpnu.

Ve čtvrtek 30. července přednášel pro Berwyn Kiwanis o Sokole. Zodpověděl řadu dotazů.

Došla řada pozdravných pohlednic z mnohých částí světa. Vděčí za všechny.

Pokladník br. Brouk oznámil, že dle předchozího usnesení V.V. byly vyzvednuty \$2,000.00 z Citizens Savings and Loan Association a převedeny na šekový účet.

Br. Prchal poděkoval za všechny podané zprávy a vykonanou práci. Dále poděkoval bratru Čihákoví za poskytnutou pomoc, bez které by bylo nesnadno vyhovět všem úkolům, které jsou mu ukládány.

Příští schůze Výkonného Výboru bude konána čtvrtou středou, dne 23. září.

Nazdar!

Bláža J. Čiháková,
jednatelka.

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ASO., HELD AUGUST 19th, 1959

Bro. Charles M. Prchal presided.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved as submitted.

Reports from the Northeastern, Central and Southern Districts were received.

Minutes from the meeting of the Mid-Slet Committee held June 9, 13, and 16th were also received.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sokol Tyrs, Cleveland, reported on the camping of their youth. The Technical Board held their election of officers and the same proven members again accepted the responsibility of the leadership of this very important department.

The Unit will sponsor a trip to the Olympic games in Rome in 1960. The tour will include stops in London, Paris, Switzerland and Rome. On the return trip they will visit the Bavarian Alps and the famous Passion Play at Oberammergau, via Denmark to New York. It was moved that information regarding the tour would be published in "S.A." just as soon as it is received.

Bro. Zdenek Ptak's operetta is creating a great deal of interest and will be presented on November 7th and 8th.

Sokolice Libuse, Crete, Nebraska, requests that we submit a copy of the ruling of the Collector of Internal Revenue regarding our exemption from the payment of Income Tax to be used in connection with their undertakings.

Bro. Holub, Cleveland, thanks sis. Cihak for her fine work as conductor of the tour to the Mid-Slet. Without exception everyone of the Cleveland participants marvelled at the fact that every possible detail had been worked out and that every member of the party was highly delighted that they had taken part in such an exemplary tour.

The Northeastern District in a special letter thanks sis. Cihak for the successful execution of the excursion and fully appreciates all that she did for it.

The Executive Board of the Building Committee of Sokol Zizka, Dallas and S.P.J.S.T. Lodge invite bro. Prchal to be their speaker at the dedication of their new building, Sunday, September 13th. Approved. Bro. Halik read the recommendation of the Board of Instructors that the Director of Men attend the program and that 4 women be sent from Chicago to participate in exercises on the apparatus at the same event. It was decided that bro. Prchal would represent the entire Executive Board.

The Bohemian Home for the Aged sent an invitation to its Second Czechoslovak Day of Charity to be held Sunday, September 20th. The President appealed to all the members of the Executive Board to attend. The Sokols will participate in the program.

The Mid-Slet Committee in Los Angeles requests the Executive Board to present all the bills connected with the work of the Board of Instructors. Bro. Prchal, sis. Cihak and bro. Halik will meet and prepare them.

The publication "Nase Hlasy" requests that a greeting be placed in their paper on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of Batawa, September 5th and 6th. It was decided that a greeting would be sent to the Sokol Unit.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The Eastern District requested all available literature for their Sokol course to be held from August 16—29, at Camp Sokol, East Haddam, Conn. The material was sent to them.

Sokol Schenectady invited us to attend their 60th anniversary celebration on October 10th. Their attention was drawn to the fact that Sokol Moravan, Toledo, O., is celebrating their 50th anniversary on the same day.

A letter of sympathy was sent to bro. Andrew J. Valusek, President of the Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol and his family when we heard of the tragic death of his wife. Bro. Valusek acknowledged our letter.

The next convention of ASO. is to be held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in June, 1960. A letter was sent to the Roosevelt Hotel requesting whether their hotel could be used as our headquarters for the convention. Mr. Kennedy advised that at this moment they can give us any date we might choose in June. He also advised that we might find the later part of June preferable to the first part as graduation exercises at Coe College in Cedar Rapids and at the University of Iowa, in Iowa City, bring many parents for those occasions, many of whom stay at the hotel.

It is advisable that a definite date be set at this time. The Mondays of the month of June, 1960, are: June 6, 13, 20 and 27th. The week of Monday, June 20th, was decided upon as the date for the convention.

An article pertaining to the 75th anniversary of the death of our Sokol founder, Dr. Miroslav Tyrs, was sent to all Czech newspapers and publications, many of whom published it. The article was signed for ASO., Federation of American Sokols (Svaz) and World Federation of Free Sokols.

Dedication and open house of the New Home Office of the Western Bohemian Fraternal Association will be held Monday, September 14th, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Representatives of ASO. should be sent. Sis. Cihak was appointed as the official representative.

Mr. Ward of the Lincoln Turners called sis. Cihak to extend an invitation to the Executive Board of ASO. to attend the Lincoln Turner Pan American night August 30th.

In addition to sis. Cihak's regular duties in the office she spent many nights at home, and practically all of her week-ends, working on the report of the excursion, on which she will submit a report later.

The records of ASO. for the II quarter are ready to be examined by the Auditing Committee.

All correspondence was acknowledged and requests for Sokol material and supplies were filled.

Bro. Halik read the minutes of the meeting of the BOARD OF INSTRUCTORS and the report of the DIRECTOR OF MEN.

EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR JULY AND AUGUST, 1959

Wrote two articles for the July issue of Sokol Americky and one on Dr. Miroslav Tyrs for the August issue.

Finished the publicity leaflet and present it today for approval.

Sent directives to the district and unit educators for July and August.

Recommend that the following be sent to each of them: Bro. Prchal's "Educational Directors," Tyrs,

Sis. Prchal resigned as editor of "Sokol Gymnast." The Board of Instructors recommend that the material be published henceforth in "S.A." as it was done in the past and that 200 additional copies of this section be printed and sent to the junior members who do not receive "S.A." Approved.

Recommendation was also made that bro. Cermak's pamphlet "Dr. Miroslav Tyrs" be printed without the 10 pages concerning the English terminology of gymnastic terms. It was decided to postpone this whole matter to see if a compromise can be worked out.

Sis. Cihak read sis. Prchal's report as DIRECTOR OF WOMEN.

Bro. Cihak submitted his report as EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR.

Sis. Cihak reported for the EXCURSION COMMITTEE. She requested that the financial report of the excursion, due to the large sum of money involved, be examined by the Certified Public Accountant. Approved.

The recommendation that letters of thanks be sent to those who had worked to make the excursion a success was approved.

All of these reports will be published in "S.A." Bro. Prchal reported for the EDITORIAL STAFF of "S.A." He mentioned that 75% of the material he received was written in English.

He further reported on his activities since the last meeting. His work in the excursion committee, as co-conductor of the tour, and as representative of the Executive Board in Los Angeles at all of the official events.

He spoke on the two Sokol radio programs and at a luncheon meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Berwyn, Illinois.

He stated that bro. Simaner and sis. Cihak participated with him in the Moravian Day parade and also at the annual C.S.A. Day.

Our treasurer, bro. Brouk, reported on the \$2,000.00 withdrawal from the Citizens Savings and Loan Association, which was transferred to the checking account.

Bro. Prchal thanked for all the reports submitted and work accomplished. He further thanked bro. Cihak for all the assistance he gives him, for without that it would be impossible to do many of the things that are required of him.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be held on the 4th Wednesday, September 23rd.

Since there was no further business bro. chairman adjourned the meeting.

Nazdar!

Blanche J. Cihak, Secretary

"Our Purpose, Aim and Goal," as well as the booklet on Dr. Joseph Scheiner.

As bro. Joseph Cermak's booklet on Dr. Tyrs will not be used in our schools, a recommendation is made that it be printed as submitted for its historical value.

Filled specific requests of units and individuals for their units.

Edited a number of smaller articles for Sokol Americky.

James L. Cihak

SOKOL AMERICKÝ
FINANCIAL REPORT ASO.
August, 1959

INCOME		DISBURSEMENTS	
Sokol caps	\$ 7.00	Illinois Bell Telephone Company	\$ 15.71
Sokol Karel Havlicek Borovsky, Ennis, Tex., II qtr.	84.00	Joseph Brouk—Salary and transportation, and charges for loan at Citizens Savings & Loan Association	23.43
Sokol Scio, Oregon, II qtr.	44.25	Mildred Prchal—Telephone	13.80
Sokol pins	1.00	Edwin Halik—Telephone, postage and stop watch repairs	82.34
Sokol and Sokolice Los Angeles, Membership pins	52.00	Salary—Secretary and Financial Secretary	326.20
Sokol St. Louis, Mo., II qtr.	180.00	Salary—Director of Men	99.18
Dividends on Investments	207.00	Salary—Director of Women	79.90
Sokolice Renata Tyrsova, Cedar Rapids, Ia., II qtr.	86.50	Editorial Staff	120.00
Sokolice Omaha, Nebraska, II qtr.	90.50	Mailing List Expense	25.00
Sokol Fuegner Tyrs, So. Omaha75	Rental	35.00
Sokol Omaha, Nebr., II qtr.	26.00	Janitor Service	10.00
Sokol Hopkins, Minn., II qtr.	12.75	Postage, supplies and photostats	23.48
Sokolice Schenectady, N. Y., II qtr.	22.50	Mildred Prchal—Postage	6.80
Sokol St. Paul, Minn., II qtr.	48.75	U. S. Postmaster—Postage "Sokol Americky"	19.50
Subscriptions to "Sokol Americky"	7.00	Radio	25.00
Sokolice Detroit, Mich., II qtr.	71.00	Color Printing Company—Letterheads	38.00
Sokol Tyrs, Cleveland, O., II qtr.	223.75	Berwyn Press—"Sokol Americky"	525.24
Sokol Town of Lake, Chicago, Ill., II qtr.	83.25		\$1468.58
S.G.U.S.—"Sokol Gymnast"	56.14		
Sokol Portland, Oregon, II qtr.	14.00		
Sokol Slavsky, Cicero, Ill., IV qtr. (1958)	106.00		
Sokol Washington, D. C., II qtr.	47.75		
Sokol Havlicek Tyrs, Chicago, Ill., II qtr.	124.00		
Czechoslovak Society of America — Advertising "S.A."	180.00		
Sokol Newark, N. J., I and II qtr.	44.00		
Sokol Blesk, Baltimore, Md., II qtr.	71.50		
Sokol Ft. Worth, Texas, IV qtr. and convention fund	39.25		
	\$1930.64		
		BALANCE	
		Lawndale National Bank checking account.	\$2072.08
		Income—August, 1959	1930.64
			\$4002.72
		Disbursements—August, 1959	1468.58
			\$2534.14

BOARD OF INSTRUCTORS

The American Sokol Board of Instructors meeting was called to order on Wednesday, August 6th, at Sokol Slavsky at 7:55 p.m. with the following members present: Bro. Director E. Halik, S. Barcal, J. Regner; sis. Dir. M. Prchal, A. Halik, L. Zdenek, B. Kos, Z. Tintera, B. Prener, L. Sramek, S. Freiberg, V. McCarthy and E. J. Schnabl.

The minutes of the last meeting were not read inasmuch as they had already appeared in Sokol Americky.

Bro. Halik received letters from bro. J. Milan, Southern District Men's Director, and J. Pokladnik of Dallas, requesting a team, bro. Halik as an English speaker and bro. Prchal as a Czech speaker for the Dallas gym dedication to be held on Sunday, September 12th. Bro. Halik reported that at 11:00 a.m. a ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place while a gymnastic program will be given in the afternoon. After much discussion, a motion was made by bro. S. Barcal and seconded by sis. Freiberg that we send a team of four composed of both junior girls and women from Chicago to the Dallas dedication and that the top gymnasts as shown by the recent competitions be chosen. Passed. Sis. Prener made a motion that we recommend to the Executive Committee that bro. Halik be sent as the English speaker. Sis. Sramek seconded; passed.

Bro. Halik stated that sis. I. Suhrada, Women's Director of the Eastern District, telephoned asking for a teacher for their District course inasmuch as bro. Capek is unable to teach. She specifically requested bro. J. Milan. Bro. Halik contacted bro. Milan, but he too is unable to attend. Sis. Prchal stated that sis. B. Cihak likewise received a letter from sis. Suhrada asking for blank diplomas and any technical material for this course.

Sis. Prchal received a letter from sis. M. Mucha of Nova Vlast, Cleveland, Ohio, who will judge at the coming Pan American Games in Chicago. She requested information as to where she could obtain lodging. It was decided that sis. Prchal answer her, telling her that she (sis. Prchal) probably intends to stay in a hotel downtown near the competitions if necessary to avoid traveling to the Loop every day.

Sis. Prchal received a letter from sis. M. Mach of Los Angeles (formerly Filipek of Chicago) which included a list of the judges and the minutes of the judges' meeting. Sis. Mach volunteered to write a Women's Calisthenics and sis. Prchal gave her permission to go ahead although our committee cannot be committed at this time as to when they will be used.

Bro. Halik reported on his auto trip to Los Angeles and stated that he stopped in Houston, Texas, to visit with bro. J. Kos. It seems that he is not in the best of health.

Sis. Prchal and bro. Halik did not read their reports on the Mid-Slet held in Los Angeles due to the fact that they will be published in Sokol Americky.

Sis. Prchal read a letter of thanks to the Los Angeles Mid-Slet participants which was signed by the Pacific District Board of Instructors and our Board. Another letter signed by our Committee was read, giving thanks to the Pacific District Slet Committee for their work.

Sis. Prchal gave a verbal report of her past activities and announced that her attendance book is up to date except for the Northeastern District which is constantly behind in sending the cards to her. She has written the District Directors again in hope of having our national attendance book completely up to date.

A date for a Svaz meeting was discussed and the secretary will write to bro. R. Bachna as to whether Wednesday, September 9th, is all right with the S.G.U.S., some of whom will be attending the Pan American Games in Chicago.

The program for 1960 was brought up and we were told that at the convention the By-Laws would again be up for revision. A letter will be sent to all units to send us ideas for revisions in these By-Laws as well as in the Competition Rules. Two committees will be set up for this purpose in the near future.

Bro. Halik reported that he attended a meeting on Tuesday, August 4th, at Sokol Chicago with the Sokol Chicago Board and bro. Paul Fina. It was here decided that a "Friendship Dance" will be held at Sokol Chicago on September 6th as sort of a finale to the Pan American Games. In connection with the Pan American Games, sis. Prchal

asked the help of all members wherever necessary. Bro. Barcal likewise asked assistance in serving at their dance.

Bro. Halik brought into discussion a publication by the late bro. Cermak, "Dr. Miroslav Tyrs," which was published in 1928. Our Executive Committee wishes to have another printing of same. However, after summarizing the booklet, sis. Schnabl made a motion that we recommend that the ten pages concerning the English terminology of gymnastic terms as written by Cermak be deleted and that the Sokol history be filled in up to date; seconded by sis. Tintera; passed.

Sis. Prchal suggested that the women and men of our staff be reimbursed for work done at the time of the Mid-Slet held in Los Angeles since the Directors do get paid and, of course, cannot do all the necessary work alone. Sis. Prener made a motion that \$10.00 per day be given to those sisters and brothers who were in Los Angeles; seconded by sis. Schnabl; passed.

In reference to the "Sokol Gymnast," sis. Prchal handed in her resignation. Bro. Barcal moved that we accept sis. Prchal's resignation as Editor of the "Sokol Gymnast" and our technical material be put into Sokol Americky under the heading of "Telocvicna Hlidka" and in under, in smaller type, "American Sokol Gymnast," and that an additional 200 copies be printed up so that the junior non-members may receive this important information. Sis. Schnabl seconded his motion; passed. The secretary will send a letter to bro. Bachna notifying him that sis. Prchal has resigned and that we have accepted same. The Sokol Federation must now take further steps.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 P.M. with refreshments served by sis. A. Halik and sis. S. Freiberg.

Respectfully submitted,
EllenJeanne Schnabl, Secretary

REPORT OF MEN'S DIRECTOR, AUGUST, 1959

At the June 12th meeting of the Executive Committee, sis. Cihak turned over to me the judges slips which she had mimeographed for me. These I did not get to cut and sort until I arrived in Los Angeles. Also at this meeting, I requested that bro. Cihak and bro. Prchal withhold from reprinting the brochure "Dr. Miroslav Tyrs" as originally prepared by bro. Joseph Cermak, on the grounds that this pamphlet contained an explanation of the Sokol system with a good deal of gymnastic terminology and would add to the already existing confusion revolving around the Bednar-Kudrnovsky translations which we are now attempting to clarify, evaluate and blend into one system. Bro. Prchal called me the following day asking me to meet with him and sis. Prchal Sunday, June 14, concerning this matter. At that time we agreed to an indefinite postponement.

I left with the family on Monday, June 15, for Los Angeles. We drove by way of Dallas and Fort Worth, where we visited the Hoseks in Dallas and had lunch with them. Bro. Pokladnik was also present at the luncheon. We then visited the new

Sokol building and discussed the plans for the dedication ceremonies on September 12th. The new building that bro. Hosek designed is a beautiful, modern and practical combination gym and auditorium. That evening, we drove to Fort Worth and visited the Milans where we spent the night. We also visited the Sokol hall that evening during a gym workout. Next morning, on to Houston for an all too short visit with bro. Joseph Kos, one of American Sokols best liked and respected traveling instructors of a few years ago. A great teacher, a great organizer, now 67 and in very poor health, living alone and almost forgotten.

Then back to Route 66 where just about 20 miles east of Albuquerque a small town known as Moriarty, New Mexico, at a gas station operated by O. J. Brikner who noticing the Slet sticker and the Berwyn tag started talking in Czech and never let up until we pulled out of the station. He had lived in Berwyn. The next day we visited the Grand Canyon spending the day there. Then on to Hoover Dam, and Las Vegas for a quick look and on to Long Beach and the Diviseks which was our first

stop in the Los Angeles area. That evening we moved to the Palas'. After the Slet we did a week of sight seeing and visiting friends in the area, the last two days again with the Diviseks, who, by the way, are moving back to San Francisco. Tuesday, July 14, we left Los Angeles for San Simeon and Hearst's Castle, and on to the Carmel, Monterey, Salinas and Fort Ord area where I had spent 18 months in service (1944-45). At San Francisco we spent two days sight seeing with visits to bro. Jirsak, long time nacelnik of Sokol San Francisco and the Pacific District, and sis. Kopal. Friday night is a busy night in Sokol San Francisco even in the summer time. A group of boys and girls were working on apparatus with their leaders. Bro. Felix Lenhart immediately took us in hand and introduced us to the group in the club room. We sat there for a couple of hours discussing conditions at Sokol San Francisco and the Mid-Slet at Los Angeles. I was surprised by the enthusiasm of these people, many of whom had arrived here in this country by way of Australia and the way they had adjusted to our American way of life. They seem sincere to me in their efforts to be useful to our organization. I think they understand our problems. Bro. Lenhart invited us to lunch the next day at the Claremont Hotel, in Berkeley where he lives. While at lunch, he explained the responsibilities and deeper implications of our leadership in the Federation of Free Sokols giving me a much clearer picture of the situation. Then on to San Lorenzo with a pleasant two day visit with Flo. Holek and his sister Josephine and her husband Karl Young. Now at last we were homeward bound, with stops at Carson City, Reno, Salt Lake City and Omaha. At Omaha, we stopped long enough to visit the Sokol Hall, Dick Molcar's home (they were at Camp) and the Libor's new restaurant. While visiting at Libor's I phoned bro. Kopecky, bro. Benak and sis. Hulac. From there we pushed on to our last stop, Home!

Since then have talked to sis. Zdenek about the program in Downers Grove and Old Peoples Home. I met with sis. Prchal, wrote an article about the Mid-Slet for Sokol Americky. I am preparing another article dealing with the trip to the Slet for

a later issue. I have spoken by phone to sis. Suhrada of New York about a teacher for their school. They had requested bro. Milan of Ft. Worth who was not available. Sis. Suhrada later wired that they had an instructor from their area. Spoke also to bro. Milan about teaching in the Eastern District school. Also to bro. Hosek in Dallas and to bro. Pokladnik in Oklahoma City where he is serving two weeks in the Air Force Reserve, concerning the dedication program. There are still several accounts outstanding in sheet music, records, and tape recordings so I cannot give a financial report at this time. I had several stop watches repaired for which I submit a bill. Also bills for postage and telephone.

At the meeting of the Board of Instructors on Thursday, August 6th, at Sokol Slavsky, I reported on Slet activities, presented Dallas' request for teams of men and women for their dedication program, also their request for the Men's Director as a speaker on the program. Board approved a women's team and Director of Men as speaker. I feel that we can pick four or five good men in the Chicago area to send out there for the program, in addition to the women's team. I called the attention of the board to the discrepancies in the rules and by-laws and also to omissions and needed revisions. The by-laws pertaining to the board of instructors at the National, District and Unit levels have been changed considerably at the last three conventions, and with each succeeding change, some omissions and a lack of clarification caused considerable confusion and misunderstanding and misinterpretation. Letters are being prepared to District and Unit Directors regarding these matters. Also committees are being assigned to expedite the preparation of these materials for the coming convention. I have not accepted a teaching assignment at Sokol Slavsky this year feeling that I will need the time preparing and organizing all the reports and materials which we expect to present to the convention. This will also give me time to assist sis. Prchal with the "Hlidka."

Nazdar!

Edwin J. Halik

REPORT FOR AUGUST ASO. WOMEN'S DIRECTOR

A detailed report of meetings and events connected with the Los Angeles Mid-Slet will appear in the August issue of Sokol Americky. Results of Women's and Junior Girls' competitions will also be published.

I received minutes of the judges' meeting held in Los Angeles and a letter from sis. Marie Mach (Filipec) offering technical assistance in the future. Sis. Mach is a former Chicagoan and former director of Central District Women's Board of Instructors.

ASO. Board of Instructors meeting was held Thursday, August 6th, at Sokol Slavsky; all members of the women's board were present. Bro. E. Halik will present discussions and recommendations passed in this meeting.

Check in payment of the Sokol Gymnast and a letter were received from bro. Babuska of the S.G.U.S.

Letter was received from Dr. Filip, President of the Elk Lake Summer Camp, where the AAU. Clinic will be held, asking if I would sit on the Advisory Board for the Camp. All letters were answered.

I attended a Pan American Gymnastic Technical Committee meeting July 26th, at the Central YMCA. All details concerning the gymnastic program of the Pan American Games to be held Sept. 3, 4, 5, at Navy Pier and social events preceding and following same were discussed. The Lincoln Turners will sponsor a swim and dance for the teams and Sokol Chicago will sponsor a

Friendship Dance September 6th for the teams and officials. All units are requested to attend.

The AAU. has asked me to teach artistic gymnastics and Sokol calisthenics at the AAU. Gymnastic Clinic to be held at Elk Lake, Michigan, (Pond's Palaestrom) for 5 days beginning August 16th. Courses in FIG judging, panel discussions for women's gymnastics, etc. will be included.

At the request of the Central District Women's Board, I will teach artistic gymnastics evenings

during a period of the month of September. This course will be conducted in various gymnasiums.

Nazdar!

M. Prchal

P. S.—August 12th I received a letter from Mr. Geo. J. Gulack, Chairman of Pan American Games, Inc., inviting me "to officiate at the gymnastic competition held during the 3rd Pan American Games in Chicago, Sept. 3 to 5."

BLANCHE J. CIHAK

REPORT OF THE EXCURSION COMMITTEE

To go into every fine detail to describe the work of the Excursion Committee at this time is no longer of any great consequence. Therefore I shall endeavor to give a condensed report and try to show what had been accomplished.

The excursion totaled 161 passengers, plus a group of 22 from Sokol Chicago and Sokol Slavsky who traveled with us to Los Angeles.

After our quota was exhausted, 22 names remained on the waiting list. We were able to take care of most of them. This happened when Yosemite Park gave us a new allotment of 10 beds and the remainder of the space was released through cancellations.

About a week prior to departure the R.R. informed us that it would not be possible to attach the pullman cars to the coach train from Chicago to Los Angeles, because of heavy travel at this time of the year.

It was then decided that bro. Prchal would travel with the 47 pullman passengers on the "City of Los Angeles" and I would escort the remainder of the group on "The Challenger."

In Los Angeles we had a tour on Thursday afternoon which included Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica and the beaches. On Friday, the big day, Knotts Berry Farm and Disneyland. Each one deserving a full day for all there was to view. Friday night the Sokol Banquet at the Los Angeles Breakfast Club, attended by 110 participants of the tour.

Saturday was a free day. Knotts Berry Farm and Disneyland was repeated for those who arrived on Friday and for those who were competing.

I volunteered to set up a tour to Lake Arrowhead, 6500 feet up in the mountains, Rim of the World Highway and the Mission Inn at Riverside, California. A group of 36 adults and 1 child took this tour, for which they were all very grateful.

Park Manor and the Sokol Hall was visited by many on Saturday and Sunday, in fact one of our buses went directly to the Sokol Hall.

Sunday was the Slet, and everybody from the tour was there, either on the field participating in the program or sitting in the grandstands.

Monday morning we said good-bye to Los Angeles, arriving in Fresno in the early afternoon.

Our Fresno unit must be complimented and congratulated on the excellent picnic they prepared for us. The food, entertainment, including the swimming pool, and mostly their wonderful hospitality is something words cannot express. We all have a feeling of deep gratitude to bro. Bill Delancey, starosta, and his committee, and all the

brothers and sisters of Sokol Fresno who helped make this affair such an outstanding event, and one of the truly great highlights of our trip.

Yosemite Valley was magnificent, it always is, and we could have spent another day to walk in the meadow, along the sandy banks of the Merced River or time to just wander and meditate.

San Francisco was our next stop, after Washington, D. C., probably the most beautiful city in the United States.

Our sightseeing trip here was altered slightly, so that we could ride over all of the 3 huge bridges which are all a work of engineering skill.

Our evening at Sokol San Francisco another highlight, arranged by our dear devoted brother starosta Anton Kohoutek, and sister and brother Sokols of San Francisco. Their excellent Czech dinner of roast duck, dumplings and sauerkraut, Czech partries and a very nice program by the members was concluded with group singing led by our bro. (Teach) Frank Prihoda of St. Louis.

I believe everybody found time to visit Chinatown, Top of the Mark and to ride the cable cars.

Referring to the trip in general I would like to say:

Train transportation was very good. All sightseeing as per itinerary, with the exception of a few changes to enhance the tours.

Bus transportation to the Los Angeles High School, Los Angeles Breakfast Club and Sokol Hall in San Francisco all very good. Transfer of passengers and baggage from trains to hotels and vice versa as scheduled. I would say excellent.

No serious illness throughout the trip. Relationship among passengers very good. It was a very compatible, congenial and cooperative group. One happy family is the best way to describe it. They sang whenever and wherever they had an opportunity, and always found many who were willing to listen.

Food was plentiful and good.

Our plan to visit three of the units in California was accomplished with great moral success.

People everywhere made inquiries about who we were and what Sokol stood for. Sokol received a full measure of publicity on this trip.

Our system of assigning space in the trains each time we made a move proved faultless and eliminated confusion.

Dining car service was excellent with the wonderful cooperation of the stewards.

A final financial report cannot be presented today because we are awaiting a corrected bill for sightseeing in Los Angeles and refunds from the

railroad for cancelled or unused space. I request that the Excursion Committee Financial Report be examined by the ASO. Certified Public Accountant because of the large sum of money involved in the entire transaction.

In closing my report I would like to express my gratitude to bro. Prchal for all his work in the committee and wonderful cooperation on the trip, and to sis. Ann Falta, the third member of our committee.

To Ann Jansto, Mary Bubenicek and Marie Harris for the hours they spent in the office.

To bro. Fred Holub, Cleveland, Ohio, for all his efforts connected with the booking of the Cleveland passengers, and working out every tiny detail. We worked in complete harmony to the very end.

To the Northeastern District for their excellent support.

To bro. Supik of Cleveland for his excellent supervision of the Cleveland group and his fine cooperation throughout the entire tour.

It was a very well disciplined group and a real pleasure to have them with us.

To bro. Frank Kratochvil who assisted me in every possible way not only on the train to Los Angeles, but throughout the entire trip.

To Mr. Joseph Bejlovec for all his assistance and kindness.

To bro. Anton Smunt for his wonderful help during all the tours and wherever and whenever needed.

To sis. Libuse Kalivoda, Helen Prener and Bess Vorel for all their understanding and assistance.

To Sokol Fresno, bro. Bill Delancy, bro. Bert Muzer and the entire committee.

To bro. Anton Kohoutek, and his Sokol San Francisco committee.

To bro. Felix Lenhart for his assistance in making our reservations at Fisherman's Wharf.

To all the members of the tour my personal sincere thanks for their cooperation which made the trip such a success. I am very grateful and very proud of each and everyone of them.

I recommend that a letter of thanks be sent to all those who contributed to the success of the tour. To the Northeastern District of ASO. Mr. Lyle James, Passenger Agent of the Milwaukee Road, who escorted us to Omaha. Mr. Harold Bohan and Miss Betty Maher of the Union Pacific, who were very helpful in answering questions and working out details.

The Excursion Committee is planning a get together to be held in the early part of October and recommend that it be approved by the Executive Board.

To our 161 passengers this will remain a memorable trip, to me another milestone in my life.

Nazdar!

ZE ŽUPY SEVEROVÝCHODNÍ.

Schůze V.V. se konala dne 22. července 1959.

Podány čtvrtletní statistické zprávy z jednot a poslány příspěvky.

Náčelník bratr Vávra podal přehlednou zprávu za prvního půl roku. Br. Jerry Venclovi bude poděkováno za přívoz a odvoz náradí o župním sletu. Plánovaný župní kurs a akademie odvolány. Probrána záležitost ubytování hostí o sletu.

Hospodářský odbor nemá dosud úplné vyúčtování sletu. Slet se ale vydařil.

Krajanský výbor konal svůj výroční "picnic", který byl úspěšný.

Zprávu ze zájezdu AOS. do Los Angeles podali bratři a sestry Kunášek, Nejedlý, Šupík. Uspořádání Mezisletu bylo velkým výkonem Sokola a Sokolic Los Angeles. Zájezd samotný byl pečlivě připraven, promyšlen. Každý se divil veliké organizační práci sestry Čihákové. Rozhodnuto sestře Čihákové připsat poděkovat jménem župy. Br. Šupík a br. Verkner natočili ze zájezdu asi 16 set stop barevného filmu.

Starosta br. Tichý oznámil, že slet v Torontu byl menší, než léta minulá. Přijetí v Torontu velmi bratrské. Na buse jelo 37 cvičenců a další

účastníci auty. Br. Vávra doplnil zprávu oznámením, že v Torontu se podílelo na 100 cvičenců ze župy.

Z veřejného cvičení Sokola Detroit podali zprávu br. starosta a náčelník. Bylo jedním z největších jednotou pořádaných. 220 cvičenců, více než 800 návštěvníků. Starosta jednoty je vzorný pracovník a organisátor. Mládež se hlásí k práci. Krásné tábořiště je stále zvelebováno.

Na oslavě 50 let DTJ. v Americe vystoupilo 18 mužů a 18 žen. Zacvičili mezisletová prostrná. Vedl br. E. Jiroušek. Skutečnost, že Sokol se zúčastnil cvičení DTJ. ponese dobré výsledky a byla slíbena vzájemná pomoc.

Jednoty podaly zprávy o své činnosti. Sokol Cleveland připravuje zájezd do Toleda na zlaté jubileum jednoty.

V Sokole Tyrš se cvičí během letních měsíců nepravidelně. Pilně se připravuje opereta br. Zdenka Ptáka. O premiéru se jeví veliký zájem v celém Clevelandu. Přítomni budou všichni hudební kritikové města. Školy se také zajímají. Jednota pomýšlí vyslati jeden bus k jubileu Sokola Toledo.

K. Zahradníček, jednatel.

He who is silent is forgotten; he who abstains is taken at his word; he who does not advance falls back; he who stops is overwhelmed, distanced, crushed; he who ceases to grow greater

becomes smaller; he who leaves off, gives up; the stationary condition is the beginning of the end.

—Amiel

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN
DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD IN
ENNIS, TEXAS
July 17, 1959**

Meeting which came to order at 9:00 P.M. was presided over by bro. Prevratil. Present were: brothers Parma, Laznovsky. Sister Vrla. Visiting: brothers Vytopil, W. Laznovsky, sis. Prevratil and Sylvia Laznovsky.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

Report of the Physical Directors:

Sis. Vrla reports a request from sis. Castro of Corpus Christi for sheet music or records which would be suitable to compose a number for a group of junior boys and girls who are now active in the unit. This number is intended to be presented at the program the Dallas unit plans for the formal opening of the new gymnasium.

Houston is preparing for their exhibition. Sis. nacelnice then gave a detailed report on the Mid-Slet. In competition: Henrietta Milan of Fort

Worth placed first in championship women. Mary Jean Renfro, Ft. Worth, placed third in championship junior girls. Jerry Milan, Ft. Worth, placed third in Intermediate men's division. Eddie Parma of Dallas placed first in junior boys' intermediate division. The Ennis women's team placed second in high division. Several other gymnasts of this district scored high in their respective divisions.

Sis. Vrla in behalf of the gymnasts who participated at the Slet wishes to express appreciation for the financial support of the District. Twenty-three gymnasts participated.

Bro. Prevratil gave a brief report on the progress of the new gym of Sokol Dallas.

Since there was no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

Nazdar!

Vlasta Laznovsky

SOKOL AND SOKOLICE DETROIT

Since May the Sokols of Detroit have been active in various Gymnastic Exhibitions.

On May 31 we participated in the District Slet of the S.G.U.S. in Rossford, Ohio.

June 27-28 competitions and Slet of the Northeastern District—Cleveland, Ohio. From Detroit the following placed: Junior girls—Lower Div.—Sylvia Svoboda, second place. Intermediate Div.—Denise Simon, first place. Women—Intermediate Div.—Jerry Kalivoda, second place. Men—Intermediate Div.—Murdock Hurtzog, first place; Henry Siedlik, second place; Al Chapman, third place.

Two junior boys competed in the Slet in Los Angeles—Manuel Turchan, Jr., placing first in Championship, and Jerry Machala, placing second. Congratulations to all of you!

July 4-5 participated in Cesky Den and Sokol Slet at Masaryktown, Canada.

July 12 our own Verejne at our Sokol Camp at Sandy Bottom Lake. On a day that was perfect both for participant and spectator alike a well-planned program was presented. Before a large appreciative audience this was our program: (1) General assembly and presentation of Colors; (2) Guest speakers; (3) Maypole Dance, Kindergarten children, Directors Joan Wimmer, Mary Semetko;

(4) Class I and II boys and girls, calisthenics and games, Joanne Cervenak, L. B. Teichman; (5) Babicky from Sokol Moravan, Toledo, Ohio, a dance—Director Ann Botek; (6) Junior boys and girls calisthenics, Jar. Kalivoda and Manuel Turchan, Jr.; (7) Jr. boys and girls apparatus, Jar. Kalivoda; (8) Sokolice Detroit, Hi-Lo Bars; (9) Men, apparatus; (10) Men and women, calisthenics and retirement of Colors—Sue Wimmer and Hank Siedlik. Congratulations to all the leaders for a job well done. Our thanks to all the participants that included those from Northeastern District, S.G.U.S., District "Svatopluk-Lake Erie," Toronto and Windsor, Canada. Music for the program and dancing was furnished by Tomes' Band. Once again our exhibition proved quite successful—both program-wise and financially. Lest we forget—we must not forget our sestry and bratri who worked so hard on committees. So to them a sincere "Thank you."

With the coming of fall all classes will be starting again. Won't you join our ranks be you 6 or 60? Contact Sue Wimmer or Hank Siedlik for information.

Nazdar!

Lil Teichman

DISCIPLINE — WHAT IT MEANS TO US

(From Sokol Detroit News—July, 1959)

One of the cornerstones of our American Sokol Organization is discipline. Our gymnasiums are in particular need of discipline, for without it confusion and disorder would soon reign and our organization become decadent.

To some people the word discipline has an unpleasant sound because they connect it with a form of punishment. But whether we like it or not, we have been subjected to discipline since very early childhood. The thoughtful parent's purpose in discipline of a child is to guide him toward a time in life when he can gradually become dependent on his own judgment. And as we grow older and

wiser we self-discipline ourselves without scarcely knowing it.

The Sokol Organization too needs discipline in order to continue to produce individuals of strong moral fiber and physical well being. So with this thought in mind we should always endeavor to maintain a high degree of discipline in our ranks. When we are asked to do something or a command is given we should respond willingly and cheerfully, in the spirit of Sokol brotherhood, and your task and that of your leaders will be greatly lessened.

Nazdar!

George Eisenstein

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EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORS

Dear Brother and Sister Educators:

The following publications in English are available upon request:

- "Educational Directors" by Karel M. Prchal.
 "Historical Preface to Foundation of Physical Culture" and "Our Purpose, Aim and Goal," by Dr. Miroslav Tyrs.
 "Dr. Joseph Scheiner" by James L. Cihak.
 "Sokol and The Sokol Idea" by Jarka Jelinek and J. J. Zmrhal.

To be published soon:

- "Dr. Miroslav Tyrs," by Joseph Cermak (revised third edition with biography of the author).
 "Dr. Miroslav Tyrs" by Charles Domorazek (10 page booklet).
 "The Sokol Movement—Its Contribution to Gymnastics" (8 page booklet—condensed from the Slavonic Review.)
 "The Sokols" by Dr. Joseph Scheiner (16 page booklet).
 "The Czechoslovak Sokol" published by COS., 1932 (45 page booklet).

Though all of these bear on the same subject, each one of them has something distinct to offer the reader, whether he be a stranger to the sokol work or a lifetime member. We want you to have as many copies of each as you may need for your work. They should also be placed in your local libraries, into the hands of the physical education heads of your local schools, and to all your newspapers, radio and T.V. stations.

All of these channels of education and publicity are very important.

They will appreciate your thoughtfulness and be more favorable toward your own

publicity in the future. Even a limited knowledge of our country's floundering in trying to raise the physical, mental and moral standards of our entire nation, will help you see the need for offering our Sokol system to the whole nation. What it has done for Czechoslovakia it can do even better for the United States of America.

All of this is being done in the spirit of trying to rectify the errors of the past. The sooner our country again becomes the healthy, fearless, independent force it once was the sooner we will see the elimination of world tension and an accelerated advance in a period of peace.

As a personal favor, I would appreciate your sending me whatever you have in English about the sokols. This can then be reproduced and made available to all of our units and those mentioned above. I have a wealth of material in Czech, but it is a time consuming task to translate all of it. Any one of you who would like to tackle any part of this will find it very rewarding.

The thrill of accomplishing something that you know will be of lasting value to our country must be experienced to be fully appreciated. So little of our rich Czech sokol literature has been translated that it is as if we were panning for gold in the bed of a stream when the mother lode is at our hand.

Please write and send your material, letters or requests to my home address: James L. Cihak, 2207 W. 107th Street, Chicago 43, Illinois.

Nazdar!

James L. Cihak, Educational Director
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Dne 25. listopadu před sto dvaceti šesti lety se narodil z knížecího rodu Thurn Taxisů člověk demokrat. Kníže Rudolf se odklonil celým svým životem od zvyků vysoké šlechty, z níž vyšel, a která svými kořeny pocházela z Itálie a pak po dlouhá staletí žila v území německém, kde se domohla obrovského jmění zařizováním a udržováním poštovního spojení. Kdybychom šli po stopách jeho předků, octli bychom se všude, kam sahala oblast svatě říše římské národa německého, kam sahalo poštovní spojení z Vídně. Za věrné služby císařskému dvoru dosáhli Thurn Taxisové vysokých hodností, stali se vévody a knížaty. Došli tak daleko, že vstoupili v příbuzenský poměr s císařem Františkem Josefem I. A právě proti tomuto vládaři vystoupil Rudolf, takže si vysloužil i čtrnáctidenní vězení v Mladé Boleslavi.

Už od studentských let měl živý zájem o českou věc, o českou společnost. Nejen tím, ale i svým sňatkem s dcerkou pražského učitele hudby nadobro se rozešel s celou šlechtou. Měl tak aspoň volné ruce, že se nemusil ohlížet na to, co oni tomu řeknou, a věnoval se životu veřejnému ve prospěch české myšlenky. Božena Němcová v době, kdy

se k ní lidé vlastní krve chovali odmítavě, nacházela podporu u něho. Taxis byl prvním starostou Hlaholu, účastnil se zakládání Sokola a nebýt toho, že nově vznikající jednota potřebovala člověka jinak nezatíženého, byl by se stal jeho starostou. Chtěl se stát profesorem práva na pražské universitě, ale vídeňská vláda mu to překazila. Proto založil časopis Právník a vydával jej s pomocí Erbenovou.

Proti Habsburkům se zatvrdil tak, že roku 1866 jednal přímo s Bismarkem o odstranění českého státu od Rakouska a v jeho zámku sepsal Antonín Kotík knížku Pláč koruny české, která měla rozdmýchat u nás odboj. Účelu nedosáhla. Náš lid byl na Prusko tak rozezlen, že z jeho zakročení neviděl pro sebe žádného prospěchu. Ale i po pruské válce Taxis horlivě a rád řečnil na táborech lidu, zapo-
mínaje na hospodaření na vlastních statcích, takže je musil nakonec opustit a uchýlit se do cizích služeb, jeden čas i jako advokátní koncipista v Kroměříži. Na dvanáct let se od nás odstěhoval do Bulharska, odkud přešel do Saska. Zemřel roku 1904 na Velehradě.
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