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Again I offer tribute to the name
That signifies a love so true and fine
That not the reddest rose, nor song of mine
Could tell the loyal numbers it may claim.
This love shines forth; an ever constant flame,
In fortune's increase, or in gain's decline,
A heartened light above life's stormy brine,
The fairest star on royal path of fame.
The precious name might well denote a tree
Whose fragrant breath is life, a tree whose arms
Fulfill a trust with fortitude and pride.
The name is Mother, and our task should be
To let the world we shape reflect the charms
Of her whose love is like a fostering tide.

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Calendar of Events

MAY 19th—SOKOL SCIO, OREGON. — Gymnastic Exhibition, Z.C.B.J.-Sokol Hall, Scio, Oregon.

MAY 20th—SOKOL LITTLE FERRY, N. J. Gymnastic Exhibition.

MAY 20th—SOKOL WEST SUBURBAN, Downers Grove, Ill. — Gymnastic Exhibition, Sokol Brookfield, 3909 Prairie Ave., Brookfield, Ill.

MAY 27th—SOKOL WASHINGTON, D. C. — Placing a wreath on the Tomb of the "Unknown Soldier." Arlington National Cemetery.

JUNE 3rd—CLEVELAND, OHIO. — Masaryk Bust Dedication — Cultural Gardens.

JUNE 3rd—CENTRAL DISTRICT. — Annual Slet in Chicago.

JUNE 3rd—SOKOL DETROIT. — Camp Opening.

JUNE 5th—SOKOL SCHENECTADY, N. Y. Parents Day Gymnastic Exhibition and children of the Czech School participating.

JUNE 8th—SOKOL AND SOKOLICE LIBUSE, CRETE, NEBR. — Program commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of Sokol and awarding long term Membership pins.

JUNE 9th—N.E. DISTRICT — Sokol Centennial Banquet—Hotel Statler-Hilton, Cleveland, Ohio.

JUNE 10th—N.E. DISTRICT, CLEVELAND, O. Gymnastic Exhibition—Odd Fellows Fresh Air Camp.

JUNE 10th—EASTERN DISTRICT — Annual Slet in Boonton, N. J.

JUNE 10th—WESTERN DISTRICT. — Annual Slet in Wilber, Nebraska.

JUNE 20th—SOKOL CLEVELAND-CECH HAVLICEK, CLEVELAND, O. — Open House, Program, Buffet Supper and Membership pins will be awarded.

JUNE 23 & 24—SLOVAK SOKOL — "100th Anniversary of Sokol — Slet" in Pittsburgh.

JUNE 26th—SOKOL SCHENECTADY, N. Y. Picnic at bro. Manas' farm with games, swimming, singing, funny competitions and many other attractions.

JULY 4th—SOKOL NEW YORK — Camp opening in East Haddam, Conn.

JULY 7 & 9—SOKOL ABROAD — "100th Anniversary of Sokol — Slet" in Vienna, Austria.

JULY 8th—SOKOL DETROIT, MICHIGAN. Gymnastic Exhibition.

AUG. 12 to 26—EASTERN DISTRICT — Gymnastic Course in East Haddam, Conn.

AUGUST 25th—SOKOL DETROIT, MICHIGAN. Summer Festival.

SEPT. 29th—EASTERN DISTRICT—Annual meeting in Washington, D. C.

SEPT. 29 & 30—SOKOL WASHINGTON, D. C. 15th Anniversary.

OCT. 27th & 28th—SOKOL BALTIMORE — 90th Anniversary.

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OUR GRANDPARENTS, PARENTS, OUR SOKOL AND OUR FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

Just as there is a favorable time for initiating our personal projects, there is also one for group actions. There is a certain atmosphere under which we make happy, spur of the moment purchases, (now known to be influenced by negative ions), and one where we feel that concrete major decisions can be made with every assurance of success. In many, many instances the individual and group actions are inseparately tied together.

This present period bears all the earmarks of being one of those golden opportunities that present themselves without any fanfare or spectacular display. The inflation that has gripped the world makes life insurance one of the finest investments. The technical advances and ease of life make physical exercise an urgent necessity. We have the ready means of satisfying the former in our Fraternal Organizations, the latter has been adequately performed by the Sokol gymnastic training.

If we were trying to find a means of gaining the intimate cooperation of two strangers we could expect to run into many difficulties. But this can hardly be said of the Sokols and the Fraternal Organizations. Almost from the beginning they built their lodge halls and gymnasiums together. A great percentage of our people belonged to both and were active there. Actually there should not have been competition between them. They were as complementary as any two things could have been.

The great majority of our grandparents and parents realized this and acting with the same good common sense that characterized their entire lives supported both to the best of their ability. Times have changed in many respects but not one inch in the relative value and usefulness of both the fraternal organizations and the Sokol.

Our government is desperately trying to overcome the past decades of neglect. The physical status of the citizens of this country is a serious concern for every conscientious American. Join the nearest Sokol unit with your family, build up your resistance, and give your children the benefit of a fine scientifically designed physical education. To really enjoy this and your life in general make certain you have enough life insurance for your own peace of mind.

What other group in this great land of ours has such an opportunity to fulfill so easily their duties to themselves and their country as we have? None. We already have the facilities to satisfy both. We have the technical know-how and trained personnel. We have gym instructors who love their work and have years of experience. We have expert, insurance field men who know their work, and are your lifelong friends and neighbors.

We have Fraternal Organizations whose financial stability is unquestioned and you have the great additional advantage of a fine social and cultural life. Don't cheat yourself and your family out of this great advantage that is available as yet to so few.

Be physically fit to meet everything in life, and enjoy that life that comes only to those who have peace of mind by knowing that come what may their loved ones will be fully protected.

JOIN NOW—The Sokol unit nearest you and the great supporters of everything we hold dear, the Czechoslovak Society of America, the Slavonic Benevolent Society of the State of Texas, the Unity of Czech Ladies and Men and the Western Bohemian Fraternal Association.

Our grandparents and parents showed us the way. They had been right in so many ways. Let us decide now to follow them in this respect also. Nazdar!

100 LET SOKOLSTVA.

Rovnost – Bratrství.

V roce stoletého založení sokolského hnutí je po celém světě vzpomínáno jeho zakladatelů, dr. Miroslava Tyrše a Jindřicha Fuegnera. Uvědomujeme si těžké počátky vlasteneckého zápalu malé skupinky vyznavačů tělovýchovy a čteme ve starých záznamech důvody k ustavení Sokola.

Bylo mnoho hesel, která se objevila na štítech sokolských. Jedním z nich bylo: "Rovnost — Bratrství". A toto heslo se neslo celým světem, všude tam, kde se objevovala malá skupinka Čechoslováků. Proniklo i do Spojených států amerických a Čechoslováci, kteří přijeli do této země svobody jako "nováčkové", uplatňovali jej i zde. Věřili a dodnes věří tomu, že jedině "V rovnosti a bratrství je jednota". Každý Sokol tak cítí a každý Sokol dle toho má jednat. Snad se jenom ojedíněle najdou ještě někteří, kterým není známo širší pojetí tohoto sokolského hesla.

Tyrš a Fuegner, a staří příslušníci Sokola, povídají nám o "Rovnosti a Bratrství" toto:

"Jediné zasněžení společné velké myšlenky, velikému účelu, vždy sblížilo lidi až k bratrství. Veliký úkol sokolský, veliká myšlenka, která dovede odstranit všechny rozdíly stavovské, je povznesení tělesných a mravních sil veškerého národa. Sokolstvo je jediným zřízením, které dokázalo spojit všechny stavy v jediný celek. V tom tkví jeho velikost a síla. Rovnost a bratrství je to, jež znemožňuje žitím rozkladným, nebo vratkým, do útrojů sokolského. Někdy se vyčítá, že rovnosti a bratrství se zneužívá a snižuje. To vše není pravda. Jako všude ve společnosti, tak i v Sokole, oceňuje se každý dle své vnitřní hodnoty. Vyniká-li někdo skutečně duchem a prací, jistě zaujme místo svým vlastnostem přiměřené. Nevyniká-li, nezachrání ho ani jmění, ani tituly. Snižování může člověka jen jeho vlastní, špatné chování. Snižování v Sokole bojí se jen titěrní, slabí, nebo pohodlní lidé, kteří se vyhýbají veřejnému závodění a skrývají se proto za stavovskou ohradu.

V rovnosti a bratrství vidí mnozí kámen úrazu a snad jen proto se Sokola straní. Ovšem vypadá to s jejich důstojností "bledě", mají-li strach, že řekne-

li jim někdo bratře, místo "pane", jejich důstojnost se shroutí.

Rovností a bratrstvím nesnižuje se nikdo ke stavům nižším, nýbrž naopak pozvedá je k sobě. Sokolství je zřízeno pro všechny třídy národa a je odkázáno na jejich spolupůsobení.

V čem vlastně spočívá rovnost a bratrství?

V jednání a chování takovém, jako k bratru. Sokolské bratrství spočívá v naprosté rovnosti všech členů Sokolstva, působících kdekoli. Ukládá každému, aby omezoval sebe sama na prospěch druhých, z čistě lásky k nim, bez vedlejších, zistných úmyslů. Aby při všem jednání dbal práv jiných, aby nehleděl zveličovatí sebe a ponižovatí druhé, a aby nezískával výhod pro sebe na účet druhých.

Rovnost a bratrství nezáleží v neslušnosti, nezvořilosti, neomalenosti, pomlouvání, nýbrž v chování slušném, taktním. Člověka slušného a taktního si každý váží, člověka neomaleného každý od-suzuje.

Pamatujte, že rovnost a bratrství nevyklučuje úctu ke stáří, vzdělání, hodnosti, nebo stavu.

Pravý Sokol se snaží ze všech sil povznést vzdělání lidí méně vzdělaných. Pomáhá rád a ochotně každému, kdo ho požádá o radu nebo pomoc. Zejména doba dnešní hojně skýtá příležitosti k důkazům, že sokolští příslušníci pochopili heslo: "ROVNOST, BRATRSTVÍ". Lež, nadávky, kastovníctví, pomluva a násilí, nesmí být nikdy zbraní sokolskou. Sokolskou zbroj musí tvořit pravda, poctivost a vědomí, že naše věc je správná, že nebojuje jen za jednu třídu lidí, nýbrž je určena pro celý národ, bez rozdílu stavu a povolání."

To vše nám odkázali zakladatelé Sokolstva a sokolských ideí. A my dnes mezi sebou musíme si položit otázku: "Řídíme se jejich odkazem, jednáme dle jejich návodů?"

Každý "pravý Sokol" musí si připravit svůj odpověď a dle toho jednat.

Uvažujeme, máme ještě mnoho času.

Jan Petlička,
vzdělavatel Východní župy AOS.

JAMES L. CIHAK

JARKA JELINEK

(ONE SEGMENT OF HIS LAST 14 YEARS)

This is not a biography. I did not know him well enough to write one. Not now anyhow. An attempt to do so would include hackneyed phrases, some dates, the rest rumors. Or worse yet, rumors that are spoken of as facts.

Years ago, in the 1920's, Jarka headed a gymnastic course in Michigan. You see and read of many of those attending it. They are gym instructors, good ones, others are officers. All of them are strong forces in the Sokol. Among the teachers besides Jarka, I recall Franta Prihoda and Pepik Kos. They were experts in their fields, disciplinarians, serious, capable teachers with a dry

sense of humor. At that time, Pepik Kos had the greatest affect on me. We kept in touch with each other even during those long years he lived and worked for the Sokol in Texas. We understood each other well. Differences were thrashed out amicably, personal feelings were never allowed to enter into discussions of Sokol principles.

Why do I write about Pepik Kos when it is Jarka Jelinek who just passed away? They were comrades and close friends for decades. Between them they did much for the Sokol in America. It was their whole life. And yet how different they were. One thing they had in common. They could get

more and finer work out of individuals for the Sokol than many an expert organizer in the professions or industry for a high remuneration.

For the years Jarka Jelinek was editor of Sokol Americký, I worked closely with him. His friendly criticism and advice as well as the confidence he instilled in his co-workers produced some of the best writing we have had. Individuals did creative work that might be said to be way over their heads. Most of this was not an inspired flash in the pan. It became a continuous series, better as it became influenced by maturity and experience. It reached

into many fields of creative writing, permeated by a staunch desire to present the truth. It was not harsh and vindictive, every effort was made to instruct without rancor.

I owe a lot to Jarka Jelinek. Our cooperative effort to do everything possible for our Sokol covered more than a decade in this one field of endeavor. I hope that I have even a fraction of the success he had in influencing others to follow in the footsteps of our great Sokol leaders.

Nazdar!

William Zabransky, Jr.,
Past President Sokol Little Ferry, N. J.

JARKA JELINEK – REMEMBRANCE

On Friday evening, March 30th, my son Eugene, President of Sokol Little Ferry, received a telegram of the passing to the great beyond of bro. Jarka Jelinek, one-time Chief Physical Director of the American Sokol Organization. It was in 1926, May 1st, on a trip to Czechoslovakia with my wife to the IX. Sokol Slet, on the steamship George Washington that I met Jarka as we called him. There were about 500 of us on that trip. To me bro. Jelinek was a great Sokol leader. I still can see him drilling our women on the Tourist deck. He said—"Attention, tomorrow you will exhibit your drill in the first class salon, before the captain and a distinguished gathering now sailing on this great ship. I want no diamond rings displayed, no lipstick or rouge. Just as you are, neat and active." I remember sitting with George Arliss, the great actor of those days. He told me it was a wonderful performance. I told him all about Tyr's Sokol and Tyr's philosophy. I met bro. Jelinek in Chicago at the 1929 Slet. Under his leadership the 1929 Slet was a part of his untiring efforts to show America what Sokol stands for and means.

Jarka Jelinek was a proud Sokol. When in 1932 at the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Miroslav Tyr, he led 100 young men and women into

the great Masaryk Stadium in Praha on American Day, I had two sons there under his leadership. When the special number of our American young men and women was performed the Czechoslovak Sokols broke ranks to cheer them. That was the 4th of July 1932. I believe it was bro. Jelinek's reward for his great efforts to give America Tyr's Sokol.

In 1933 we remember his leadership of our Sokols performing at the World's Fair in Chicago. I was there, he was our editor of Sokol Americký. The last time I saw bro. Jarka Jelinek and spoke to him was at the Akademie held in Sokol Chicago, where he put on a special number of little Sokol girls age 7 to about 12 years. It was the 1957 Slet.

I missed him last year at the 1961 Slet when I still performed with the Stara Garda. He was ill then. Jarka Jelinek as I knew him was a true Sokol; Tyr's philosophy of life was his religion; I had learned much from bro. Jelinek.

We have lost a great leader and instructor. In remembrance we the Sokols of Little Ferry, N. J., honor his leadership of our American Sokols during his journey through life with us.

Nazdar!

Za bratrem Jelínkem.

I náš Detroit se smutkem slyšel neblahou zprávu, že výtečný, vytrvalý, úspěšný sokolský pracovník v naší Americké Obci Sokolské odešel na věčnost. Byla to zpráva nenadálá, doufali jsme, že i přes těžkou nemoc, bratr náš se jistě pozdraví a budeme jej ještě často vidět.

Bratr Jelínek náš Detroit znal dobře; byl zde u nás často a získal si mnoho přátelství. Byl zde vícekrát učitel AOS. a v roce 1944 vedl i početně navštívený kurs AOS., konaný na našem sokolském

tábořišti. Tam měli jsme možnost dobře jej poznati, mluvit s ním a viděti tu velikou lásku a oddanost sokolských studentů. Poznali jsme jej za ta léta dobře, jeho upřímnou, věrnou a vždy pro Sokolstvo zánícenou duši.

Litujeme naší hlubokou soustrast sestře Jelínkové, pozůstalým a celé naší Sokolské Obci.

Čest buď jeho památce!

A. Benesh.

"FUTURE SOKOL LEADERS FUND"

One of the early and staunch supporters of the "Future Sokol Leaders Fund" idea was bro. Jarka Jelinek. A man who had himself helped to train hundreds of those who form the core of the Sokol in America would naturally see the value of such

a fund. For almost 40 years he had devoted himself to this work of training the leaders. It is only fitting that donations are coming in from all sections of the country, honoring his memory.

Donors honoring the memory of bro. Jarka Jelínek to April 31st, 1962:

Hilda Jelinek, Chicago, Ill.	\$ 50.00	Anne Zyka Kley, Chicago, Ill.	15.00
Karel & Milada Prchal, Berwyn, Ill.	25.00	Anton Benesh, Detroit, Michigan	20.00
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Anna Falta, Chicago, Ill.	15.00	Sokol St. Louis, Missouri	25.00
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Hermie Rabstějnek, Oklahoma City, Okla. ...	5.00	Sokol San Francisco, Calif.	25.00
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2nd class and junior girls of Sokol Chicago: Pat Cermak Mullen, Roberta Cermak, Marie Beranek, Donna Laczy and Karen Wedeles	5.00	Sokol Cedar Rapids, Iowa	15.00
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Emilie & J. V. Welcl, Lemont, Ill.	5.00	Sokol West Suburban, Downers Grove, Ill. ...	5.00
Co-workers of sis. Hilda Jelinek at R. R. Donnelley & Sons Company	40.00		
Simon Rokusek, Omaha, Nebraska	10.00		
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			\$595.50

You too may honor his memory by assuring the future of the Sokol through this training of future Sokol leaders by sending your check or money order to the "Future Sokol Leaders Fund", American Sokol Organization, 5611 W. Cermak Road, Cicero 50, Illinois.

Letošní Den zdobení hrobů na Českém národním hřbitově

bude dalším imponantním projevem chicagských národních složek, uniformovaných skupin i civilních organizací. Budou zde stručné, ale informační projevy řečníků, a ani při této příležitosti nebude scházet naše obětavá "Lyra" s jejím nad jiné schopným dirigentem a při zahájení slavnosti národními hymnami představí se posluchačům opět paní Eleanore Kostelná. Hudební vložky do programu vyplní 24-členná kapela za řízení br. Josefa Červeného a slib věrnosti a k této přílehlající báseň přednesou studenti českých škol. Pořad oslavy zahájí a řídí předseda Sboru zástupců, br. Bohumil Vydra, který též pořad zakončí, aby byla dána příležitost vojenským oddílům k uvedení na scénu "Dne" jejich obřad v řeči anglické, řízený legionářem z vlastních řad. Po programu u pomníku veteránů občanské války, proveden bude další a to před pomníkem veteránů španělsko-americké války,

načež pozornost bude obrácena směrem Památníku Řádů Odd Fellows a Loží Rebekah, kde vzdán bude hold žijícím členům výboru, jehož zásluhou došlo k odhalení Památníku právě před dvaceti pěti roky. Při tomto jubileu hlavním českým řečníkem bude br. Bohumil Vydra, předseda Sboru zástupců Českého národního hřbitova.

Průvod: Pořad před pomníkem veteránů předcházeťi bude průvod, seřazený před budovou České útulny, odkud kolem 9. hodiny dopol. pochodovati bude ve dvou divísích k tribuně u pomníku veteránů. Nadšení tomuto velikému Dnu dodati máš ty, milý náš čtenáři, bratře a sestro; proto výbor očekává tvůj důležitý zásah nejen do průvodu, do něhož jsi snažně žádán a zván, ale rovněž mezi posluchače kolem tribuny shromážděné. Nezapomeň tedy: Den zdobení hrobů na Českém národním hřbitově ve středu, dne 30. května 1962.

Božena Eisnerová

JENNIE DVOŘÁK.

Sestra Jennie Dvořák zemřela 18. dubna, po delší nemoci. Narodena byla 16. října 1883, v Plzni, Československo. Její muž, br. Václav Dvořák, zemřel v roce 1936. V Americe žili od roku 1905. Byli zakládajícími členy Sokola Palacký, když byl v roce 1909 organizován.

Zanechává zde dceru Blanche, provdanou Petrovou, s kterou žila, zetě Frank V. Petra a vnučku Joyce, sestru Katuši Říhovou v Plzni v Čsl. a řadu příbuzných. Pohřeb naší milé sestry byl 21. dubna 1962 z pohřebního ústavu McFarland v Dearborn, Mich. Účast přátel veliká.

Za Sokolice Detroit se s ní rozloučila ses. B. Eisnerová, jednatelka jednoty, za J.C.D.a.P. Příbyslava a Dennice ses. Katie Kurdzuková. Obřad zakončil Rev. L. A. Shoberg. Její pozůstatky byly zpopelněny.

Její život zmizel ve bráně věčných snů. Svět obohatila svým poctivým a vzorným životem, jaké jsou pilíři lidské společnosti.

K sokolské jednotě patřila déle, než 50 let. Byla účetní jednoty od roku 1939 do 1959.

Čest nehynoucí budiž památce zesnulé sestry Jennie Dvořák.

JIRÍ ŠPÁNEK

Br. Antonín Kohoutek dožívá se 70 let.

Dlouholetý starosta Sokola San Francisco dožívá se v plném zdraví 70 let. Celý svůj život, od svého útlého mládí, věnoval sokolství a byla to ta jeho každodenní drobná činnost, kterou se nejvíce pro Sokol zasloužil.

Br. Ant. Kohoutek se narodil dne 29. května 1892, v Lužně na Moravě. Jeho rodiče měli polní hospodářství, ale to nestačilo na živobytí 8 dětí a tak mladý Antonín musel na učení krejčovského řemesla do Vídně. Tam poznal, jako mnoho mladých krajanů, těžký život učedníka. Již v té době, ovšem tajně, se zapojil do sdružení mladých českých učedníků a stejně tajně chodil do dorostu Sokola "Pod Lípou". Tam účastnil se několika veřejných cvičení, které obyčejně končily srážkou s vídeňskými buršáky. Po vyučení se vrátil na Moravu do Valašského Meziříčí, kde vstoupil do Sokola a tam dostalo se mu dalšího sokolského vzdělání. — Nechtělo se mu však sloužit císaři pánu a proto odejel do Ameriky dne 5. května 1913 a usadil se v Pittsburgu. Přijel do Pittsburgu se cvičebním úborem pod páždím a stal se záhy cvičitelem dětí, dorostu, později mužů a žen a již v roce 1915 byl zvolen náčelníkem jednoty.

Br. Ant. Kohoutek plnil Tyršovu ideu plnou měrou a mimo činnosti tělocvičné pracoval i národně politicky. Stal se zakládajícím členem Českého Národního Sdružení v Pittsburgu, které hrálo v té době velkou úlohu v odbojové činnosti I. světové války.

V roce 1917 opustil východní oblast a usadil se na západě ve Fresnu v Kalifornii. Tam postrádal krajanský život, protože v té době ve Fresnu žilo jen několik českých rodin, které udržovaly jen sousedské vztahy. Odjíždí v roce 1919 do San Franciscu se svou rodinou a ihned vstupuje do Sokola San Francisco.

Poválečné poměry v této jednotě nebyly velmi dobré a hlavně činnost tělocvičná byla velmi slabá. Br. Kohoutek byl přesvědčen, že jen činnost tělocvičná může jednotu přivést k životu a stal se cvičitelem a v roce 1922 byl zvolen náčelníkem. Také Pacifická župa měla velmi slabou činnost a zde opět br. Kohoutek pomáhal župu zorganizovati. Jako cvičitel a náčelník župy objížděl jednoty a dodával naději a posilu těm, kteří ochabovali. Vedl župu na celou řadu zájezdů do Chicaga, kde sešel se s br. Jarkou Jelínkem, který mu dodal posilu k další jeho práci. Byla to nekonečná řada župních vystoupení, veřejných cvičení v jednotě i zorganizování sokolského vystoupení u příležitosti Mezinárodní výstavy v San Franciscu, na kterých nejen spolupracoval, ale byl jejich duší. Ani zde však nepamněl na činnost národně politickou a postavil se opět do řad pracovníků II. odboje. Byl účetním okrsku Českého Národního Sdružení. Po válce se mu dostalo cti, aby přivítal v San Franciscu československou delegaci v čele s Janem Masarykem.

Br. Antonín Kohoutek byl vždy Sokolem celou svou duší. Sokolství bylo jeho náboženstvím a sokolství věnoval velkou část svého života i na úkor svého vlastního já. Za jeho starostenství jednoty prospívá a i v dobách těžké krise ji udržuje při životě. Nebylo jednoho odboru, kterému by nevěnoval svou pozornost. V jednotě o všem ví, všude poradí. Vyvrcholením jeho činnosti bylo zorganizování a zbudování pomníku Presidentu Osloboditeli T. G. Masarykovi v městském parku. Měl na tomto krásném díle velký podíl. — Mimo práce v Sokole věnuje se činnosti v odbočce Československých Spolků v Americe, Řád "Zlatá Brána", kde je nejen účetním, ale i duší velmi dobře pracujícího řádu. A ještě dnes, kdy dožívá se své sedmdesátky, pokračuje v té drobné každodenní práci v jednotě. Vzdáváme mu dík za jeho práci a přejeme mu ještě dlouhá léta mezi námi.

Nazdar!

Sto let Sokola vzpomenu to ve Washingtoně, D. C.

Stého výročí založení Sokola bylo vzpomenu to v hlavním městě USA přesně v pátek 16. února 1962, tedy v den, na kdy připadá sté výročí založení Sokola Pražského. Vzpomínku uspořádaly společně jednoty Sokol Washington, D. C. a washingtonská pracovní skupina SVU. v místnostech kostela "All Souls Church" na 16. ulici.

Po přednášce se rozvinula zajímavá diskuse, ve které byla přednáška doplněna různými podro-

nostmi ze sokolské historie, jak o nich svědčili mnozí přítomní.

Po přednášce bylo také oznámeno, že v plenu amerického senátu a poslanecké sněmovny bylo k stému výročí Sokola předneseno několik významných projevů. Zejména tak učinil senátor Roman Hruška z Omahy. Kopie jeho projevu, který byl uveřejněn v Protokolu kongresu, byly rozdány účastníkům přednášky.

Zápis ze schůze Výk. Výboru Americké Obce Sokolské,

konané v úterý 24. dubna 1962.

Schůzi řídil starosta bratr Prchal.

Přítomní: Bratři Barcal, Brouk, Čihák, Halík, Rabas a Vodrážka. Sestry: Čiháková, Faltová, Prchalová a Welclová. Omluven br. Kropík.

Zápis z poslední schůze dodatečně schválen.

Povstáním vzpomenu zesnulého bratra Jarky Jelínka a vzdána pocta jeho památce.

Došlé zápisy ze dvou schůzí župy Východní konané 18. března a 16. dubna, ze župy Střední a župy Pacifické projednány. Dále zpráva bratra Pokorného z cesty v župě Pacifické.

DOPISY

Z Bílého Domu, opožděně, došlo poděkování za příspěpí poslaný panu prezidentovi u příležitosti 100-letí Sokolstva. Sokolská činnost oceněna.

Sokol Houston oznamuje oslavení 100-letí Sokolstva 4. března a posílá program podniku.

Slovenská Tělocvičná Jednota Sokol oznamuje vydání památníku u příležitosti XIV. sletu v Pittsburghu, a žádá zařazení projevu AOS. do jeho stránky. Usneseno dát projev na jednu stránku programu; dále povoleno \$50.00 na ceny vítězům a \$10.00 za nálepky.

Br. starosta přivítal ses. Welclovou při jejím návratu z Floridy a poděkoval za služby, které mu při jeho cestě do Miami prokázala. Ses. Welclová ocenila návštěvu br. starosty.

Ses. Jelínková děkuje AOS. za důstojné sokolské obřady pro manžela Jarku. Zvláště děkuje pak br. starostovi, br. Čihákovi a sestře Čihákové; připouje také dík za zvláště krásnou květinu, nosičům rakve a čestné sokolské strážní.

Sokol Moravan, Toledo, Ohio, píše o problémech jeho života a žádá půjčku na uhrazení pohledávky vážnoucí na budově. Bude odpovězeno, že stává usnesení, dle kterého V.V. nemůže vyhovět.

Župa Východní žádá o pokyny k zahájení sletových prací a příprav k příštímu sjezdu.

Československá Národní Rada Americká zve na svůj sjezd v sobotu 28. a 29. dubna a ku společnému obědu sjezdových zástupců 28. dubna v poledne. Bude oznámeno, že ses. Čiháková a br. starosta Obec zastoupí.

Kanadská Obec Sokolská posílá pozvání na svůj XV. slet. Vzato na vědomí.

Kanadský Sokol v Torontu zve k účasti na IV. sletu, u příležitosti 100-letého výročí založení Sokola. Vzato na vědomí.

Sokol Wilber zve na slet župy Západní ve dnech 9. a 10. června, žádá si vyslání bratra starosty a ses. Čihákové, kteří by se zapojili do programu. Dále žádá články do památníku od starosty, jednatelek a vzdělavatele. Schváleno.

Sokol Crete, u příležitosti župního sletu, vzpomene 100. let Sokolstva v pátek 8. června a žádá, aby oba činovníci, vyžádání k župnímu sletu, při této příležitosti promluvili. Schváleno.

Župa Pacifická posílá přehled vydání, spojeného s cestou náčelníka župy Pacifické po jednotách a konání škol u této příležitosti. Žádá si finanční podporu. Předáno náčelnictvu k projednání.

Br. Hardy posílá obšírný dopis o poznámce v zápisu z únorové schůze V.V.: "Bratr Halík oznámil,

že br. Fina byl ustanoven místopředsedou v AAU, ale byl nahrazen panem Gulachem."

Oznámení, že br. Fina nebyl ustanoven místopředsedou, vzato na vědomí.

ZPRÁVA JEDNATELKY

Guvernérů státu Illinois, br. Kernerovi, bylo dopisáno a projevna žádost, aby AOS. byla zastoupena ve výboru pro fyzickou zdatnost.

Ses. Rompotlová poděkovala za pozdrav, poslaný bratru Rompotlovi a jí. Píše: "Přečetla jsem mu Váš dopis a myslím, že ta milá přátelská slova chápala; když jsem dočetla tak si řekl: "That's nice"."

Když jsme dostali zprávu o odchodu br. Jelínka, uvědomili jsme všechny župy, a Slov. Těl. Jednotu Sokol. Přišla řada telegramů, ve kterých byla vyslovena soustrast nad úmrtím br. Jelínka. Byly postoupeny ses. Jelínkové. Schváleno vydání spoje- né s pohřbem.

Senátor Claiborne Pell, z Rhode Island, poděkoval za dopis, jímž jsme ocenili projev, který učinil u příležitosti 100. výročí Sokolstva. Má velký zájem o československých světových událostech.

Br. Hardy poděkoval za pěkný dopis, poslaný mu u příležitosti jeho ustanovení předsedou tělocvičného výboru AAU.

Poslána nám direktiva, jakou cestou máme pokračovat při zprávách o Sokolstvu v amerických dennících.

Br. A. Hřebík poděkoval za pozdrav k jeho šedesátým narozeninám.

Sletovému výboru STJS. poskytnuty adresy jednatelů jednot a žup, aby jim byla posílána sletová publicita.

Sokol Fuegner, L.I.C., objednal prapor jednoty a prapor americký.

Západní Česko-Bratrská Jednota poslala svůj roční příspěvek na sokolskou práci v obnosu \$500.00. Bylo dopisem poděkováno.

Došlo několik žádostí o film sletu AOS. v r. 1961. Jednoty v župě Západní a Sokol St. Louis jsou příští, které ho použijí.

Sokol a Sokolice Omaha poslali zprávu o pokroku příprav k oslavě 100 let Sokolstva. Datum nebylo dosud určeno.

Všechny výpomocné spolky dopsaly o chystané 20% daní z příjmu na úrocích, která má být odváděna vládě S. S. Doporučují, aby dopisy byly poslány senátorům Dirksen a Douglasovi se žádostí, aby hlasovali proti tomuto návrhu, až přijde do senátu. Schváleno.

Společně s br. Prchalem učiněny 5. dubna následující vklady: Marshall Savings & Loan Association \$2,000.00, Lincoln Federal Savings & Loan Association \$3,000.00, Mid-America Federal Savings & Loan Association \$2,000.00. Vklady budou kontrolovány dvěma ze tří podpisů: starosta, jednatelka a pokladník. Vklady budou zvýšeny dovo-li-li to výše šekového účtu.

Bratr G. Bašta se zastavil v úřadovně a vyzvedl knížku našich vkladů a přenesl je do "Investment účtu". Úrok z vkladu bude tím zvýšen.

Br. Prchal promluvil na dubnovém radiovém programu. Všichni členové V.V. byli uvědoměni o schůzi V.V. s náčelnictvem 25. dubna v Sokole Tábor. Zvláštní program nebyl připraven, neb toto bude pouze rozhovor.

Župě Severovýchodní bylo dopsáno o přijetí její nabídky na konání mezi-sletu v roce 1963.

Župě Severní bylo dopsáno o rozpuštění župy a její přidělení co okrsku župě Západní. Župě Západní bylo toto usnesení také oznámeno.

Český Pěvecký Sbor Lyra koná svůj výroční koncert v neděli 29. dubna; doporučuji, aby oznámení a pozvání členům Sokolstva bylo dáno prostřednictvím Denního Hlasatele. Schváleno.

Naše pozvání ku vstupu do Sokola bylo otištěno v mnoha časopisech.

Zájezd do Evropy si vyžaduje mnohé práce.

Příspěvky na "Future Sokol Leaders Fund", k uctění památky br. Jarky Jelínka, přestoupily výši \$500.00. Jejich potvrzení bude otištěno v příštím čísle S.A.

Za všechny dary je děkováno dopisem.

Stanovy byly vysázeny, skorigovány a jsou zpátky v tiskárně. Ve stránkách budou před koncem týdne.

Obrázky br. Biliny byly mu poslány zpět do Londýna.

Br. Halík přečetl zápis ze společné schůze náčelnictev. Dále přečetl zprávu náčelníka a doporučená pravidla pro dvoutýdenní kurs v župách.

Rozhodnutí o odměně tajemníka v BOI odloženo. Schváleno, aby br. Barcal zajel do župy Západní 19.-20. května k nácvičným hodinám dorostenců a mužů v prostných a na nářadí.

Zprávu náčelnice podala ses. Prchalová.

Br. Čihák podal zprávu vzdělavatele.

Všechny zprávy budou uveřejněné v S.A.

Br. Prchal připravil dopis, který byl poslán starostům a starostkám jednot, ve věci náboru nového členstva.

Dále oznamuje, že Český Národní Hřbitov bude rozhodovat o uspořádání průvodu v den Zdobení Hrobů v sobotu 28. dubna. Účastní se této schůze. Br. starosta vybízí členy V.V. a žádá je, aby požádali i ostatní členstvo, by si obstaralo slavnostní kroje.

Sokol a Sokolice Cedar Rapids budou oslavovat 100 let Sokolstva v neděli 13. května a žádají br. starostu, aby na oslavě promluvil. Schváleno.

Br. Jan Petlička, vzdělavatel župy Východní, píše o možnosti zařazení relace o Sokolstvu v týdeníku "Life". Vyžádáme si kopii materiálů, nežli bude předán magazínu. Dále žádá obrázky z podniků Obce a br. starosta žádá členy V.V., aby obrázky, které by se hodily, laskavě propůjčili.

Byl dán návrh, aby br. starosta se účastnil odhalení plaket v Oetzu a v Kostnici, a aby mu bylo hrazeno cestovné. Schváleno.

Vedena rozmluva o schůzích V.V. a rozhodnuto, aby v budoucnosti se sešli starosta, místostarostové, jednatelka a pokladník k projednání dopisů a do schůze podali svá doporučení.

Příští a všechny další pravidelné schůze budou zahájeny v 7:30 hod. večer.

Na schůzi s náčelnictvem se omlouvají sestry: Faltová a Welclová, bratři: Brouk, Kropík, Rabas a Vodrážka.

Br. starosta poděkoval za všechnu vykonanou práci a za podané zprávy.

Nazdar!

Bláža J. Čiháková, jednatelka.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board of the ASO.

Held April 24th, 1962

Bro. Prchal presided.

Present: bros. Barcal, Brouk, Cihak, Halik, Rabas and Vodrazka. Sisters: Cihak, Falta, Prchal and Welcl. Excused bro. Kropik.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved as submitted.

A standing tribute honoring our deceased bro. Jarka Jelinek was observed in his memory.

Minutes from two meetings of the Eastern District, minutes from the Central and Pacific Districts were read. Also the report of the Director of Men, bro. J. Pokorny of the Pacific District.

CORRESPONDENCE

The White House apologized for a late acknowledgment of our letter sent to the President on the occasion of the 100th anniversary, and thanked for our efforts in the physical fitness program.

Sokol Houston reported on their fitting program commemorating the 100th anniversary of Sokol.

The Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol announce the publishing of a Slet Souvenir Program in connection with the XIV. Slet to be held in Pittsburgh and invite us to place an ad. It was decided to place a full page adv., contribute \$50.00 to the trophy fund and \$10.00 for their commemorative stamps.

Bro. Prchal greeted sis. Welcl from Florida and thanked her for the services and courtesies extended to him while speaking on the anniversary of the birth of T. G. Masaryk. Sis. Welcl evaluated the visit of the President.

Sis. Jelinek thanked the ASO. for the dignified Sokol services given bro. Jarka. She especially thanked bro. Prchal, bro. Cihak and sis. Cihak. Also for the floral contribution, pallbearers and to the Sokol honor guard.

Sokol Moravan, Toledo, Ohio, wrote about their problems and the future of their Unit and requested information concerning financial assistance in the form of a loan to help them repay standing obligations. They will be informed that a standing ruling does not allow us to participate in this type of assistance.

The Eastern District requests directives and information for the commencement of the work for the 1965 Slet and Convention. Available material will be sent.

The Czechoslovak National Council of America invite us to attend their convention to be held April 28 and 29th and also to the luncheon to be held April 28th. Sis. Cihak and bro. Prchal were delegated to attend.

The Canadian Sokol Organization invite us to their XV. Slet.

The Sokol Gymnastic Association of Canada invite us to participate in the IV. Slet on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Sokol. Both of these invitations were taken under advisement.

Sokol Wilber invite us to the Western District Slet which will be held in Wilber and ask that sis. Cihak and bro. Prchal speak on June 9th and 10th. They further request articles for their program from bro. Prchal, sis. Cihak and bro. Cihak. Approved.

In the framework of the Western District Slet, Sokol Crete will observe the 100th anniversary of Sokol on Friday, June 8th, and ask that the President and Secretary speak on the occasion. Approved.

The Pacific District submitted a statement of the expenses connected with the work of bro. Pokorny, District Director, who conducted courses in Fresno, San Francisco and Scio and visited Sokol Seattle, and request financial assistance. The statement was turned over to the BOI. for recommendation.

Bro. Hardy sent a lengthy letter with reference to the statement in the minutes of the February meeting of the Exec. Board and published in the March issue of S.A.: "Bro. Halik announced that bro. Fina who was appointed Vice Chairman of the AAU. has been replaced by Mr. Gulach." We wish to acknowledge the correction that bro. Fina was not appointed Vice Chairman of the AAU.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Prepared a letter to Governor Kerner regarding our participation in the Physical Fitness Council.

Sis. Rompotl expressed her appreciation for the greetings sent to bro. Rompotl and herself: "I read him your letter and believe that he grasped your sincere words; when I finished he said "that's nice.""

When we heard of the passing of bro. Jarka Jelinek, notified all of the Districts and the Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol.

We received a number of telegrams expressing sympathy and we passed them on to sis. Jelinek. Expenses approved.

Senator Claiborne Pell, from Rhode Island, thanked for the thoughtful letter sent him concerning the statement he made commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Sokol Organization. He stated that he had a deep and abiding interest in Czechoslovakian world affairs.

Bro. Hardy thanked for the nice letter congratulating him on his appointment as Chairman of the National AAU. Gymnastic Committee.

In answer to our protest to the newspapers regarding the publishing of our article on the 100th anniversary of Sokol we have been advised that our letters be directed to the West Neighborhood section several weeks in advance and they will try to give us some publicity.

Bro. Hrebik thanked for the greeting sent him on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

Supplied the SGUS. Slet Committee with a roster of Unit and District Secretaries so that they could be posted on Slet public relation material.

Sokol Fuegner, L.I.C., New York, placed an order for a Unit and American flag.

The Western Bohemian Fraternal Association sent their annual contribution of \$500.00. A letter of thanks was sent.

Several requests for the 1961 Slet film have been received. Sokol Omaha and Units in the Western District and Sokol St. Louis will be showing them in the month of May.

Sokol Omaha and Sokolice Omaha informed us of the progress of the 100th anniversary celebration which they are planning. No definite date has been set.

All of the Federal Savings & Loan Associations have written about the proposed 20% deduction on

dividends which are to be withheld and paid directly to the U. S. Government. They all request that letters be written to Senator Dirksen and Douglas expressing our sentiments and urge them to vote against the bill when it reaches the Senate. Letters of protest will be sent.

Together with bro. Prchal made the following investments on April 5th: Marshall Savings & Loan Association \$2,000.00, Lincoln Federal Savings & Loan Association \$3,000.00, Mid-America Savings & Loan Association \$2,000.00. Presented resolutions for signatures. The deposits will be increased if we see that the money in the checking account can be spared.

Citizens Savings & Loan Association stopped by the office to pick up our savings book and changed our investment to an account which will increase our rate of dividend.

Bro. Prchal took over the April radio program. All members of the Exec. Board were notified of the meeting of the Executive Board with the BOI. to be held Wednesday, April 25th, at Sokol Tabor. No special agenda is prepared, since this can only be a discussion.

A letter was sent to the Northeastern District acknowledging the acceptance of their bid for the 1963 Mid-Slet to be held in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Northern District was notified of the dissolving of the District and their new classification as a circuit of the Western District. The Western District was also notified of this action.

The Czech Singing Society Lyra will conduct their annual concert on Sunday, April 29th, at J. Sterling Morton West Auditorium. Suggest that an announcement and invitation, through the medium of the Denni Hlasatel, be extended to the Sokol membership to attend. Approved.

Our invitation to join the Sokol ranks was published in many newspapers and publications.

Our Excursion to Europe has kept the office very busy. Our flight is still filled.

Contributions to the "Future Sokol Leaders Fund," in memory of bro. Jelinek, have exceeded \$500.00. An acknowledgment of them will be published in the May issue of S.A. The contributions are all being acknowledged.

The By-laws were proof-read and are back in the print shop. They will be in page form by the end of this week.

Bro. Bilina's pictures were returned to London.

Bro. Halik read the minutes of the meeting of the joint BOI. and presented the report of the Director of Men. He further read the suggested rules for two-week District courses.

The statement for salaries for BOI. Secretaries was postponed.

The recommendation that bro. Barcal attend the proposed special classes for juniors and men to teach calisthenics and apparatus in Omaha on May 19-20 was approved.

Sis. Prchal presented the report of the Director of Women.

Bro. Cihak reported as Educational Director. All of these reports will appear in S.A.

Bro. Prchal prepared a Czech letter which was sent to all Presidents and Secretaries of the Units urging them to prepare membership drives.

He further announced that the Bohemian National Cemetery will conduct a meeting on Saturday, April 28th, at which time they will discuss the preparations for Memorial Day services. He will attend the meeting.

Bro. Prchal asked the members of the Executive Board to purchase dress uniforms and to urge the members of the Units to do the same.

Sokol and Sokolice Cedar Rapids will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Sokol on Sunday, May 13th, and request bro. Prchal's presence. Approved.

Bro. Petlicka, Educational Director of the Eastern District, writes about the possibilities of obtaining Sokol publicity in the weekly magazine "Life." The Executive Board will request a copy of the material supplied before it goes to press. Bro. Petlicka further requests photographic material which must accompany the story. Bro. Prchal appealed to the members to supply any photos that could be used.

It was decided that bro. Prchal would participate in the placing of the plaque at Oetz and Constance and that his transportation would be paid.

A discussion took place regarding the lengthy meetings of the Executive Board and it was decided that in the future the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer would meet before the meeting, study the correspondence and bring recommendations to the general meeting.

All future meetings will be convened at 7:30 P.M. The following members asked to be excused from the meeting of the Executive Board with the BOI.: sis. Falta and Welcl, bros. Brouk, Kropik, Rabas and Vodrazka.

Bro. Prchal thanked for the reports submitted, work accomplished and adjourned the meeting.

Nazdar!

Blanche J. Cihak, Secretary

Financial Report ASO. April, 1962

INCOME

Sokol Portland, Ore., I. qtr.	\$ 12.75
Sokolice Little Ferry, N. J., I. qtr.	49.00
Sokol Mladocech, Racine, Wis., I. qtr. ...	30.00
Sokol Curtis Bay, Md., I. qtr. and convention fund	48.10
Sokol Crete, Nebr., I. qtr.	12.00
Sokol Wilber, Nebr., I. qtr.	82.25
Sokol Schenectady, N. Y., I. qtr.	45.00
Sokolice Libuse, Crete, Nebr., I. qtr.	33.00
Sokol Scio, Ore., I. qtr.	35.00
Sokolice Detroit, Mich., I. qtr.	78.50
Sokol Fuegner Tyrs, Omaha, Nebr., I. qtr.	84.00
Sokol Rip, Pittsburgh, Pa., I. qtr.	28.75
Sokol Cleveland-Cech Havlicek, Ohio, I. qtr.	131.50
Sokol Nova Vlast, Cleveland, O., I. qtr. ..	105.50
Sokolice Omaha, Nebr., I. qtr.	86.00
Sokol Caldwell, Kansas, IV. and I. qtr. and convention fund	34.50
Sokolice Chicago, Ill., IV. qtr. and convention fund	66.00

Sokol Omaha, Nebr., I. qtr.	131.50
Sokolice Los Angeles, Calif., I. qtr.	80.50
Sokol Town of Lake, Chicago, Ill., I. qtr.	81.75
Sokol Dallas, Texas, I. qtr. and convention fund	125.20
Sokol Fresno, Calif., I. qtr.	45.75
Plzensky Sokol of Chicago, Ill., I. qtr. and convention fund	138.75
Sokol Detroit, Mich., I. qtr. and convention fund	148.75
Sokol Karel Havlicek, Yukon, Okla., I. qtr.	22.75
Sokol Karel Havlicek Borovsky, Ennis, Texas, I. qtr.	69.50
Dividends from Investments	157.50
Advertising Sokol Americky	364.00
Subscription Sokol Americky	3.00
Masaryk Stamps	100.00
Gymnastic Manual	6.00
Sokol Pins	9.19
Song Books	1.69
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	\$ 2,447.68

DISBURSEMENTS

Illinois Bell Telephone Company	\$ 41.56
Radio Broadcast	25.00
Denni Hlasatel—Obituary J. Jelinek	27.00
Internal Revenue Service—Withholding tax and Social Security	428.89
Charles M. Prchal—Transportation to Florida	189.64
Public Service Company	7.11
Stransky Flowers—J. Jelinek	25.00
Western Union—Telegrams	17.77
Kanak & Sons—Typewriter supplies	14.04
Salary—Secretary and Financial Secretary	323.70
Salary—Director of Men	98.59
Salary—Director of Women	79.27
Editorial Staff	120.00
Mailing list expense	25.00
Rental	95.00
Janitor Service	10.00
Berwyn Press—April Issue S.A.	490.00
U. S. Postmaster—Postage S.A.	63.37
Postage and supplies	29.20
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	\$ 2,110.14
Transferred to Federal Savings & Loan Associations	7,000.00
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	\$ 9,110.14

BALANCE

Western National Bank of Cicero— checking account	\$13,438.80
Income—April, 1962	2,447.68
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	\$15,886.48
Disbursements—April, 1962	9,110.14
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	\$ 6,776.34

Minutes of the Meeting of the ASO. Combined Bd. of Instructors

Held on April 11, 1962, at Sokol Stickney

The meeting was called to order by Director of Men, bro. E. Halik, at 8:00 P.M.

Those present were: Brothers Barcal, Lebloch, Zitny, Basta, Satek, Carr, Ptacek, Vrba, Freiberg, Votava, Studnicka. — Sisters Prchal, Tintera, Zdenek, Pokorny, Krizenecky, Schnabl, Halik, Freiberg, Ptacek, Kos.

Excused: Brothers Sula and Fina, sis. Vesely.

A standing silent tribute was given to bro. Jarka Jelinek who passed away on March 30, 1962. He was former nacelnik of both the ASO. and SGUS. and also former director of the American Sokol Federation. He was one of the greatest Sokol teachers and leaders in the American Sokol movement.

Minutes of the March 14th meeting were read and approved.

Excerpts from the minutes of the ASO. Executive Board March 27th meeting were read.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from sis. Prener was read containing breakdown of money due her for salary and expenses for her term of office as secretary of the combined BOI.

Letter from the Western District was read requesting bro. Bob Tomanek and sis. Jerry Krizenecky as instructors for their Instructors School to be held August 12-26th. Action was deferred until more information is received from the Western District.

Letter from Robert D. Kreidler of the National Association of Gymnastic Coaches was read. It contained the constitution, organizational breakdown and information on the proposed new U. S. Gymnastic Federation along with a questionnaire. A lengthy discussion took place about the possible effects this new Gymnastic Federation would have on our Sokol program and the sport of gymnastics in general. Motion made and carried that we answer the questionnaire. A committee consisting of bro. Halik, sis. Prchal, bros. Barcal and Carr was set up to answer the questions.

Letter from sis. Hilda Jelinek thanking the ASO.-BOI. for attending the Sokol service for bro. Jelinek, for the Sokol emblem floral piece sent by the ASO.-BOI., and for the pallbearers and honorary Sokol guard at his funeral.

Letter received from the Sokol Gymnastic Association of Canada inviting us to their IV. Slet and Competitions commemorating the Sokol Centennial to be held May 19-21st in Toronto. A greeting will be sent and an explanation that it will be impossible for us to attend because of Central District Competitions and preparations for our District and SGUS. Slets.

News Bulletins from Sokol Nova Vlast and the Central District Men's BOI. were received.

Personal letter addressed to sis. Prchal from Henrietta Lang of New York D. A. Sokol was read. She requested permission to use the 1961 ASO. Junior Girls Slet Calisthenics for the girls of the New York Police Athletic League. They will perform in Central Park, May 5th, 1962. Motion made and carried that the ASO. directors be given authority to use their own judgment in granting out-

side groups permission to use Sokol gymnastic material.

Letters from bro. Jerry Hardy and bro. Paul Fina regarding Sokol representation on the Olympic Committee were read. Recommendation made that correction be published in S.A.

Suggested rules and regulations governing two week ASO.-District Schools and the curriculum for these schools were discussed in detail.

Motion made and carried that both bro. Halik's and sis. Prchal's outlines of daily schedules to be used by the districts as a guide in setting up their course schedule.

Bro. Bednar's and bro. Kudrovsky's English terminology were discussed. Motion made and carried that we use bro. Bednar's official SGUS. English calisthenic terminology with various minor changes

Nazdar!

Paul Lebloch, Secretary

Report of the ASO. Director of Men

APRIL, 1962

Notified members of the ASO.-BOI. of the death of bro. Jarka Jelinek and asked them to be at the chapel on Sunday, April 1st. Also notified SGUS. Ludevit Stur District President, bro. Adolph Cierny. Ordered a floral piece from the combined ASO.-BOI. Sokol services at the chapel Sunday evening and on Monday were befitting a man who had done so much to make the American Sokol the great organization it is.

Attended Sokol Stickney's Exhibition at Morton West on Saturday, March 31st.

Spoke to bro. Kopecky, Western District President, bro. R. Zitny, Central District Director, and bro. M. Parma, Southern District President, regarding participating in the two week schools for beginners or assistant instructors. The Central District is to conduct a school during the first two weeks of July, Southern District will take the second two weeks of July and Western District will take the first two weeks of August. This with the Slet in Pittsburgh, June 22-24, and one week at the summer Gymnastic Clinic at Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan, the third week of August and a Teacher's Institute for the Downers Grove schools during the week preceding Labor Day, gives me a full summer schedule.

Asked bro. Tichy, Northeastern District President, if they had taken any official action yet on the Mid-Slet. He informed me that they would wait an official invitation from the ASO. Executive Committee.

Attended Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs Exhibition, Saturday, April 7.

Arranged for a BOI. meeting for Wednesday, April 11, where I presented an informational and instructional bulletin with suggested rules and regulations governing two week District Schools and an outline of the daily schedule. It was approved with several additional points which I had not covered and this with sis. Prchal's chart of daily procedures will be sent to the District Directors.

Attended part of meeting of the Central District's Women's BOI.

Met with sis. Prchal at bro. Zitny's home to help prepare a course of study for the Central District School in July. Bro. Regner, sis. Prchal and I are to teach at this school. Another meeting will be called next month.

Bro. Fina called—will be out of town during time of BOI. and Executive Committee joint meeting at Sokol Tabor on Wednesday, April 25.

Bro. Chab, Western District Director, called regarding a workshop and training session to be held in Omaha, May 19-20, for junior boys and men's calisthenics and apparatus exercises. Have asked bro. Barcal if he could make the trip at that time.

Have been working on some teaching aids and material for schools—also selecting music for calisthenics for the Mid-Slet.

Nazdar!

Edwin J. Halik

Report of the ASO. Director of Women

Meeting of the Women's Board of Instructors was held in Sokol Berwyn on April 4th.

Received first quarter of 1962 attendance and activity reports from sis. A. Benda, Eastern District Women's Director.

Was asked by Mr. Schaeffer, head of the gymnastic department at the Hinsdale Township High School, to judge for their 3rd annual meet for boys and girls on May 6th.

Attended Central District Women's Board of Instructors meeting on April 17th. Turned over contestants' numbers, judges' pads and badges to Central District for use during forthcoming competitions.

Went to Lake Shore Park to check Sun-Times competition exercises. 5 Central District units will send children to this competition April 28th at Horner Park.

Judged girls' gymnastic competition at La Grange Park High School on Wednesday afternoon, April 11th, with sis. M. Pokorny and sis. J. Krizenecky.

Attended joint Board of Instructors meeting April 11th at Sokol Stickney.

Recommended additional changes in English terminology which were approved.

Prepared, in detail, hour by hour, 1-week, 2-week, and 3-week school programs for unit, district and ASO. respectively as per recommendations of the Women's Board. These were presented in the joint Board of Instructors meeting.

Am preparing glossary of terms for use in gymnastic and folk dancing together with dance steps used in floor exercises for women. These are not included in the Gymnastic Manual by bro. Bednar.

Attended special meeting on April 19th with bro. Halik at bro. Roy Zitny's home for the purpose of working out a 2-week course program for the Central District to be held during the first two weeks in July. Made new copy of corrected chart and returned to bro. Zitny for study before cutting stencils of daily schedules and printing or photostating charts after which they will be presented for O.K. and mailed to districts.

All members of the Women's Board of Instructors attended services for bro. Jarka Jelinek, eight of them in uniform.

M. Prchal

Educational Director's Report

Wrote articles for Sokol Americky. Spoke at Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs commemorative meeting.

Spoke at services and wake of bro. Jarka Jelinek.

Prepared material for Units and Districts at their request.

Spoke at Sokol Stickney's Gymnastic Exhibition.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Eastern District

Held Sunday, March 18, 1962

President bro. Joseph Hrbek presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minutes from the Executive Board of the ASO. Newsletters from Sokols Baltimore, Cleveland and Washington.

Sokol Belcamp sent a report of their events for the coming year. Their exhibition will be held on May 13th.

MINUTES FROM THE OKRSEK MEETING

Plans are being made to take part in the Toronto and Pittsburgh Slets. The laying of the wreath at Arlington National Cemetery will be on May 27th. Bro. Neumann states that he has shown films to the Curtis Bay unit and has tried to create interest among their members.

The Okrsek will support a program to hold an exhibition at Sokol Philadelphia to create interest among their members with the possibility of renewing gymnastic activities.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Report read by Renee Benda, accepted as read.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bro. Slavik proposed that we hold a Slet at Throggs Neck if the Boonton Slet is not held. The technical committee was given the power to place a deposit for rental of the field at Throggs Neck. The only date open is June 10th.

After a long discussion on whether units should be reimbursed for students attending the Pittsburgh Slet, a motion was made that all units be reimbursed \$5.00 for each student taking part in the Pittsburgh Slet. The technical committee will use their discretion on what the participation of each student will be for reimbursement to their units.

Bro. Slavik recommended that a Sokol Course should be held at Sokol Camp, East Haddam, for beginners and intermediate students from Aug. 11 to 25th. A recommendation was made to hire experienced instructors to teach advanced students on apparatus for approximately five days after the course. The students would have to pay their own expenses. If there would be any deficit the district

would be requested to pay the additional expenses. A motion was made and passed that we hold an advanced school on apparatus.

The technical committee cannot recommend any counselors for the East Haddam Camp. A suggestion was made that all accidents should be reported immediately and followed according to the policy.

A recommendation was made that we ask sis. Prchal to teach artistic gymnastics the weekend of Oct. 12th at Sokol Hall, New York.

Bro. Slavik suggested that regardless of where Slets are held we should continue to hold combined competitions with M. M. Hodza.

To help defray expenses, it was suggested that at times of competitions, students should be invited to stay overnight at homes of students where competitions are being held.

The meeting recessed at 1 P.M. and resumed at 2 P.M.

EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bro. Petlicka was disappointed at the small attendance of educational directors at the meeting held on March 17th.

Sokol Fuegner and Little Ferry will assist financially toward advertising our Sokol organization on the radio.

A motion passed that a trial of 13 weeks of Sokol programs on the radio be made at the discretion of the educational committee. Bros. Petlicka and Friedrich will contact Mr. Jan Schwartz once again on the rates of broadcasts. Any financial assistance will be appreciated.

UNIT REPORTS

Bro. Neumann of Sokol Washington reports that they will publish a book on the 100th anniversary of Sokol. Circulars will be passed around on what Sokol means and what it stands for.

Sokol Washington voted yes on the proposal to hold the next Slet and Convention in New York.

The play "Babička" will be held in New York Sokol Hall on April 29th.

Preparations are being made to hold a banquet in Washington, D. C., on Sept. 29, 1962, at the Presidential House in commemoration of the 15th anniversary of Sokol Washington. Banquet reservations must be made in advance at \$5.00 a person.

The technical committee will hold their annual meeting at the Presidential House on Saturday, Sept. 29th, from 5 to 6 P.M.

On Sunday, Sept. 30th, at 9 A.M. the annual meeting of the Eastern District will be held at the Presidential House. Hotel reservations will be made at Hotel Ebbit. The rates will be \$6.00 for a single and \$9.00 for a double room.

Sokol Washington will print a 25 page booklet on the history of the first 15 years of Sokol Washington.

Sokol Washington will invite Senators Hruska, Douglas, Lausche and the director of the Physical Fitness Program, Mr. Bud Wilkinson.

New York Exhibition to be held on April 8th, Sokol Fuegner Exhibition May 6th, and Little Ferry Exhibition May 20th.

Sokolice Little Ferry will hold a pork dinner on April 29th.

Bro. Stransky states that the flight to Vienna sponsored by the Eastern District has been cancelled.

New York Sokol is in need of funds to renovate their Sokol Hall.

Bro. Elian, a 51 year member of New York Sokol, passed away.

Bro. Hrbek thanked all officers for reports submitted.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Blanche Zraly, Secretary

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MEETING HELD APRIL 16, 1962

President bro. Joseph Hrbek presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read.

CORRESPONDENCE

Minutes from the Executive Board of the ASO.
Financial report from the ASO.

A card of thanks was received from sis. Hilda Jelinek for the expression of sympathy she received from the Eastern District.

A motion was made and passed that the Eastern District send a donation of fifty dollars (\$50) to the Future Sokol Leaders Fund in memory of bro. Jarka Jelinek.

Newsletters were received from Sokols Baltimore and Cleveland.

A motion was made and passed that the Eastern District purchase five tickets amounting to \$5.00 to the Cabaret sponsored by the New Yorky Listy held on April 14, 1962.

Curtis Bay held their election of officers. No president has been elected for their unit. Bro. James Zaruba was elected vice-president.

Sis. Wilma Sokol of Schenectady sent a letter of explanation why their unit would not contribute toward the radio ads.

An entry form for gymnasts wishing to take part in the Toronto Slet was received. Sis. Zraly forwarded it to bro. Stetka.

The Slovak Sokol Gymnastic Union has asked our cooperation in purchasing an ad for their Centennial Souvenir Program Book. A motion was made and passed that the Eastern District purchase a quarter page ad at twenty-five dollars (\$25) in the souvenir book. Each unit will be assessed \$2.00 toward the ad.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT—BRO. SLAVIK

Sis. A. Benda, Director of Women, was unable to attend the meeting.

Sokol Belcamp has asked for a team of men to participate in their exhibition on May 13th. Their request shall be granted.

Bro. Halik made a request for literature on gymnastics for publication in the Sokol Americky.

The technical committee has asked all units to please notify them on the number of students who will participate in the Pittsburgh Slet.

Bro. Hrbek states that bus fare to Pittsburgh will be \$15.00 round trip per person.

BRO. PETLICKA—EDUC. DIRECTOR

All educational directors will receive forms to be filled out on the activities of their units.

Bro. Petlicka has sent 25 letters to individuals and organizations asking for contributions toward

radio advertising. Advertising for one year will cost \$960. Any deficit will be paid by the district. The purpose of advertising on the radio is to promote interest among the listeners with the possibility of gaining new members. A social to raise funds will be held later in the year.

Bro. Petlicka will have posters advertising the American Sokol Organization and applications for membership at the Boonton Slet.

UNIT REPORTS

All units are preparing for their exhibitions and Slets.

Bro. Chaloupka has suggested that all units assist each other at exhibitions.

A lengthy discussion was held on gaining new members.

Little Ferry Sokol will send a group to Teaneck High School to demonstrate gymnastics.

Preparations are being made for the Boonton Slet which will be held on June 10th.

The next Slet and Convention will be held in New York in 1965. The secretary has been asked to inquire of the ASO. what procedure the district should take in preparing for the 1965 Convention and Slet.

A financial report was given by bro. Anton Chaloupka.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Bro. Hrbek thanked all delegates for reports submitted.

Blanche Zraly, Secretary

Minutes of the Meeting of the Northeastern District

Held Wednesday Evening, April 18, 1962,
at Sokol Tyrs.

Vice-President bro. Jirsa opened the meeting at 8:30 p.m. in the absence of bro. Tichy, who arrived later.

Minutes of the meeting of March 21st were read and accepted.

Quarterly reports from units were received.

An invitation to attend the XV. Czechoslovak Day at Masaryktown, Toronto, from the Canadian Sokol Organization, and another invitation to attend the IV. Slet of the Kanadský Sokol at Toronto were read. There was an extended discussion in which most of the representatives participated. Inasmuch as the two organizations would not have a combined Slet, it was decided not to send any group of gymnasts to either event.

Letter of April 4th from the Executive Committee read acknowledging receipt of our agreement to arrange for the Mid-Slet in 1963, in Cleveland, O. It was decided that a committee be immediately appointed to consider sites for the gymnastic competitions and the public gymnastic exhibition. Bro. Suster, bro. Tichy, and the two directors, bro. Galik and sis. Hantl were elected. As soon as they have information as to available sites and costs, the entire Exec. Committee is to be called to make a decision. The best date was considered as June 23rd, 1963—the fourth Sunday.

Bro. Tichy reported on his trip to Chicago for the funeral of bro. Jelinek; with all members standing he commented on his Sokol life . . . and

in a moment of silence our thoughts were of one who is among us no more, but who will not be forgotten. Sis. Jelinek sent a letter of thanks to the District, and to bro. Tichy.

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board of ASO. as of March 27, 1962, were read.

We received a letter dated April 7, 1962, from the XIV. Sokol Gymnastic Festival Committee informing us of a Centennial Souvenir Program and quoting costs of advs. A \$50.00 ad was approved. Each unit is to contribute \$10.00 as their share.

Bro. Galik, Men's Director, reported: Sokol Tyrs' little boys are to be on a TV program Saturday, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.—about 8 minutes. Arrangements have been made for participation in several more programs, but how much time will be allotted to Sokol and how often will depend on the public response and he urged that people send in postals commenting on the program to show the TV station that people see the program and like the Sokol participation. He urged that we start talking about the 1963 Mid-Slet as it will mean a lot of work for all. All units are preparing for our summer Slet; small boys will compete in June. Also youngsters will compete at AAU. April 29th. Reporting for absent sis. Hantl, he asked that women of each unit submit their favorite recipes for the cook book which is being compiled.

Bro. Tichy discussed our summer Slet; it was decided admission would remain \$1.00. Bro. Galik reported he would arrange for necessary music. A meeting of the District Entertainment Committee was called for Tuesday, April 24th, to make the necessary business arrangements for the Slet.

Sis. Hibler, reporting for absent bro. Suster, who was ill, about the banquet: general mailing will go out May 9th to individuals; organizations all taken care of; center pieces on tables will be three dolls in Sokol uniforms to be subsequently sold; Senator Lausche has accepted to speak, as well as bro. Cihak. An essay contest is being held among the gymnastic youth on the theme "What Sokol Means To Me"—winner to appear at the banquet. Members are urged to make their reservations to make the event a success; committee for decorations is active; sis. Mildred Ptak will sing anthems.

Bro. Tichy reported on his attending the meeting of the Cleveland Council for Information on Communism with supplementary remarks by sis. Barta, who was also present at the meeting.

Sis. Barta reporting for Krajanský Výbor—picnic July 15th.

Sis. Marus Ptak reporting for Cultural Gardens—preparing for unveiling of statue of Komensky; card party May 9th.

Bro. Jirsa reporting for Sokol Cleveland-Cech-Havlicek: large attendance at pork dinner and rummage sale; meeting well attended—two new members; bro. Jirsa spoke about bro. Jelinek and bro. Kosar, and others who did so much for Sokol. All the remodeling work now completed with open house to be held May 20th, 4:00 p.m.; free refreshments, service pins to be presented.

Bro. Kunasek reporting for Sokol Nova Vlast: two new members initiated; program after the meeting consisted of pictures of Arizona and California with a tape recorder presenting comments about the pictures; there was a large attendance.

There will be a penny supper after the next meeting and then a speaker with information on communism.

Bro. Supik reporting for Sokol Tyrs: service pins were presented to fourteen members with service of 25 to 60 years, after which a film was presented of the 1938 Slet.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m. with our usual Nazdar!

C. Z. Serpan, Secretary

Zápis ze schůze Ústředního Výb. župy Střední, AOS.,

konané ve středu 21. března, 1962.

Schůzi zahájila místostarostka sestra Anča Faltová a řídil starosta br. Václav Šimaner, který se ihned po zahájení schůze dostavil. Schůzi přítomno 23 delegátů.

Zápis z poslední schůze přijat.

Na dopis AOS. ohledně uspořádání zájezdu do Pittsburghu župou Střední, rozhodnuto zvolit výbor, který by možností zájezdu vyšetřil a připravil další program, spojený s návštěvou historických míst. Výbor má plné právo na všechna rozhodnutí ohledně zájezdu. Sestává ze sestry Faltové a Trajhanové, a z bratří Šimanera, Hladíka a Kříže.

Přečtena zpráva bratra Frank Navrátila ohledně dorosteneckých večírků. Podrobná zpráva bude v odstavci náčelnictev v tomto programu.

Přijat dopis a příložený šek AOS. na \$182.13, který je náhradou župě na nácviky v roce 1961. Přijat zápis z únorové schůze Výkonného Výboru AOS.

Bratr Šimaner pokusí se sebrati materiál, z kterého by bylo možno sepsati krátké dějiny župy pro uveřejnění v Sokole Americkém, na žádost redakčního kroužku.

Náčelník br. Roy Žitný přednesl návrh náčelnictev na letošní cvičitelský kurs. Datum a místo bude rozhodnuto v příští schůzi náčelnictev. Ohledně tohoto návrhu rozhodnuto, aby župa zaplatila za jednoho cvičence z každé bratrské neb sesterské jednoty, která vyšle tři neb více cvičenců (cvičenek). Smíšené jednoty mají právo na jednoho cvičence a jednu cvičenku za stejných podmínek. Na návrh sestry Prenerové doporučeno náčelnictvům, aby zaslala dotazníky na jednoty ohledně bývalých kursistů. Hlavně, aby byly jednoty tázány, zda kursisté se v tělocvičnách uplatnili. Doporučeno, aby stáří posluchačů bylo pevně stanoveno. Celkový rozpočet kursu jest přibližně \$900.00, což vzato Ústředním Výborem na vědomí.

Bratr Žitný podal pak zprávu náčelnictva mužů za poslední období. Povolen účet náčelnictva \$16.80 na trofeje. Závodů žactva, dorostenců a mužů budou konány 25. a 27. května.

Následovala zpráva náčelnice sestry Mary Pokorný, za poslední období a ze schůze náčelnictva žen 20. března. Závodů ženských oddělení budou konány 6., 14., 17. a 26. května. Náčelnictvo žen se pokusí tento rok udělati závody v lehké atletice podají-li se mu dostati závodistiště. Ženy uspořádají "nácvičnou" v Milwaukee 8. dubna, kde též bude zastoupen Sokol Racine.

Ohledně programu na náš Sokolský Den většiny delegátů byla toho názoru, aby prostná byla cvi-

čena v odpoledním programu, neb jen tak bude všechno žactvo župy zastoupeno. Náčelnictva to vezmou v úvahu při plánování programu.

Za Hospodářský odbor hlásí bratři Kriza a Lankaš: Bratr Rösner bude pověřen sbíráním oznamek a uspořádáním Památníku na Sokolský Den za obvyklé odměny; bratr Šimaner zadá oznamku do Hlasatele, bratr Hladík do Berwyn Life, rozhlas sestra Faltová; hudbu vyřídí náčelník a náčelnice. O tisku čipů bude rozhodnuto později.

Odhlasováno uspořádati průvod do Plzeňského parku a náčelnictvo uvědoměno, aby zajistilo hudbu na průvod. Sestra Faltová hlásí, že dopisy ohledně Sokolského Dne byly vyslány na sokolské jednoty a krajanské spolky. Bratr Hladík vyzývá přítomné delegáty, aby si vyzvedli vstupenky pro své jednoty.

Bratr Navrátil předkládá žádost Sokola Berwyn, by župa se pokusila, aby Č.S.A. a Národní Hřbitov znovu daly na rozhlas sokolský program nedávno vysílaný. Bratr Kříž vyjedná s bratrem Vodrážkou a Chmelíčkem a pokusí se dostat tento program na poslední dvě neděle v květnu, těsně před naším Sokolským Dnem.

Bratři Lankaš a Vaněk ze Sokola Town of Lake zvou přítomné a jejich jednoty na Jarní tanec 14. dubna.

Bratr Vaněk oznamuje koncert pěveckého spolku Lyras na 29. dubna; jednatel učiní k členstvu župy k tomuto podniku provolání v Denním Hlasateli.

Bratr starosta upozorňuje jednatele, aby oznámil jednotlivým, by v květnových schůzích zvolily neb potvrdily své župní delegáty, aby tito mohli v červnu voliti úřednictvo župy.

Po přečtení jmen zástupců a příjmu a vydání bratr starosta poděkoval za vykonanou práci a schůzi skončil.

Nazdar!

Václav Kříž, jednatel.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Pacific District

The regular meeting of the Pacific District of ASO. was called to order by the President bro. Palas on April 3, 1962, at 8:45 P.M. at Sokol Hall.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

ASO. asking for history of the District to be printed in Sokol Americky. A letter will be written to bro. Kohoutek, our honorary chairman, for information.

Inquiry from sis. Bachna of the Slovak Gymnastic Union, as to our need of their training films. Secretary will answer in the negative.

Minutes of the Executive Board meeting of ASO., also the financial report for 1961.

Bro. Pokorny returned from his tour to the Pacific District units, and presented his report, which will be submitted to the ASO. and possibly to be printed in Sokol Americky.

Sis. Tepley, Treasurer, reports Sokol Portland is the first unit in the district to send in their membership assessment of one dollar a member.

The children's competition and volleyball tournament will be held in Fresno, June 9th and 10th.

Bro. Pokorny recommends ordering four (4) terminology books for units in Fresno, San Francisco, Scio and Seattle. Bro. Marek gave a vote of thanks to bro. Pokorny for his efforts on the tour. From the report we can see the need for more organization, the need for able instructors, etc.

Plans are in order for the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Sokol, which will be held in the form of a banquet, program and dance in the Rodger Young Auditorium on June 2, and Gymnastic Exhibition by the Los Angeles Sokol June 3rd. The entree chosen for the banquet is eastern prime roast of beef for \$6.00 a plate.

U.S. Senator bro. Roman Hruska will be invited to be our guest speaker. Some of the city officials and movie celebrities will be asked to attend this memorable event. Bro. Marek was elected chairman. Bro. Marek will work out a plan in a few days, then a special meeting will be called. This event will not include the "debt free Sokol hall celebration" as was formerly planned.

Bro. Pokorny's itemized financial statement of his tour will be submitted to ASO., with a request for financial support from the traveling fund.

Moment of silence was observed as a tribute to our departed bro. Jarka Jelinek. A \$50.00 contribution to the Future Sokol Fund in bro. Jelinek's memory was approved. Sis. Palas with a few well chosen words reminisced of her acquaintance with bro. Jelinek and his wonderful Sokol teachings.

The meeting was adjourned at a late hour.

Louise Nekuda, Secretary

Sokol Detroit

There's more than a feeling of spring in the air in our gym these days—there's an excitement and feeling of anticipation which only zavody and a slet can create. It doesn't take our members long to get a whiff of an event such as this and they soon get down to serious work. The part year was a very good one for our gymnasts and they are now working hard to make this year even better. Under the leadership of our nacelnik, bro. Harry Valek, and our new nacelnice, sis. Lillian Teichman, we are sure Sokol Detroit will make another good showing in Pittsburgh.

We do have our lighter moments too! We have held two iceskating parties at our Sokol Camp so far this winter. We always have a good turn out for these outings. Our other members have been busy at our Camp too. They have completely renovated the club room. The headman on this project has been bro. Joe Kovar, who certainly knows how to get work done.

Sokol and Sokolice Detroit held their annual joint meeting on February 17th. At this meeting we also celebrated the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Sokol organization. In song and narrative, 14 of our junior boys and girls noted the historical background, founders, accomplishments and all important data pertaining to the Sokol organization. This program was written and directed by bro. Louis Teichman, who has in the past produced similar outstanding educational programs. This presentation was well received by the older members and was very good for the juniors who participated in it.

Our retiring nacelnice, sis. Suzanne Wimmer, was honored by Sokolice Detroit and the Board of Instructors for the fine work she has done for Sokol for the past 30 years. She received an orchid corsage and a beautiful lapel watch as a token of appreciation for work well done. Very few in the audience knew that the next day Suzanne would enter the hospital for a serious operation. At the present time Suzanne is still in the hospital. She has the best wishes of all her many friends for a speedy recovery.

The Board of Instructors is planning a Spring Dance on May 12th—with music by the Klepac Orchestra. Proceeds of this dance will be for the traveling expenses of the gymnasts.

The Sokol Fund Raising Committee is again hard at work—once again under the capable leadership of bro. Henry Siedlik. This committee has decided to give away another car, plus other prizes, at their 2nd Annual Summer Festival, which will be held on Saturday, August 25th, at the Sokol Camp. This committee is working hard for Sokol and there is a great deal at stake—most important of which is a new hall for Sokol Detroit and the continuation of our fine gymnastic activities.

Nazdar!

Ella Valek

An Invitation from Sokol Seattle

All Sokol members visiting the Seattle World's Fair are welcome to join the members of Sokol Seattle at our monthly dance parties. They are held every 3rd Saturday of the month at the Norway Center, 310 — 3rd Avenue West, Seattle, Washington. (Only 3 or 4 blocks from the Fair grounds.) They start at 8:30 P.M. Ice, mixer and lunch furnished. Our meetings are held in the same building the 2nd Wednesday of the month starting at 8 P.M. with a social hour following. We hope to be able to welcome you in Seattle.

On Saturday evening, March 10th, Sokol Seattle and Z.C.B.J. Lodge No. 181, presented a Centennial program at Seattle's Norway Center honoring President Masaryk. It was attended by approximately 175 people, and was reported in the Seattle Times, with pictures. A five piece band, consisting of Charles Trinka, his three sons and a drummer, played the entire evening, lively Bohemian waltzes, polkas, schottishes, and modern tunes much to the enjoyment of all. At intermission the Beseda was danced, and guests were invited to join in the Doubleska Polka.

Mid-evening an impressive speech in Czech was delivered by Vice-President Vomocil, relating President Masaryk's inspired ideology and work in forming the Sokol organization, the wonderful work he did and how it is being carried out still in this country, although it is now often suppressed in Europe.

Brother Vomocil called the chairman sis. Josephine McDonald to the front and cited her for her many years of dedicated work in health and in sickness toward making Sokol Seattle a success. The guests heartily applauded her in appreciation.

Plate lunches and Czech pastries were provided as refreshments, and the members were happy that even some interested non-members volunteered pastry and help in the kitchen. There was an abundant and wide variety of foods donated.

Membership continues to grow with every event, attracting people who hadn't heard of Seattle's Czech organizations. Sokol Seattle hopes it will soon be large enough to start a gymnastic program and hope all those interested will join us. The group interested in Czech dances will soon learn a few new ones, and have been invited to present part of the Beseda on KING-TV's "Northwest Folkdancers" Saturday program, probably in April.

On Sunday, April 22nd, Sokol Seattle and Lodge Century No. 21 of the ZCBJ. had the pleasure of meeting with bro. and sis. Hruska who visited Seattle in connection with the coming World's Fair.

A combined meeting of the ZCBJ. Lodge and Sokol was held, at which bro. Hruska gave a very enjoyable talk. It was attended by members and friends. Although it was Easter Sunday the attendance was very good.

Refreshments were served. Everyone enjoyed the meeting. Thank you, bro. Hruska.

Nazdar!

Josephine A. McDonald

Sokol Scio, Oregon,

will present a gymnastic and educational program at the ZCBJ. and Sokol Hall on Saturday, May 19, 1962. The following historical events will be included in the program:

T. G. Masaryk
40th Anniversary of Sokol Scio
Sokol Centennial

The program will also include regular drills and special numbers by Sokol Scio and other Pacific Coast Units.

Nazdar!

Leah and Wesley Matney,
Educational and Publicity Directors

Sokol Houston, Texas

On March 4, 1962, we had a program and social hour commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of Sokol. We tried to put on program that would show the public what Sokol is and what we do during our classes.

We started with the nastup and then both Czech and American anthems. Our President welcomed the members and visitors with a short address. The children performed on the horse and mats, the men on the parallel bars and the juniors on the rings. The women did a portion of last year's Prostna. The juniors performed a special number that they put together themselves.

Our President then gave a short summation in English of the value of Sokol work. Then one of our brothers spoke in Czech.

We closed the program with a portion of our special number that was dedicated to our brother Kos.

The program was a success. As a result we have some new children coming to our classes on Fridays.

Nazdar!

Elsie Svec, Secretary, Sokol Houston

Dr. Jaroslav Trnka, Paříž

Pařížský Sokol.

Dne 25. března 1962 se konala v Paříži řádná valná hromada pařížské Tělocvičné Jednoty Sokol. Účast, jako každý rok, byla velká, z hostů zvláště milý byl předseda Sdružení československých dobrovolníků ve Francii, člen proslulé rotý Nazdar, bratr Alois Brzičský. Pařížský Sokol udržuje se Sdružením dobrovolníků tradiční bratrské styky, které se nejednou významně projevíly v dějinách našeho krajanského života ve Francii.

Starostou jednoty byl znovu a jednomyslně zvolen bratr Josef Živný, který je kromě toho od léta minulého roku starostou Západoevropské Župy Sokolské. Tato Župa sdružuje sokolské jednoty — v Paříži, Londýně, Bruselu, Curychu, ve Švédsku a Casablance.

Toho času se Pařížský Sokol pilně připravuje na Jubilejní Slet Svobodného Sokolstva ve Vídni, v červenci 1962, a na letní tábor evropského Sokolstva ve Švýcarsku.

Bratr Josef Živný je na slovo vzatý Sokol. Narodil se 8. září 1896 v Rokycanech v Čechách, je mu tedy 65 let. Sokoluje od svých šesti let. Když mu bylo 14, odejel do Německa za krejčovským řemeslem. Byl činný v Berlíně jako dorostelec. Po první světové válce se vrátil do Německa, kde — zapojen do sokolské činnosti — žil do roku 1923. Toho roku odejel do Francie a zde trvale žije, tedy skoro již 40 let. Je francouzským státním příslušníkem.

V Pařížském Sokole bratr Živný cvičil, byl pokladníkem, později místostarostou a od roku 1952 starostou jednoty. Za dobu svého starostování se zúčastnil sokolských zájezdů do Londýna, do Curychu a do Vídne. Má velké zásluhy o uskutečnění I. Sletu Evropského Sokolstva v Paříži v roce 1954, a o zorganizování a průběh I. Sjezdu Svobodného Sokolstva ve Vídni v létě 1956, jakož i o založení Svazu Svobodného Sokolstva ve dnech vídeňského sjezdu.

Bratr starosta Josef Živný má z titulu Sokola francouzský státní řád "Médaille d'Or de l'Education Physique et des Sports".

Sestřička Máli byla čtrnáct dní paničkou, když její manžel, bratr Roznožka, vyslovil přání, aby mu udělala jablkový závin. To se rozumí, že se dala do práce, ještě než odešel z domu. — Musím, — odpověděla na dotaz manželův, proč tak chvátá.

Bratr Roznožka bydlil blízko továrny, kde pracoval v kanceláři. Přišel v poledne domů a Máli strouhá ještě housku.

— Já myslil, že už bude závin hotový, — diví se manžel, — k čemu tolik housky?

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Sokol Curtis Bay, Md. — Meetings last Thursday, American Sokol Gymnastic Association, 1527 Cherry St., Baltimore 26, Md. — Vice-President: James A. Zaruba, 4705 Virginia Ave., Baltimore 25. Secretary: Marie S. Vitak, 1230 Spring Avenue, Baltimore 6. Financial Secretary: Sophie B. Catterton, 221 Sycamore Rd., Linthicum Heights, Md. Director of Women: Estelle O. Racioppa, 1631 Popland St., Baltimore 26, Md.

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