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STAN MUSIAL

All time baseball great, now Special Consultant to the President on Physical Fitness, accepts sponsorship of Sokol Movement's Centennial Celebrations.

The moment we heard of Stan Musial's appointment to his new office, letters of congratulation were sent to him by the American Sokol Organization and the Sokol Centennial Commemorative Stamp Committee. We know that we reflect your own thinking in the following excerpts from the letters we sent to him:

"Please accept our heartiest congratulations on your appointment to the Office of Special Consultant to President Lyndon B. Johnson on Youth Fitness. Your name is a household word among our members and a source of inspiration to our youth. Your athletic records, as imposing as they are, are dwarfed by your magnificent conduct as a man, both on and off the field. We can think of no one in the entire field of sports more deserving of this honor or more apt to make a success of making all America conscious of its duty to itself by becoming physically fit.

"The Sokol founders coined a phrase that has been our guide ever since. It is 'Physical Fitness Joined with a Noble Mind.' You are a perfect exemplification of this ideal. Incidentally the birthplace of the Sokols (Falcons) in America is St. Louis, Missouri, your home town, and the date February 14, 1865. Next year the entire Sokol Movement in America, composed of 7 national groups, will celebrate its Centennial. Among the events scheduled for 1965 is a Pilgrimage by Sokols from the entire country and Canada to St. Louis, combined with gymnastic competitions and mass displays of physical fitness.

"As Sokols or Falcons we are and have been dedicated to this important work for almost a century and you can rest assured we shall do everything possible to expand it. We know it will be a pleasure working with you and promise you our fullest cooperation."

Stan Musial in his reply stated:

"I am aware of the contribution made to youth by the Sokol Movement, and I wish you success with your Centennial celebrations next February."

He accepted with pleasure the sponsorship of our Centennial Celebration Events.



JAMES L. CIHAK

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Calendar of Events

APRIL 26th—JUNIOR OLYMPICS (age 17 and
under), Valley Forge High School, Cleveland, O.

APRIL 26th—SOKOL CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.
Gymnastic Exhibition — 3 P.M. Wilson Junior
High School.

APR. 26th—SOKOL OMAHA, Nebr. — Gymnastic
Exhibition.

APRIL 26th—SOKOL NEW YORK, New York. —
Gymnastic Exhibition.

APRIL 29th—SOKOL BERWYN, ILLINOIS
Card Party

APRIL 30th—SOKOLICE HAVLICEK-TYRS, Chi-
cago, Ill. — Salad Luncheon from 12:00 to 1 P.M.

MAY 1st—SOKOL TYRS, CLEVELAND, OHIO.
Fish Fry — \$1.00.

MAY 2nd—SOKOL MLADOCECH, Racine, Wis.
Gymnastic Exhibition

MAY 2nd—SOKOL ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.
Gymnastic Exhibition.

MAY 2nd—SOKOL BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
BOI. Dance

MAY 3rd—SOKOL FUEGNER, L. I. C., New York.
Gymnastic Exhibition.

MAY 6th—Falstaff Card Party given by J.D.C.aP.
LODGES for the Sokol St. Louis Building Fund.

MAY 9th—SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. —
May Dance.

MAY 16, 1964—SOKOL STICKNEY, Illinois.
Gymnastic Exhibition.

MAY 16, 1964—SOKOL MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin.
Gymnastic Exhibition.

MAY 17th—SOKOL BALTIMORE, Md. — Gym-
nastic Exhibition.

MAY 23rd—SOKOL ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.
Annual Gymnastic Exhibition. — Spaghetti sup-
per to be served at "Veřejný."

MAY 23-24—EASTERN DISTRICT ASO. is spon-
soring a trip to Washington, D. C., to observe
Memorial Day. A wreath is to be placed at the
grave of the Unknown Soldier and the grave of
President John F. Kennedy.

MAY 24th—SOKOL WASHINGTON, D. C.
Arlington National Cemetery program—In the
afternoon annual picnic

MAY 27th—SOKOLICE HAVLICEK-TYRS, Chi-
cago, Ill. — Tour to Springfield, Illinois.

JUNE 7th—SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. —
Picnic.

JUNE 12-13-14—WESTERN DISTRICT SLET,
Crete, Nebraska.

JUNE 14th—Slet at Boonton.

JUNE 14—CENTRAL DISTRICT SOKOL PHYS-
ICAL FITNESS DAY — Riverside-Brookfield
Stadium, Brookfield, Illinois

JUNE 19th—SOKOL NEW YORK, N. Y.
Dinner and program for Units coming to New
York for Czechoslovak Day

JUNE 21st—Czechoslovak Day at the New York
World's Fair.

JUNE 28th—NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT, Cleve-
land, Ohio — SLET

JULY 12th—SOUTH OMAHA SOKOL DAY at
Sokol Park.

JULY 12th—SOKOL DETROIT, Michigan. — Gym-
nastic Exhibition, Sandy Bottom Lake.

JULY 19th—SOKOL WASHINGTON, D. C.
Picnic

AUG. 16th—SOKOL TYRS, CLEVELAND, OHIO.
Annual Picnic.

SEPT. 26th—ANNUAL EASTERN DISTRICT
DINNER DANCE—Sokol Little Ferry, N. J.

SEPT. 27th—ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EAST-
ERN DISTRICT—Sokol Little Ferry, N. J.

OCT. 31st—SOKOL BALTIMORE, Md. — BOI
Dance.

NOV. 7-8—SOKOL TYRS, CLEVELAND, OHIO.
Theatrical Guild's Annual Production.

DECEMBER 5th—SOKOL DETROIT, Michigan. —
Akademie.

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STAMP DESIGN CONTEST ANNOUNCED

CHICAGOLAND CHAPTER

CZECHOSLOVAK PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Chicagoland Chapter of the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society announces a national competition to obtain a design for a commemorative postage stamp to honor the Centennial of the Sokol Movement in America. The contest is open to all persons who are 18 years of age or over.

It is the purpose of the Chicagoland Chapter of the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society to then present the winning design to the United States Post Office Department and to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee of the Postmaster General for final approval of the design and act as an added impetus for the commemoration of this great event in the physical fitness of our country.

An entry blank with full information can be had by writing to Chicagoland Chapter of the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society, 216 Hotel La Salle, Chicago, Illinois, and enclosing a self-addressed envelope.

CONTEST FOR AMERICAN SOKOL MOVEMENT PHYSICAL FITNESS POSTAGE STAMP

The Chicagoland Chapter of the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society announces a national competition to obtain a design for a commemorative postage stamp to honor the Centenary of the Sokol Movement here in America. The proposed stamp would be issued in 1965. The contest is open to all persons who are 18 years of age or over.

It is the purpose of the Chicagoland Chapter of the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society to then present the winning design to the United States Post Office Department and the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee of the Postmaster General for final approval of the design as well as the stamp. It is to be clearly understood by the contestant that the winning of this contest does not de facto mean the use of the design in any manner, shape or form.

The size of the stamp will be 0.84 by 1.44 inches, arranged either horizontally or vertically as the artist sees fit. The design must be submitted in the size of $7 \frac{3}{16}$ by $4 \frac{3}{16}$ inches (five times actual size of the stamp). It must be centered on a piece of white illustration board 11 by $8 \frac{1}{2}$ inches.

As many as three colors may be used in the design. Black is considered a color. (The possible combinations are, therefore, black, black and one other color, black and two other colors, one color, two colors, three colors.) In some instances, as in the Shilch stamp, the stamp could be printed upon colored paper. The design may be rendered in any medium, such as pencil, chalk, ink, water color, poster color and oil paint. However, only finished art work will be accepted. The text UNITED

STATES POSTAGE and 5c must be on each design.

The contestant may submit as many designs as he wishes.

A sealed envelope containing the contestant's name and address must be affixed to the back of each entry.

There must be no signature or other identifying mark on the front of the design. Any entry so marked will be disqualified.

All entries should be mailed to the Chicagoland Chapter, Czechoslovak Philatelic Society, Room No. 216 — Hotel La Salle, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

Entries must be received by October 1, 1964. However, as many designs as possible should be available by May 23, 1964, for display.

The Chicagoland Chapter will acknowledge receipt of each entry by mail but entry will not be returned to contestant. All entries will be carefully considered by a jury shortly after October 1, 1964.

James L. Cihak

NOT FOR ONE MOMENT CAN WE FORGET OUR MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

While our attention is naturally focused in many directions in our Sokol work, one fact must never leave our minds—MORE MEMBERS.

This is the keystone for the future, the reservoir of strength for every unit. Every effort must be made to bring those thousands into our ranks that belong there. A simple analysis of a unit's position, its needs and its plan for the future will show the type of members who should be first sought. Individuals with varied talents and experience

The jury shall be chosen by the Society. The decision of the jury is final.

The jury may also award honorable mentions at its discretion. However, the jury will select one winning design. The Chicagoland Chapter of the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society will award a prize to the artist of the winning entry.

All entries become the property of the Chicagoland Chapter of the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society.

This sheet contains all necessary information and contestants are requested not to write to the Society on the subject of this contest.

Submission of an entry constitutes acceptance of these rules by the entrant.

Joseph J. Janecka, Jr.
Central Vice-President
Czechoslovak Philatelic Society
7306 Ogden Avenue,
Riverside, Illinois 60546

Blanche J. Cihak

Brother Joseph Martinek, Poet

Those of us who remember Joseph Martinek as the dynamic editor of the "News Flashes," an anti-Nazi weekly before and during World War II, would hardly expect to see him develop into an outstanding poet. His latest book is a collection of his poems in English, "Songs of the Desert." It was when he reached 65 that his English poems began to appear in magazines, newspapers and anthologies. More than forty of these publications in the U.S.A., Canada, Britain and Belgium recognized their worth.

The publisher writes, "This poet has done something rare today; his work is accessible to any cultivated reader, yet is not superficial; these lyrics have their roots in deep feeling." William Pillin wrote in "Flame" of his poem Hour-Glass, "Joseph Martinek's poem has that simplicity and reality, so difficult to achieve with conviction."

Joseph Martinek's biography was summed up by Bill Chambles in the magazine MINUTES in these words: "He has played an active role in the American labor movement; founded and served as presi-

would fill many a void. Great numbers are needed for every type of work.

Yes, work—make no subtle suggestions of ease and entertainment. Give them, too, the opportunity to know that they and their ability are valuable and valued. Give them a chance to serve in a field of vital importance in our national life. Everyone will be the richer because of this.

Success to you in making your units the bastions of the finest training for American citizenship.

dent of a large consumer co-operative; built a village that still stands; been a teacher, journalist, author, editor and poet; participated in the founding of the Czechoslovak Republic; and been branded as traitor by two governments."

We would call "Songs of the Desert" paper bound beauty. The short poems are the outpouring of a rich life spent in struggle for worthy causes.

Only a brilliant but realistic mind could have composed them. He moved to Tucson, Arizona, in 1947 and fell in love with the desert. This book is the story of that romance, sensitive to every mood, appreciative of the constant change and still everlasting sameness that can only be seen through the eyes of love.

Enrich your life, that of your family and put a treasure of words on your library shelf. Send for your copy of "Songs of the Desert," to Joseph Martinek, 2931 N. Edith Blvd., Tucson, Arizona. Enclose your check or Money Order for \$3.50, which also covers postage. This can become your gateway to the master lyricists of the world.

**JOIN THE MILLIONS WHO ARE WORKING
TOWARD THE ISSUANCE OF A SOKOL STAMP**

WATCH YOUR NEWSPAPERS

The following exchange of letters took place after an article appeared in a recent issue of the Chicago Daily News. We accept Mr. Arthur Snider's explanation and have always had a high regard for the Chicago Daily News.

"Your article 'Who Needs Exercise for a Long, Full Life' is perfect for headline readers too lazy to study it in detail to find out whether the author contradicts himself. I never heard of Dr. Foster, but know plenty of doctors who were well acquainted with the Sokol (Falcon) System of Athletics, calisthenics and games and endorse it heartily.

"You have a number of things mixed up in your article—training for professional sports, college and high school varsity teams where everyone is a specialist and has the \$ sign hanging in front of his eyes, and toward the end you quote Dr. Foster 'Like academic courses physical fitness training etc.'" This periodic blasting off on some subject is common and has done immeasurable harm to any sane, moderate system of physical exercise for everyone.

"I am enclosing a number of publications that might interest you and give you a better insight into another phase of physical fitness. Best of all would be a visit to one of our Sokol gymnasiums. Units throughout the nation present physical fitness displays at this time of the year, before the district competitions and displays which occur in June.

"I would like to invite you and Mrs. Snider to be my guests this Saturday evening, 7 P.M. at Sokol Tabor, 16th and Clarence Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois, or Saturday, March 28th at Sokol Berwyn,

Illinois, April 4th at Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs, 2619 S. Lawndale Avenue, Chicago, Ill. There are many more on later Saturday evenings ending with Sokol Stickney which will be held at J. Sterling Morton West on May 16th. Also one in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the same date and finally the Central District Physical Fitness Day, at the Riverside-Brookfield Stadium, Brookfield, Ill., June 4th at 2 P.M. Please take time out to visit one of these events. I feel that you will have an entirely different feeling for physical training as we have practiced it in this country uninterruptedly for 99 years."

AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION

Dear Mr. Cihak:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 20 outlining the activities of the Sokol gymnasiums. I, like so many millions of Americans, am familiar with the great work of the Sokol system and can speak only the highest praise for it.

The story that appeared in the Daily News expressed not my views but those of a physician highly recognized in the medical profession. Personally, I am a devotee of exercise.

Much has been said by those who favor a program of exercise for America. In the interest of presenting all sides, The Daily News at times presents opposing points of view.

We want to wish you continuing success in the good work you are doing.

Sincerely,

Arthur J. Snider, Science Editor
Chicago Daily News

Československo-američtí filatelisté pro sokolskou známku!

Celá krajanská veřejnost je již podrobně informována o rozsáhlém všenárodním hnutí pro vydání jubilejní známky k počtě Století Amerického Sokolstva v roce 1965.

Nejen Sokolstvo a přátelé sokolské myšlenky ze všech skupin krajanské veřejnosti, ale i československo-američtí filatelisté usilují o to, aby tato jubilejní sokolská známka byla v roce 1965 vydána.

Československá filatelistická společnost v Chicagu, v jejímž čele stojí známý Sokol a filatelistický odborník — br. Jos. Janečka, Jr., ve snaze podpořit úspěch úsilí o vydání této známky, vypsalá celonárodní soutěž na její návrh, které se mohou zúčastnit všechny osoby starší 18 let.

Účelem této soutěže je předložit vítězný návrh z této soutěže U. S. departmentu pošt a poradnímu výboru U. S. gen. poštministra ve Washingtoně, D. C., k úvaze pro vydání jubilejní sokolské známky podle vítězného návrhu. Soutěžící navrhovatelé musejí si ovšem uvědomit, že předložení vítězného návrhu ještě neznamená, že tohoto návrhu bude při vydání známky použito.

Rozměr známky bude 0.84 x 1.44 palce a známka bude upravena buď horizontálně nebo vertikálně, což záleží na navrhovateli. Návrh však musí být předložen ve velikosti 5krát větší, než je skutečná

velikost známky, t. j. ve výměře 7 3/16 x 4 3/16 palců, a to na bílém, tvrdém ilustračním papíře o rozměrech 11 x 8 1/2 palce.

Při návrhu může být použito nejvýše tři barev, při černé i černá se pokládá za barvu, takže návrh může být v barvě černé, v černé a jiné barvě, v černé a jiných dvou barvách, v jedné barvě, ve dvou barvách, ve třech barvách a návrh může být upraven i tak, že by předpokládal tisk známky na barevném papíře. Návrh může být vypracován jakýmkoliv prostředkem, avšak v každém případě musí být do soutěže předložen úplně dohotovený. Každý návrh musí obsahovat text: UNITED STATES POSTAGE — 5c.

Každý účastník soutěže má právo předložit i více návrhů. Ke každému však musí být připojena zapечатěná obálka, obsahující jméno a adresu navrhovatele, a musí být upevněna na zadní straně návrhu.

Na žádném návrhu nesmí být ani podpis, ani jakákoliv poznávací značka navrhovatele, neboť každý takový návrh byl by prohlášen za diskvalifikovaný.

Všechny návrhy musejí být odeslány poštou nejdele do 1. října 1964 na adresu: Chicagoland Chap-

(Pokračování na str. 80.)

BLANCHE J. CIHAK

Sokolice Omaha, Nebraska, Celebrate 75 Years of Sokol Activity

Arrived on the usual morning flight and was picked up by our always smiling, hospitable Director of Women, sis. Bozenka Drozda.

Saturday evening was spent among many friends at the home of sis. Blanche and bro. Jos. Masek, where my films of the 1962 Sokol Tour to Europe and the 1963 trip to Hawaii were shown.

We all hoped that Sunday would be a beautiful day, so that the Sokol Hall would be filled to capacity, but when we awakened snow was falling, in huge flakes. It stopped before lunch, and as a result the weather underfoot was very bad, but in spite of this the attendance was very good.

The program was opened with the singing of the national anthems, by sis. Ladislava Prazan, accompanied by bro. Jos. Libor and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sis. Dusek, President of Sokolice Omaha, in her always charming manner, welcomed the guests and introduced sis. Cihak who spoke in Czech and English, evaluated the work of Sokolice Omaha for 75 years, expressed words of appreciation for their labors and continued sacrifices throughout the years. She also extended greetings and congratulations from the Executive Board of ASO., and our Sokol family throughout the United States. Mentioned all of the activities to be held in the Centennial Year. Petitions for the Stamp were being circulated.

Bro. Kopecky, President of Sokol Omaha and also of the Western District, expressed his gratitude for their accomplishments. He said he was well acquainted with their work for he himself had served Sokol for 57 years. He commented on the fine Directors the Unit and District had and that Sokol Omaha owe their thanks to Sokolice Omaha for their success. He stressed the need for increasing membership.

Sis. Dusek asked that everyone rise and pay tribute to all those members who departed and also to President John F. Kennedy and President Masaryk.

Seven junior girls performed on high-low bars and their fine exhibition brought deserved applause. The very interesting fact about these seven girls was that they came from Czech, Croatian, Italian, American and Serbian families.

JAMES L. CIHAK

A STORY ABOUT SOKOL

PART FIVE

For a change of pace let us cross now to our side of the Atlantic Ocean. As had been mentioned, enough was learned about the Sokol, its idea and ideals to see the creation of the first Sokol unit here at St. Louis, Missouri, on February 14, 1865. This was followed the next year by the first unit in Chicago, in 1866; New York, 1867; the second in Chicago, 1868; Morrissania, New York, 1869; Cleveland, 1875; Omaha, 1877. From this beginning Sokol spread throughout the United States, to big cities and small towns, wherever there were settlements of Czech and Slovak immigrants. The first central organization was the National Union Sokol,

Immediately following this number sis. Dusek was presented with a beautiful spray of cerise colored roses, tied with a ribbon of the same color from the BOI. for her outstanding cooperation. Knowing sis. Dusek this was a well deserved gesture, it touched her deeply.

The junior boys and men followed with a number on the parallel bars, also well executed.

Sis. Prazan then sang three numbers—"Poem" by Zdenek Fibich, "Praha je krásná" and "Až já půjdu do nebe" by Hašler, accompanied by that able pianist bro. Jos. Libor.

Sis. Marie Brezacek recited a poem from M. A. Simanek which she read for bro. Serpan 35 years ago on a Sokol celebration.

Free Ex. performances by Linda Burghardt, Janice Krejci and Sharon Schulte were rewarded with well deserved applause.

The number "Sokolice Through the Years" by Sokolice Omaha brought laughter and some comments "what next." Sokol uniforms dating from 1889 to the present date were modeled.

Parts of the Beseda were danced by L. Hlavka, J. Krejci, B. Ryba and D. Ryba to the musical accompaniment of Angeline Thomson who played on a Melodica.

Sister B. Drozda read the History of Sokolice Omaha.

A short skit "Cikanka" by sisters Bartos, Bures Hlavka, Karpisek, Kratky and Krejci was well done. They were accompanied by sis. Drazan and Thompson.

The final unforgettable event of the program was the presentation of 25, 40 and 50 year pins and corsages to members. Sis. Cihak thanked the Sokolice for their support of their continued long years of membership. These are the members that keep our organization alive. The serving of a delicious buffet and the dancing to fine music closed the festivities of 75 years honoring Sokolice Omaha. My thanks to Sokolice Omaha, the Joseph Drozda and Joseph Masek families for their wonderful hospitality. Also for the pleasant visit with bro. Rokusek. It was a privilege to be able to celebrate in my own Unit Sokolice Omaha and to be with them on a milestone in their history.

(1879), followed by District Fuegner Tyrs, (1897). These united in 1917 to form our present American Sokol Organization. At the height of immigration and vitality there were 120 units in ASO.

While we are in this category of our story it seems to be the most logical time to record the same facts about our brother and sister Sokol organizations with whom we are now in the closest contact working for the Centennial Celebrations of the entire Sokol Movement in America. Our past cooperation has fluctuated as might be expected in a dynamic, young nation, just testing its wings in

its emergence into the heady stream of international relations.

The Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol has always been the closest to us as might be expected, and with it we form the American Sokol Federation. The first independent Slovak Sokol unit was founded in Chicago, and the national body was formed in 1896 with headquarters in Perth Amboy, N. J. Many Slets have been held together and relationship despite differences has been on a fine level. They have done splendid work in America.

The first unit of the Federation of D. A. Sokol (Workingmen's) in America saw the light of day in New York in 1892 and their central organization was formed in 1899 with headquarters in New York. Their main strength lies in New York, New Jersey, Ohio and Illinois.

The Polish Falcons of America originated in Chicago in 1887. Their main offices are now in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They have over 300 units in 12 districts.

The Czech Catholic Union Sokol was founded in 1908 with headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. The most cordial relations were always maintained with them.

The Slovak Catholic Union Sokol with its central offices in Passaic, New Jersey, was founded in 1905. They are very strong numerically and have their greatest influence in the East.

Besides these, there are the Czechoslovak Sokols Abroad, Croatian, Serbian, Ruthenian Sokols, Russian Sokol in Exile, and Catholic Orel. We have closely cooperated also with the Canadian Sokol Organization. All of these follow the Tyrs system in their gymnastic activities.

Perhaps the time is at hand when during the Centennial activities we can become more closely attached in a joint front to present all America, with our conception of a complete, enjoyable system for the safeguarded future of our land.

Even a cursory glance at this imposing list, brings to mind the countless hours, days and years, devoted by thousands of individuals to train their young and adults too, in a sense for responsible citizenship. When we think of the hundreds of gymnasiums, community homes, summer camps, libraries and schools that have been built and maintained by our immigrant forefathers and the exemplary cooperation between our fraternal, cultural and Sokol gymnastic organizations we can be truly proud of their accomplishments. Viewed from any angle this has been a massive contribution to America, one whose value has received the admiration of every serious minded American.

This is a precedent for all of us and those who follow us into a greater second century of the Sokol Movement in America.

(To be continued)

Meeting of the Executive Board of the ASO.

Held Tuesday, March 24th, 1964

Present: Brothers Brouk, Cihak, Halik, Kropik, Prchal, Rabas and Vodrazka. Sisters: Cihak, Falta, Prchal and Welcl. Bro. Vrba was excused.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICTS

Received minutes from the meeting of the Eastern District, Northeastern District, Central District, annual meeting of the Southern District and two meetings of the Pacific District.

CORRESPONDENCE

Czechoslovak National Council extends an invitation to their Convention. Members of the Executive Board to attend.

Canadian Sokol Organization extends an invitation to XVII. Czechoslovak Day and Sokol Slet. A greeting will be sent.

The Pacific District announced that it will not be possible to hold a centrally located event due to the distances between the units and time element. They would like to have sis. Prchal visit all gymnastically active units on the Coast and hope that the financial obligations would be assumed by the ASO. They further stated that details will have to be worked out with the units.

After a lengthy discussion it was approved that we request the Pacific District to present a schedule and program for sis. Prchal and bro. Cihak, providing they will share the expense.

Southern District requests the presence of sis. Cihak or bro. Cihak at their annual Slet to be held in Ennis on July 18-19th.

Sokol Crete, who is in charge of the Western District Slet on June 13th and 14th, requested bro. Prchal or sis. Cihak to speak. For the present speakers will not be sent to District Slets at the ASO. expense. Approved.

The Southern District is also requesting the services of bro. Halik at their District course and an additional instructor providing the number of gymnasts warrants it according to the rules for courses. Approved.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The following message was received: "Mrs. Kennedy is deeply appreciative of your sympathy and grateful for your thoughtfulness."

A letter of congratulations was sent to the CSA. on the occasion of their 110th anniversary.

Sent greetings to the D. A. Sokol Convention in New York.

Requests for quarterly reports, pins, Sokol material, drills, theatrical productions, records and uniform caps were all filled and expedited. Also mimeographed 24 stencils for BOI.

Attended the 75th Anniversary of Sokolice Omaha. The official Sokol uniform for men and women was discussed and request that the pictures and description appear in an early issue of S.A.

This was another long, hard month. Sis. Falta contributed 60 hours of voluntary work.

The March issue of Sokol Americky included a 5 page roster and contains 24 pages. The front cover and inside page (used for Calendar Events), while the back pages are used for advertisements. Leaving only 12 pages for all other material. It will be necessary to condense the reports and minutes even more than they were in the March issue.

Sis. Falta was thanked for her voluntary work which she does so willingly.

Sis. Cihak reported on the progress of the Tour to New York City, World's Fair and Czechoslo-

vak Day. The advertisement in the Denni Hlasatel was approved.

Bro. Halik read the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Instructors and the report of the Director of Men.

Sis. Prchal read her report as Director of Women.

Bro. Cihak reported that he attended many functions and spoke on every opportunity given him in favor of the stamp. He further presented a report of the Sokol Centennial Stamp Committee and the meeting held March 24th.

It was moved that the cost of the float in the Polish Constitution Day Parade be pro-rated among the Sokol organizations represented in the Sokol Centennial Stamp Committee, and that they be asked to assume their share of the expense. Approved.

The recommendation that 30,000 cards be printed as a follow-up program for the stamp drive was approved.

Bro. Cihak read the reply he received from Arthur Schneider, editor of an article which appeared in the Daily News "Who Needs Exercise for a Long, Full Life?" Mention of the article will appear in S.A.

A letter of thanks was received from Sokolice Omaha, thanking sis. Cihak for her presence at their 75th anniversary.

Bro. Prchal reported on a meeting he attended with sis. Cihak and sis. Nemecek of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and a representative of an insurance company who was offering group insurance as a fund raising project. The Executive Board does not favor soliciting this type of insurance since we have the Czechoslovak Society of America, the Slavonic Benevolent Society of the State of Texas, the Western Bohemian Fraternal Association and the Unity of Czech Ladies & Men with whom we have cooperated and who have supported the Sokols efforts throughout the years. Approved.

Bro. Prchal reported on his attendance of our Sokol gymnastic exhibitions and the Polish Falcons, also a celebration of the Federation of Moravian Societies, also attended by sisters Cihak, Falta and bro. Cihak.

Bro. Prchal suggested calling a meeting of the Slet Committee and presented a tentative list of some of the committee chairmen which was accepted. The general meeting of the Centennial Slet Committee to be held April 29th. The tentative committee chairmen to meet for a planning meeting on March 31st. Approved.

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

Blanche J. Cihak, Secretary

Financial Report ASO.

March, 1964

INCOME

Dues	\$1,242.75
Convention Fund	291.20
Jewelry	24.50
Sokol Americky—Advertising and Subscription	305.00
Miscellaneous	11.18
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	\$1,874.63

DISBURSEMENTS

Telephone, postage, supplies, office expense, Sokol Gymnast	\$ 454.17
Salaries	523.35
Traveling expense	74.16
Printing—Stamp Committee	20.79
Sokol Americky	173.57
Fraternal Bond	75.00

\$1,321.05

BALANCE

Western National Bank of Cicero checking account	\$4,526.37
Income—March, 1964	1,874.63
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	\$6,401.00
Disbursements—March, 1964	1,321.04
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	\$5,079.96

Report of the Centennial Stamp Committee

Held March 24th, 1964

Stan Musial, Consultant to the President on Physical Fitness, accepted sponsorship as well as Senator Bourke B. Hickenlooper of Iowa.

Bro. Prasek sent in the balance of the material from the very thorough campaign in Crete, Nebr.

Received a number of letters from the Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol lodges of action taken on the stamp.

Scores of requests for petitions were received from all parts of the U.S. Petitions are being signed in the General Motors plants in Flint and Detroit, Michigan.

The House of Delegates of Maryland issued House Resolution No. 17 on February 17, 1964, commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the founding of American Sokol and supporting the issuance of the Commemorative Postage Stamp. Copies were directed to each member of the Maryland Congressional delegation, the Postmaster General of the U.S. and Edward Stetka, Director, Sokol Baltimore.

Publicity articles were written pointing to activity around the country.

Hundreds of letters giving instructions on campaigning were written. Letters were sent to Units and all instructors on the campaign among gymnasts for the best written letter to the Postmaster General. Some units informed us that they had already initiated the drive. Thousands of signatures on hundreds of petitions are being secured at gymnastic exhibitions, celebrations, theatrical productions, dinners, etc.

Sis. Rabstojek has done outstanding work in the State of Oklahoma, having many influential personal friends like Senator Mike Monroney.

Bro. Hrabina of Dallas, Texas, visited the office and reported on his activity and valuable contacts he has made.

Letters were prepared to all Congressmen and both Senators for the State of Michigan.

On May 3rd, the Polish National Alliance will celebrate Constitution Day in Humboldt Park. Postmaster General John A. Gronouski will be the main

speaker. The Stamp Committee recommends that we be represented in the parade with a float which will represent all of the Sokol organizations participating in the Centennial honoring the Sokol Movement in America. This recommendation was approved by the ASO. Executive Board.

Sis. Cihak mentioned that thousands of signatures were obtained in Chicago and the suburbs and sent to the Postmaster General.

Bro. Prchal announced that the Berwyn Order of Elks will send letters to the Postmaster General, both Senators and their District Congressmen.

Bro. Vodrazka recommended that the words "JOIN THE MILLIONS WHO ARE WORKING TOWARD THE ISSUANCE OF A SOKOL STAMP" appear in Sokol Americký. Approved.

A visit will be made to the office of Chicago's Mayor in the near future by a group of representatives from the Sokol Centennial Commemorative Stamp Committee, requesting the City Council to issue a proclamation promoting the Centennial and the Stamp.

A meeting for discussing the float will be called for Thursday, April 2nd, at 8:30 P.M.

Bro. Vodrazka suggested that we initiate a follow-up campaign by having cards printed and distributed upon request among the Units. 30,000 cards will be printed.

James L. Cihak

Minutes of the Meeting of the Combined Board of ASO.-BOI.

Present: Sisters Barcal, Dunovsky, Freiberg, Kos, Krizenecky, Prchal, Ptacek, Schnabl, Tintera, Udaykee, Vesely, Mach. Bros. Barcal, Fina, Freiberg, Halik, Lebloch, Linhart, Ptacek, Satek, Sula, Vrba. Excused: Sisters Halik, Pokorny, Pekarek, bro. Basta.

The stencils of the ASO. Tournament Rules will be checked by sis. Schnabl, who will help make necessary corrections.

Letters: Two received from the Western District (bros. R. Lastovica and J. Bures) requesting bro. Tomanek and sis. Krizenecky as instructors for their Western District Instructors Course in June. Approved in accordance with rules.

They also requested a Follow-up Instructor's Course, similar to the one in Chicago last January. It was moved that we recommend that they select two weekends in October and we will try to get a gymnasium to comply with one of the dates.

The Southern District complained about our representation at the AAU. Convention and a request for Instructors School. It was explained that unfortunately bro. Palas did not attend the Gymnastics Session. Bro. Hosek explained that he was not delegated to represent ASO. Bro. Fina said a few words. Sis. secretary is to reply to this letter and also send them a copy of the rules on instructors and workshops.

Received copies of the "Sokol Gymnast." Bro. Slavik states that two more issues are almost ready.

MGA. sent out a list of all Sokol events.

Newsletter from President's Council on Physical Fitness was passed around for the members to read.

From SGUS. a letter inviting participation and questionnaires to be filled out for their 2nd Invita-

tional Summer Gymnastics Training School to be held in 1964.

Men's BOI. minutes were read. It was suggested that the different Sokol organizations be invited to participate in our Slet Competitions and that they join us in our calisthenics. Those to be invited would be the Polish Falcons, Federation of D. A. Sokols, SGUS., Czechoslovak Sokols Abroad, Catholic Czech Sokols, Slovak Catholic Sokols, Orel, Greek Catholic Union (Pittsburgh), Canadian Sokols. These organizations should be reminded that they be cleared by their respective AAU's, etc., for participation.

The 28th Quadrennial National Convention of the Polish Falcons of America will be held July 1st to 8th, 1964. There will be a Track and Field Meet at Rockne Stadium, Cicero, Ill., and a banquet. It was suggested that there be some ASO. representation at these events.

Women's BOI. minutes contained the following recommendations: A committee be formed to work on all entrances for all classes, etc., at Slet and a chart be made up for everyone who has anything to do with facilitating them. Approved.

New business: FIG tournament rules will be published with 2 pages of changes. Approved.

Workshop rules stencils are to be sent out.

1965 SLET: It was decided that guest organizations be allowed to compete in their official uniforms.

The Slet work, apparatus and calisthenics will not be filmed. Approved.

A Central AAU. Meet will be held on April 19th, at Bernard Horwick Center.

The two Directors and their 1st and 2nd Assistants will be in charge of all clinics. Secure their instructors, and delegate the work. Approved.

The tape which Prof. Kubina composed for the 1965 men's and women's Slet calisthenics was played. With a few minor suggestions it is expected to be accepted.

Mili Udaykee, Secretary

Report of the ASO. Director of Men

Bro. Erhenberger requested drills. Mailed the calisthenics for boys and men—called sis. Prchal regarding calisthenics for girls and women.

Attended exhibitions of Sokol Brookfield, Sokol Tabor and program of Polish Falcons District No. 2.

Bro. Polach of Fresno requested calisthenics with wands which I am composing. Tournament Rules are mimeographed.

Spoke at Sokol Slavsky's exhibition.

Sis. Cihak called regarding track material for Pacific District. I sent bro. Pokorny old forms of tables of points which we used several years ago.

Bro. Erhenberger asked for music which I taped and sent.

Men's apparatus and junior apparatus moves sent by bro. Slavik, turned over to gymnastic committee. Letter from sis. Prevratil explaining Southern District's request to teach in their school and to select assistant.

Talked to sis. Jelinek regarding uniforms. The junior boys are to be boxer trunks with loops for Sokol belt until she makes a contact with some firm

to produce tailored trunks for junior boys. Materials for all other uniforms are now in full supply.

A request to serve on the staff of the Summer Gymnastic Committee.

Notice from U.S. Olympic Gymnastics Development Committee about Easter Week gymnastic clinic, March 22-26 at San Fernando State College. Bro. and sis. Palas are on the staff there. Notice about Olympic Gymnastic Qualifying Round for Women at Hunter College of City University of N.Y.C. Sis. Zabka is director. Eastern District ASO., Metropolitan AAU. and Hunter College are co-sponsors.

School rules are needed.

Edwin J. Halik

Report of the ASO. Director of Women

Women's BOI. meeting was held Wednesday, March 11th.

Received: Letter of thanks from Western District Technical Board for Clinic sponsored by ASO.-BOI.

Letter with names and addresses of Polish Falcon District No. 2 directors from Miss Joan Wolak.

Letter from Ernestine (Russell) Carter, asking me to judge for the USGF. National Meet to be held in Iowa City, Iowa, April 16, 17, and 18th; expenses to be paid. Accepted.

Correspondence requesting various information and material; some of this material must be translated. I would like to fulfill all of these requests and do, but would like to receive them enough in advance to be able to send them in time for the programs they are to be used for.

Judged on February 29th for the Chicago Park District at Lake Shore Park.

Attended Polish Falcon District No. 2 exhibition Sunday, March 8th, Sokol Brookfield exhibition, Saturday, March 7th, and a 2-day exhibition of my own unit, Sokol Tabor, March 21st and 22nd.

Have been assisting with teaching in units in preparation for their annual exhibitions.

Mildred Prchal

FROM OUR DISTRICTS

EASTERN DISTRICT

Meeting held February 17th, 1964, with 12 present.

Reports were read on the ASO. Tour to New York. Tour will arrive in New York at noon on June 19th. Sokol New York planning dinner and program for visitors.

CSA. lodges planning 110th Anniversary program in New York on June 20th. United Sokols preparing one hour program for Czechoslovak Day at World's Fair on June 21st.

Bro. Capek, Director of Men, reported that no date could be set for Sokol Day at the Fair for 1964. A date will be set for 1965.

Sis. Zabka has accepted the office of Director of Women of the Eastern District.

All events of the Units of the Eastern District appear in the Calendar of Events.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Annual meeting was held February 23rd. Units with less than 100 members will be allowed 2 delegates.

Bro. Hosek submitted an extensive report on the activity of Sokol Dallas and mentioned that the loan on their building is almost paid. The property is valued at \$132,000.00.

All of the Units reported on their gymnastic activity as well as participation in the State Fair programs.

Sis. Prevratil, Secretary, reported on work accomplished during the year. The District receives an annual contribution of \$500.00 from the Slavonic Benevolent Society of the State of Texas.

Also reported on the progress of the stamp campaign and urged all to cooperate.

The names of the newly elected officers appear in the March issue of S.A.

Resolutions were sent to the Supreme Lodge of SPJST., ASO., WBFA., to Czech publications, sis. M. Rendl, W. Laznovsky, Slavonic Mutual Fire Insurance Assn. of San Antonio and to Sokol Zizka.

The BOI. held their meeting on the morning and submitted a report.

The District moved and approved that \$100.00 be paid to each of the Directors for the Clinic in Sarasota or Phoenix. The annual meeting of the District will be held November 22nd in Dallas. The regular meetings of the District are to be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Czechoslovak Day is scheduled for October 11th at the State Fair.

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

Meeting held February 19th with 17 representatives present.

Sokol Cleveland-Cech Havlicek inaugurated drive for new members at their Annual Exhibition and had petitions circulated for the issuance of the stamp.

Sokol Nova Vlast reported that 150 petitions were sent to the Postmaster, and that letters and petitions were sent to all organizations that meet at Česká Síň. The exhibition of the Unit was a success.

Meeting Held March 18, 1964

Brother Suster presided with 23 present.

Brother Suster reported that the various units of the N.E. District as well as the District as a whole, received publicity in newspapers in such far away places as London, England.

Sister Hantl, Women's Director, announced that gymnasts from the three Cleveland Sokol units competed at the AAU. meet March 1, 1964, as American Sokol and received many honors, including:

Low division girls won a trophy, placing second as a team. Cathy Soltis, Sokol Tyrs, won a trophy for second place. The girls' intermediate group won a trophy. Linda Lang and Sandra Moody placed fourth in their competition. Jim Reis placed first in several events including the rings and parallel bars.

Brother Suster announced that from August 28, 1964, to September 7, 1964, Cleveland Parade of Progress and the All Nations Fair will join to open the new Cleveland convention facilities, present-

ing programs, arts, crafts and music of the various nationality groups of Cleveland. An attendance of 560,000 is expected at this festival. As a member of the Mayor's Committee for this great event, brother Suster invited the three Sokol units of Cleveland to participate, either as a group or as individual units. This invitation is a wonderful opportunity for Sokols to present their program to the public! People from Ohio and Northern United States will be invited to the affair.

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Meeting held February 19th with 23 delegates present.

The District will hold the 1965 Slet in St. Louis on June 5th-6th, 1965. The President and Directors of Men and Women will go to St. Louis to discuss further details concerning the Slet and the possibility of conducting Central District competitions.

Bro. Lebloch gave a report on the activity of the BOI. The Trophy Committee held a special meeting. The joint BOI will prepare the Slet program.

Sis. Schnabl reported on her work during the past month. Two gymnastic clinics were held for junior girls and women. Special meeting of the women's BOI will be held to set up a recording and tabulating system for competitions.

5,000 publicity pamphlets for promoting the Slet will be distributed at all unit exhibitions.

Slet committees will meet to discuss the various phases of the Slet work.

The Directors of Men and Women sent out bulletins promoting our efforts for issuance of a Sokol postage stamp.

PACIFIC DISTRICT

Meeting held February 18th and March 3rd. Present 8 members. May 9th and 10th has been approved for the event in Fresno. The District re-

commends that sis. Prchal visit each unit separately: Los Angeles, Fresno, San Francisco, Scio and possibly Seattle, and hope the ASO. will assume the financial obligations.

The events at Fresno will include children's competitions and program. It was also agreed to conduct a pentathlon and volleyball tournament for juniors and seniors. Each Unit will be requested to submit one or two numbers for the Saturday evening program, either by children or adults. Sis. Bessie Haralik was elected District Secretary for 1964.

Trophies will be purchased for the volleyball competitions and three medals for each division in the pentathlon.

Resoluce.

Sokolská župa Jižní konala 23. února 1964 svou výroční schůzi, na které usneseno:

PONĚVADŽ zástupci sokolských jednot župy Jižní vyslovili svoje uznání a díky Výkonnému Výboru Americké Obce Sokolské za dobré vedení činnosti sokolské větve v Americe, a

PONĚVADŽ byla zvláště uznána a oceněna obětavost, láska a vytrvalost a věrnost vedoucích úředníků k zájmům sokolské myšlenky, bylo jednomyslně usneseno

PODĚKOVAT všem bratřím a sestřám, kteří se činnosti pro blaho sokolské věci účastní a vyslovit plně uznání za práci doposud vykonanou a tlumočit vřelé přání plného zdraví a úspěchu při plnění vážných úkolů pro dobro Amerického Sokolstva v budoucnosti.

Se sokolským Nazdar!

Resoluční výbor Sokolské župy Jižní:

Annastazie Jurcik
Anna Busch
Anna Smrcka

KAREL M. PRCHAL

BRATRSKÁ LÁSKA.

Již v březnu roku 1865, v projevu o veřejném cvičení Sokola Pražského, velký zakladatel Sokolstva, dr. Miroslav Tyrš, mimo jiné řekl, že "vzájemnou všech bratří láskou odchovati se máme ve spolek co pokolení i jaré i přísné, nejen síly, ale i vůle tuhé." Tedy od počátku sokolského usilování láska prostupovala sokolské snažení a do dnešních dní tím, že sokolské zásady prostoupené láskou dáváme svému okolí a národu, dostalo se nám radosti z jejich výsledků a z jejich úspěchů.

Svým příkladem upravujeme prostředí, do kterého vstupují naši noví členové. Otevřme tedy všechny prameny oddanosti a lásky, aby proudily do našeho i jejich života. Vždyť mimo lásku života není — a je-li přece, není to život lidský. Navazujeme vztahy citu a oddanosti mezi sebou i okolím. Štěstí a bohatství spočívá ve vztazích a pochopení k lidem a věcem.

Kolik lásky naleznete v našem bratrském kruhu! Jsou jí naplněni všichni ti bezejmenní služebníci věci sokolské, všichni cvičenci, cvičitelé, vzdělavaatelé a činovníci na všech úsecích našeho usilování.

Získáváme nové členstvo a chceme je připoutat do kruhu bratrského. Ukázněným, poctivým životem sokolským můžeme bohatství bratrství rozmnožit.

Zajděte do cvičení mládeže! Jak dovede být vděčna za úsměv, za obětavost vedoucího, který pronikl k její srdci, který ukázal, že jí má opravdu rád! Málokde najdete tolik lásky, kolik ji září z očí mládeže na jejich vedoucího. Jest to kouzlo, které přinese radostné výhledy do budoucna, které vykoná divy, které vykoná velké věci v Sokole i ve světě. Z očí mládeže hovoří radost, protože láska u ní není zatlačena do pozadí, jako často bývá u lidí starších.

Velké duše vyrůstají v lásce. Ty velké duše potřebujeme. Člověk může mít malé společenské postavení, nemusí oplývat statky pozemskými — ale má-li velkou duši, je velikým i v té každodenní drobné práci. Ne velké gesto, ne široká ústa, ale duše, ve které hoří plamen velké vzájemnosti. Člověk, který nic a nikoho nemá rád, nežije, ale živoří. Jeho duše stůně na nedostatek duševních vznětů, na nedostatek vřelých citů.

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Cokoliv velkého a dobrého se zrodilo na této zemi, co vyžadovalo velkého úsilí, při tom byla jistě i velká láska. Z tohoto posvátného zdroje, z lásky důvěřivé a důvěřující, obětavé, vše očekávající a vše dávající čerpal náš Tyrš a Fuegner sílu, viru i naději. Naše slety a vše, co v Sokolstvu bylo vykonáno, svědčí o nezměrné lásce. I to poslání: vše pro náš lid, k jeho štěstí, za jeho silné zítřky mluví stejným tónem. Tělo i ducha vychovávat, ochránit ho bídných a tíživých pout.

I naši předkové zanechali nám slavný odkaz velké lásky a kázně. Živé lásky k pravdě a vlasti, jdoucí z hloubi duše, z upřímného pramene citu.

Něco a někoho mít rád, mít vědomí, že také nás někdo chová ve svém srdci, je smyslem života. V srdci každého člověka jsou struny, které se zachvějí, když lidské vřelé city se jich dotknou. Krásně to napsal Otokar Březina ve velké básni o lásce. Zde malé úryvky: "Bratři! Vaše láska se plní jak stromoví jižní: plody má uprostřed květů a dech její roven šepotu soumraků v měsíci jarního tání." . . . "Bez bázně pohlíží láska v zrcadle noci, jež ztravují přízraky barev, však hlubiny svoje dokorán otevrou světlou, a vteřiny její čítány nejsou padáním krupějí z oblaků tohoto času, jenž sluneční hodiny její pokrývá vrženým stínem . . ." "Odměnou vaší budou chvíle, kdy uvidíte zemi světlou své lásky . . ."

Přistupujme s laskavým srdcem k našim malým i k dospělým a ve všech očích rozhoříme plápol důvěry a lásky. Ta převede nás přes kamenité cesty, které nám osud určil. Přísloví nám praví: Jak se do lesa volá, tak se z lesa ozývá. Buďme tedy příkladem v lásce, v práci, v kázni. Burcujme pochopení a nadšení pro krásné poslání sokolské. Souzvuk myslí, který utvrdí vzájemnou viru a zesílí vzájemnou lásku přispěje k dílu, které je obsahem sokolských duší a smyslem sokolského života. To je sokolská láska, podložená heslem "Jeden za všechny, všichni za jednoho". Nikdy si ji vzájemně neslibujeme, velmi málo o ní mluvíme. A přece její páaska nepřetrhne se do smrti.

Znáte to číslo? Jest to počet členů, kterým nejméně máme rozšířit řady Americké Obce Sokolské k našemu století! Neodkládejte! Získávejte nové členstvo!

Udělejte svou věc cele, dobře, včas a s láskou! Čím větší bude Vaše práce, tím spokojenější budete s jejím výsledkem.

Novinky z kampaně pro sokolskou poštovní známku.

Senát státu Maryland odhlasoval zvláštní resoluci.

Úspěch se dostaví — když v práci nepolevíme!

Každý den přicházejí do úřadovny Americké Obce Sokolské nové zprávy z nejrůznějších míst Spojených států, jak se propagace pro vydání sokolské poštovní známky rozrůstá. Pozoruhodného úspěchu dosáhl br. Edward Štětka, náčelník Sokola Baltimore, Md. Organisoval petiční akci a psaní dopisů senátorům a kongresníkům tak rychle a důkladně, že již 14. února t. r. odhlasoval senát státu Maryland zvláštní resoluci, ve které je žádáno o vydání sokolské známky. V resoluci je zdůrazněn velký význam výsledků stoleté činnosti Amerického Sokolstva, dosažených ve výchově mládeže k fyzické, duchovní i morální zdatnosti pro upevnění zdraví národa. Je tam také pochvalné uznání Sokolu za to, že z vlastních prostředků stavěl Sokolovny, podporoval vyučování cizím jazykům, zakládal knihovny, vydržoval své vlastní letní tábory pro děti, aniž by žádal o vládní, nebo státní podporu a ve své činnosti důsledně dodržoval heslo "Ni zisk, ni slávu". Senát státu Maryland se usnesl, aby Americkému Sokolstvu bylo vysloveno blahopřání i pevná důvěra, že sokolská poštovní známka bude ke 14. únoru 1965 vydána. Dále bylo rozhodnuto, aby resoluce byla poslána všem členům Domu zástupců státu Maryland, Gen. Poštmistroví a br. Edward Štětka, náčelníkovi Sokola Baltimore, Md.

Resoluce senátu státu Maryland je příkladem, co všechno je možno ve prospěch poštovní sokolské známky podniknout. Takové příklady je třeba následovat, aby ve Washingtonu poznali, že si Americké Sokolstvo vydání poštovní známky skutečně zaslouží.

Také z jiných států přicházejí zprávy o příslibech podpory četných senátorů a kongresníků ve prospěch sokolské známky, příslibu sponzorství pro sokolské oslavy od p. Stan Musiala, Special Consultant to the President on Physical Fitness, který napsal, že je dobře obeznámen se vším, co Sokolstvo pro výchovu mládeže v Americe vykonalo.

Známková kampaň se rozjíždí slibně i ve vzdálenějších místech. Manželé Štěpa a Tony Čechovi z Owosso, Mich., dali podepisovat petice v továrně na výrobu motorů, v odbočce ČsNRA. Masarykovo Sdružení, v řádu ZČBJ. a ČSA. Br. Čech také ve své rozhlasové půlhodině známkovou petiční akci propaguje. Ses. Božena Valušková z Grand Blanc, Mich., vyzývá spolky i jednotlivce v jiných státech, aby známkovou akci zahájili.

Br. C. Jahoda v St. Petersburgu, Fla. provedl petiční akci v odbočce ČsNRA James Hovorka, v řádu ČSA., poslal dopisy senátorům i kongresníkům a žádá další petice. Ses. Sophie Guča z Pitts-

burghu, Pa. oznamuje zahájení kampaně a jména senátorů i kongresníků, kteří již jim odpověděli. Neúnavná spolková pracovnice ses. Božka Valčíková rozeslala petice spolkům a řádům v Dallas, Texas a jeho okolí, petiční akci provádějí Sokol San Francisco, Fresno, Milwaukee, Detroit, Cleveland, Sokol Fuegner a Dělnický Americký Sokol, New York, Sokol Baltimore dal natisknout svoje zvláštní dopisy, které členstvo rozesílá senátorům a kongresníkům. Tisíce podpisů bylo získáno na veřejných cvičeních sokolských jednot Tábor, Berwyn, na oslavě 75. výročí Sokolic, Omaha, Nebr.

Hodně bylo již pro vydání poštovní známky vykonáno, ale ještě více zbývá vykonat. Nesmíme v kampani ani na chvíli ustát. Pomozte všichni! Pište všichni a pište co nejdříve! Spolkům pošleme petice. Pište si o ně: AOS., 5611 W. Cermak Rd., Cicero 50, Ill.

VŠE PRO ZDAR SOKOLSKÉ POŠTOVNÍ ZNÁMKY V R. 1965.

KAREL M. PRCHAL

80 let Sokola Crete, Nebraska

V památku Národní Jednoty Sokolské z roku 1904 je článku o Sokolu Crete, ve kterém je psáno, že byl založen 4. května 1883. Stejný den a rok je uveden v Česko-americkém sborníku sokolském na rok 1916 a opět na rok 1917, na rok 1918 je 3. května 1883. V Sokole Americkém ze dne 15. května 1894 je oznámení, že konal tohoto měsíce oslavu svého desítiletí a v Sokole Americkém ze dne 15. června 1895, že jednota uspořádala 6. května veřejné cvičení na oslavu 11letého trvání. Jednota byla v pravdě založena 4. května 1884, a tedy letošního roku slaví 80 let svého trvání.

První průkopníci směle myšlenky o založení Sokola šli záměrně za svým cílem, vytvořit jednotu zdravou a postavit jí vlastní tělocvičnu. Lásky k národu a sokolské myšlenky je povznášela. Všemi silami o cíl svůj usilovali, strádali a bojovali za jeho uskutečnění.

Svým nadšením, houževnatou prací a svou obětavostí zvítězili.

Jednota má historii, která mluví o plnění sokolského poslání, o jednotě cele oddané výchově mládeže i členstvu. Která měla význačnou účast na dění ve svém městě, na činnosti župy, sletech župy i Obce, zájezdech, cvičitelských školách, na akcích k osvobození rodných krajů v obou světových válkách. Několikrát vypravila slet župy Západní a též roku letošního je jeho pořadatelem. Za svoji činnost, za svůj postoj má úctu celého města. Místní časopis o ní píše často a vždycky pěkně.

Ti, kteří jsou zasvěceni do podrobností sokolského života v Crete ví, že se zde pracuje dobře a radostně. S činností Sokola jde ruku v ruce i činnost Sokolic, jejichž založení se nese do roku 1889. Bez nich by mnohé úspěchy byly nemyslitelné.

Vedle práce v tělocvičně věnována značná pozornost i práci vzdělávací. Je zde zdravý život společenský a když se sestry a bratři sejdou, rádi si vespolek zaspívají.

Členstvo dnešní není menší těch prvních. Děkuji mu za věrné vytrvání u praporu sokolského a za všechno, čím se tak pěkně zapsalo do činnosti Obce. Blahopřejí k vzácnému jubileu a přejí ze srdce úspěchy v podnikání budoucna.

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k jeho trvání 80 let.

Věnují:

Franta J. a Adella Prášková,
Crete, Nebraska

Eliška Kostková

Za Frankem Kuncem.

Opět nás opustil jeden z dlouholetých členů Sokola Wilber, br. Frank Kunc. Byl švagrem ses. Anny Kuncové, jejíž úmrtí bylo oznámeno v březnovém čísle Sokola Amerického. Zemřel 8. března a 19. by se byl dožil 90 let.

Br. Kunc byl dobrý, spolehlivý a obětavý pracovník. Pilně se účastnil činnosti jednoty; při podnicích byl strážcem dveří. Byl jedním z těch starých pilířů jednoty, který se řídil heslem: "Ni zisk, ni slávu."

Br. Kunc budeme v našem středu postrádat. Zachováme mu čestnou památku. Jeho jméno bude zapsáno v dějinách jednoty a také v sokolských srdcích.

Budiž mu země lehkou . . .

Karel M. Prchal

M. R. Štefánik.

Čtyřicáté páté výročí jeho smrti, den 4. května 1919, zastihuje jeho Slovensko, pro které žil, pracoval i umřel, na nové cestě, než jakou on si představoval. Snil o svobodné zemi, vlasti Čechů a Slováků, která bude žít šťastně ve svobodné Evropě. Byla uvržena do svazku národů ujařmených. Věrní, vytrvalí, stateční bratři i sestry museli zanechat licho, na niž nadšeně a s odvahou pracovali, kde vedli, vychovávali a vzdělávali. Tito hrdinové neprohráli — byli zrazeni společně s národem.

Sen mrtvého hrdiny však nezemřel. Dílo Štefánikovo mluví stále k národu a příklad jeho osobnosti hovoří o vytrvalé práci a víře, která trpělivě, ale stále buduje a tvoří. Mluví o muži vroucího citění vlasteneckého, který nikde v širém světě, zahrnut počtami, nezapomněl na ten malý kousek horami zbrázděné rodné země. Vypráví o muži úžasné energie, jehož chuť k práci rostla zdoláváním překážek, jež se mu nakupily v cestu. Povídá o hrdé důvěře ve vlastní síly, která dovedla si razit samostatně cestu výš. Mluví o nesmírném sebezapírání, jež dovedlo přemáhat osobní bolesti, slabost, nemoc, bylo-li potřeba sil pro práci ve prospěch celku. Mluví o tichém hrdinství, jež dovede dobrovolně dát síly do služeb národa a jež se neleká ani ran, ani bolesti, ani smrti. Takový odkaz nemůže být umlčen převratem dějin. Jeho poslání zůstává i nyní po

45 letech nezměněno: Učit a vychovávat národ příkladem života, práce, lásky a oběti. Setba Štefánikova nevyhyne. Národ bude i v budoucnosti mít ve vývoji svobody střední Evropy mnoho tvoření. Bude pracovat k nejvyšším metám lidského snažení. Bude mu dopřáno znovu dožít se splnění tužeb díla Štefánikova. V srdci každého člověka je skryt svatý oheň touhy po svobodě a zdánlivě nepatrná jiskřička je opět rozdmýchávána v mocný plamen lásky k národu a jeho šťastnému příští.

Vzpomínáme smrti — ale Štefánik je a bude živ. V jeho duchu a ke cti jeho památky žijí statisíce věrných duší a jeho odkaz odevzdají příštím pokolením.

Schůze Výk. Výboru Americké Obce Sokolské,

konaná v úterý 24. března 1964.

Přítomni: bři. Brouk, Čihák, Halík, Kropík, Prchal, Rabas a Vodrážka. Sestry: Čiháková, Faltová, Prchalová a Welclová. Omluven br. Vrba.

ZPRÁVY

Došly zápisy ze schůze župy Východní, Severovýchodní a Střední, z výroční schůze župy Jižní, a zápisy ze dvou schůzí župy Pacifické.

DOPISY

Čsl. Národní Rada Americká pozvala k účasti na sjezdu. Členové V. V. se sjezdu účastní.

Kanadský Sokol poslal pozvání k účasti na XVII. Čsl. dnu a na Sokolském sletu. Bude poslán pozdrav.

Župa Pacifická oznámila, že župní školy nebude možno konat s ohledem na velké vzdálenosti mezi jednotlivými jednotami a pro časové potíže. Práší by si, aby ses. Prchalová navštívila všechny cvičící jednoty na pobřeží a doufají, že vydaje s tím spojené uhradí Americká Obec Sokolská. Další podrobnosti budou muset být projednány s jednotlivými jednotami.

Po delší rozpravě bylo schváleno, aby župa Pacifická byla požádána o předložení rozvrhu zájezdu a programu kursů pro ses. Prchalovou a br. Čiháka s podmínkou, že župa uhradí svoji část vydání.

Župa Jižní žádá, aby ses. Čiháková nebo br. Čihák se účastnili jejich výročního sletu, který se bude konat 18. a 19. července v Ennis.

Sokol Crete, který má na starosti pořádání sletu župy Západní 13. a 14. června, žádal o vyslání br. Prchala, anebo ses. Čihákové. Bylo usneseno, aby prozatím nebyli vysíláni řečníci na župní slety na útraty AOS.

Župa Jižní žádá o vyslání br. Halíka do župního kursu a dalšího cvičitele budou-li mít podle pravidel dostatečný počet cvičenců. Schváleno.

ZPRÁVA JEDNATELKY

Došlo následující poděkování: "Mrs. Kennedy hluboce oceňuje projev Vaší sympatie a je vděčna za Vaši účast."

Bylo posláno blahopřání Jednotě ČSA. k 110. výročí.

Byl poslán pozdrav ke sjezdu Amerického Dělnického Sokola v New Yorku.

Byly vyřízeny žádosti o zaslání čtvrtletních zpráv, odznaků, sokolského materiálu, cvičení, divadelních knížek, gramofonových desek a čapek ke stejnojmenným a rozmnoženy blány pro náčelnictvo.

Zúčastnila se oslavy 75. výročí Sokolic Omaha. Bylo hovořeno o vycházkových krojích. Bylo žádáno, aby jejich popis s obrázky byly znovu uveřejněny v S.A.

V tomto měsíci byla úřadovna hodně pracovně zatížena. Ses. Faltová věnovala 60 hodin dobrovolné práce. Bylo jí Výkonným Výborem poděkováno za spolupráci.

Ses. jednatelka upozorňuje, že březnové číslo S.A. přináší na 5 stranách adresář Americké Obce Sokolské. Březnové číslo S.A. má 24 stran. Připomíná, že když je odpočtena titulní strana obálky, její vnitřní strana s kalendářem událostí a oznámení, zůstává k uveřejnění ostatní látka jen 12 stran. Domnívá se, že bude nutné zhustit obsah zpráv i zápisy ještě více, než jak se stalo v březnovém čísle.

Ses. Čiháková podala zprávu o postupu práce pro zájezd do New Yorku na Světovou výstavu a Čsl. den. Schválena oznámka v Denním Hlasateli.

Br. Halík přečetl zápis ze schůze náčelnictva a svou zprávu náčelníka.

Ses. Prchalová přečetla svou zprávu náčelnice.

Br. Čihák oznámil, že navštívil mnoho podniků a promluvil při každé příležitosti, která mu byla dána ve prospěch sokolské známky.

Dále předložil zprávu Výboru pro sokolskou známku a ze schůze konané 24. března.

Bylo schváleno, aby náklady spojené s pořízením alegorického vozu pro průvod na Polském Dnu Nezávislosti byly rozpočteny a aby sokolské organizace, zastoupené ve Výboru pro sokolskou známku byly požádány o úhradu jejich dílu vydajů.

Bylo schváleno doporučení k objednání 30,000 lístků k pokračování ve známkové kampani.

Br. Čihák přečetl odpověď, kterou obdržel od Arthura Schneidera, autora článku v Daily News "Who Needs Exercise for a Long Life?". Zmínka o tomto článku bude také v S.A.

Od Sokolic Omaha došel dopis s poděkováním ses. Čihákové za její účast na oslavě jubilea 75 let.

Br. Prchal podal zprávu o schůzce se zástupcem pojišťovny, nabízející skupinové pojištění jako prostředek k získání příjmu (fund raising project), které se účastnil se ses. Čihákovou a Němečkovou ze Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Výkonný Výbor neschvaluje prodávání nabízeného pojištění členstvu, protože s námi spolupracují a dlouhá léta Sokol podporují Československé Spolky v Americe, Západní Česko-Bratrská Jednota, Slovenská Podporující Jednota státu Texas a Jednota Českých Dam a Pánů. Schváleno.

Br. Prchal podal zprávu o své návštěvě veřejných cvičení našich jednot a Polského Sokola i slavnosti Ústředny Moravských Spolků, které se také účastnili ses. a br. Čihákoví i ses. Faltová.

Br. Prchal navrhl svolání schůze Sletového výboru. Dále přednesl prozatímní návrh předsedů některých odborů, který byl přijat. Bylo usneseno, aby generální schůze výboru pro jubilejní slet konala se 29. dubna. Prozatímní předsedové Sletového výboru se sejdou k přípravě programu této schůze 31. března.

Br. Prchal poděkoval za podané zprávy i za vykonanou práci a schůzi ukončil.

Bláza J. Čiháková, jednatelka.

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