

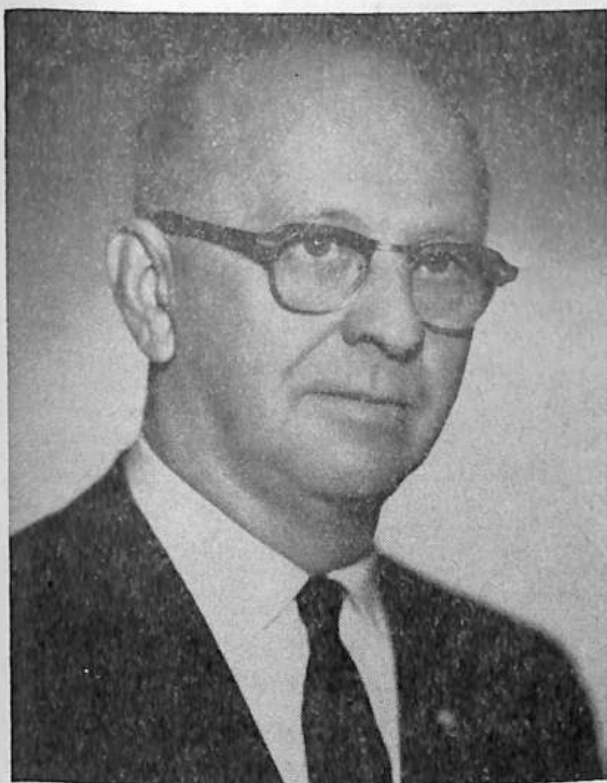
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PROCLAMATION



The formation of the Centennial Slet Committee on Wednesday, April 29, 1964, was the opening shot in the preparatory work for the most important Slet in our history. You realize the importance of this event, as your work for the issuance of the commemorative stamp has well indicated. Your efforts in this campaign, the enthusiasm, originality and dedication with which

they have been conducted, assure us of the unqualified success of the Centennial Slet.

Preparations for an event of this importance had to be initiated months earlier than had been the custom in the past. Our membership drive, Pilgrimage to St. Louis, Missouri, and the campaign for the Commemorative Stamp as well as the ASO. Convention in Chicago in 1965 will all require the finest efforts of every Sokol. Time, general conditions, and a universal appreciation for those conducting physical fitness programs are all on our side.

We therefore ask you to:

Secure for your unit the greatest possible number of members;

Begin your preparations for a massive participation and attendance at the Slet;

Start your traveling funds for your corps of gymnasts to make certain the inspiration and dedication of this Slet will live long in their memories;

Prepare your material for the historical exhibit of your unit and district;

Prepare your unit and district history for publication;

Cooperate to the fullest to assure the success of all of the Centennial events and everything connected with them.

We have something very valuable in our Sokol System of training and ideals. Let our actions for and in the Centennial year make them available to our entire nation.

JAMES L. CIHAK, President
Centennial Slet

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Sokol Detroit

Four of our gymnasts—Vlasta and Marguerite Novacek, Renata Zboril and Marilyn Michalek provided the entertainment at our Joint Annual Meeting.

We had two skating parties this year.

Gym classes have started at the Polish Falcon Hall on Junction. Participation in all classes has been most gratifying.

Calisthenics are well along in all classes and we encourage more of you to enroll for classes, especially in the men's and women's classes. After classes we enjoy a lively volleyball game or two, everyone is welcome.

Children's and junior classes participated in writing letters to the U. S. Postmaster General requesting a Commemorative Stamp for the 100th Anniversary of the Sokol Movement.

Harry Valek, Jim Kalivoda, Louis Teichman and Ed Martin attended a gymnastic workshop at Rossford, Ohio, on April 5th at which time a few minor corrections were noted on the calisthenics.

Sokolice Detroit had a very well attended and successful Card Party and we had an excellent turn out for our Sokol Dance, over 400 people enjoyed dining and dancing to Joe Tome's Dance Band.

Future dates to remember . . . Verejny at Sandy Bottom Lake—Sokol Camp, July the 12th, and another Summer Festival is planned for Saturday, August 22nd, everyone invited to attend.

Nuff for now. Nazdar!

Chuck Bares

Calendar of Events

- MAY 27th—SOKOLICE HAVLICEK-TYRS, Chicago, 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 PHYSICAL 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, Cleveland, Ohio — SLET
JULY 12th—SOUTH OMAHA SOKOL DAY at Sokol Park.
JULY 12th—SOKOL FUEGNER TYRS, S. Omaha Nebr. — Sokol Day at Sokol Camp.
JULY 12th—SOKOL DETROIT SLET — Sandy Bottom Lake. N.E. District Excursion.
JULY 19th—SOKOL WASHINGTON, D. C. Picnic
JULY 26th—SOKOL ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA. Picnic at Sokol Camp, Pine City, Minn.

Important Announcement

ON

New York World's Fair Tour

Additional accommodations have been secured for TOUR #1 to the Fair. Make your reservations immediately by sending a deposit of \$25.00. Tour leaves Chicago Thursday, June 18th — returning June 26th.

TOUR #1

New York City - World's Fair - Czechoslovak Day
Radio City Music Hall - Philadelphia - Sokol
Belcamp and Bata Shoe Co. - Washington, D. C.

TOUR #2

Visit Three Great National Parks—Glacier, Banff and Jasper National Parks. — Leaves Chicago July 28th, returning Chicago August 10th. — Combination rail and bus trip.

TOUR #3

See the Hawaiian Islands during Aloha Week via Pan American World Airways. Visit the Islands of Oahu—Hawaii—Maui—Kauai. — Tour leaves Chicago Sunday, October 11th, returning October 25th. Reservations may be made in the American Sokol Org. office, 5611 W. Cermak Rd., Cicero, Illinois.

WANTED

DIRECTOR—for Sokol Slavsky-Town of Lake Children's Camp at Willow Springs, Ill. Please contact: Frank Sula, President Camp Committee, 2312 So. 22nd Avenue, Broadview, Illinois.

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JAMES L. CIHAK

FUTURE SOKOL LEADERS FUND

(Its Purpose and Background)

The need for a fund of at least a half million dollars to be used specifically for the training of future Sokol leaders in every branch of the Sokol program had been felt for a long time. The limited funds at the disposal of the Executive Board of ASO. could not be counted on to even initiate a well rounded educational program. As long as fine teachers and instructors were available from Czechoslovakia the need was not readily apparent. Still even in those decades, translations of Sokol literature, thought and poetry would have developed a fine corps of workers at all levels. That void is now keenly felt by every serious student of the situation, past and present.

This literary gold is still an untapped Comstock Lode waiting for qualified professional action to bring it to the attention of an awakened America.

The idea of the fund was at first ridiculed as being naive and unattainable. At the Convention in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 1960, the proposal for the creation of the fund was presented and unani- mously accepted. Though enthusiasm ran high at the time the fund even today has not gotten off the ground, let alone act as the spur for intensive training. There is plenty of good technical gym- nastic training material available in English. It is the philosophical and idealistic material we need because there is practically nothing at hand.

American writers cannot produce this because their idea of sports and physical training is based upon entirely different concepts. Here the primary thought is to produce specialists, stars in specific fields. Everything is sacrificed to the idea of win- ning teams. The appeal is to excel and then be- come a professional. The results of this shortsighted policy can be seen everywhere, causing serious reflection in official circles. At least America is finally waking up.

As stated above the Sokol literature is a rich one, but it is all in the Czech language. The hand- ful of individuals who have probed its depths are aware of its value, but cannot attempt the task of translation on an amateur basis. The few things that have been attempted have proven their value and give us an idea of what could be done to train our youth if all of it were at hand.

The fund was created for the following main reasons:

1. To secure translations of the great library of Sokol literature and have them published.

2. To obtain the assistance of professionals to teach us how to teach.
3. To publish original Sokol works in English based upon the Sokol idea and ideals.
4. To be able to have more intensive and exten- sive schools, workshops and clinics.
5. To make certain that once all of this has been put into motion it will not be curtailed because of a lack of funds.

These are the primary goals. We feel that if the above becomes a reality we will find enough dedi- cated individuals who will carry on, with the volunteer spirit and élan of the great leaders of the past.

The following contributions to the Fund have been received since the last listing:

In memory of sister Alice Drnec:	
Employees of Strom, Carlson & Lauer.....	\$ 35.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harold E. Carlson Sr. and Mr. & Mrs. Harold E. Carlson Jr.	25.00
Fay T. Gliatto	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Cermak	10.00
In lieu of Christmas cards:	
Anna Klaus	10.00
Blanche and Jim Cihak	15.00
Charles and Mildred Prchal	15.00
Tomáš Spatny	5.00
Richard and Lottie Molcar	3.00
John and Yarmilla Zboril	5.00
Helen Ziegler in memory of Anton, Roberta and Wayne Ziegler	15.00
Interest—Belle Savings account	2.00
Edward Gregor	100.00
Dr. Henry Poupa in memory of John and Anna Poupa	100.00
Jerry Madera in memory of Kristine and Vaclav Madera and Dr. Carl D. Berquist	25.00
Charles T. Kropik	25.00
Jerry & Vlasta Vojta and Mary & Henry Zelenka in memory of James Vanek	5.00
Wm. Zabransky Jr.	5.00
John C. Martin in memory of J. V. Weicl. .	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Richter in memory of Agnes Klement	8.00
Spolecensky Klub Americkyeh Cechoslovaku, Chicago, Ill.	250.00
Mrs. Josephine Gargulak, Laddie and Victor Gargulak Jr., in memory of Victor Gar- gulak Sr.	30.00

Libuse Kalivoda in memory of her Dad, Joseph Kalivoda	10.00
Ferd. and Cecilia Jirsa in memory of Adolph Bazant	25.00
Hilda E. Jelinek in memory of Jarka Jelinek	25.00
Sokol Chicago in memory of Frank Macoun In memory of brother Henry Pokorny, Hopkins, Minn.:	10.00

Mrs. Anna Zajicek, Mr. and Mrs. John Dolejsi and Mr. & Mrs. V. L. Lindstrom	10.00
Mrs. Clara Pokorny	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kaminsky	5.00
Previously reported	12,635.26
	<hr/> \$13,438.26

Czech Immigration In Minnesota

(Reprinted from Sokol Slovo, published by Sokol St. Paul, Minnesota)

Czechs, sometimes referred to as Bohemians, were among the oldest immigrant groups in Minnesota. They began to arrive in the 1850's and numbered nearly 8,000 by 1880. The first immigrants crossed the Atlantic by sailboat which was a long and terrible journey of seven or eight weeks. Thence by rail to Chicago, by boat to Milwaukee, and across Wisconsin by ox team to Minnesota. Some came up the river from St. Louis, after 1858 by rail to East Dubuque, Prairie du Chien or La Crosse and then by steamer to St. Paul. After 1865, it became possible to reach St. Paul by rail.

Bohemians settled in the vicinities of what are now Hopkins, Minnetonka, New Prague, Montgomery, Owatonna, Austin and Chatfield. By 1858 near Silver Lake and Maple Lake. After 1860 there were permanent Czech settlers in and around St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Winona. From 1864 to 1874, Czech immigrants founded homes in Melrose, Olivia, Alexandria, Canby, and Breckenridge. Between 1880 and 1890 Czechs had located in the Red River Valley near Thief River Falls and the far north along the Canadian border. Some of the last Czech settlers came to Pine City in 1892, St. Louis County in 1903, Virginia in 1904 and 1915 in Meadowlands.

One of the first settlers so far traced through contemporary records was Anton Philipp. On coming to St. Paul, he inquired of Bishop Joseph Cretin about a likely place to settle. He was directed to the wooded Minnesota Valley beyond Shakopee as a place where government land was available. He and his family settled on a tract of land fifty miles southwest of St. Paul. They were joined by four more Czech families, and thus a well-known Bohemian settlement in Minnesota, New Prague, got its start. In 1857 church services were being conducted in the settler's homes until their log church was built. In 1878, the first parochial school was founded here.

In 1866 in Owatonna, one of the first educational societies, library, and cemetery associations founded was called "Slovanská Lipa" (Slavic Linden Tree). In 1870, the Society of St. John of Nepomuk in Winona and in St. Paul the Society of St. Vaclav were founded. In 1891 the organization "Catholic Workmen" began in St. Paul and later the headquarters were moved to New Prague.

These educational societies became fraternal insurance organizations and by 1896 there were 11 Czech-Slavic Benevolent Societies in Minnesota.

Z.C.B.J. (Western Bohemian Fraternal Association) lodges are large and well organized in Minnesota today. C.S.P.S. lodges united with other organizations and are known as C.S.A. (Czechoslovak Society of America) today.

The societies built meeting places or "Bohemian Halls" and were the Czech community centers, housing a kitchen, dance floor, and stage for amateur theatricals. Czech libraries were collected, schools established for Czech children to attend Saturday and Sundays to learn to read and write the Czech language. Wherever there was a Sokol Gymnastic Society, the hall was also equipped as a gymnasium.

In St. Paul, the Czech Sokol Gymnastic Society has its beginnings as early as 1872; Sokol Hopkins in 1906; Owatonna 1908; Minneapolis and New Prague in 1912; Montgomery in 1913; Foley and Denham in 1919; Hutchinson in 1923, and Meadowlands in 1927. The Czech cultural heritage was cultivated through these Sokol organizations and is at present. Sokol is primarily an athletic organization with educational and social functions.

As early as 1891, American Czechs from these organizations realized their responsibility to foster better understanding between Czechs and their fellow citizens. Komensky Educational Clubs were founded and were active in many colleges and universities such as the University of Minnesota. Czech books for the school libraries were collected and surrounding communities had sponsored programs, lectures and concerts.

Among Minnesota Czechs who have attained national prominence are Antonin Jurka, musician and St. Paul public school teacher from 1879 to 1887; his actress daughter, Blanche Yurka. The Zeleny brothers, Anthony, Charles and John, formerly professors at the University of Minnesota, University of Illinois and Yale University respectively, and Father Rudolph Bandas, a professor at St. Paul Seminary. Dr. Edward Novak of New Prague, one of Minnesota's longest practicing physicians and his pupil, Dr. Charles Edward Proshok. Dr. Proshok was chosen by the American Red Cross for duty overseas after World War One. In 1928 the Czechoslovak government offered Dr. Proshok the position of Honorary Consul for these Northwestern states. This post he resigned when the Communists took power over the Czech government.

In 1946 Dr. Proshok left his practice again to serve the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Association overseas in displaced persons camps.

The third generation of Czech-Americans carry on in their parents and grandparents footsteps. Fraternal insurance organizations, churches, and Sokol societies meet and carry on in both the Czech and English languages. The love of dancing, music, God and country is forever a part of the Czech people.

Sokol New York News

EDITORIAL:

No immigrant organization can survive solely on the basis of heritage that has been left behind in Europe. But then again, or organization can ever survive without some tradition. Tradition can appear in common descent, common interests, or in common ideals. American Sokol draws its tradition from the Czech and Slovak descent of many of its members, but if it is to survive and draw younger members from the community, it must integrate itself into American life. It must at least in part satisfy the needs of the younger people who are more American than Czech, but it must also preserve their heritage.

It is impossible for American Sokol to thrive, or, for that matter, to be useful, if it must do without either the enthusiastic support of its senior members, or the resources of its second generation members. We need the financial and moral support of our founding members, and we need the coherent effort of younger people.

No doubt all of us agree that American Sokol has both the tradition and vitality that it needs, but its strength is being sapped by petty squabbles among members that are either too shortsighted or mistaken to believe that our purposes can be accomplished without a united effort: We must all work together in an atmosphere of intelligent discussion and compromise, rather than abandon our attempts at maintaining our organization at the first threat of failure.

Sokol Cleveland

The May meeting of Sokol Cleveland Cech-Havlicek was a success and very interesting, with about 65 members present.

The main event of this meeting was to honor those of our members who served us long and well. Our president, bro. Gruber, presented bro. Fred Jirsa with a 50-year pin. Sisters Hattie Large and Libbye Kosin and bro. Frank Cihula received 40 year pins; pins for 25 years of membership and service were awarded to the following: Brother Carl Kase, Jr., bro. John Martanovic, bro. Mike Martanovic, bro. Frank Bobner, sis. Mae Brezina, sis. Mildred Zak and sis. Betty Ruzicka.

Special honors and commendations went to bro. Frank Albl, who has been a faithful member of Sokol Cleveland-Cech-Havlicek for 71 years and bro. James Mikes, who has been a member for 64 years.

After this impressive ceremony, and a delicious repast, we enjoyed movies of many Czechs formerly living in Cleveland, now residing in Florida. Bro. Svoboda graciously provided us with this entertainment.

Wilma A. Sevcik

Blanche J. Cihak

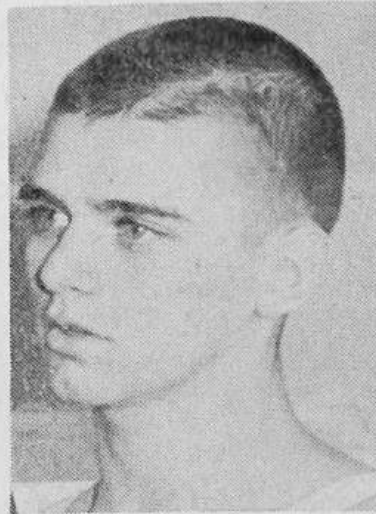
MOTHER

When we appraise the value of gems or think of the manifold creations considered priceless through the consensus of opinion of mankind, a fair estimate can be reached and receive general approval. But when we try to estimate the value of a fine mother we become hopelessly lost.

Nature's greatest creation cannot be measured by any standards. Here we meet the veil that conceals both the past and the future. We have only the present and an accomplished fact. Another miracle, a child is born. The transformation in a human being is impossible to believe. We have a woman—and through a physical act we perceive the beauty that man has always dreamed to be the pinnacle of desire.

A fine woman—suddenly a mother—endowed by nature with a strength and will far surpassing her physical appearance. Love shines from her eyes to that precious bundle she holds in her arms. From that moment on she is a different person, fatigue, worry, planning and yes, dreaming too, are all blended together, to receive our admiration and love—for she is a Mother.

Sokol High School Junior Soars To New Heights



About two months ago in a dual high school meet, Edwin Halik Jr. of Sokol Slavsky, attending Morton West High School, Berwyn, Illinois, broke the indoor pole vault record for high schools with a flight of 13'—9½". This could not be recognized as a national record because at least five schools have to compete.

In an eleven high school competition last month young Halik soared to an unprecedented height of 14'—2". If accepted it will become a new national record for high school indoor pole vaulting. Congratulations, "Spook."

(Editor's note—Edwin Halik Jr. is the son of Edwin J. Halik, ASO. Director of Men, and Ann Halik, member of the ASO.-BOL.)

JAMES L. CIHAK

A STORY ABOUT SOKOL**PART SIX**

If a chart were made showing the past history of the Sokols in America, it would show the same hills and valleys occurring in any graphic illustration of hundreds of other activities in our lives. Even the children learn to read these in geography and other school subjects. These are an important part of our business, professional and social life.

Actually these charts show an organization is alive and sensitive to everything in life. As far as the Sokols are concerned, conditions and actions thousands of miles away affected them profoundly. Immigration came to this country in waves, not in a steady stream. The repressive acts of the Austrian government created a natural defense, increased resistance and activity. Those leaving their homeland for political or economic reasons came to America fired with enthusiasm and determination to not only make good materially, but to inspire and lead their countrymen in every field.

Our greatest Sokol leaders and teachers came in this way. Within two or three generations their children and those they trained have climbed the ladder of success in almost every field of endeavor.

And there were years when very few came to carry on. Economic conditions here in America also had their affect on the Sokols. Good times saw a slackening of effort. Depressions packed the gymnasiums and swelled the adult Sokol ranks. In most cases this general pattern was true in other organizations as well.

Serious thinkers are beginning to realize the danger of this attitude. Regardless of the tendencies in other groups this must not occur again in our ranks or those of our fraternal organizations. Our work for the nation as a whole must go on at an accelerated pace and continue doing so. We have no idea when the Sokols in Czechoslovakia will again be able to take the reins into their hands and propagate Tyr's great philosophy. In the meantime the role of leadership has been thrust into our hands.

Going back again to our charts we can see the curve of increased membership and great activity going steadily upward until the First World War.

Thousands served in the Armed Forces. The post-war period was one of great fluctuation. Ups and downs become erratic reflecting the general national feeling. The trek to the suburbs increased its momentum bringing new strength to prevailing units there or helping to form new ones. The units in the old communities felt this impact and carried on manfully even though it became more and more a losing battle.

None of this, however, is a total loss. The Second World War and its post war period only accelerated what had already been in motion for decades. Under very trying circumstances, thousands of young people have received Sokol training of an intensive type. They are today the sinew and backbone of most units. They realize what Sokol meant to them and will figure out a practical method of securing the same training for their own tots. A regrouping of forces is inevitable, the overall national concern for physical fitness, moral and spiritual strength is creating the type of incentive and climate we need for an intensive expansion.

The closeness of the Sokol's Centennial and all it means to us in a sentimental as well as practical way is a boon in itself. The campaign for the Commemorative Stamp has done more to rejuvenate our ranks than we realize. Preparations for the Pilgrimage to St. Louis, Missouri, our ASO. Convention in Chicago, the Centennial Slet as well as unit and district commemorative plans are becoming the spur to a greater realization of the indispensability of the Sokols and their training program.

We have the intelligence, experience, ability and favorable conditions to do great things. The immediate future will definitely prove whether we are worthy descendants of those who knew what President John F. Kennedy said, long before he made his now famous statement, — "ASK NOT WHAT YOUR COUNTRY SHOULD DO FOR YOU, ASK RATHER WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR IT."

(To be continued)

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board of ASO.

Held Tuesday, April 28th, 1964

Bro. Prchal presided.

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

REPORTS FROM DISTRICTS

Minutes were received and read from the meetings of the Eastern, Northeastern and Central District and two meetings of the Pacific District.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sokol St. Louis requests members of the Executive Board of the ASO. to become sponsors of their Centennial. Approved.

Sokol Houston is planning to construct a new building instead of expanding their present facilities which are in dire need of repairs. They would like permission to solicit contributions from the Units of the ASO. toward the construction. Approved.

The Committee for Czechoslovak Day at the New York World's Fair announce the publishing of a program for the event and request an advertisement. Bro. Cihak wrote an article. A full page announcement of the Sokol Centennial events in the program was approved.

The Czechoslovak National Council of America extended an invitation to a program and dinner at the time of their Convention. It was attended by bro. Prchal, who spoke to those present. He also greeted the convention and talked about the Sokol Centennial.

The Governor's Advisory Committee on Youth Fitness announce the meeting of the 33rd Conference on Youth to be held May 14th at the Sherman Hotel. Bro. Prchal and sis. Cihak, ASO. representatives, will attend.

The Western District request the presence of bro. Cihak, Educational Director, at their Slet and competitions June 13 and 14, 1964. Approved.

The Pacific District wrote in reference to bro. Cihak's and sis. Prchal's visit to their District. A schedule was also included. They are anxious to know what financial obligation they would have to assume.

Sis. Cihak reported that bro. Cihak's brother-in-law, and last partner in their firm, died of a heart attack on Sunday and that it will not be possible for him to leave at this time. The District had been informed that bro. Cihak would visit the District at a later date.

Sis. Prchal said that she could not make the trip at the present time, and said she would be willing to go in the early fall after the prostata and competition moves for the 1965 Slet are ready.

The ASO. will assume the expense of transportation to the District and back to Chicago and they will be requested to assume the expenses involved within the District. Approved.

The Western District sent a copy of their By-laws to be examined by the Executive Board. They further requested that bro. Halik teach at their course immediately after their Slet to replace bro. Tomanek. Approved.

The Southern District again requested the presence of sis. Cihak at their Slet to be held July 18 and 19 at Ennis, Texas. Approved.

Sokol Fuegner Tyrs, So. Omaha, extended an invitation to their South Omaha Sokol Day to be held July 12th at Sokol Park and request the presence of a National Officer. The ASO. regrets that they will not be able to send a representative.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Sis. Hermee Rabstojnek sent a contribution of \$10.00 to the Centennial Stamp Fund.

Received statement for United States Olympic Committee dues for 1964 — \$10.00. Payment approved.

Prepared a tape for Radio Free Europe on the subject of "Cooperation of the American Sokol Organization with other Sokol Organizations in the United States and Canada." It was in the form of an interview with sis. Zacek.

With bro. Prchal attended and greeted the convention of the Czechoslovak National Council of America.

The Excursion Committee held their Get-Together on Sunday, April 19th, with more than 180 people attending. Among our guests were sis. Laznovsky, Director of Women of the Southern District, her mother sis. Laznovsky, sis. Libbie Melsha, member of Sokolice Renata Tyrsova of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Fred and Emily Stankovsky from Sokol Milwaukee, and guests from Battle Creek, Michigan, besides a host of people from Chicago and the suburbs.

Bro. Cihak directed the program. Bro. Prchal extended greetings, bro. Vodrazka spoke on the Sokol Membership Drive and bro. Heger talked on the Sokol Tours and their success. Bro. Cihak

spoke also on the Centennial events. Many nice remarks were heard about the afternoon. Would like to express my gratitude to the members of the Executive Board that were present and helped to make the Get-Together one of those rare afternoons.

My thanks especially to sis. Falta for all the days she voluntarily gave for the event and her assistance on Sunday. She spent at least 8 full days in the office this month.

All requests for material, as far as it was possible, were filled and there were many.

Prepared stencils and mimeographed copies of the structure of the Centennial Slet Committee for the meeting held April 29th. Sent letters to the Presidents and Secretaries of all Units in the Central District asking them to submit the names of members who will serve on the Centennial Slet Committee.

Sis. Cihak read bro. Cihak's report of the Centennial Stamp Committee.

The recommendation that a float be ordered for the Polish Constitution Day Parade (design as submitted) was approved.

Sis. Cihak submitted the report of the Excursion Committee and the Get-Together and recommended that wreaths be placed on the grave of President John F. Kennedy and one at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the name of the American Sokol Organization. Approved.

Sis. Cihak was authorized to select three people, one for each bus, who will assist her throughout the Tour. Approved.

Bro. Halik read the minutes of the Board of Instructors, and submitted his report as Director of Men.

Sis. Prchal presented her report as Director of Women.

Bro. Prchal presented a letter from the Polish Falcons of America, Second District, who will be host to their National Convention in Chicago July 1st—8th. They extend a cordial invitation to our members to join them in proclaiming this a "Falcon Holiday."

Also ask that our representatives be present to extend greetings to the convening delegates and to be present at the Banquet-Dinner Dance. Bro. Prchal and sis. Cihak wil represent ASO. A half-page Sokol Centennial adv. will be placed in the program, in the amount of \$25.00. Approved.

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

Blanche J. Cihak, Secretary

Financial Report ASO.

April, 1964

INCOME

Dues	\$1,956.50
Convention fund	111.00
Dividends	255.62
Advertising S.A.	364.00
Sokol caps	11.64
Jewelry	12.35
Stamp campaign	10.00

\$2,721.11

DISBURSEMENTS

Collector of Internal Revenue	\$ 417.74
Salaries	759.60
Sokol Americky—March and April	1,196.37
Telephone, janitor service, rent, light, dues, postage and supplies	259.95
Stamp Committee expense	275.00
Centennial Slet expense	55.96
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	\$2,964.62

BALANCE

Western National Bank of Cicero checking account	\$5,079.96
Income—April, 1964	2,721.11
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	\$7,801.07
Disbursements	2,964.62
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	\$4,836.45

Report of the Centennial Stamp Committee

Great strides have been made in the stamp campaign and many more to come.

Sokol San Francisco sent a great many letters from members of Congress in answer to their request for the support of the stamp.

Sokol Cedar Rapids, Iowa, prepared letters for all of their members addressed to the Postmaster General. All the members had to do was sign their name and mail it.

Representatives Harold R. Collier, John B. Anderson and James G. O'Hara of Illinois, and Neil Staebler of Michigan, all accepted sponsorship.

Received many letters from our Units in response to the petitions sent from gymnastic exhibitions.

Sokol Detroit sent letters received from their Congressmen and Senators in response to the letters and memorandums they received from us.

Senator Javits of New York sent several very nice letters. The Eastern District reports on the progress of the campaign, a great deal has been done there.

Units of the Northeastern District in Cleveland all report large numbers of petitions obtained at their Unit exhibitions and sent to the Postmaster General. Bro. Zahradnicek continues to stress the need of increased efforts to put over the issuance of the stamp.

Oklahoma City has reported on their progress and have received excellent cooperation from Senators and Congressmen.

Sis. Guca and members of Sokol Rip in Pittsburgh have sent in communications in response to their correspondence with Senators and Congressmen. Many petitions have been signed.

Texas is another very active State. Sis. Hosek personally wrote to President Lyndon B. Johnson and received a reply. Sis. Prevratil sent in an entire file of letters that the District received and sis. Valcik reported on the many petitions signed all over the State by SPJST. lodges.

The Czechoslovak Philatelist Society has initiated a contest for a Sokol Stamp, and if the Post Office sanctions its issuance, they will submit a de-

sign. The Society of Arts and Sciences in Washington, D. C., has also requested their members to submit designs that might be considered.

Sokol Washington, D. C., has submitted an extensive report on their activity and have made excellent contacts.

They have contacted Bob Kennedy. They also reported on the wonderful support they are receiving from Senator Pell of Rhode Island.

A meeting of the Stamp Committee was held to discuss the float for Polish Constitution Day May 3rd.

A display company is willing to make the float for \$265.00.

We have requested bro. Halik to obtain a male and female gymnast from the I. and II. classes, juniors and seniors for the float.

From all indications no decision will be made on the stamp until the later part of the year.

Many units reported on the contest among gymnasts. Sokol New York will award three trips to Washington, D. C., for the best letters written to the Postmaster.

Publicity material is continually prepared and appears in all periodicals.

Many philatelic newspapers are bringing news of the Sokol Stamp Contest, including the Chicago Sunday Tribune.

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

Present: Sisters Barcal, Freiberg, Kos, Prchal, Ptacek, Schnabl, Tintera, Udaykee, Vesely, Mach, Krizenecky. — Brothers Barcal, Basta, Freiberg, Halik, Lebloch, Linhart, Ptacek, Satek, Vrba.

Excused: Sisters Dunovsky, Halik, Pekarek, Pokorny. Bros. Fina and Sula.

A discussion on aid to the Pacific District was discussed.

Slet Committee Rules are set up and members of the BOI. will each receive a copy soon.

Letters: From the Southern District requesting bro. Halik and an assistant to be sent for their workshop and school. Request approved in accordance to "Rules," etc. It was suggested that those requesting ASO. instructors be reminded of the motion which was passed in the September 11th meeting regarding the presence of full time instructors from the respective District. Secretary should request the names of the District full time instructors when District requests ASO. instructors for their schools or workshops.

Letter from bro. Stetka suggesting an article appear in "Sokol Americky" outlining the duties of a Men's or Women's Director.

Copies of the second "Sokol Gymnast" were distributed.

Recommendations of the Women's BOI.

1. Recommend that 2,000 Slet Centennial letterheads be printed for the use of the ASO.-BOI.—1,000 for women and 1,000 for men. Approved.

2. Recommend that the Slet Committee investigate the feasibility of purchasing and re-selling souvenirs of the 1965 Centennial Slet.

Recommendations of the Men's BOI.

1. Junior Boys Championship will consist of compulsory high division moves and optional exercises. Separate compulsory exercises will not be required.

2. Members of inactive units may compete with the active unit whose classes they are attending under the same conditions as visiting guest members providing they get clearance or sanction from their home unit, district, and Obec.

Sis. Prchal recommended that the minutes of the Conference be studied and that the Board should try to follow the recommendations that were made. This will be done even though they were not read or accepted in the President's Conference.

Meeting was adjourned.

Mili Udaykee.

Report of the ASO. Director of Men

Let me acknowledge the many fine letters and calls of congratulations we received from our good brothers and sisters all over the country when "Spook," my son, broke the National Interscholastic Indoor pole vault record with a vault of 14'-2" on March 26th.

Have been working on the music for the Slet.

Am preparing a teaching manual for instructors.

Composed a wand drill for bro. Polach, Sokol Fresno, California—a simple fast moving drill in two parts written to "show tune" music, available to anyone needing such a drill—complete with music on tape.

Bro. Varejcka, Sokol Schuyler, Nebr., requested a special drill for nine or ten which I found.

Have been requested by the Stamp Committee to furnish one male and one female in each of the following classes: Seniors, juniors, II. class, I. class, to appear in Sokol gym uniforms on the Sokol Centennial float for the Polish Constitution Day parade, Sunday, May 3rd.

Attended a meeting called to set up Slet Committee rules, responsibilities and duties.

Received a warning from the AAU. about AAU. open class gymnasts not being eligible to compete in the USGF. meets.

At the request of SGUS. lodges 39 and 40, edited the tapes for their annual exhibition.

Edwin J. Halik

Report of the ASO. Director of Women

Received letters for various material. Referred two to sis. Norma Zabka, Director of Eastern District, who sent required material. Took care of rest. Received announcements of forthcoming competitions.

Report from Central District director. The District is working intensively on their Physical Fitness Day and competitions, and preparing instructor's course, also assisting units in District.

English translation of Ceska Beseda and two special numbers from sis. Kveta Smith, Women's Director of Sokol Cedar Rapids. Am preparing

Ceska Beseda for mimeographing and distribution. Will also prepare Czechoslovak Beseda in English for use during 1965 Centennial Slet program.

Judged for USGF. National Competitions held at the Iowa State University, Iowa City, on April 16, 17, 18. Sis. K. Smith was one of the judges. Met a number of Sokol Cedar Rapids members who attended the meet and discussed Sokol activities.

Am working on 1965 Centennial Slet competition exercises and calisthenics for women.

Mildred Prchal

FROM OUR DISTRICTS

EASTERN DISTRICT

Meeting held March 23rd with 12 members present. Competitions will be held in Little Ferry on June 20th for junior boys and men in the morning and junior girls and women competitions will be held in the afternoon.

The decision to enter the SGUS. competitions has been left to the discretion of each Unit.

An instructor's course for beginners will be held at East Haddam, Conn., from August 16th to 29th. Bros. Capek, Slavik and sis. Provaznik will instruct classes.

A refresher course will be held in Little Ferry on September 26th. Bro. Capek announced that the District must have at least 100 participants in the special number for the Centennial Slet in 1965.

A dinner and dance will be held on Friday evening, June 19th, at Sokol Hall, New York.

Meeting held April 19th with 20 members present. Bro. Edward Stetka is the Director of the Okrsek.

Sis. Zraly has asked for support of the Centennial stamp from Hon. Nelson A. Rockefeller, Senators Javits and Keating and State Senator Earl W. Bridges, Mayor Robert F. Wagner, Assembly Speaker Edwin J. Fehrenback. A letter had been received from Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller commending our organization for its pioneering and continuing concern for physical fitness over the decades.

Bro. Capek announced that the small boys and girls will take part in the calisthenic drills at the World's Fair on June 21st. It was advised that as many juniors and seniors as possible participate in the calisthenics.

Children's competitions will be held in Sokol Hall, New York, June 7th. Bro. Zraly reported that the United Sokols have been invited to take part in the program at the U.S. Pavillion on June 21st, 1964, at the World's Fair from 7 to 8 P.M.

Only one woman from the District entered the AAU. competitions. Plans are being formulated to hold a picnic at which games and field events could be held. The 4th of July weekend is suggested.

Bro. Petlicka reported that they have 44 reservations for the bus to Washington, D. C.

A banquet or concert was suggested for 1965. Also that the New York City officials be requested to proclaim Times Square "Sokol Square" on February 14th, 1965.

Sis. V. Soukup is teaching the senior and junior girls calisthenics for Czechoslovak Day.

A testimonial dinner will be held honoring bro. Charles Divisek for his many years of service as our orchestra leader on November 7th.

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

April 15, 1964 meeting of the Executive Board. The various units of the Northeastern District initiated a total of eight new members during the month of April. Our President, bro. Suster, has obtained the aid of the daily Czech paper in Cleveland, Ohio, in our membership drive. Novy Svet will publish a series of articles on the history of the Sokol Movement. We hope these articles will stimulate interest in the ideals and work of Sokols.

Several junior girls of the Northeastern District entered the Swiss Meet held in Cleveland, Ohio, on April 11, 1964. It was a difficult and exacting meet, but Linda Lang, of Sokol Tyrs, placed sixth in the competitions among 26 girls.

The two most important events in the immediate future for the Cleveland units of the Northeastern District are the Slet on June 28, 1964, at Odd Fellows Farm and the All Nations Fair and Parade of Progress held during the week of Aug. 28-Sept. 7, 1964, at the new convention facilities in Cleveland. We invite all our friends to attend both events.

Sokol Moravan Club, Toledo, Ohio, has been experiencing a few problems of adjustment to the changing times. Several of the representatives of the Executive Board were delegated to attend the April meeting of Sokol Moravan Club to offer the help of the Executive Board. The delegates found the Toledo unit working hard to solve its difficulties and succeeding! There is much spark and life in Toledo!

CENTRAL DISTRICT

25 delegates present.

Director of Women sis. Schnabl gave a report and statistics of the gym attendance in the District. Places and plans for the District course this summer were outlined and in general accepted. The expenses connected with a proposed gymnastic clinic in Wisconsin will be presented by sister Schnabl.

Director of Men bro. Lebloch presented his report on the activity for the present period, and a report on the Unit exhibitions. Concerning the questions of Sokol St. Louis about the 1965 District Slet in St. Louis, all questions will be settled at a special meeting in St. Louis which will be attended by sis. Schnabl, bros. Lebloch and Simaner. Sokol Chicago, the winner of the District volleyball tournament, wishes to donate the cost of the trophy to the fund for the "Future Sokol Leaders Fund."

Both BOI's will hold a joint meeting in April to further develop the plans for the summer course and work out the program for our Slet.

The various Slet committees presented their reports: The Administrative presented the official name of the Slet: "Sokol Physical Fitness Day, the Slet of the Central District of the AOS."

Publicity committee gave a report on work already done and asked for publicity material, especially from the BOI.

Souvenir program committee gave a complete report on size and cost of the program and prices of ads.

Sis. Blanche Cihak submitted a report on District Slet publicity and progress of the Sokol commemorative stamp campaign and an outline of the ASO. plan for the trip to New York.

PACIFIC DISTRICT

Meeting held April 7th, 10 members present.

A Pentathalon is planned and will be held in Fresno on May 9th and 10th.

Letters are being sent to the Postmaster General signed by the entire District.

Meeting held April 14th with 9 present.

Proposed visit of sis. Prchal and bro. Cihak was discussed.

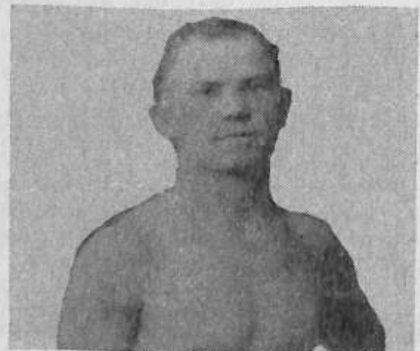
Ann Botek

IN MEMORIAM

Two outstanding members of Sokol Moravan passed away recently. Both of them had served the Unit for many decades, bro. Steve Polesovsky, Sr. as President and bro. Paul Jagos as instructor for 20 years. Sis. Ann Botek in her letter writes: "All I can say is that with all the Sokol units working on the physical fitness programs, THEY shall never regret for taking part in so great a project. Sokol training can't be BOUGHT, it has to come from WITHIN the heart to feel worthy of our Sokol cause."

"SOKOL BROTHERS"

Their loyal hearts, were good and true
Like them you find, are very few
Their voices are mute, their hearts are stilled
Their work for SOKOL they fulfilled
To their families, who sorrow with many a tear
Let's now and then comfort, with a kind word of cheer.
The memory of our departed brothers, will never cease
Into the GREAT BEYOND they went, for everlasting peace.



BRO. PAUL JAGOS

Born 1895 in Czechoslovakia in the town of Lepov. Was gym instructor for Sokol Moravan for 20 yrs. Also a member of CSA.



STEVE POLESOVSKY, SR.

Born in Czechoslovakia and lived in Toledo 54 yrs. He was a machinist for Haughton Elev. Co. 40 yrs., retiring in 1961. Mr. Polesovsky was Past President of Sokol Toledo, and a member of CSA.

Prohlášení br. James L. Čiháka, předsedy Výboru jubilejního sokolského Sletu.

Ustavením Výboru jubilejního sokolského sletu ve středu 29. dubna 1964 vstoupili jsme do stadia příprav k nejvýznamnějšímu sletu v naší historii. Že si všichni uvědomujete nesmírnou důležitost této události toho důkazem je Vaše dosavadní práce a účast v akci pro vydání jubilejní poštovní známky k počtě sokolského hnutí v Americe. Vaše nadšení, snaha ve vyhledávání nových cest ke zvýšení zájmu o známku a věrnost v úsilí o zdar kampaně dávají nám také jistotu ve víře v naprostý úspěch jubilejního Sletu.

Přípravy pro událost tak dějinného významu musely být ovšem zahájeny mnohem dříve, než jak jsme tomu byli zvyklí v minulosti. Náš nábor nového členstva, Národní pout' do St. Louis, akce pro vydání sokolské známky a sjezd Americké Obce Sokolské v Chicagu v roce 1965 budou neustále vyžadovat nejvyššího vypětí sil každého Sokola a Sokolice. Doba, všeobecné podmínky, naprosté uznání a oceňování významu těch, kdož uskutečňují prakticky program vedoucí k fyzické zdatnosti, jsou však na naší straně. Využijme jich pro zabezpečení plného zdaru jubilejního sokolského roku!

K úspěchu je však také třeba bezvýhradného, vážného soustředění a uplatnění všech známých, krásných sokolských vlastností a

schopností k dokonalému provedení všech příprav k našim jubilejním oslavám, zejména k sokolskému Sletu v roce 1965.

Proto Vás vyzývám:

Sestry a bratři!

Zajistěte pro Vaši jednotu nejvyšší počet členstva;

Zahájte a konejte přípravy pro masovou účast a mohutnou návštěvu na Sletu;

Založte ihned cestovní fond pro Vaše cvičence, abyste jim umožnili načerpat nadšení a vzpruhy z průběhu Sletu, které jim nikdy nevymizí z paměti;

Shromážďujte cenný materiál z Vaši jednoty a župy pro historickou sokolskou výstavu;

Připravte zajímavá a důležitá data z historie Vaši jednoty a župy k uveřejnění;

Spolupracujte všichni a všude k zabezpečení dokonalého úspěchu všech jubilejních slavností a akcí s nimi spojených!

Náš sokolský výchovný systém je založen na krásných ideálech rovnosti, volnosti a bratrství. Má také nevyčerpatelné hodnoty dosažených úspěchů ve výchově k fyzické zdatnosti. Snažme se, aby v sokolském jubilejním roce byly pohotové pro celý národ!

Vykonejme vše pro zdar sokolského jubilejního Sletu v roce 1965! Nazdar!

Východní župa.

V neděli, dne 19. dubna 1964, zavítal do New Yorku Sokol Washington se svým operním souborem. Za režie ses. Lídy Brodenové byla uvedena opera Viléma Blodka "V studni", ke 130. výročí narození a 90. výročí úmrtí skladatele. Ještě nikdy v minulosti newyorská veřejnost neměla možnost být svědky vynikajících výkonů solistů z větší části Američanů, kteří svoje role zpívali česky. Krásné národní kroje, které navrhla a provedla ses. Marta Jarošová, úprava jeviště a provedení bratrem Františkem Šťovíčkem, klavírní doprovod ses. Lídy Brodenové, to vše zanechalo u přítomných posluchačů nezapomenutelné dojmy. Neutuchající potlesk po celou dobu operního představení byl vděk obecenstva za krásné výkony Grace Bradford, Suzanne Brock, Frank Hirschel a Donald Boothman. Velká zásluha za celkovou organizaci patří starostovi Sokola Washington bru. Matěji Neumannovi. Tuto veselou komickou operu by měla vidět a slyšet celá Amerika, protože to co ses. Lída Brodenová dokázala operou "V studni" zasloužit, aby bylo uvedeno ve všech našich sokolských a krajanských střediscích.

Výbor Východní župy v N. Y. děkuje všem jednotlivcům a všem jednotám za ochotu, za pomoc, porozumění a za připojené dopisy, které oceňují záslužnou práci v propagaci sokolské výchovy.

Jan Petlička, vzdělavatel.

KAREL M. PRCHAL

Bedřich Smetana.

(Narodil se 2. března 1824)

Před osmdesáti lety, 12. května 1884, vysvobodila smrt životním bojem zmučeného Bedřicha Smetanu. Tělo se shroutilo, duše vzlétla mezi Nesmrtelné.

Všechny doby jeho života nesly mu bolest. On ale nepřestával věřit ve své veliké poslání, jeho srdce zůstávalo čisté, radostné a důvěřující. Život měl trpký, naplněný neúnavnou prací a nadlidským utrpením, ale nevýslovně požehnaný ve svém výsledku. Zraňován v rodinném životě a štván malichernými současníky, kteří nechápali jeho uměleckou velikost, probíjel se tvrdě, nejen za ideálem uměleckým, ale i za hmotným zabezpečením.

Nebyl ušetřen ani rány — pro hudebníka nejhroznější — ohluchnutí. Ale genius Smetana odpovídá na rány osudu tvůrčími činy, aniž by sytil svým utrpením hudbu, zasvěcenou národu. Od 27. září 1866 do svého ohluchnutí roku 1874 byl kapelníkem prozatímního divadla.

Bedřich Smetana objevil srdce českého člověka. Vytvořil hudební školu českou, ustanovil její typ, pozvednuv skladatelské umění české na vyšší moderních požadavků.

Nejsubjektivnějším oborem jeho tvorby byla hudba komorní. Vzpomínám nesmrtelného kvarteta "Z mého života". Vytvořil symfonické básně tak úchvatné, jako jest cyklus "Má vlast", nejkrásnější hymnus na krásu Cech a jejich dějiny, hraný orchestry po celém světě.

Velká je jeho tvorba sborová a vroucně nasloucháme mužským sborům, sborům ženským a sborům smíšeným i písním jednohlasným, které obohacují pořady vystoupení pěveckých sdružení.

Velkých úspěchů dosahují jeho skladby houslové a klavírní lyrické kompozice, které mají cititele po celém světě.

Složil osm oper. Nejpoblábnější jest věčně svěží "Prodaná nevěsta". Časově první jsou "Braniboři v Čechách", nejlepší vážnou operou "Dalibor". Operou "Dalibor" prokázal se být nesmrtelným geniem a naprosto to potvrdil slavností operou českých národních svátků "Libuše". Hudební drama, které se stalo reprezentativní vlasteneckou operou, jaké nemají nikde jinde. Exquisitní jsou "Dvě vdovy", něžně poetická "Hubička", hudebně hluboké "Tajemství". Mezi náměty vážnými a komickými stojí "Čertova stěna", poslední jeho opera, neboť "Viola" — dílo půvabné, zůstala pouze úlohou.

Výtvary Smetanovy budou povždy úhelnými kameny české hudby, k níž položily neotřesitelný základ. Smetana žil, aby sloužil, psal, aby rozdával krásu, miloval, aby oblažil a roznítil česká srdce. Miloval krásu, miloval svůj národ a vlast, jež hymnický oslavil a svým nesmrtelným dílem po celém světě proslavil.

K osmdesátce br. Jos. Talafouse z Portlandu, Oregon.

Dne 4. dubna t. r. dočkal se krásného životního jubilea — své osmdesátky — bratr Joe Talafous z Portlandu, Oregon. Celým svým životem naplněným prací, je br. Talafous příkladem sokola, který

účelové heslo sokolského hnutí "Ni zisk, ni slávu" přijal jako vodítko ve své činnosti národní a spolkové. Proto má pověst věrného, obětavého, ke spolupráci vždy připraveného sokola-vlastence a občana.

Známe br. Josefa Talafouse po mnoho desítek let. Vždyť v sokolském životě zahájil svou činnost již v roce 1910 založením Sokola v Portlandu, Oregon, ve kterém se účastní práce do dnešního dne. Jeho založením a vytrvalým budováním jeho činnosti přispěl k obohacení historie úspěchu sokolského hnutí v Americe.

Jako zástupce sokolské jednoty v Portlandu, Oregon, spolupracoval na několika sjezdech Americké Obce Sokolské a ve sjezdovém jednání byl příkladem ve starostlivé péči o činnost Sokolstva a zabezpečení jeho života i v budoucnosti.

Byl vždycky statečným mužem a když bylo třeba, neváhal odevzdat daň krve za svobodu své staré i nové vlasti. V době první světové války sloužil v americké armádě a byl dvakrát raněn v bojích na francouzské frontě.

Bru. Josefu Talafousevi k jeho osmdesátce srdečně blahopřejeme! A přejeme mu upřímně, aby se ve zdraví a spokojenosti dožil radosti nad rozkvětem sokolského hnutí i v letech druhého století jeho činnosti pro plnění sokolských ideálů k výchově celého národa k tělesné a duchovní zdatnosti. Bratře Talafouse! Mnohaja ljeta!

bjc.

Výbor jubilejního sokolského sletu ustaven.

Vyvrcholením všech historických událostí, spojených s oslavami dovršení století života Amerického Sokolstva, bude jubilejní slet ve dnech 24. až 27. června v roce 1965 v Chicagu, Illinois. Přípravy k němu byly zahájeny formálně na ustavující schůzi Výboru jubilejního sletu, která se konala ve středu 29. dubna t. r. Účastnili se jí Výkonný Výbor a náčelnictvo Americké Obce Sokolské, četní zástupci a činovníci jednotlivých sokolských žup Střední a její starosta br. Václav Šimaner. Jednotu St. Louis, Missouri, kolébkou Amerického Sokolstva, zastupovali br. starosta William Shana, Frank Ulrich a sestry Kamilla Shanová a Camilla K. Ulrichová.

Schůzi zahájil starosta AOS. br. Karel Prchal. Byla schválena pravidla k ustavení a působnosti Výboru jubilejního sletu a jeho odborů podle doporučení Přípravného sletového výboru.

Do Výboru jubilejního sokolského sletu byli jednomyslně zvoleni: předseda br. James L. Čihák, místopředsedové br. Václav Šimaner a Charles T. Kropík, jednatelka ses. Bláža J. Čiháková, pokladník br. Břetislav Vaněk, zapisovatelky — anglická ses. Betty Prenerová, česká ses. Jaromíra Žáčková. Čestným předsedou jubilejního sletu byl zvolen bratr Karel Prchal. Jednání pracovní části schůze vedl br. James Čihák.

Přítomní zástupci a činovníci sokolských jednot přihlásili se hned do všech odborů Výboru jubilejního sletu. K provedení jejich vnitřní organizace byli zvoleni: Odbor finanční br. Frank Vodrážka, ubytovací br. Charles Kropík, hospodářský br. Josef Drnec, pro organizaci průvodu br. V. Šimaner, hlavní maršál br. George Bouček, sletový památník br. James Čihák, sletová výstava br. Josef

Janečka ml., odbor technický tvoří náčelnictva. Organizaci odborů banketového a tiskového provede předsednictvo sletového výboru.

Průběh ustavující a první pracovní schůze odborů jubilejního sokolského sletu byl důstojný. Nadšení a ochota všech přítomných k plné spolupráci pro úspěch všech příprav k mohutnému jubilejnímu sletu Amerického Sokolstva v roce 1965 byly radostným příslibem pro nastávající sokolskou činnost.

Její význam zdůraznil také při ukončení schůze předseda Výboru pro jubilejní sokolský slet br. James Čihák. Když poděkoval za projevenou důvěru prohlásil: "Je třeba plné pohotovosti nás všech k cílevědomé přípravě k plnění velkého úkolu Amerického Sokolstva v budoucnosti. Tímto vážným úkolem je výchova amerického národa a jeho mladé generace k fyzické zdatnosti a mravní i občanské vyspělosti. Zdarem jubilejního sokolského sletu prokažeme, že jsme připraveni tento úkol plnit a také splnit. Zůstaňme neochvějně věrní zásadě, která již sto let vede Americké Sokolstvo v nezištné práci "Ni zisk, ni slávu!" Prosím všechny bratry a sestry — členy sokolské rodiny i naše příznivce a přátele, aby se přihlásili ke spolupráci pro plný zdar jubilejních sokolských oslav, které nás všechny stmelí k věrné službě naší krásné zemi. Mějme všichni při své příští činnosti na mysli vlasteneckou, slavnou výzvu zesnulého presidenta John F. Kennedyho: "Neptej se, co by měla vlast udělat pro Tebe, ptej se raději co Ty můžeš udělat pro ni". Vykonejme vše pro největší úspěch jubilejního sokolského sletu a všech slavností jubilejního roku!

JUBILEJNÍMU SOKOLSKÉMU SLETU ROKU 1965 ZDAR!

KAREL M. PRCHAL

Dr. D. Guča.

30. dubna, ve věku 87 let, zemřel Dr. Duro Guča. Narodil se v Maďarsku, kde vystudoval medicínu a do Spojených států přijel před více než 50 lety.

Během první světové vojny byl členem pomocné výpravy lékařů a sboru ošetřovatelů i ošetřovatelek do Srbska, napadeného velikou říší Rakouskou. Vykonána tam nadlidská práce, poskytnuta lékařská pomoc stům těžce raněným, z nichž velká část byla by se jinak stala obětí smrti anebo zůstala mrzáky na dosmrti. Výprava konala zázraky . . . Dr. Guča zde těžce onemocněl; péči jeho manželky Salmy podařilo se odvrátit smrt od jeho lůžka — ale sama, na počátku roku 1915, stala se její obětí.

V roce 1917 byl dr. Guča vyznamenán rumunskou královnou za služby poskytnuté rumunským vojákům. Později působil při pomocných expedicích v Japonsku a na Sibiři a jako dobrovolník byl pomocníkem při tyfové epidemii v Řecku.

My vděčíme dr. Gučovi za mnohé služby. Vzpomínám roku 1913-1914, kdy Slovanská Gymnastická Unie, sdružující všechny slovanské sokolské jednoty v Chicagu, kterých byl tehdy velký počet, pořádala významnou tělocvičnou školu, trvající 26 neděl (byl jsem jedním z kursistů). Dr. Guča byl pravidelným učitelem, společně s bratry: Jarka Košař, Rudolf Stýblo, Jan Holan, dr. Ant. Mueller a dr. Ludvík J. Fisher.

V roce 1922, kdy snahou br. Jarky Jelínka založen byl technický výbor Svazu Amerického Sokolstva, byl dr. Guča jedním z prvních členů a účastnil se těch významných počinů, kterými Svaz zasáhl hluboko do sokolského života české a slovenské Ameriky.

V bratru Gučovi odešla osobnost národního a sokolského obětavého pracovníka. Hořící zápal vlastenecký, duševní bystrost a jasnost myšlení, odvahy k činům, vytrvalost v práci postavily ho na místo, které zůstává příkladem živým . . .

Marie Babková.

V Seattle, Washington, 5. března 1964 odešla navždy sestra Marie Babková.

Poznal jsem ji a posledně potkal za své návštěvy v Seattle, v lednu 1954. Pro její opravdovost jsem si jí vážil. V její žilách kolovalo upřímné sesterství a sokolská skrovnost.

Se svým manželem, bratrem Frankem Babkou, uplatnili vřelými činy svoji lásku v Sokole a Západní česko-bratrské jednotě. V dobách odboje ze všech svých možností, s nadšením podporovali snahy naší Ameriky o osvobození rodných krajů.

Cím jiným můžeme nejlépe uctít památku odané, a obětavé sestry, než opravdovým zachováním věrnosti poslání, jemuž poctivě sloužila: Sokolu a svému lidu!

kmp.

Anton Benesh

Sokol Detroit

At the April meeting of Sokol Detroit the officers reported the purchase of a ½ acre of land on West Warren Avenue to be the site of our future home, at a cost of \$32,500.00.

The Building Committee is speeding the completion of plans for the building. A rally at the site is planned just as soon as the weather permits so that all the members may have an opportunity to visualize the new center and to inspect the building plans.

Congratulations, Sokol and Sokolice Detroit.

(bjc)

Zápis ze schůze Výk. Výboru Americké Obce Sokolské,

konané v úterý 28. dubna, 1964.

Předsedal br. Prchal.

Přítomni: bratři: Brouk, Halík, Kropík, Rabas a Vodrážka. Sestry: Čiháková, Faltová a Prchalová. Omluven br. Čihák.

ZPRÁVY ZE ŽUP

Čteny zápisy ze schůze župy Východní, Severovýchodní a Střední, a ze dvou schůzí župy Pacifické.

DOPISY

Sokol St. Louis žádá, aby členové V. V. AOS. převzali sponzorství jejich jubilejních oslav. Schváleno.

Sokol Houston, Texas, plánuje stavbu nové budovy místo rozšíření dosavadních místností, které vyžadují naléhavé velké opravy. Rádi by dostali svolení k provedení sbírky v jednotách AOS. k umožnění stavby budovy. Schváleno.

Výbor pro Československý Den na Světové Výstavě v New Yorku ohlásil, že bude vydán program pro tuto událost a žádá o oznámku. Br. Cihák napsal článek. Pro program byla schválena celá stránka oznámky s ohlášením všech jubilejních sokolských slavností.

Čsl. Národní Rada Americká pozvala k účasti na slavnostní večeři s programem, která se konala u příležitosti jejího sjezdu. Účastnil se br. Prchal a shromáždění oslovil. Promluvil též na sjezdu o století Amerického Sokolstva.

Guvernérův Poradní sbor pro fyzickou zdatnost mládeže oznámil, že 14. května v Sherman hotelu bude se konat schůze 33tí konference o mládeži. Schůze se účastní br. Prchal a ses. Ciháková jako zástupci.

Župa Západní žádá o účast br. Ciháka, vzdělavatele AOS., na jejich sletě a závodech 13. a 14. června 1964. Schváleno.

Župa Pacifická psala opět ve věci návštěvy br. Ciháka a ses. Prchalové v jejich župě, rozvrhu jejich návštěvy a finančním závazku, který by župa měla převzít.

Ses. Ciháková sděluje, že br. Cihák ztratil svého švagra, který byl společníkem v obchodě, takže pravděpodobně nebude moci teď obchod opustit. Župě bude sděleno, že br. Cihák navštíví župu později.

Ses. Prchalová prohlásila, že by nemohla uskutečnit návštěvu v této době, ale bude ochotna do župy Pacifické zajet začátkem podzimu, až sestaví prostrná a závodní cviky pro Slet 1965. AOS. uhradí výdaje spojené s cestovným tam i zpět a župa bude požádána o hrazení výdajů z pobytu v župě. Schváleno.

Župa Západní poslala jeden výtisk jejich stanov k prozkoumání V. V. a také výtisk programu veřejného cvičení Sokola Omaha. Br. Bureš poznamenal, že čísla byla dobře připravena, dobře provedena a dobře přijata. Družstvo mužů z university Nebraska účinkovalo na bradlech a předvedlo pěkný výkon. Ze župy dále žádali, aby br. Halík vyučoval v jejich kursu ihned po jejich Sletu a nahradil br. Tománka. Schváleno.

Župa Jižní znovu požádala, aby ses. Ciháková se účastnila jejich sletu 18. a 19. července v Ennis, Texas. Schváleno.

Sokol Fuegner Tyrš, So. Omaha, posílá pozvání k Sokolskému Dnu South Omahy 12. července v Sokolském Parku a žádá vyslání člena V. V. AOS. Bude oznámeno, že AOS. lituje, že nemůže vyhovět.

ZPRÁVA JEDNATELKY

Ses. Hermee Rabštejnková poslala příspěvek \$10.00 pro fond jubilejní známky.

Přišel účet United States Olympic Committee za příspěvek pro r. 1964 v obnose \$10.00. Schváleno.

Připravila zvukové pásmo pro Radio Free Europe na thema: "Spolupráce Americké Obce Sokolské s ostatními sokolskými organizacemi ve S. S. a Kanadě". Byl to rozhovor se ses. Záčkovou.

Sokol St. Louis sděluje, že dostali povolení daňových úlev.

Navštívila s br. Prchalem a pozdravila sjezd Čsl. Národní Rady Americké.

Zájezdový odbor AOS. uspořádal filmové a kulturní odp. v neděli 19. dubna za účasti více jak 180 návštěvníků. Mezi našimi hosty byli ses. Lažnovská, náčelnice župy Jižní, její maminka ses. Lažnovská, ses. Libbie Melsha, členka Sokolice Renata Tyršová ze Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Fred Stankovský, jednatel a náčelník Sokola Milwaukee s manželkou Emily, dále hosté z Battle Creek, Michigan, a velký počet osob z Chicaga a předměstí.

Pořad programu vedl br. Cihák. Br. Prchal proslavil pozdrav, br. Vodrážka promluvil o významu členského náboru a soutěže, a br. Heger vylíčil význam sokolských zájezdů a jejich úspěch. Br. Cihák vyložil důležitost jubilejních sokolských slavností.

Dostali jsme mnoho pochvalných posudků o tomto odpolední. Ráda bych vyjádřila svou vděčnost členům V. V. za jejich účast a pomoc k zabezpečení úspěchu tohoto zdařilého jedinečného filmového a kulturního odpoledne.

Chci zvláště poděkovat ses. Faltové za všechny dny její dobrovolné práce, kterou věnovala k přípravě této události a také za pomoc v neděli.

Ses. Faltová ztrávila v dobrovolné práci v úřadovně tento měsíc při nejmenším 8 dnů.

Všechny žádosti, a bylo jich mnoho, o zaslání materiálu byly vyřízeny.

Připravila blány a rozmnožila "Pravidla" pro složení Sletového výboru a odborů pro ustavující schůzi 29. dubna. Napsala dopis starostům a jednatelům všech jednot župy Střední se žádostí, aby oznámili jména členů, kteří budou pracovat ve Výboru jubilejního sletu.

Ses. Ciháková přečetla zprávu br. Ciháka z Výboru pro sokolskou známku. Bylo schváleno objednání alegorického vozu (podle předloženého návrhu) pro průvod na Polish Constitution Day Parade.

Ses. Ciháková podala zprávu Zájezdového odboru AOS. a filmového odp., a doporučila, aby byl položen věnec AOS. jeden na hrob presidenta John F. Kennedyho a druhý na hrob Neznámého Vojska. Schváleno.

Ses. Cihákové bylo dáno oprávnění k výběru tří osob, jednu pro každý autobus, které převezmou odpovědnost a péči o cestující. Schváleno.

Br. Halík přečetl zápis ze schůze náčelnictev a svou zprávu náčelníka mužů.

Ses. Prchalová přečetla zprávu náčelnice žen.

Br. Prchal předložil dopis Polského Sokola z druhého distriktu, kteří budou hostiteli na jejich národním sjezdu v Chicagu od 1. do 8. července t. r. Posílají srdečné pozvání našim členům, aby se připojili k prohlášení jejich "Svátku Polských Sokolů" (Falcon Holiday).

Polští Sokolové dále žádají, aby se naši představitelé účastnili sjezdu a pozdravili sjezdové zástupce a účastnili se také jejich banketu a večeře spojeného s tancem. Br. Prchal se ses. Cihákovou budou zastupovat AOS.

Do jejich programu bude umístěna polovina stránky o Jubilejních sokolských oslavách AOS. v ceně \$25.00. Schváleno.

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

Bláža J. Ciháková, jednatelka.

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Den fyzické zdatnosti župy Střední AOS.

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Jednoty sdružené v sokolské župě Střední AOS. — Sokol Berwyn, Sokol Brookfield, Sokol Havlíček-Tyrš, Ill., Sokol Milwaukee a Sokol Mladoch, Racine, Wis., Sokol Slávský, Sokol Stickney, Sokol Tábor, Sokol West Suburban, Downers Grove, Ill. a Sokol St. Louis, Mo., i jednoty Čechie, Chicago, Town of Lake, Plzeňský Sokol a Rozvoj, mobilisují všechno svoje členstvo do pohotovosti, aby celý průběh letošního sletu župy Střední byl po všech stránkách manifestačním nástupem k oslavám století života Amerického Sokolstva v roce 1965.

"Den Fyzické Zdatnosti" — výroční slet sokolské župy Střední — koná se letos v novém prostředí v Riverside-Brookfield High School Stadioně, roh Gulf Rd., Washington a Forest Avenue v Brookfield, Ill. Stadion je jižně od Brookfieldské zoologické zahrady a je snadno přístupný i jízdou autobusem z Čermákovy třídy.

Všechny minulé výroční slety sokolské župy Střední, konané v historickém Plzeňském Parku v Chicagu, Ill., byly příležitostí k projevení přátelství a přízně krajanské veřejnosti i amerických přátel naší sokolské práci, konané po tolik desítek let pro zabezpečení výchovy naší mládeže ve zdatné, tělesně i mravně vyspělé, spolehlivé a vlastenecké občany, k pěstování naší krásné mateřské řeči, kulturních tradic a půvabu čsl. národního svérázu, krojů, písní i tanců.

Bude tomu tak jistě i letos. Sokolská župa Střední spolupracuje věrně se všemi našimi národními, bratrskými, kulturními i sportovními organizacemi a očekává jejich plnou podporu a velkou návštěvu na svém výročním sletu 14. června na Stadionu v Brookfieldu.

Sokolská župa Střední AOS. — její představitelé bratr Václav Šimaner, starosta, br. Václav Kříž, jednatel, náčelnice ses. Ellen-Jeane Schnáblová a náčelník br. Paul Lebloch se všemi odbory připravují pečlivě pořad "Dne Fyzické Zdatnosti" — výročního župního sletu — a spoléhají, že nejen členstvo sokolské rodiny, ale všichni její přátelé a příznivci budou si neděli 14. června rezervovat pro návštěvu župního sokolského sletu v novém a rovněž pěkném prostředí.

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