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The Honorable John A. Gronouski
Postmaster General of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Gronouski:

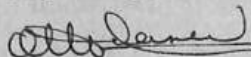
It was most pleasant visiting with you on the occasion of Polish Independence Day at Humboldt Park in Chicago, and personally visiting with you on the occasion of the reviewing of the Parade.

You and I both made very complimentary remarks about the Sokol groups, or the Falcons. I indicated to you at that time that I was a member of the Sokol Society, and learned later of the Sokol movement in America requesting the issuance of a commemorative stamp in honor of its Centennial.

It was only last week when I visited with Stan Musial, who of course, heads the President's Physical Fitness Committee and, again, we talked about the necessity of alerting the American public to be physically fit.

I join with my many Sokol friends, suggesting that a commemorative stamp be issued, in order that we may give this very fine organization the recognition it deserves, and at the same time, serve the President's wishes in calling attention to a group that has for 100 years, in the United States, been dedicated to Physical Fitness.

Respectfully,



Governor

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Kerner, Musial Go To Bat for Sokol-Style Fitness

"Hej, Bracia Sokoli," sang John A. Troike, as Gov. Otto Kerner and Stan Musial clasped hands firmly.

The Governor's Conference on Youth brought together three old Sokols at the Sherman House Thursday.

"Hello, Brother Sokol" (English translation) is the fraternal greeting of those who were trained in the Sokol system. Sokols, which Kerner, Musial and Troike are, strive to have the qualities of the falcon—strength and elegance of body, courage and keenness.

Sokol is a program of voluntary physical training and cultural study that began in Bohemia in 1862 and now has 74 units in the United States, including national headquarters at 5611 W. Cermak in Cicero.

Musial, the President's consultant on physical fitness, recalled that his father, a Polish immigrant mill worker, helped start a Sokol branch in Dornora, Pa., because "he had the Old World regard for physical fitness."

The retired St. Louis Cardinal baseball great told Kerner and Troike he learned his timing and co-ordination by "tumbling and working out on the rings and the horse" as a child in the Sokol gym.

"I always felt this was why I was able to avoid serious injury and play four or five years longer than most," he said.

Kerner, who is of Bohemian extraction, said he worked out when he was 8 and 9 years old with the Bohemian Sokol in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood.

"That's why we weren't delinquents," the governor said.

(Reprinted from the Chicago Daily News)

Calendar of Events

- 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—SOKOL ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.
Annual Picnic at Imperial, Mo., 18 miles south on highway 61-67.
- 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 Park.
- 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.
- AUG. 2nd—SOKOL TABOR, Berwyn, Ill. — Picnic at Sokol Town of Lake-Slavsky Camp.
- AUG. 16th—SOKOL ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.
Picnic at Sokol Camp, Imperial, Mo.
- AUG. 16th—SOKOL TYRS, CLEVELAND, OHIO.
Picnic — I.O.O.F. Camp.
- SEPT. 7th—PACIFIC DISTRICT "Get-Together" for all units at Sequoya National Park.
- SEPT. 26th—SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
Dance "Vinobrání."
- SEPT. 26th—ANNUAL EASTERN DISTRICT DINNER DANCE—Sokol Little Ferry, N. J.
- SEPT. 27th—ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT—Sokol Little Ferry, N. J.
- OCT. 3rd and 4th—SOKOL TABOR, Berwyn, Ill.
Theatrical production "7 Nuns at Las Vegas" — by Berwyn Players. Saturday dance after play.
- OCT. 11th—SOKOL TYRS, CLEVELAND, OHIO.
45th Anniversary.
- OCT. 24th—SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
October 28th Celebration and 60th anniversary of Sokol San Francisco.
- OCT. 31st—SOKOL BALTIMORE, Md. — BOI Dance.
- NOV. 7-8—SOKOL TYRS, CLEVELAND, OHIO.
Theatrical Guild production "Rough and Ready."
- NOV. 14th—SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
Barn Dance.
- NOV. 14th—NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT AKADEMIE.
- DEC. 5th—SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
St. Nicholas Dance.
- DECEMBER 5th—SOKOL DETROIT, Michigan. — Akademie.
- DEC. 20th—SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
Children's Christmas Party.
- DEC. 31st—SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
New Year's Eve Dance.

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Blanche J. Cihak

Sokol St. Louis In Full Swing for Centennial



If anyone had any doubts about the ability of Sokol St. Louis to carry on they were certainly dispelled by the unit's exhibition on Saturday evening, May 23rd, attended by bros. Prchal and Cihak, and sisters Cihak and Falta of the ASO. Executive Board, sisters Schnabl and Udaykee and bro. Lebloch of the Central District.

They have their problems and they are big ones. They also have a fine combination of veterans, middle aged and young Sokols, both men and women, working together with spirit and enthusiasm. Their projects are many—to maintain their present home, pay for their new site and secure funds for their new building. They hope to have this for the Centennial year.

Bro. Frank Prihoda is still "Teach." One number after the other followed in military precision. Everyone of them showed the hand of a master from the manifest discipline to the perfection of execution. The children's and adult's classes were large. The only one showing a small number was the juniors. Small wonder considering the deterioration of the neighborhood in which they still have to operate. Their classes for the Centennial year,

trained quite likely in another hall, safer for the youngsters, will certainly be large.

Mr. Bob Stewart, coordinator of President Lyndon B. Johnson's Physical Fitness Program (assistant to Mr. Stan Musial) had been invited to the Exhibition, to see the Sokols in action and to be the main speaker. To say he was visibly impressed is putting it mild. The progressive program of training from I. class to grandparents made a deep impression on him. His penetrating questions and desire to learn everything possible about the Sokols showed his appreciation for the value of the Sokol methods and the ideals that have carried them forward for a century. He talked about the fact that the number of delinquents in our country will be tripled when statistics will be completed in September of this year.

He was amazed to learn that there was no delinquency among Sokol trained youngsters.

The exhibition was a fine one in every respect, viewed by a very large and appreciative audience. The delegation from ASO. and the Central District present to view the exhibition and participate in



William Shana, Blanche Cihak, Bob Stewart, Charles Prchal

the Conference Sunday morning concerning the Pilgrimage to St. Louis in 1965, were treated to St. Louis Sokol's always exemplary hospitality. The conference itself was very constructive, presaging the success of the Centennial events. The very apparent desire by all concerned to do everything possible to assure this plus the wealth of experience

of those present, their enthusiasm and faith in Sokol left no doubt in our minds that this is but the beginning of a greater and more valued future.

After the meeting we visited the St. Louis University auditorium where the St. Louis Centennial (District Slet) will be held.

Thank you, Sokol St. Louis. Nazdar!

MILDRED PRCHAL

Keep Sokol Gymnasiums Open During Summer

Sokol districts conduct annual competitions and Slets during June and July. Gymnastic activities are then suspended or curtailed for the summer months. Children are sent to camps and potential instructors attend district schools.

This summer, however, we are confronted with preparations for the 1965 Sokol Centennial Slet competitions and exhibition and the numerous functions during the Centennial holidays. Then follows the ASO. 3-week instructors' school. To insure the success of these great undertakings, it is absolutely necessary that activities in our gymnasiums CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER.

The work of the Centennial Slet Committee has already started. What the results of our accounting for 100 years of Sokol work in the United States will be depends upon EACH AND EVERY SOKOL MEMBER.

It is necessary that all unit directors and Instructor Boards make every effort to increase the number of gymnasts in all classes by:

1. Keeping contact with your class members. For those already enrolled, **KEEP CLASSES OPEN!**
2. Sending letters to all gymnastically inactive members and stressing the importance of attending classes, OR make personal contacts. The latter is, of course, the most effective. A thorough study of the unit's membership should be made and a committee appointed to visit those capable of filling the ranks of gymnasts. Remember, the foundation of our Sokol life depends upon the activities in our gymnasiums.
3. Gain the interest of the public and remind people that the health of their children and their own can be safeguarded by their participation in a well-prepared physical fitness program.

4. Starting fund raising projects to enable all members to participate in the Centennial.
5. Including activities such as hikes, picnics, barbecues, camping, etc. to help keep classes together and starting the fall season with full classes rather than the usual wait until all members return before starting work for competitions and calisthenics.

The good director will prepare his fall program now. Only well-balanced class periods conscientiously taught can assure best results. Discipline with-

out instilling fear and a sincere interest in the students' requirements will gain respect and liking for the instructor. Short informative talks in each class concerning the coming Sokol Centennial to inspire interest should be included in the program.

It is the duty of every Sokol to extend all possible efforts toward making our Centennial Slet the finest demonstration of Sokol work and traditions. We will carefully follow activities of units and districts in the months that lie before us.

ZDAR TO THE CENTENNIAL!

JAMES L. CIHAK

Dr. M. Hutchinson – On Specialization

Dr. M. Hutchinson, former Chancellor of the University of Chicago and now a director of the Ford Foundation, has written a number of articles on the educational system in American schools that have appeared lately in the Chicago Daily News. These may be syndicated and perhaps appeared in your newspaper also. In the last article he analyzes the stepped up drive to begin specialized training at an early age. Incidentally he is not the only one that has strongly criticized this trend. Other authoritative thinkers have also warned against it, pointing out the disadvantages of a "lob-sided education."

All of them point out the indispensable need for a broad general education not only in high schools but carried on throughout the four years of college work as well. They sight especially the dangers inherent in the tremendous strides made in science in the last few decades. The powers that have been discovered cannot be left in the hands of those who are unable to analyze their actions from every conceivable angle because of a too early specialized training.

The term, "a complete individual" means exactly that. Examples of what happens when this basic philosophy is ignored or sidestepped are visible all around us. The tragic thing is that this applies to nations as well as individuals. The desire to excel quickly or be first in a specific category leaves too many voids in the individual, voids that cannot help but lead to disaster.

The impact of this article was so great upon us not only because we have lived through two World Wars, social and economic upheavals but because it brought forcibly to our mind Tyrš's admonition

in his treatise, "Our Task, Aim and Goal." He wrote:

"The life of a nation, as long as it develops in the light of truth, public welfare and progress, is in this sense as invulnerable as a sunbeam, and cannot be conquered or destroyed by any forces of perfidy, or violence sent against it."

"If it is indifferent, it must gradually die out; or if it wants to live, it must excel above others in a general, determined activity."

"We solve our problem primarily by that everyday, continuous, physical and spiritual activity that has in mind progress in everything. This contributes to the ideal that the nation shall forever be healthy and strong, that it shall never be worthless, backward or obstructing in the family of nations, so that the considered judgment of circumstances shall not have to sweep it from the world stage."

"So let us defend our nation every day, because it would be too late and useless to save it with the sword on the outside, in case internal indifference and corruption had engulfed its strong, courageous core."

"The surest sign of a sick and corrupt society, is the prevalence of a debauched egoism that deceives itself by lies. Where, however, the care of life is healthy and the whole counts for more than the parts, there is no room for betrayal, indifference and skepticism, concern only for personal profit and self-preservation and in a time of crisis a desire to foil the efforts of the nobler ones."

There is no question that super specialization is the aim of a purely materialistic view of life. Will it be considered just as valuable when the chips are down in the foreseeable future? We doubt it.

BLANCHE J. CIHAK

SOKOLS MEET WITH STAN MUSIAL

Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York on May 8th called a meeting of five leading organizations engaged in physical education to meet with Mr. Stan Musial, Special Consultant to the President's Council on Physical Fitness. The meeting was held in the Clubroom of the Top of the Fair Restaurant of the New York World's Fair.

The American Sokol Organization was represented by Charles M. Prchal, President, and

Blanche J. Cihak, Secretary. The Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol was represented by Andrew Valusek, President, and John Babuska, Secretary, and other members of their organization. The Polish Falcons by Dr. Walter Laska, National President, with headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pa. The American Turners by their National Chairman, Henry W. Schroeder from Rochester, New York, and Mr. High Salpeter, Director of the Police Athletic League from New York.

Mr. James Wilson, Educational Aide of the Mayor, formally opened the meeting and introduced bro. Andrew J. Valusek, who presided. Mr. Musial explained his role as the new Chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and said that he received his early training in the Polish Falcons. His father was a charter member of a Falcon Unit in Domora, Pa., because he had the Old World regard for physical fitness. He told those present that he is acquainted with the work the organizations represented are doing in making America physically fit. He stressed the concern President Johnson has in the physical health of the people of our nation.

Mr. Musial suggested that those present form a committee that would work with his office in developing a program of mutual cooperation.

JAMES L. CIHAK

A STORY ABOUT SOKOL

PART SEVEN

The young Americans of Czech or other Slav descent cannot seem to grasp the influence Sokol ideals can have on an individual's life and actions unless they come from families where it was an important part of their lives. And even here, just as in other forms of home training, the means used to instill the Sokol philosophy and training into them varied greatly. Without the necessary help of material printed in English to supplement oral instruction it is really a wonder so many have stayed in the ranks.

Blessed were the units with an inspired instructor. These went far beyond mere physical training. The name "Teach," has a golden ring and was well earned. They taught history, awoke in the souls of countless youngsters a desire to accomplish great things, taught them amateur theatrics, a love for their mother tongue, and good music. A sincere yearning to become exemplary citizens. They influenced their charges with a fine sense of fair play and the ability to place a proper, logical value on everything in life. The impact of their influence, training and example have been the main factors in the accomplishments of the Sokols during the last century.

There are enough of those left, whose lives they touched, to form the hard core for the future. The fortunate thing is that their proteges occupy positions of responsibility in every branch of the Sokol work. The native talents and abilities of every individual became highly developed so that they have made their mark in the business and professional world, social and public life as well as reaching

James L. Cihak

National Physical Fitness Movement

Under the aggressive leadership of Mr. Stan Musial the physical fitness movement in America is going places. No longer is it just a subject for annual conferences to be quickly and quietly put back on the shelf until the next conference. Mr. Musial is an exemplary product of Sokol-Falcon training. He realizes that physical training just as

His invitation was accepted to have this conference followed by another meeting which will take place in Washington, D. C., with the Director of the President's Council in the near future.

This seems to be a step in the right direction. We hope that much will develop of this new approach of mutual cooperation between the President's Council on Physical Fitness and these national organizations in an effort to make America a healthier nation.

Mr. Stan Musial feels that organizations like the Sokols who have been doing this work for almost a century have not received the recognition they deserve.

prominence in organizations of all types as well as general leadership in their own communities.

What finer recommendation could anyone ask for the value of the Sokol idea and ideals.

Next month we will return to a chronological history of the Sokols in America. It was felt that this digression to honor those noble souls who gave so much was fitting at this particular point. We are fully aware of those, whose efforts to secure the finances to foster this work, the gymnasiums where it was carried out and the countless supplementary acts that have enriched the Sokol life, and they too have our heartfelt thanks.

It is only in maturity when we compare our lives with those of others that we fully realize the blessings a kindly fate has bestowed upon us.

We would be remiss in our sense of duty and appreciation if we were to regard all of this as something due to us, without making a supreme effort to assure the same advantages to others who need them as much as we did in our formative years.

Sokol is not and never was a narrow, supernatural effort. The minds of the founders were too great and universal in scope. It was a specific effort to show what can be accomplished by mass cooperation for the general advancement of the purest humanitarian and humane ideals. Had it been anything less it would never have held a Thomas G. Masaryk as an active, participating member throughout his life.

(To be continued)

every other type must begin in early childhood, and progress as the individual grows older.

His personal experience in the Sokol gymnasiums in his youth has made him a strong advocate of our system of training. As you readers well know it has been the richest experience of your youth and adult years. America is ready for it and its rich mixture of serious training, fun and games. Governor Otto Kerner of Illinois is the latest in a long line of influential government officials to give the Sokol system of physical fitness training his wholehearted sanction and support.

Sokol St. Louis Proud of Three Generations of Sokols



A fine example of Sokol heritage was given at the Gymnastic Exhibition of Sokol St. Louis, Mo., when three generations of the family of bro. Frank and sis. Camilla Ulrich participated. Grandma and grandpa Ulrich, their son Norman and his two boys, Jimmie and Ronnie, and granddaughter Debbie. This truly is a real Sokol family. Frank's grandfather, Frank Reiner, was an active member, especially in dramatics, from 1875 until his death in 1925, his father Tom Ulrich, a former first class gymnast and later one of St. Louis Sokol's gym instructors (deceased) and his mother Louisa Zdvoracek, still living, the oldest member of Sokolice Vlasta.

Frank and Camilla participate in all Sokol activities. Frank is the second vice-president, treasurer of the Building Fund, secretary of the Entertainment Committee, member of the Board of Directors of the National Hall and the Centennial Committee. Camilla is a great help to the instructor bro. Frank Prihoda and for many years accompanies all our gymnastic exhibitions on the piano. She sings in the Sokol choral society and takes part in many dramatics and operetta, for she has a fine soprano voice, and she is financial secretary of Sokolice Vlasta. She helps wherever she is needed, beside her participation in the Building Fund and Centennial committees. They are a couple with the same ideals and same understanding and such as we find few and far apart!

John Reiner

Blanche J. Cihak

Bro. Joseph Kucera Completing 50 Years as Instructor

of Sokol Mladocech, Racine, Wisconsin

To know bro. Joseph Kucera is to realize why the Sokols in America were able to carry on for a century. His life has been a full one and at 76 his mind and body are both as young as those of the children he still teaches.

He was born in Policka, Chrudim District, on February 24, 1888. He came to America after the 1907 Slet in Praha and joined Sokol Mladocech in February, 1908. His offices and activities include Secretary of the Unit, member of the Executive Committee, a gymnast, competitor, director of physical education, correspondent and manager of the Sokol Hall.

He has held many offices in business and political organizations. As important as all of these were and still are, it is his 50 years as instructor, leader, teacher and confidant to thousands of youngsters in many generations that shine the brightest. He wrote in a recent letter "I hope I have fulfilled by duty to my country and to Sokol, and as a citizen." To this modest appraisal of a rich and fruitful life we can only say that when we have reached his age, we hope that our life will at least in some respects come somewhere near his.

When we are asked by our fellow Americans the secret for the tenacity and accomplishments of Sokol, we could very well point to the life of Bro. Joseph Kucera and say, "There is your answer. It was men and women like him that made it possible."

Congratulations and best wishes to you, bro. Kucera, from all the Sokols for your exemplary Sokol life. Nazdar!

Southern Section, Eastern District

In anticipation that the Sokol Commemorative Stamp will be issued next year, the Southern Section of the Eastern District is planning a Physical Fitness Exhibition and banquet in Washington, D. C., on Saturday and Sunday, February 13 and 14, 1965.

We feel that there may be some Units who may be interested in participating in the exhibition with special numbers and in order that we can begin making preliminary plans, it would be appreciated if those Units make known their intentions as soon as possible by contacting Miss Pamela Mentlik, Secretary, Box 175A, Forge Road, Perry Hall, Maryland.

EDWARD STETKA, Director
ANNA MENTLIK, Director

Tomorrow is just another name for today.—William Faulkner.

SOKOL JUNIORS AND CHILDREN APPEAL FOR COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

Our juniors, children and even adults were asked to write to the Postmaster General about what Sokol meant to them. From the reports we are receiving thousands of them have done so. Many of them, especially from the children, are classics. It is quite apparent the writers were given free rein and made the most of it.

Without further ado, here are some of the unit prize winners, others will be published in succeeding issues of Sokol Americký.

Dear Postmaster:

I think Sokol should have a stamp because it makes Sokols physically and morally fit. It keeps boys and girls off the street and occupies their mind.

You can keep friends for a lifetime and you can go to cities like Chicago, Pittsburgh and Cleveland and gym.

It helped me develop a weak arm that I had from birth.

Tom Pazdernik, Sokol Detroit

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Dear Mr. Postmaster General:

Do you know what Sokol is? I would like to tell you what Sokol means to me. Sokol makes it's members physically fit, morally straight and mentally alert.

I'm only 7 years old, but I have been gymming for four years. Sokol has been helping children and adults keep strong and healthy for nearly 100 years.

I would like to see Sokol get a commemorative postage stamp for it's 100th Anniversary next year, for it's fine work in physical fitness.

Thank you for anything you can do.

Sincerely,

Laurie Valek, Sokol Detroit

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Dear Sir:

This is my first year as a Sokol member. To me, Sokol is a wonderful organization which helps its members develop into stronger and wiser men and women.

Sokol enables us to keep ourselves physically fit, both in mind and body. As a member of the Sokol, we have responsibilities. We learn to work as a team, help one another, stay alert at all times and also keep an open mind in all things.

The Sokol will celebrate its 100th year in the United States in 1965. We would greatly appreciate your issuing a stamp in commemoration of this occasion.

Respectfully yours,

Elizabeth Barbers, Sokol New York

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Dear Postmaster General:

I'd like to explain what Sokol means to me. Sokol means a place where I can have fun and excitement. A place where I meet my friends, and we all have fun enjoying gymnastics and games.

The Sokol gym has been in existence for 100 years. The Sokols originated in Czechoslovakia, and our forefathers brought this idea to America

because they believe that a healthy body and a healthy mind are important. All the Sokols throughout the United States wish that it were possible to have a stamp made commemorating the 100th anniversary of this fine organization. I hope it will be possible for you to make a stamp for us.

Sincerely yours,

Janis Repka, Sokol New York

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Dear Sir:

As a proud and active member of Sokol South Omaha, Nebraska, I feel, as I am sure all Sokols do, that some recognition should be given to us on our centennial anniversary.

The late President, John F. Kennedy, recognized the American Sokol Organization as helping to keep our nation physically fit.

I feel that Sokol has enriched my life a great deal. It has made me physically and mentally fit.

I am enclosing a pamphlet which I hope will give you a clearer understanding of Sokols.

Any help you are able to provide for a stamp to recognize Sokol would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

JoAnne Pechous

Sokol South Omaha, Nebraska

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Dear Mr. Gronouski:

The best thing about Sokol Mom says is she never hears me say "Do I have to go?"

Well, sometimes little girls are just too tired or sick to go to Scouts, piano lessons, Sunday school, and school but somehow I always feel fine on Wednesday nights no matter how sick I am Wednesday morning.

My sister who is almost 14 has been a member of Sokol 3 years and this is my 2nd year. We enjoy gymming so much that Mommy and Daddy joined this year. Daddy says he's doing pretty good but then I never see Daddy cause he goes on Monday and Friday. Mommy thinks she's pretty good too, but most of us get blisters and bruises but Mom never shows us hers, I know they are there, though, 'cause sometimes she has a little trouble sitting down. They're pretty old, Mommy is 37 and Daddy is going to be 41 soon.

When the grownups have meetings we kids go, we have to be quiet during the meeting but afterwards we can play. If our paper airplanes or balls hit the old people while they're talking or playing cards they don't yell at us. They feel like we all belong, I guess.

The junior kids have dances and get to go on trips so I can hardly wait until I'm in the 7th grade.

Oh, we work too! When we have dinners sometimes I have to empty ash trays, my sister cleans the tables, Mommy washes dishes and Daddy gives out the beer. We don't mind doing this 'cause we're helping to pay Sokol for all the good times we have.

I feel the government should honor Sokol with a stamp because we are just one family and I'm

sure Sokol members all over the United States feel the same as we do.

Sincerely,
Nancy Marr—11 years old—5th grade
Sokol Baltimore, Maryland

P.S.—My gym teacher at school says he'll hate to lose me and wished all his boys and girls could have the teaching I've had at Sokol.

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Dear Sir:

Recently our "Sokol" instructor read a letter telling us about the 100th Anniversary of Sokol and the wish of many people to have a United States postage stamp issued to commemorate this event.

I attend the Scio, Oregon, Sokol gymnastic classes as do my two younger sisters Karen and Kathey. This is our second year in these classes.

I think these classes are very good for us as we learn so many ways to build a sound and strong body along with how to mix with boys and girls of all ages.

Our instructors receive no pay for the time they spend training us, and we have several types of gymnastic apparatus that is there for us to use.

Boys and girls of all ages and religion are welcome to attend these classes, which there are hundreds across our United States.

I would like to ask you to help get this "SOKOL" stamp issued, as these people who have spent so much of their time for so many years in trying to make better citizens of the young people of America. It should be recognized. !

Sincerely,
Kyla Beebe, Sokol Scio, Oregon

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

Held May 26th, 1964

Bro. Prchal presided.

Present: Bros. Barcal, Brouk, Cihak, Halik, Kro-pik and Rabas. Sisters: Cihak, Falta, Prchal and Welcl. Excused bro. Vodrazka.

Correction to the minutes of the meeting held April 28th—sis. Welcl was excused.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved.

REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICTS

Received minutes from the meeting of the North-eastern and Central District.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Northeastern District salutes and congratulates the Exec. Board of ASO. on our participation with a Sokol float in the Polish Constitution Day Parade, and the fact that the Exec. Board is working diligently to bring Sokol to the people of the United States.

The Russell W. Nelson Agency submit a sample copy of the Brookfield Sokol Physical Education blanket accident policy for which they are now providing them with \$1,000 blanket medical expense coverage and \$1,000 accidental death and dismemberment coverage at an annual premium of \$1.60 per member. This matter will be passed on to the BOI.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Sokol Milwaukee requested information on exemption from income derived from contributions and general exemption of income tax. U. S. Treasury Department requested to clarify on our status and its relationship to Units of the ASO.

With bro. Prchal attended a meeting in New York called by Mayor Robert F. Wagner to the Top of the Fair Restaurant on Friday, May 8th, to meet Stan Musial. It was an opportunity for our organization to present its view on the development of the New National Program for Physical Fitness and Preparedness.

Had lunch with SGUS. officers who had many questions about our preparations for the Centennial year. We discussed the stamp and our chances of getting it, the Pilgrimage and the Slet. They also outlined their program for the coming seasons.

From 7:30 to 11:30 attended a meeting in the New York Sokol Hall, attended by bros. Hrbek, Zraly, Chaloupka, Slavik, Holy, sis. Zraly, and other members.

We discussed Czechoslovak Day and the Friday night dinner and program at Sokol New York preceding Czechoslovak Day. They had many questions about our activities and preparations for the Centennial.

With bro. Prchal attended the 33rd Annual Governor's Conference on Youth at the Sherman Hotel on May 14th. Attended several sessions and watched slides on Youth Fitness. It leaves much to be desired. The Sokols have been carrying on this type of program for almost a hundred years.

At the luncheon we had an opportunity to speak to Governor Kerner and Mr. Stan Musial. Together they spent the major part of the luncheon discussing Sokol and the Falcons. Mr. Stan Musial made it very clear that these organizations are not receiving the recognition they deserve.

With sis. Falta attended the gymnastic exhibition of Sokol Mladocech on May 2nd, where I was asked to address the audience and gymnasts.

Again with sis. Falta attended the gymnastic exhibition of Sokol Milwaukee on May 16th where I also spoke.

Bros. Prchal, Cihak and sis. Falta and I attended the very successful Gymnastic Exhibition of Sokol St. Louis May 23rd.

Mr. Bob Stewart, coordinator for the President's Council on Physical Fitness, was the speaker. He was very much impressed by the program and wanted to hear everything he possibly could about the Sokols and their work. We supplied him with as much information as we could verbally and will now follow it up with Sokol material.

Mr. Stewart will write an article into the Physical Fitness Bulletin about the Sokols in an early issue.

A meeting of the St. Louis Centennial Slet Committee was held Sunday morning, attended also by bro. Lebloch and sisters Schnabl and Udaykee.

Many aspects of the Slet and Pilgrimage were discussed. The Slet will be held in the very fine auditorium of the St. Louis University which has excellent floor space, seating capacity of 2,500 and available apparatus.

The Treasury Notes of the American Sokol Organization expired on May 15th. The bank informed us that similar notes are not available. The notes were turned in for collection and suggest that the matter be turned over to the Treasurer and Auditing Committee for study and recommendation. Approved.

The meeting of the Centennial Slet Committee was held April 29th and a meeting of the Slet Executive Committee on May 22nd.

Sis. Falta again spent many days in the office and helped to expedite material, prepare the Tour and to do anything that she could to alleviate the pressure brought on by the many duties in the office.

Traveling expense to New York and St. Louis was approved.

Sis. Cihak read a report on the Centennial Stamp and on the Excursion Committee.

Bro. Halik submitted the minutes of the BOI. and reported as Director of Men.

Sis. Prchal presented a report as Director of Women and recommended sis. Welcl for membership in the BOI. Approved.

The minutes of the First Centennial Slet Committee meeting and the meeting of the Centennial Slet Executive Committee held May 22nd, 1964, were read.

Minutes accepted and recommendations approved.

Bro. Cihak reported as Educational Director.

Bro. Prchal thanked for the reports submitted and work accomplished.

Governor Kerner sent a fine letter addressed to Postmaster General Gronouski urging the issuance of the postage stamp.

Bro. Prchal again asked that he be relieved of his duties as Editor of S.A., and asked that his resignation be accepted. Bro. Kropik took over the chair. It was decided to refer the matter to a committee. Approved. Members are: bros. Kropik, Barcal, Vodrazka and sis. Welcl.

The Bylaws of Sokol Fuegner-Tyrs, Omaha, and Western District were examined by bro. Prchal, sis. Cihak and Falta and presented them to the Exec. Board for further deliberation.

After careful consideration it was decided to refer the By-laws back to the Unit and District with the statement and recommendation that they hold off, since the Convention is only one year away and new changes will be made.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be held June 30th.

Bro. Kropik adjourned the meeting.

Blanche J. Cihak, Secretary

Minutes of the Meeting of the Sokol Centennial Slet Comm.

Held April 29, 1964, in the CSA. Annex, Cicero, Ill.

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by bro. Charles Prchal, President of the American Sokol Organization.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sis. Blanche Cihak, ASO. Secretary, read the correspondence referred to the Centennial Slet Committee by the Executive Board of the ASO. These letters will be referred to the pertinent committees for action.

Each member present was handed a typewritten copy outlining the duties of the committees comprising the Centennial Slet Committee and was read by bro. Vodrazka. Discussion followed. On motion duly made and carried, a committee designated as 3D—Slet Seals—was added, and comes under the jurisdiction of the Finance Committee.

To committee designated as #7 should be added the title—"Banquet Committee." The entire setup of the Slet Committee, with the two above additions was approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Duly elected, with the secretary casting the proper vote, were:

Chairman	James L. Cihak
Co-Chairman	Charles T. Kropik
	James Simaner
Secretary	Blanche Cihak
Treasurer	Bretislav Vanek
Honorary Chairman	Charles Prchal

The officers of the Centennial Slet Committee were installed into their offices by bro. Frank Vodrazka. All pledged their utmost cooperation to make our Centennial Slet truly memorable and an outstanding success.

We proceeded to organize the various committees. Appointed were:

Finance Committee	Frank Vodrazka
Housing Committee	Charles Kropik
Management Committee	Joseph Drnec
Parade Committee	James Simaner
Souvenir Program Book	James L. Cihak
Sokol Exhibit	Joseph Janecka, Jr.

Bro. Halik requested that the BOI. be allowed to name their liaison representative to the Slet Executive Committee.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, permission was granted to the officers to appoint individuals to organize the following committees:

Publicity Committee — Banquet Committee.

Duly elected as Chief Marshal of the Parade was bro. George Boucek.

Sis. Cihak requested the appointment of two recording secretaries—English and Czech. Approved.

English recording secretary: Betty Prener and in her absence either Mildred Udaykee or Ellen-Jeanne Schnabl.

Czech recording secretary: Jaromira Zacek.

A roll call followed enabling each member present to stipulate on which committee he or she wished to serve. 66 present — 12 excused. Among those present were bros. Shana and Ulrich and sisters Shana and Ulrich from St. Louis, Missouri.

Sokol Units St. Louis, Milwaukee and Racine will be requested to serve in some capacity on the day of the Slet, but due to distance, are unable to attend meetings.

Committee meetings are to be called 45 minutes before the regular assembly meetings to discuss problems and present recommendations, except the BOI.

Bro. Cihak expressed his appreciation to all for attending and participating in our discussions. Meeting was adjourned after which refreshments were served.

Betty Prener, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Centennial Slet

Held Friday, May 22nd, 1964, in the American Sokol Organization office

Present: Bros. Cihak, Drnec, Kropik, Prchal, Simaner, Vanek and Vodrazka. Sis. Cihak.

Bro. Cihak presided.

Minutes from the first Centennial Slet Committee meeting were read.

It was recommended that the Executive Board of the ASO. inform the Director of Men and Director of Women that both of them are to attend the meetings of the Executive Slet Committee.

The following agenda was discussed and recommendations will be submitted to the Centennial Slet Committee and ASO. Executive Board:

1. Official name. Many were suggested and it was decided that all members give the matter some thought and present an idea at the next meeting.
2. Recommended that we try to obtain Hoffman Stadium, J. Sterling Morton High School, for the site of the Slet.
3. Slet events:
Akademie to be held on Friday, June 25th, at Sokol Tabor.
Awards night to be held on Saturday, June 26th, at Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs.
Farewell Dance to be held at Sokol Berwyn, on Sunday, June 27th.
Banquet to be held in the Great Hall of the Congress Hotel on Thursday, June 24th.
4. An effort will be made to obtain tax exemption from all admission tickets.
5. Czechoslovak Society of Arts & Sciences, Inc., and Philatelic organizations will be requested to submit designs for Slet seals.
6. Slet office to be located at 5611 W. Cermak Road, Cicero, Ill. 60650.
7. Slet exhibit—Lincoln Federal or Marshall Savings & Loan Ass'ns.
8. Patrons for the Slet to be considered.
9. Mr. Stan Musial to be the principal speaker at the Slet.
10. George Halas of the Chicago Bears to be the principal speaker at the Awards Nite.
11. Congressman Roman C. Pucinski to speak at the banquet.
12. 1st National Bank of Cicero to be used for Slet account.
13. The ASO. to be requested to advance the sum of \$2,000.00 to Slet Committee.

Checks must be signed by the Treasurer, Bretislav Vanek and co-signed by the Chairman of the Slet Committee, James L. Cihak, or Chairman of the Finance Committee, Frank Vodrazka.

A blanket bond in the amount of \$30,000 to include burglary, holdup (full coverage) be secured from Basta Musil & Company.

Sis. Cihak has been requested to accept chairmanship of the banquet.

Bro. Prchal will organize independent publicity committees for Czech and English publicity.

Bro. Prchal suggested that a pageantry number conclude the Slet program.

The next meeting of the regular Slet Committee will be held Monday, June 8th.

Bro. Chairman thanked for the interest in the meeting and adjourned it.

Nazdar!

Blanche J. Cihak, Secretary

Financial Report ASO.

May, 1964

INCOME

Dues	\$1,408.50
Interest	132.55
Jewelry	78.51
Centennial Stamp Committee	25.00
S.A. subscription, T. G. Masaryk Unit dues and Miscellaneous income	13.72
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	\$1,658.28

DISBURSEMENTS

Centennial Stamp Committee	\$ 274.22
Centennial Slet expense	58.96
Salaries	626.60
Sokol Americky	593.46
Transportation and expense	381.35
Sokol Gymnast — February, March, April	78.00
Printing	12.37
Postage, Telephone, Rental, Office supplies, Office expense	307.75
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	\$2,332.71

BALANCE

Western National Bank checking acct.	\$4,836.45
Income—May, 1964	1,658.28
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	\$6,494.73
Expense—May, 1964	2,332.71
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	\$4,162.02

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

Present: Sisters Barcal, Dunovsky, Freiberg, Halik, Krizenecky, Prchal, Schnabl, Tintera, Udaykee, Mach. Brothers Barcal, Basta, Fina, Freiberg, Halik, Lebloch, Linhart, Ptacek, Satek, Sula. Excused: Sisters Ptacek, Vesely, Welcl, and bro. Vrba.

Central District requested sis. Prchal and bro. Halik to teach at their workshop and school. Permission was granted and sis. Prchal accepted.

Sis. B. Drozda, Director of Women, was instructed by the Western District BOI. to request bro. Linhart to teach for one week at their school, in addition to bro. Halik and sis. Krizenecky.

The Western District will assume bro. Linhart's \$75.00 salary plus his transportation. Request was granted and bro. Linhart accepted.

Men's minutes: Following recommendations for the junior boys Slet competitions were accepted: 1. Jr. boys competitions will include tumbling moves similar to Free Ex. — 2. Low Division jr. boys will compete on low parallel bars and low horizontal bars—height to be specified by author.

The by-laws should include a means of forming the Slet Committee and Subcommittee chairmen. This was referred to the By-Laws Committee.

Women's minutes: The following suggestions were discussed: 1. Some solution should be found for shortening the program. A careful selection of the suggested numbers should be made. — 2. Pictures of the new uniforms should be taken and distributed immediately. — 3. According to the Fall Conference, bro. Slavik had agreed to edit the "Sokol Gymnast" for six months. Soon his time will expire. After a discussion, bro. Fina moved that the Northeastern District be asked to take on the "Sokol Gymnast" from July 1, 1964, to January 1, 1965. Motion was approved. — 4. An additional addenda to the Competition Rules re. new uniforms and other revisions is needed. It was decided that a bulletin be sent with the present Competition Rules and new apparatus exercises, etc.

Reports: Bro. Halik reported on the Centennial float which took part in the Polish Constitution Day Parade on May 3rd. It made a very favorable impression on the crowds of spectators and Postmaster Gen. John L. Gronouski.

Sis. Prchal reported that she had a visit with Jan Roberts and sis. Palas when they were in Berwyn recently.

During a discussion on women's horse vaults there was a general feeling that the head spring should not be used since it is difficult for the gymnast to learn a straight arm hand spring after that.

Bro. Fina reported on the National AAU. Meet and meetings held at the Merchant Marine Academy. Most contestants were all-around and very few individuals. The officials had to pass tests before they were accepted. The new FIG Rules are to be approved in Zurich in July. There will be a Gymstrata in Vienna during July, 1965, for one week and they would like Americans to exhibit. Funds are available. Women's FIG Rules will not have changes. Colonel Hall announced a competition between Canada and the United States. Two men judges and 2 women judges are to be selected for the Olympics. There will be an AAU. Newsletter published by Jan Roberts. There were 2 meetings and the minutes will be sent to bro. Slavik to be published in "Sokol Gymnast." Bro. Fina will conduct a qualifying competition for the Olympic Team. The gymnast must make 8.5 or better on each event.

Slet: During a discussion on the site, the J. Sterling Morton West field was recommended for the Centennial Slet.

The Publicity Committee should make efforts to advertise the Slet as a gymnastic program and place posters, etc. in the public school system.

Invite members of the Olympic Team to attend.

Some Slet program numbers should be encouraged to rehearse on Saturday or very early on Sunday morning if they do not need the band music in order to facilitate the order of the day and so that the band need not sit around and the ASO. pay for unnecessary time while groups are using records or tapes. Those who plan to use the band, should have their line-up ready in order not to waste time.

After a lengthy discussion on the selection of the Chairman of the Slet Technical Committee, it was decided that a clarification is to be requested. Until this matter can be resolved, both sis. Prchal and bro. Halik will be Co-Chairmen.

Mili Udaykee, Secretary

Report of the ASO. Director of Men

Talked with bro. Erhenberger and suggested several people as second instructors for their Southern District school, depending on their special requirements. They decided to ask sis. Jeri Krize-necky to be the second instructor.

Western District and Central District have schools at the same time. I have indicated that I would like to teach the Western District school—Central District may change dates because of conflict with SGUS. Ludevit Stur District Slet to be held at the Potter Lake Camp at that time.

Bro. Linhart, sis. Krizenecky and I are scheduled to teach at the Western District school.

The committee for children's calisthenics met to select music and to confer on the type of movements for drills.

Men's apparatus committee reports exercises are being checked out for combinations and difficulty.

Talked with sis. Krizenecky, bro. Linhart and sis. Drozda concerning teaching assignments.

Edwin J. Halik

Report of the ASO. Director of Women

Women's meeting was held on Wednesday, May 13th. Received letter from Sokol Belcamp asking for description of new Sokol uniforms for girls and women. Requested Sokol Supply Company to send samples of uniforms to Sokol Belcamp.

Received letter from sis. Norma Zabka, Chairman of AHPER Gymnastic Committee, asking for floor exercise contribution for the next issue of the Gymnastic book.

Sent letter to sis. Florence Palas (cc to Pacific District Executive Board) regarding requested clinic. Suggested that it be held at beginning of fall season when Centennial Slet calisthenics and competition exercises will be completed.

Will teach for Central District course.

Have written to all districts regarding attendance reports. Sent charts and daily schedules for district courses as per ASO. Board of Instructors decision—also material suitable for teaching children.

Attendance reports received show a progressive increase in girls' classes. Tots' classes have been formed in almost every unit of the Central District. There are now over 500 children under six years of age being prepared for regular classes in our Sokol gymnasiums.

Attended Sokol Stickney exhibition at Morton High West gymnasium. A very large and receptive

audience filled the bleachers. Classes were very well taught—girls classes were unusually big.

Would like to have the ASO. Executive Board give their official approval for sis. Emily Welcl's membership in the ASO. Women's Instructors Board.
Mildred Prchal

Report of the Centennial Stamp Committee

Participated in the Polish Constitution Day parade on May 3rd. Gymnasts including bro. Barcal, sis. Jeanette Votava, Rick Wostratsky, Janis Eyth, Marty Kral, Joyce Kovar, Rick Barcal and Caroline Sooth stood on the float, while eleven Sokols—men and women—bro. Prchal, Halik, Cihak, Simaner, and Hank Vydra, sisters Cihak, Falta, Vydra, Udaykee, Kral and Vorel, marched the full 3 miles ahead of it.

We have been informed by the Polish Alliance Committee for Constitution Day that our float was awarded 6th place and that the trophy is being completed.

Received a letter from Postmaster General Grounouski stating that he learned that our organization played an important role in contributing to the success of Polish Constitution Day and asked that we accept his sincere congratulations.

Bro. and sis. Cihak had an opportunity to say a few words of greeting to him on the platform. Accompanying him was Governor Kerner.

We have received many fine letters written by youngsters to Postmaster General on the benefits they receive from our training. They will all be published in S.A.

The drive for the stamp continues. Each day brings reports of activity all over the country.

Plans will be made for intensifying the program in September as a last final drive. At this time city councils will be requested to support the issuance of the stamp.

Requests for petitions continue to come in from new areas.

Bro. Kohoutek has been able to make a very good contact in San Francisco.

Blanche J. Cihak

Excursion Committee

During my visit in New York spent considerable time checking on our hotel accommodations and trying to find new ones for still another bus. Was able to get 20 twin-bedded rooms in the Sheraton Park Hotel.

From New York I traveled down to Philadelphia to check on our Tour there and to make reservations for our sightseeing.

Continued on to Washington, D. C., to see if everything that was planned was in order.

Ordered two wreaths at \$35.00 each for President Kennedy's grave and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Placed an advertisement in the Denni and Weekly Hlasatel.

FROM OUR DISTRICTS

EASTERN DISTRICT

Meeting held May 18th with 12 representatives present.

The participation of the Eastern District Units in the Regional Slet of M. M. Hodza was left to the discretion of each unit.

The Regular Democratic Club of Little Ferry is pleased to express their desire in Resolution #17 for the Commemorative Stamp to be issued.

Senator Keating wrote that he brought the suggestion to the Post Office Department.

Bro. Capek, Director of Men, reported on competitions to be held in Sokol New York Hall for small boys and girls on June 7th.

The District will participate in Czechoslovak Day at the Singer Bowl at the World's Fair, also at the United States Pavillion. Sokol Baltimore will do a special number and New York Sokol will do a Maypole dance.

Sis. Zabka, Director of Women, reported that sis. Provaznik has accepted to teach at Sokol Camp if a course is held.

Junior girls and senior women's competitions will be held in Sokol Hall, New York, on June 20th.

The proceeds of the competition sponsored by the Eastern District and Hunter College amounted to \$400.00 and it is to be donated to the AAU.

Bro. Petlicka, Educational Director, reported that the opera "V studni" will be presented again in New York Sokol sometime in the fall. He also reported that five buses (228) passengers are going to Washington. They plan a guided tour of Washington on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday wreaths will be placed at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and President Kennedy's grave.

Units reported on their activities. Sis. Welcl attended Sokol Fuegner, L. I. C., New York exhibition.

Sokol Little Ferry will start renovating their hall soon.

New York Sokol planning dinner and program for June 19th.

Bro. Hrbek commended each unit on their exhibition.

CSA. is planning a 110th anniversary program and initiation of new members at Sokol New York Hall on June 20th.

The Eastern District is planning a picnic in D. A. Sokol Camp in Ironia, N. J., July 12th.

The D. A. Sokol is having their Slet on June 14th in Ironia.

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Letter from Sokol St. Louis pertaining to the 1965 District Slet will be answered by the secretary.

The "Souvenir Program" committee sent in the samples of its promotional correspondence.

Men's director bro. Paul Lebloch gave a report up to this meeting. The II class boys' apparatus tournament will be held June 6, at Sokol Berwyn. Junior boys and men's tournament will be held June 12, at Sokol Brookfield. Sokol Berwyn drilled the district calisthenics at the All-Star basketball

game sponsored by the Berwyn-Cicero Life newspapers. Sister Ann Cermak from Sokol Tabor gave an excellent demonstration of Free Calisthenics. Brothers Basta, Zitny, Kalat and junior boy George Mulak demonstrated calisthenics and apparatus exercises at Sokol Mladocech, Racine, Wis.

Sis. Schnabl, Director of Women, gave a report from the regular monthly meeting and from the meeting with the Men's BOI., where Slet problems were discussed. Sisters Schnabl, Tintera, Udaykee, and junior girls Basta, Strejc and Udaykee were also in Racine on April 12, to conduct a gymnastic clinic.

The plans for the gymnastic course of our District June 21st to July 3rd at Potters Lake were approved by the Central Committee. The secretary will make arrangements with the Potters Lake Camp as soon as the BOI. will let him know that the teaching staff and auxiliary staff for the course is fully organized.

The Central Committee also approved \$10.00 allowance for each student—up to nine from one unit.

Nominating committee for the District officers was appointed by sis. Trajhan. J. Kriz

Sokol Baltimore

Bro. Jerry Mares, a member of Sokol Baltimore since 1925, died at his home on May 30th at the age of 58. Bro. Mares started his activities in the Sokol at the age of five and in 1926 was a member of the ASO. team which participated in the Slet in Prague. As an instructor and director he was an ardent supporter of the Tyrs principles. He also held the position of secretary for many years and in this office, during the war years, when the interest of most members was in other fields, he worked unrelentingly along with our past president, bro. Joseph Bilek, to preserve our Unit. He entered the field of radio announcing and his schedule made it necessary for him to curtail his activities in Sokol. On occasion, I sought out Jarka for advice or an opinion on some matter and it was always cheerfully given. It was during one of these talks that he remarked, "Ed, we have one of the greatest organizations in this country. If and when our members and the people become aware of this fact, the Sokol in this country will be as strong as they were in Czechoslovakia."

Edward Stetka.

Plzensky Sokol

With summer's coming, the 60th season for Pilsen Sokol Camp at New Buffalo, Mich., rapidly approaches. Frank L. Konopasek, President, and his Board of Directors have set the opening date for Saturday, June 27th, 1964. So it's clean up, paint up, plant up time for the members to ready the Camp and their quarters for the coming summer. Word comes from "Cottage Row" that several members are planning to improve and remodel.

President Konopasek has appointed a Camp Committee consisting of George Ruzicka (Chicago), Chairman, Eleanor Solin (La Grange) and Blanche

Schubert (Berwyn) to supervise the Camp for the coming season.

The Entertainment Committee in whose able hands rests the planning of all festive and social activities are: Lillian Ludvik, Sadie Bouzek, Anton Dolezal, Libuse Nesnidal, Elsie Vovis, Elmer Liska, Anne Kropik, Eleanor Solin, Eileen Sima, Elsie Vocelka, and George Ruzicka. Three dances are scheduled during Camp season, dates and details to be released later.

The rustic Recreation Hall overlooking the lake, where young and old congregate evenings, has a canteen and a bar where light snacks, sweets and liquid refreshments will be available. The kitchen, as always, will cater the traditional good Bohemian American food, family style, for which Pilsen Camp Sokol is noted.

Management will again be in the hands of Tillie Newman, 400 Bartram Rd., Riverside, phone HIckory 7-0446, who is in charge of advance reservations. Last, but not least, Camp Sokol's greatest attraction, Lake Michigan and a beautiful beach, luringly beckon and wait for the bathers and sun worshippers soon to come.

Mae C. Macha, Publicity Chairman

Joseph Kucera

Sokol Mladocech, Racine, Wis.

In the last article I wrote for Sokol Americky I asked a question: "Will our Unit be as strong this year as the previous one?" My answer came soon and I really was surprised. We are stronger. The exhibition which we held on May 2nd proved that. Participating in that event were 138 gymnasts on the stage. Full cooperation of all members in our Unit proved that only hard work and sacrifice will accomplish the task and our devotion to the Sokol idea. Every number was well executed, and we had 17.

I will not mention the names of the directors and instructors separately, because they all did an excellent job. From the beginning with an address by President J. J. Fetek who spoke on the devotion to Sokol ideas and ideals everything went smoothly as the BOI. outlined in the program.

Our guests from the ASO. were sisters Blanche Cihak and Anna Falta. Address by sis. Cihak was well accepted by all gymnasts and guests.

Also present were members of our neighbor Unit Sokol Milwaukee, to whom we wish to express our thanks and gratitude for their presence.

Thanks to our sisters who spent many hours preparing refreshments for our guests and members. Also thanks to bro. V. Struhelka, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, for the hard work for the financial success of the event.

There was not a soul that did not enjoy the program and showed it by their applause after each number. The old saying "Bez práce nejsou ani koláče" is very true.

We have a corps of wonderful hard working people in our unit. Preparing the hall for the exhibition and after it the general cleanup. No one refused to pitch in to do his or her part.

This week again the gym is full of members practicing for the Sokol Milwaukee's exhibition and

Physical Fitness Day at the Riverside-Brookfield High School Stadium, in Brookfield, Illinois.

The BOI. called a meeting to prepare for both events and also for the District competitions. Two teams will go to Chicagoland on June 12th and 13th. Buses will be furnished to take the rest of the members to Chicago on June 14th.

Sokol Mladocerch will participate in the SGUS. Slet in Potters Lake on June 28th and this will close our activities for this season.

To the splendid job done by all of you my sincere thanks and Nazdar!

Sokol Detroit

Greetings from Sokol Detroit. A total of 52 letters were written and sent in to the U. S. Postmaster General by our gymnasts requesting a commemorative stamp for Sokol's 100th anniversary. 41 letters by Class I and II boys and girls and 11 letters by the junior boys and girls. I am enclosing the two winning letters, one each from Class I and II boys and girls—Laurie Valek's and Tom Pazdernik's—if you have space, please publish.

On June 7th—opening day of Camp—we have a "nácivčna" and on June 28th we are going to the District Slet in Cleveland. Don't forget our summer gymnastic exhibition on July 12th. We are looking for volunteers to dance the "Beseda" at this event. Anyone interested please contact Jim or Jerry Kalivoda who have volunteered to direct and teach it if necessary. We hope to have the first rehearsal at the Camp on Sunday, June 7th, after the "nácivčna."

Chuck Bares, Correspondent

RUDOLF ŠIMŮNEK

Kázeň znamená pořádek.

Kázeň značí vůbec pořádek.

Kázeň je správnost, přesnost, poctivost v myšlenkách, citech, slovech i skutcích.

Bez kázně nedovedl posud ničeho ani jednotlivec, ani společnost, tím méně celý národ. Kázeň tvoří z rozptýlených jednotlivců naše sokolské jednoty a musí učinit z různosměrných stran jednotný národ. Kázeň znamená zříkání se zájmů osobních ve prospěch obecný, obětování prospěchů jednotlivcových ke zduaru celku.

Tuhá kázeň značí vše: úspěch i život.

Ji rostly sokolské jednoty a celé sokolské zřízení, ji stojí nad ostatními spolky, poněvadž kázní neboli pořádkem zbavují se nedostatků, poklesků a chyb vlastního členstva a poněvadž kázeň a zachování pořádku tvoří hráz proti všem výstřednostem a libůstkám. Kázeň sokolská vyžaduje určitě spořádání vlastního nitra a zasahuje nerozlučně i do rodiny a do domácností každého člena jednoty. Tato osobní kázeň vyznačuje se množstvím činů na pohled snad nepatrných, ale v souhrnu velmi důležitých proto, že z nich se skládá celý život. Sokolská kázeň nesmí zůstat jen pro tělocvičnu a cvičiště, ale musí dál do života, neboť v něm setkáváme se s neupřímností, sobectvím, nedůtklivostí, domýšlivostí, lhostejností, lží a jinými nepěknými vlastnostmi, které se tak rozmohly, že je div, jestliže nás ještě nezadusily.

Jen sledujme své okolí a odpovězme si upřímně, kolik lidí je v něm zcela spolehlivých, kolik splní daný slib, kolik odpoví včas, kolik se jich omluví za nevykonanou povinnost, kolik nezapomene na věci i nepatrné, kolik jich slibuje věci nemožné, kolik se jich chce jen zavděčiti každému, kolik jich zkrucuje pravdu ze zvyku, kolik lže ze zvyku a kolika není lhostejným hnusný a nečestný čin?

Není tedy bezvýznamné, trváme-li na přesném dodržování počátku cvičení, schůzí, lhůt pro dotazníky a přihlášky i placení spolkových platů bez upomínání, a když žádáme včas řádné omluvy. Upřímnost, přímost, pravdivost, ráznost a dochvilnost sokolská mají napravovatí společnost. Vstěpujme tyto vlastnosti do jednotlivců, přenášeje je z našich jednot do veřejnosti, naučme se správnosti a spolehlivosti ve věcech malých a budeme pak správní a spolehliví i ve věcech velkých. Zkoumejme každý sama sebe, odstraňujme vady u sebe a pak i v okolí. Napřed necht' je zkázněn jednotlivec, sebekázní musíme začít. Bude to na prospěch celku: rodiny, jednoty, národa. Kázeň a pořádek musí nám vejíti v maso a krev, obojí musí býti přísné, neúprosné, neboť kdo špatnosti odpouští, dobru škodí. Přísnost a důslednost nevyklučuje však lásku a právě bratrství.

Sokolstvo má před sebou velké úkoly. Potřebuje celých mužů a žen. Po dobrovolném vstupu do Sokola následuje povinnost. Ta záleží i v poslušnosti rozkazů odpovědných činovníků.

"Nemá se poroučet, jen aby se poroučelo, ale to, co musí být, necht' určitě, však bratrsky se žádá." (Tyrš úv. 24.)

Sokolští činovníci uváží rozkaz, je-li ho třeba, zdali a jak může býti splněn a také zda se o něm všichni včas dovědí. Budou tedy v rozkazování opatrní, ale důslední. Co je jednou rozkazem, to musí býti splněno.

Stat' je nadepsána "Kázeň a pořádek". Ale tak se nyní zdá, když jsme to důkladně probrali, že pojem pořádku je jaksi širší či nadřazený. Kázeň znamená poslouchat, podřídit se, splnit povinnost nebo rozkaz. To možno učinit i strojově, stroze, mlčky, bez odmluvy třeba i neochotně — ale přece je kázní učiněno zadost. Ale pořádek je přece něco víc. Asi tolik: naplnit povinnost citem, osvětit ji rozumem a zkrášlit ji slušností. Hledím si povinnost zpríjemnit tím, že o ni uvažuji a hledím přijít na kloub její podstatě a smyslu. Rozhodně se chráním toho, abych uloženou práci jen tak odbyl.

Pořádek znamená tedy: udělat svou věc cele, dobře, včas a s láskou.

JAN TESAŘ

Před padesáti lety.

Když člověk překročí svých osmdesát let, tak vzpomíná a účtuje svůj život, svojí účast na díle společném nám všem. A komu sokolství vstoupilo do žil a stalo se jeho denní modlitbou, jsou to vzpomínky sokolské.

Jest tomu právě padesát roků, kdy Slovanská Sokolská Gymnastická Unie dokončila jeden z největších cvičitelských kursů v Americe konaných. A bylo zde sokolských jednot! České, slovenské, slovinské, polské, chorvatské, dalmatinské, ruské, děl-

nické . . . A všechny vyslaly posluchače do školy, která trvala 26 týdnů. Přihlášeno bylo 96 kursistů, ale brzy mnozí odpadali, tak, že po 26 týdnech, při graduacní slavnosti v Sokole Havlíček-Tyrš, nebylo nás ani dvacet. Ale všichni, kteří školu dokončili, uplatnili se plně v životě našeho Sokolstva. Byl mezi nimi náš br. starosta, Karel Prchal, Karel Oselka, Tomáš Špatný . . .

Škola se konala v Dvořákově parku v české Plzni v Chicagu. Vyučovalo se vždy v neděli od devíti hodin ráno do čtvrté i páté hodiny odpoledne. Každé neděle pak dostali jsme domácí úkoly, které po odvedení byly pečlivě přehlédnuty a posouzeny našimi učiteli, bratry: Jarkou Košařem, Janem Holanem, Rudolfem Stýblou, dr. Ant. Muellerem, dr. D. Gučou a dr. Lud. J. Fisherem.

Ve škole jsme se dobře poznali, získali znalost soustavy i metody, naučili se názvosloví. Dostali základ ke všemu, co dobrý cvičitel znáti má.

Před padesáti lety měli jsme ročně v našich tělocvičnách na 25,000 žactva a dorostu. České svobodomyšlné školy na 7,500 dítek. Byli jsme v rozmachu. Národní Jednota Sokolská silná, silící Župa Fuegner Tyrš, Župa Dělnického Amerického Sokola s početným členstvem a také velmi činný Český Katolický Sokol. Jen v České Plzni bylo sedm jednot a v Chicagu dále bylo 12 jednot. V předměstích sedm jednot — nepočítaje jednoty ženské. A jen dvě z těchto jednot byly tělocvičně slabé. Byla závodivost, na všech stranách ruch.

Neměli jsme sokolskou literaturu, neměli jsme uznání, kterého se nám nyní dostává. Ale tehdy, jako dnes, vychovávali jsme lidi zdravé a silné, dobré občany pro tuto zemi. Poměry se velice změnily, ale jdeme za stejnými cíly pro dobro Spojených států a pro prospěch věci sokolské.

FRANTA PRÁŠEK

Mé sokolské credo.

"Přislibujte si mně,
poroučejte si mně,
vyhrožujte si mně:
předce zrádcem nebudu!"
Karel Havlíček Borovský.

Když před padesátidvěma lety jsem co mladé káně vstupoval do řad sokolských, nikomu ani v duchu nepřišlo na mysl, že by se někdy v sokolských schůzích nemluvilo česky. Naše víra, naše přikázání bylo: prohlubovat a šířit znalost českého jazyka slovem a písmem, učit historii národa, přednášet o vědách a umění. Dobrovolně jsme si ukládali jisté pokuty za každé cizí slovo pronesené za našich rozmluv. Za každé "hello" a "good-bye" na místo našeho "nazdar!" a každé slovo jiné, které se nám mimovolně do řeči připlétlo.

Ještě v letech třicátých a čtyřicátých jsme s radostí, zdarma, propůjčovali naši síň a přispívali naší hřivnou na vydržování české školy. Navštěvovaly jí i děti jinonárodních rodičů a srdce nám vždy blahem poskočilo, když jsme poslouchali básním i písním přesně nacvičeným a přednášeným pěknou, ryzí češtinou. Nejen, že jsme se radovali z dítek a jejich lásky k českému škole, ale hlavně vědomím, že v našem malém prostředí konáme svůj díl k vštěpování znalosti původu, jak jsme si vytklí.

A dnes? Mnohde se česky nerozumí — a máme ve stanovách: "pěstování českého jazyka a kultury

a udržování demokratických tradic." O jedné župní schůzi župy Západní, konané v Cedar Rapids, Ia., u hrobu drahého přítele a bratra Franty Machovského, ryziho sokola, četl jsem na pomníku z tvrdé žuly vyřytá slova: "Věrní zůstaneme". Zde jsem učinil slib, že dokud to bude v moji moci, budu se starat, aby zápisy i korespondence, kde to bude možno a vhodné, psány byly česky. Stejný slib složil jsem župnímu starostovi, br. F. Kopec kým, v poslední župní schůzi konané v Omaze. Ten slib nezruším!

Zůstávám takovým, jak slibil jsem při vstupu do Sokola. V lásce k nikdy neuhasínající myšlence sokolské, které chci obětavě sloužit. Mluva, kterou matka vložila v moji duši i srdce, je a bude se mnou stále. Slova z pomníku F. Machovského hlasitě volají: "Věrní zůstaneme!"

KAREL M. PRCHAL

RUDOLF JANDA.

Před rokem napsal br. Joe Martínek hodnotný článek "Služebník svého lidu". Byl v něm vypsán život jednoho z vzácných amerických pracovníků na poli národním — bratra Rudolfa Jandy.



12. května 1964 dožil se v plné svěžesti tělesné a duševní osmdesáti šesti let svého života, naplněného obětavou, vytrvalou a účelnou prací. Narodil se ve Vranově-Břesě, v kraji Plzeňském. Chodil do vesnické školy

v Horním Stupno, kde vychodil polovinu školního roku v páté třídě.

Jeho otec se synem Václavem odjel do Ameriky v roce 1890 a hned následujícího roku povolal za sebou manželku, syna Rudolfa a dva mladší sourozence tohoto. Rodina usadila se v české Plzni v Chicagu, která v těch letech byla velikým střediskem našich lidí.

Rudolf navštěvoval Throop School, ale po třech měsících byl ze školy vzat, aby výdělkem pomohl k zaplacení přeplavu. Po pokuse v barvířském řemesle přijal zaměstnání poslíčka-učedníka u Denního Hlasatele, kde setrval v oznámkovém oddělení do doby, kdy sázecí stroje nahradily ruční sazeče.

Někdy v roce 1906 přijal zaměstnání v Národní tiskárně, jako ruční akcidenční sazeč, povýšen na dílovedoucího a po vstoupení do společnosti N. T. zastával úřad tajemníka a pokladníka. Po řadu let byl vrchním vedoucím technické stránky závodu — až do roku 1931, kdy vystoupil. V N. T. jsem jej poznal, když jsem asi v roce 1915 kreslil plány na přístavbu prosperujícího podniku.

Již v roce 1902 vstoupil do jednoty ČSPS., v roce 1903 do Československé jednoty a roku 1925 do jednoty ČSBPJ. V roce 1907 byl tajemníkem výboru, pak prvního sjezdu amerických svobodářů, po ustavení Svazu jeho tajemníkem do doby přemístění ústředí do New Yorku.

Od roku 1895 — neb 1896 byl členem pěveckého sboru Hlahol, který se v r. 1905 spojil s Českým dělnickým pěveckým sborem a tento pak s pěv. sborem Lyrrou.

Již před vystoupením ze závodu Národní Tiskárny převzal vedení dodávky Orgánu Bratrstva a v roce 1926 převzal jeho redakční řízení, kdež setrval, s jednou 4-roční přestávkou, až do r. 1946. Zde také projevil a uplatnil snahu, vedoucí k zakládání anglicky jednajících řádů, založením t. zv. English Section jako angl. části orgánu.

U Československé Jednoty byl po několik roků hlavním tajemníkem a redaktorem Věstníku.

V mládí byl členem Dělnického Sokola, v letech dvacátých stal se členem Plzeňského Sokola, kde zastával úřad tajemníka, starosty a člena ředitelstva, v němž byl rovněž tajemníkem. Po několik let P. S. byl mimo svazek AOS. a když jsem v roce 1934 jednal o jeho navrácení do Obce, byl br. Janda, spolu s bratry Halikem, Dvořákem a Kropíkem největší pomocí. Členem P. S. je br. Janda dodnes. Sestavení dějin jednoty je jeho prací.

Vychován v české Plzni, přestěhoval do české Kalifornie, pak do Berwyn a konečně do New Buffalo, Mich. Vlastní útulný, prostraný dům, vzornou zahradu. U Jandů je milo posedět a porozprávět.

Rudolf je otcem tří deer, dědečkem několika vnuků a pradědečkem dětí dcery zpěváka Aloise Bragnoly.

Jako zástupce nejvyšší lože ČSJ. je od roku 1923 členem sboru zástupců Českého Národního hřbitova. Později byl zde za řád Pokrok-Lipany-Vltava a nyní Friendship čís. 66. Dlouhou řadu let byl místopředsedou a od roku 1956 je tajemníkem. K sedmdesátipětiletému jubileu v roce 1952 upravil dějiny tohoto tělesa.

Jeho zajímavé články vynikají jazykem ryzím a hovoří o oddanosti Spojeným státům, o lásce k rodným krajům, o houževnatosti českého člověka, který se vlastní pilí probil k všestranným úspěchům životním. Vzpomeňme, že mu nebylo celých 13 let, když přijel do této země — ale zachoval si svěží vlastenectví, nabyl dokonalé znalosti české literatury. Díky jeho silné lidské individualitě podařilo se mu udržovat sebevědomí našich lidí. V záhoně dějin amerických Čechů má navždy svoje čestné místo a dobrou pamět.

Bud' nám, Rudolfe, dlouhá, dlouhá léta ve zdraví zachován!

Česká slavnost ve Schuyler, Nebr.

Český klub ve Schuyler, Nebr. pořádá ve dnech 20. a 21. června ČESKOU SLAVNOST.

Připravuje se bohatý program. Slavnost začne v sobotu, ve 2 hod. odpoledne. Po městě budou vyhrávat české kapely, při kterých tance-chtiví mohou tančit. Večer hosté a studenti z českého kursu z Dwight budou tančit českou besedu. Girl Scouts zatančí "Červený šáteček" a "Šla Nanynka do zelí". V zábavě bude pokračováno až do 9 hod. večer.

V neděli bude výlet do Oak Park. Každý si přinese oběd a večeři. V parku je krásné, stinné místo, kde jsou stoly i lavice a pro děti houpačky. V pádu, že by přišlo, máme zamluvený Oak Ballroom. Odpoledne bude pestrý program. Studenti českých kursů z Wilber a Omahy budou tančit

českou besedu. Zpěvy a přednesy podá každý, kdo se přihlásí, že by chtěl něco zahrát, nebo zazpívat. Volejte Ed. Vařejčku, Schuyler, Nebr., předsedu českého klubu.

V neděli večer v 6:30 bude program zahájen koncertem Al. Grebenicka a pak studenti českých kursů budou hrát a zpívat za řízení Dr. Kučery, učitele češtiny. Po programu bude taneční zábava, při které budou vyhrávat české kapely. Účinkující budou v národních krojích a také všichni, kteří národní kroje máte, oblékněte je a zpestřete tak naši slavnost.

Pořádáme tyto podniky již několik let a každému, i jinonárodovcům se velmi líbí. Jsou manifestaci pro povzbuzení české řeči — která nabývá stále větší obliby. Jest to zásluhou neúnavného pracovníka Dr. Vladimíra Kučery z Lincoln, Nebr., který jezdí po českých osadách a češtině vyučuje. Jeho práce je velmi záslužná a přináší dobré výsledky. My staří sokolové se těšíme, že touto snahou mohla by být povzbuzena i činnost sokolská.

Zveme Vás proto, bratři a sestry, všechny a celou naši krajauskou veřejnost — přijďte, pobavte se a posilte k dalšímu životu. Dlouho budete vděčně vzpomínat! Nebudete litovat!

Nezapomeňte: 20. a 21. června ve Schuyler, Nebr., na shledanou! Nazdar!

Za český klub Anna Králová.

HERMÍNA MATOUŠKOVÁ

Zemřel bratr Barney Píša.

Oznamuji truchlivou zprávu, že náš Sokol Schenectady ztratil dobrého, dlouholetého člena, bratra Barney Píšu. Zemřel 5. března ve stáří 73 let. Byl věrný sokol, Čech-vlastenec. Po všechna léta byl činným v dramatickém odboru Jednoty, kde nejen hrál divadlo, ale staral se též o návštěvu. Prodal nejvíce lístků v předprodeji, posílal lístky a zval osobně ve městě i okolí. Účty si za svoji činnost nikdy nepodal. Ve zkouškách mluvil pouze česky. Nebylo u něho falše; co na srdci, to na jazyku. Byl opravdovým sokolem, dobrým společníkem. Déle než 30 let byl mým divadelním "partneřem".

Před 50 lety přijel z Čech do New Yorku a po sedmiletém tamním pobytu byl firmou General Electric přeložen do Schenectady. Po 35 letech služby přišel do pense.

Starostka, sestra Elis Maturová se s ním rozloučila za jednotu, děkující mu tklivě za vše, co pro Jednotu učinil. Oplakává ho pozůstalá manželka, dva synové a 3 vnuci.

Budiž Ti, drahý bratře, země lehká!

Zápis ze schůze Výk. Výboru Americké Obce Sokolské,

konané dne 26. května 1964.

Předsedal br. Prchal.

Přítomni: Bři. Barcal, Brouk, Čihák, Halík, Kropík a Rabas. Sestry: Čiháková, Faltová, Prchalová a Welclová. Br. Vodrážka omluven.

V zápisu z dubnové schůze provedena oprava, že sestra Welclová byla omluvena.

Zápis z minulé schůze byl dodatečně schválen.

ZPRÁVY ZE ŽUP

Obdrželi jsme zápis ze schůze župy Severovýchodní a župy Střední.

DOPISY

Župa Severovýchodní blahopřeje Výkonnému Výboru AOS. k účasti na Dnu Polské Nezávislosti vlastním alegorickým vozem a vyslovuje uznání za svědomitou snahu přiblížit sokolskou myšlenku lidu Spojených států.

Agence Russel W. Nelson poslala jako vzorek formulář pojistky proti úrazu Sokola v Brookfield, která poskytuje krytí léčebných výloh do \$1,000.00, pro případ nahodilé smrti, nebo zmrzačení \$1,000, za roční premii \$1.60 za jednoho člena. Záležitost bude postoupena náčelnictvu AOS.

ZPRÁVA JEDNATELKY

Sokol Milwaukee požádal o informace o daňových úlevách pro příjem z darů a o všeobecných daňových úlevách. Byl připraven dopis pro U. S. Treasury Department se žádostí o objasnění našeho statusu daňových výhod a jeho vztah k jednotám AOS.

Účastnila se s brem. Prchalem schůze v New Yorku, svolané majorem Robertem F. Wagnerem do Top of the Fair restaurace v pátek, 8. května, o 10:30 hod. ráno k poradě se Stan Musialem, aby naší organizaci byla dána příležitost k vyjádření stanoviska k vývoji New National Program for Physical Fitness and Preparedness.

Účastnili jsme se oběda se členy SGUS., kteří měli zájem o naše přípravy pro Jubilejní rok. Pověděli jsme jim o známce a našich vyhlídkách k jejímu vydání, o Národní Pouti a Sletu. Také oni nastílnili jejich program pro nastávající sezonu.

Od 7:30 do 11:30 hod. večer účastnili jsme se schůze v Sokolovně v New Yorku. Byli přítomni: br. Hrbek, Zralý, Chaloupka, Slavík, Holý, ses. Zralá a další bratři a sestry.

Projednávali jsme přípravy k Československému Dnu a večeri s programem v Sokolovně, v pátek před Československým dnem.

Přítomní měli také hodně dotazů, které se týkaly naší činnosti a příprav k jubileu.

Účastnila se s brem. Prchalem 33. výroční guvernérův konference o mládeži, konané 14. května v hotelu Sherman v Chicagu. Navštívili jsme schůze některých výborů a přednášky s předváděním obrázků o způsobech výchovy mládeže k tělesné zdatnosti. Mají ještě mnoho k vykonání. Sokolstvo tento program provádí v mnohem širším měřítku přes 100 let.

Při obědu měli jsme příležitost mluvit s guvernérem Ottou Kernerem a Stan Musialem, kteří většinu času věnovali debatě o Sokolu a Polském Sokolu. Stan Musial se jasně vyjádřil, že sokolským organizacím se doposud nedostalo takového ocenění, jaké si zasluhují.

Účastnila se spolu se ses. Faltovou veřejného cvičení Sokola Mladočech v Racine, Wis. 2. května, kde také byla požádána o projev.

S brem Prchalem, Čihákem a ses. Faltovou byla přítomna na velmi úspěšném veřejném cvičení Sokola St. Louis, Mo., v sobotu, 23. května.

Hlavním řečníkem byl Mr. Bob Stewart, koordinátor Presidentova výboru Physical Fitness.

Program zapůsobil na něho hlubokým dojmem. Chtěl od nás slyšet pokud možno co nejvíce o So-

kolstvu a jeho práci. Ústně dali jsme mu tolik informací, pokud jsme časově stačili. Další podrobné informace o zásadách a o minulosti Sokola mu pošleme.

Mr. Stewart napíše o Sokolu článek do nejbližšího Buletinu Physical Fitness.

V neděli 24. května účastnili jsme se v St. Louis schůze Jubilejního výboru, byli také přítomni br. P. Lebloch, ses. Schnábllová a Udaykee.

Bylo jednáno o přípravách k župnímu sletu a Národní pouti z mnoha hledisek. Župní slet bude se konat v krásném auditoriu St. Louis university, kde je nádherná podlahová plocha, sedadla pro 2,500 osob a všechno nářadí k dispozici.

Vládní cenné papíry (Treasury Notes) zakoupené AOS. dosáhly splatnosti. Při dnešní návštěvě banky zjistila, že tyto vládní papíry nejsou více k dostání. Přinesla prospect a doporčuje, aby tuto záležitost vyřídil br. pokladník s dozorcím výborem. Schváleno.

První schůze Sletového výboru konala se 29. dubna a schůze předsednictva Sletového výboru 22. května.

Sestra Faltová opětně ztrávila mnoho dnů v úřadovně — pomáhala vypravovat materiál, připravovat zájezd a zdolávat nával práce spojené s četnými povinnostmi.

Všechny žádosti o zaslání materiálu a informací byly vyřízeny.

Vydání, spojené se zájezdy do New Yorku a St. Louis schváleno.

Ses. Čiháková přečetla zprávu Výboru pro poštovní známku.

Ses. Čiháková podala zprávu ze Zájezdového Odboru AOS.

Br. Halík předložil zápis z náčelnictva a podal zprávu náčelníka.

Ses. Prchalová předložila zprávu náčelnice a doporčila ses. Welclovou jako členku do náčelnictva. Schváleno.

Byly čteny zápisy z první schůze Sletového výboru z 29. dubna a ze schůze předsednictva Sletového výboru z 22. května 1964.

Zápisy byly přijaty a doporučení schválena.

Br. Čihák podal zprávu o své práci Vzdělavatele AOS.

Br. Prchal poděkoval za předložené zprávy a vykonanou práci.

Guvernér Otto Kerner poslal krásný dopis, adresovaný Generálnímu Poštovnímu Grounskému, ve kterém žádá o vydání sokolské poštovní známky.

Br. Prchal opětně požádal, aby byl zproštěn povinnosti redaktora Sokola Amerického a žádal, aby jeho resignace byla přijata. Br. Kropík se ujal vedení schůze. Bylo rozhodnuto, aby k vyřízení této záležitosti byl zvolen výbor, který tvoří: br. Kropík, Barcal, Vodrážka a sestra Welclová.

Stanovy Sokola Fuegner Tyrš a župy Západní přezkoumali bratr Prchal, ses. Čiháková a Faltová a předložili je k dalšímu jednání.

Po pečlivém uvážení bylo rozhodnuto vrátiti stanovy župě i jednotě s doporučením pro jejich pozdržení, protože na sjezdu, který se bude konat již za rok, bude o změnách stanov jednáno.

Příští schůze Výkonného Výboru AOS. bude se konat 30. června. Bratr Kropík ukončil schůzi.

Bláža J. Čiháková, jednatelka.

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Velký úspěch alegorického vozu Výboru sokolské poštovní známky na manifestaci Dne polské nezávislosti.

Skoro tři míle cesty, ulicemi polské části Chicaga, vroubené statisíci diváky ubíral se v neděli 3. května t. r. malebný průvod četných polských organizací, krojovaných skupin a četných alegorických vozů do Humboldt parku na místo manifestace a oslavy polské nezávislosti. Letošní polský tradiční průvod byl obohacen krásným alegorickým vozem Výboru pro sokolskou poštovní známku, který byl výstižnou alegorií věty "Sto let Sokolského hnutí v Americe".

Sokolský alegorický vůz pro svoji originalitu byl zařazen v první části průvodu. Upoutával všeobecnou pozornost diváků i účastníků průvodu. Plošina vozu měla tvar obrovského ptáka s rozpjatými bílými křídly, držnými s obou stran deseti zlatými sloupky. Na zeleném trupu ptáka seděli a stáli sokolští cvičenci: muž a žena Standa Barcal a Jeanette Votavová, dorostenec a dorostenka Rick Wostratský a Janis Eythová, žák II. třídy Marty Král, žákyně II. třídy Joyce Kovářová, žák I. třídy Rick Barcal a žákyně II. třídy Caroline Scott. Hlavu ptáka představoval vysoký erb s velkým rudým písmem "SOKOL". Pod ním byl známý obraz ptáka Sokola, v plném rozletu na pozadí modré oblohy, nesoucího v pařátech menší bílý erb s planoucím, rubinově stříbřitým heslem "Physical Fitness Thru Education". Po bočních stranách vozu na modrém podkladě byly široké bílé pruhy s

daleko viditelným ohlášením sokolského výročí "1865-1965 Centennial of the Sokol Movement in America". Další nápis "1865 — 100 — 1965" zářil ve zlaté barvě v předu vozu.

Před alegorickým vozem šla skupina jedenácti bratří a sester v sokolských vycházkových úborech. Byli to br. Karel Prchal, ses. Bláza Čiháková a Anna Faltová v čele a za nimi ve čtyřstupech br. Edwin J. Halik, James V. Čihák, James Šímaner, Jindra Vydra, Ella Vydrová, Mili Udaykee, Edith Králová a Božena Vorlová.

Pozorovatelé, kteří sledovali průvod, prohlásili, že mezi alegorickými vozy vedl sokolský vůz výrazným vystižením významu sokolské výchovy k fyzické zdatnosti a byl vkusnou a působivou propagací pro vydání sokolské poštovní známky. Upoutal totiž také pozornost vzácných hostů, kteří sledovali průvod z velké tribuny v Humboldt Parku. Byl mezi nimi také slavnostní řečník Gen. Poštovník John Gronouski a guvernér státu Illinois Otto Kerner. Oba velmi srdečně vítali br. James Čiháka a ses. Blázu Čihákovou, kteří je přišli pozdravit za Výbor sokolské poštovní známky. Velkou radost měl člen Sokola br. Otto Kerner. Naši Sokolové velmi dobře na polské manifestaci reprezentovali nejen Americké Sokolstvo, ale také naši československou krajanskou obec a prospěli vydatně akci pro vydání sokolské poštovní známky.

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