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## CENTENNIAL YEAR OF THE AMERICAN SOKOL MOVEMENT

If we ever needed the will power to conceive, plan and execute the events for a succeeding year we need it now.

Before us lies 1965 — and its inventory of a century's work. Countless hours given by great souls with no thought of recognition or reward except the satisfaction of every honest person in a job well done in accordance with the dictates of a pure conscience.

And what a year it will be. Securing, initiating and teaching new members and gymnasts, working for the commemorative stamp, the units exhibitions, the district displays, historical exhibits, the pilgrimage and Central District Slet in St. Louis, Missouri, the ASO. Convention and the culmination of all of this, the apex of our work, the Centennial Slet and competitions in Chicagoland.

This will be the picture of the Sokols at work. What a challenge — what an opportunity presents itself to us to honor those who perhaps longed for but did not have the opportunity to see their greatest dreams come true — **THE SOKOLS IN AMERICA** — for a century.

Think — think hard — who put you on the right track — who guided your faltering footsteps — who instilled great ideas in your mind — who worked and slaved to bring out the best in you — who taught you the greatness and the priceless glory of every individual — who had faith in you and now gone forever hoped that you would carry on.

These people were the sparkling jewels in the crown of humanity. They believed — they trusted you — they worked for you.

Let your own conscience be your guide. Prove to them, even though they are gone, that their effort was not in vain, that they had instilled a spark in a living soul that will never be extinguished — that it is the crusade for a better and more vibrant life that counts the most.

They too will be with us in 1965. Don't let them down — they deserve a better fate. They gave everything for their ideals — let us match them in our efforts to prove that they were right.

James L. Cihak

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## Resoluce soustrasti.

Sestra Marie Doslich zemřela 19. června 1964. Sokolství bylo její láskou, ráda se účastnila všech počinů jednoty a vždy s pochopením podpořila dobré účely.

Sokol Galveston vyslovuje pozůstalé rodině upřímnou soustrast. Zanechala dvě dcery pí. Eva O'Donohoe a pí. Marie Wolfe, syna p. John Doslich, tři vnučky, jednoho vnuka a dlouhou řadu příbuzných a přátel.

Od společné práce odešla nám navždy sestra obětavá, povaha zdobená krásnými sokolskými ctnostmi. Bude jí u nás a všemi, kdo ji znali, vždycky vzpomínáno.

Spi, drahá sestro, sladce svůj věčný sen! . . .

30. června 1964 zemřela nám dlouholetá členkyň, sestra Marie Chumchal. Byla věrnou nositelkou sokolského poslání a nadšeně vždy pracovala pro zachování ideálů a udržení sokolské tradice.

Členstvo Sekola Galveston vyslovuje hluboce cítěnou soustrast svým členům, dcerám zesnulé, ses. Marie Polívka a Libuše Garcia a synu, br. Miroslav Stríž — dále zet'ům, br. Frank Polívka a C. M. Garcia, vnučce, ses. Rosemarie Russell, vnučku Jerry Stríž, právnoučatům, sestře zesnulé sl. R. Opravilové na Moravě a všem přátelům zesnulé.

Na sestru Chumchalovou a na její činnost budeme dlouho, dlouho vzpomínat. Na cestě do Neznáma provází ji naše vroucí přání — aby došla po životě plném poctivé práce klidu zaslouženého a odpočinku. Čest její památce!

Za Sokol Galveston

Karel Siller, starosta. H. Stanovská, jednatelka.

## Slovak Catholic Sokols Plugging Hard for Commemorative Stamp

In the July 8, 1964, issue of "The Falcon," official publication of the Slovak Catholic Sokols, we read many references to the Commemorative Stamp Campaign, among these was:

"Editor John C. Sciranka met U. S. Postmaster General, John A. Gronouski, at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria in New York City last week and spoke to him about the issuance of the Sokol stamp for the American Sokol Centennial in 1965, when our Sokol organization will also observe its 60th anniversary."

## Calendar of Events

SOKOLICE HAVLICEK-TYRS will hold a picnic every Thursday in the Forest Preserve on 29th and Desplaines Ave., Riverside, Ill., weather permitting.

AUG. 20th—SOKOLICE HAVLICEK-TYRS—Tour to Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs Camp, Crystal Lake, Ill.

AUG. 16-30—EASTERN DISTRICT Instructor's Course—Camp Sokol, East Haddam, Conn.

SEPT. 7th—PACIFIC DISTRICT "Get-Together" for all units at Sequoia National Park.

SEPT. 26th—SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. Dance "Vinobrani."

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.

SEPT. 29—SOKOLICE HAVLICEK-TYRS—Fashion Show, Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs, 2619 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Ill.

OCT. 3rd and 4th—SOKOL TABOR, Berwyn, Ill. Theatrical production "7 Nuns at Las Vegas" — by Berwyn Players. Saturday dance after play.

OCT. 10th—SOKOL FRESNO, CALIF. — Fall Dance at the Power Club, Orange and California Avenues, Fresno, Calif.

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. 7th—EASTERN DISTRICT — "Salute to Charles Divisek" — Dinner-Dance program — Sokol New York.

NOV. 7-8—SOKOL TYRS, CLEVELAND, OHIO. Theatrical Guild production "Rough and Ready."

NOV. 14th—SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. Barn Dance.

NOV. 21st—NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT Akademie — Sokol Nova Vlast, Cleveland, Ohio.

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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## THE FINAL CHARGE FOR THE COMMEMORATIVE STAMP We Are Going Into the Last and Final Phase of Our Appeal to the Postmaster General to Issue a Commemorative Stamp Honoring the Centennial of the Sokol Movement in America

Supreme effort to excel is nothing new to the Sokols. Every one of us knows the courage, self confidence and determination needed to win. From this time forward we must expend our energy, over and above anything we have done up to the present time, and prove that we are worthy of the issuance of a Sokol postage stamp.

The efforts of a great majority of you have been outstanding. You are to be commended for the magnificent campaign so far.

But, the campaign is not over and will require every ounce of effort until the day of decision.

The following still must be done, as the drive goes into the home stretch:

- A. 30,000 cards have been printed. They carry the final appeal and are addressed to the Postmaster General. They are available in the ASO. office, 5611 W. Cermak Road, Cicero, Ill. Send for as many cards as you can use, have them signed by your family, neighbors and friends.
- B. Send a letter as individuals or as a group to your Mayor and City Council — also to the Governor and Legislature of your State. (Maryland and Illinois have already done so as States.)
- C. Use every honorable means to succeed but "NEVER GIVE UP." Victory shall be ours.

(Sample letters to Mayor, City Council and Governors)

Dear Mr. Mayor etc:

We the undersigned members and friends of the Sokol Physical Fitness Movement in America, urge you to use your influence by writing to the Postmaster General, Mr. John A. Gronouski, Washington, D.C. asking him to issue a commemorative stamp honoring the Centennial of the Sokol Movement, which occurs on February 14, 1965.

The following will convince you of the rightness and justice of this request:

1. For a century hundreds of units throughout the United States have conducted a systematic gymnastic and athletic program for all age groups from 6 years to 60.
2. They have built and maintained their own gymnasiums, summer camps and libraries at their own expense.
3. The character and responsibility of their members and those they have trained are a valuable asset to every State and community.
4. Delinquency in their ranks is unknown.
5. Their record in the armed forces (1/16 of 1% rejections) is exemplary. Their stability and dependability in industry, the professions, social and community life is due entirely to their training, selfdiscipline and good health.

We have witnessed the day to day continuous training by the Sokols. We feel they are entitled to the recognition inherent in the Commemorative Stamp.

Again we urge you to use your good office in this matter and thank you for your consideration.  
Sincerely yours,

Please send us copies of your letters and and replies that you receive for the records of the Stamp Committee.

Join forces with the Fraternal, National, and Cultural organizations in your vicinity to help successfully conclude this drive.

We believe in the rightness and justice of our request for the stamp.

We have fulfilled the requirements necessary for consideration.

We have received recognition at all official levels.

We want the stamp — not for profit or glory but to act as an example to our fellow Americans, to show them that what the Sokols have done all of them can do.

Sokol Centennial Commemorative  
Stamp Committee

James L. Cihak, Chairman

# SOKOL CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE STAMP MOVEMENT

## February 14, 1965

**ASSIGNED**—to the newly elected Executive Board of the American Sokol Organization by the delegates assembled in convention at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June, 1960, among other tasks, the following:

**TO WIT** —That every honorable means shall be employed to secure the issuance of a commemorative postage stamp honoring the Centennial of the Sokol Movement in America.

This was in itself a large order. The chances of any organization being so honored, regardless of its worth were slim indeed. Actually 3,500 to 15, at the present time. When we consider the number of state Centennials, national historical events and others who have natural precedence the odds are really 3,500 to 2. In spite of these apparently insurmountable obstacles it was decided a year ago to make the attempt.

This was not to be a lip service to obey the dictates of the 1960 convention, but a full scale battle to the hilt. Plans were made as to procedure, securing aid from organizations and individuals, both public and private. Every avenue was tried, every little by-path. The campaign went into full swing never acknowledging anything except ultimate success. Full recognition was given to the "breaks," that can make or break a lot of things except an indomitable spirit to win.

The appointment of John A. Gronouski as Postmaster General was counterbalanced by the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The

hopeless attitude of some members more than matched by brilliant performance of others. If we use political terms the "Precincts" in Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Wisconsin, Maryland, Iowa, Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, New Jersey, etc. etc. were on the march turning in landslide votes. The Sokols were on the march, all of them, and nothing was going to hold them back.

All of them, call them Sokols or Falcons, with a half dozen language, religious and cultural backgrounds were not going to be denied. This was their battle, their century of contribution to America, unheralded and unsung. They still did not seek praise or glory. All they want is to make sure America remains the great bulwark of democracy it has been from its inception. They feel that the Sokol idea, ideals and system will assure its future. They want to give it to America.

This is a period of regrouping, of planning and strategy for the last and greatest phase of this entire campaign. The Governors and legislature of every state, the mayors and Council of every City must be made aware of the Sokols and their contribution to America. Labor Day will witness the opening gun of our last charge.

You have done a magnificent job up until now. You have our thanks and gratitude. Make this last battle to the wire of victory a memorable one. Everything comes to those who refuse to accept anything but total success. Victory shall be ours.

Nazdar!

SOKOL CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE  
STAMP COMMITTEE

## The Concert Band

(Reprinted from Sokol Tyrs Newsletter)

By their acceptance several years ago of an invitation to perform at a Mother's day program sponsored by the Corlett PTA, a group of our musically inclined members and their friends became the basis of establishing the famous Sokol Tyrs Concert Band. From a small group of musicians who enjoyed playing by ear they have, through hard work and diligent practice, progressively moved ahead and instituted a Band that is worthy of our unit's high regard for their past achievements in the field of musical entertainment.

During the remodeling program of 1957-58, the Band in its infancy was utilized in fund raising affairs such as the picnic and bazaar. Notices were mailed by Jerry Vencl, Jr. and the Band used the Corlett movers garage on East 131st Street as their rehearsal headquarters—weather permitting.

Jerry Stoffl, who was so adept and ingenious in tracing down musical selections and notes, preferably without cost to the Band, inherited his present day assignment as Librarian. The necessary and urgent need of finding a Conductor was solved when James Huml acquiesced to grab the baton

and establish the essential musical beat he has acquired through his long experience in the musical field.

At the present time rehearsals are conducted at the Hall on the second Sunday of each month. From a list of 54 members, an average of 35 have faithfully been attending rehearsals. Membership includes musicians of all age groups who thoroughly enjoy band music.

For the past several years they have entertained audiences at the Sokol Tyrs picnic, Cesky Den, Czech Liberation Day programs; they have appeared on TV and performed at the Statler-Hilton and Carter hotels. On September 2 at 8 p.m. the Band will play at the new Convention Hall during the All-Nations Fair.

Sokol Tyrs congratulates the Band for their tremendous progress in the short span of seven years.

Robert E. Jirousek, President

The American Sokol Organization is extremely proud of the band and would like to see them in the 51st Parade in 1965.

## AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION CONVENTION 1965

In just ten months the delegates to the American Sokol Organization Convention will convene in Chicago, Illinois to plot the course into a new century and to elect the officers to carry out their plans.

The Convention is the Sokol's highest authoritative body. The Executive Board and the officers are its administrators. This should be borne in mind as we approach our annual meetings where we select delegates to the Convention. Every effort should be made to select capable people with plenty of Sokol experience.

We are living in a period of rapid change. Some of it is good, a lot has to prove itself. Catchwords and appealing slogans will not always carry the load alone. Individuals should be asked to serve as delegates who have a broad outlook and look upon the Sokol in its entirety and are not swayed by appeals to any certain segment alone.

The same study and care should be given to the By-laws. Changes should be recommended only after serious study and consideration by qualified members of every

unit. These should be thoroughly debated within the unit. This will soon clear the wheat from the chaff and present worthwhile ideas for national discussion. Ideas, plans and actual recommendations should be sent in as soon as possible to the Executive Board of ASO. These will then be sent to the standing By-laws Committee.

We may have a year's time before us. Time flies fast, however, and with the pressure of other matters, we recommend the earliest possible selection of a unit and district By-laws committee to begin work immediately. Much valuable time can be saved at the Convention itself if this is properly done ahead of time. Working without pressure and with serious matters planned far ahead of time we can have an efficient, profitable convention to lead us into a better future.

Begin your planning now.

Nazdar!

AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD

JAMES L. CIHAK

## FOR A GREATER AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION

The hour of truth is here. Every day, week and month that slips by without an increase in our membership will point up our actual right to live, better than a bugle's call. The time for gliding along has passed. Wishful thinking and lame alibis are out.

This is a time for continuous, dynamic action, in which everyone should take part. It is not a task for the few, the officers or membership committees. These should of course be forceful and unyielding, demanding from every member the best that is in them. Nobody is working for profit or glory. What we, each one of us, do now is merely a slight repayment for the past, and a guarantee for the future.

In the Centennial year before us we will have to make an accounting of the stewardship entrusted to us by past generations. Only those who give their best in the race to the wire will be able to hold up their heads with pride. How the others will feel at their lack of effort in this all important membership campaign when the chips were down, is up to them. I know that none are so callous that they will accept their own rebuke at the Centennial Slet.

The campaign to insure the future of AOS. is bogged down. Is this because of habit and lack of insight and inspiration? Is it because we dare not think big and daringly? Is it a reflection upon our own softness and desire for comfort and ease? Or is it because we have no sense of gratitude to past generations for their sweat and toil to give

us everything we have. Have we sunk so low that we feel all of this is due to us, is ours by right of succession and requires no effort on our part to assure the Sokol for the future? Are each and everyone of you satisfied with things as they are and have no desire to pitch in and work?

**A PAMPERED NATION IS A SICK NATION,** headed for oblivion. If I had my way, history would be hammered home to every child and adult before any other subject. What good is all of our technological advance, high standard of living, opportunity to advance in any and all fields if we cannot see where we are going. This is not a guessing game for us. Cut out the frills and icings and study why 23 of the 24 great civilizations of the past bit the dust.

Our boys are in the front lines all over the world. The least we can do is train our youth for its future role in protecting not our material wealth but the idea and ideals that have placed us in a position of world leadership.

Fate, time and history wait for no one. You either understand and fulfill your role or get swept into the discard. The challenge faces us now. Whether we can face the world and our fellow citizens in 1965 with pride or shame depends entirely upon every one of us.

We have something so magnificent in the Sokol idea and ideals. All we need is comprehension and a desire to live by them. It is within our power to give them to all America. 1965 will tell the story. Make your part a vibrant and great one.

BLANCHE J. CIHAK

## Southern District Slet Held At Ennis, Texas, July 19th, 1964

My sincere thanks to the Southern District for their invitation to their Annual Slet and the opportunity to witness their constant Sokol efforts.

The fact that Sokol Havlicek Borovsky, Ennis, Texas, was chosen as the site for the 1964 Slet was indeed a fortunate one. It has been sometime since a Slet was held there and its effect will without doubt help the future growth of the Unit.

It has been my contention for a long time that a Slet is a moral builder for the Units, gives them new encouragement, confidence and assurance so vitally needed for Sokol work.

Gymnastic and volleyball competitions were held on Saturday under the fine leadership of sis. Sylvia Laznovsky, Director of Women, and bro. Joe Ehrenberger, Director of Men of the District, with the cooperation of members of the BOI. of the District and Units.

Sokol Corpus Christi, Sokol Zizka, Dallas, Sokol Fort Worth, Sokol Ennis, and Sokol Houston participated.

The dance following the competitions was well attended. It was interesting to watch the dancers take part in the Paul Jones, enjoyed by young and old.

The usual rehearsal was held on Sunday morning. Promptly at 2:30 P.M. the signal to start was given and the Assembly of gymnasts stood before us. The hall was filled to capacity, some sat in the balcony and many stood in the entrance hall. The program was opened with the anthems and the pledge to the flag. The air in the hall was circulated by four large fans. The temperature outside was in the high 90's.

Bro. Stanley Houdek, President of Sokol Karel Havlicek Borovsky, greeted the audience and turned the program over to bro. Joe Pokladnik, President of the Southern District, who MC'd the program. His address on Sokol, competitions, citizenship and sportsmanship was welcomed with applause.

The gymnasts were retired from the floor and bro. Pokladnik introduced bro. Edward Marek, President of the Slavonic Benevolent Order of the State of Texas, a fine gentleman, a great Sokol and supporter of the Sokols.

He spoke of the 100 years of activity in America, its great contribution to this country and the fact that only in the past few years physical fitness has become a point of major interest. He proudly reminisced about the long distances they traveled by horseback to the gymnasium when he was a little boy. He was extremely complimentary about the Sokol's work, its value for the individual, community and country. He also talked about the participation of S.P.J.S.T. in the campaign for the Sokol stamp and said, "Sis. Cihak, if there is anything further that we can do to help the issuance

of the stamp we stand ready to help." These were words of encouragement. He further said, "Sis. Cihak, please convey to all the Sokols in this country my greetings and best wishes," which I pass on to you in this article. The S.P.J.S.T. is one of those fraternal organizations who have cooperated and supported the Sokols throughout the years. Our thanks to their officers and lodges throughout the State of Texas, for their understanding, we want them to know that we are grateful.

In my address I thanked all the fine people of Texas for the important part they played thus far in the stamp drive and the exemplary job done by them. Extended an invitation to the Slet events and strongly urged the Units to send as many gymnasts to the Centennial Slet as possible. It is our only opportunity to participate in a Centennial Slet. Give the youngsters a thrill of a lifetime, the inspiration they will receive will encourage them to continue in Sokol in the future.

The exhibition numbers included calisthenics of children, juniors, men and women. Apparatus by all classes and special numbers by Sokol Houston and two by Sokol Dallas. I wish that I had space enough to name all of those that were responsible for this fine program. It was performed with precision. One of the highlights of the event was the awarding of ribbons and medals to those who took part in the competitions. Bursts of applause followed each award and the fine sportsmanship exhibited by the winners when they congratulated each other was heartening.

The Slet ended in record time.

Immediately following the Slet gymnasts were being registered for one of the largest Instructor's courses the District has seen for a long time. More than 40 were expected. Bro. Halik and sis. Krizecky arrived on Saturday and were ready to start the two-week course, assisted by other teachers. Many of those attending had as many as one, two and three former Sokol schools. This should be very encouraging for the District officers as they will have a fine corps of instructors so vitally needed in all the Units. The Southern District has now held four consecutive successful courses.

My thanks and congratulations to Southern District, you may have felt that Sokol in your area has not advanced as much as it should have, but I am confident that you are finding the remedy for its shortcomings and that the future holds nothing but success.

During my stay in Texas I visited sis. Dolfi Stransky who is hospitalized and whom we all wish a speedy recovery. Also to sis. Marie Rendl of Corpus Christi.

Thank you, sis. Prevratil, for your hospitality and also to the fine Frank Laznovsky family of Ennis. Nazdar!

## Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences in America, Inc.

The Society will hold its Second Congress at Columbia University, New York, September 11-13, 1964. Some 100 outstanding scholars from the

U.S., Canada and Western Europe have been invited to participate in the program, the theme of which will be Czechoslovakia, Past and Present.

JAMES L. CIHAK

## Western District Slet Held In Crete, Nebraska, June 14th, 1964

Our party of four arrived late in Omaha, Nebr., and were transported the 110 miles to Crete, Nebraska, by sis. Blanche Mashek and bro. Joseph Drozda. The awards were finished but the Sokol Hall was still filled with young people and adults. Their local dances fascinated us just as much by their novelty as the enthusiasm of the dancers. Sunday morning rehearsal on the athletic field of Simon Field Doane College. It was about half through when a sudden cloudburst halted everything. Sis. Drozda, Director of Women of the Western District, and bro. Lastovica, Director of Men, took this in their stride. Immediate plans were made to hold the Slet in the school gymnasium even though it was small, if the rain continued. Fortunately it stopped early enough to have the colorful parade and the Slet itself.

As might be expected the weather cut down spectator attendance considerably, but spirits remained high and the special numbers as well as Slet calisthenics were well performed. The grounds were so wet considerable danger in apparatus work as well as inconvenience to the women in their drills were faced with a smile.

Bro. Nespory, M.C., greeted the audience after the full dress lineup and anthems. The District

Vice-President bro. Pavoucek congratulated the competitors on their achievements and fine sportsmanship. He stressed the value of constant training and urged greater participation in our Sokol work. The Presidents of Sokol and Sokolice Crete, bro. Pomajzl and sis. Borecky, were then presented and warmly welcomed both Sokols and spectators. Mayor C. C. Lillibridge expressed his appreciation for the Sokols and their valued training. U. S. Senator Roman Hruska pointed to the Sokol's Centennial and all they had accomplished.

Bro. Cihak spoke on behalf of ASO, briefly highlighting all the events connected with the Centennial and the campaign for the Commemorative Stamp. He thanked the Western District for its vitality and cooperation. The District BOI, and its Directors, sis. Drozda and bro. Lastovica, deserve our respect and thanks for a difficult task expertly handled. Those who fear for the future of Sokol would have been greatly reassured by the fine and capable actions displayed. Sokol is an important part of their lives. They understand, — they will carry on. Thanks to all of you for your wonderful hospitality. Nazdar!

## WESTERN DISTRICT INSTRUCTORS COURSE

June 14th to 27th, 1964



The following students attended:

Carol Anderlik, Sharon Spina, Cedar Rapids, Ia.  
Sandy Wielage, Sharon Safranek, Jerry Jurena,  
Larry Frahm, Crete, Nebraska.

Bunny Buckingham, Linda Hlavka, Jamie Hruban, Pat Morrison, Barbara Mielke, Francis Rayer,

Janet Velehradsky, Stanley Vitek, Omaha, Nebr.

Lorraine Vanyo, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Don Hofsheir, Mary McShane, Richard Ryba,  
Cheryle Rytych, South Omaha, Nebraska.

Becky Vilda, Arlan Warta, Wilber, Nebraska.

At the conclusion of the Western District Slet, held at Crete, Nebr., a course was held at Omaha Sokol camp, Valley, Nebr. Twenty-three students attended the school.

The teaching staff consisted of sis. Jeri Krize-necky, br. Edwin Halik, our National Men's Director, bro. Edward Linhart, who was able to stay only one week. Bro. Vojmir Benak assisted the second week.

Because of inclement weather, the daily schedule had to be revised several times.

We had the American Red Cross Chapter of Omaha scheduled to lecture twice a week, but because of the flooded areas, they were unable to come the first week.

A reporter from our weekly paper came out the first week and stayed the day, visiting each class, talking with the teachers staff and students. An article appeared in four newspapers, with a full page of pictures.

Visitors were always welcome—officers of the Western District visited frequently to gain a true knowledge of the real purpose of conducting these schools, because so many are unfamiliar with their set ups.

They also brought many treats for the youngsters.

JAMES L. CIHAK

The program of teaching was of the highest caliber and I'm sure each student took with him a wealth of knowledge otherwise unattainable, plus also pleasant memories of friends made and renewed.

To the teaching staff, the Western District was highly pleased in the way the classes were conducted. We also requested an evening adult class in terminology combined with the judging system, the second week.

The final day of graduation, Saturday, June 27th, was a beautiful day, it took place outdoors on the patio, at 1:30 p.m. A wonderful audience was on hand.

Sis. Krizenecky and bro. Halik planned a very effective program—with Hawaii as its theme.

Of the twenty-three students, Becky Vilda of Wilber, Nebr. was class valedictorian. She delivered the graduation message, which was very appropriate for the occasion.

After the students received their diplomas, bro. Halik dismissed the 1964 class with a ringing Nazdar!

Bozena Drozda

## A STORY ABOUT SOKOL

### PART EIGHT

As we look back over the years we often wonder at the initiative and determination of our Sokol forefathers. We marvel at their accomplishments and naturally try to figure out how they did all of this. True they were more densely concentrated but those who lived farther away, either walked for miles or spent hours traveling by street car. Still nothing fazed them, they took it in their stride. They spent hours doing the necessary things of life. Everything you looked at or wanted done meant labor, thinking, planning. How much of this is done today by pushing a button or buying it prepared.

Look at any one of a hundred things about you and you see a "labor saving device" or material in an almost finished form. All of this is now termed "time saving." But we cannot honestly say we have seen any miracles performed with all of this preciously saved time. Where has it gone or how is it being used? Whether we like it or not we must finally admit that this has robbed millions of people from doing things with their hands, robbed them of the synchronization of hand and mind. Idle hands and idle minds are the great breeding ground for mischief — and worse.

Neither parents, teachers, public officials or the nation has had the foresight to prepare for this great use of unused time. We see feeble efforts to help the senior citizens, combat juvenile delinquency, to carry on in dozens of neglected fields. How much of a job would it be to employ the talents and valued experience of the senior citizens to impart their knowledge to children and juniors. By one simple act we could have the old regain their pride and respect by giving to the young the lessons of their callouses.

Why don't we start this in our Sokol ranks. They would not replace the young, they would counsel them. Certainly it would require plenty of tact and diplomacy on both sides. But is this too much to ask? If the proper attitude were developed this could become the treasure house from which would come that great corps of instructors (teachers) in the gymnasiums. It could develop the educational directors, administrators, writers, financial experts, specialists in dozens of fields.

This effort to combine the lifetime of fruitful living of the old with the energy and ambitious drive of youth is a natural combination.

It is the Mother or Grandmother of old teaching the little girl to fulfill her role in life. It is Dad teaching his son to be a man among men. It is the natural centuries tested yearning of each generation to pass on to the next the best of all that is in it.

"Labor saving" — "Time saving" — before you brag about this America, find a solution to the value of the callouses of honest labor and training, and present a program of value to make the present and future generations eager to employ their "Saved Time," for something worthwhile.

We in the Sokol are determined to do exactly that. We "older ones," have had wonderful examples in the past. A Century of experience has not been lost on us. We shall pass it on to those who follow us.

How beautifully Dr. M. Tyrš wrote it almost a century ago, "Observe what is going on about us, — not only in the printed word but by actual observation — retain only that, which meets the most rigid specifications of our overall goals."

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

Held June 30th, 1964

Bro. Prchal presided.

Present: Bros. Barcal, Cihak, Halik, Kropik, Rabas and Vodrazka. Sisters: Cihak, Falta, Prchal and Welcl.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved as submitted.

### REPORTS OF DISTRICTS

Received and read minutes of the meeting of the Northeastern and Pacific District.

### CORRESPONDENCE

The Western District reported on their recent successful two-week Instructor's course and the fine work done by the capable instructors sis. Krizenecky and bros. Halik and Linhart. They are sending a bill for \$300.00 for their services, which was approved.

Bro. J. Machek, California, requested our help in getting the Moravian Teachers Choir Society to the United States for a cultural tour. The ASO. believes that they are contacting the proper people and organizations in New York. The ASO. is in no position to sponsor such a group and will send their regrets.

Letter from the N.E. District read in regard to their editing of the Sokol Gymnast for a six month period. BOI. will reply.

Bro. Jos. Brouk, Treasurer of the ASO., in a letter expresses his regrets that after 62 years of work in the Sokol ranks and many years in the Executive Board of ASO. it is necessary for him to resign as a member of the Board and from the office of Treasurer due to illness.

Bro. Brouk's resignation was accepted with deep regret. The Executive Board will present bro. Brouk with a plaque in recognition and appreciation of his outstanding record of Sokol accomplishments.

The Executive Board regards the election of a new Treasurer as an emergency appointment and bro. Frank Vodrazka was unanimously elected to the office of Treasurer.

Sis. Welcl and bro. Rabas were named as members of the Auditing Committee. Approved.

### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Sokol Tyrs and the N.E. District called us to inform us of the passing of sis. Evelyn Jirousek, wife of the Director of Men of the District, bro. Edwin Jirousek. A telegram of sympathy was sent.

A telegram of congratulations was sent to bro. Petr Zenkl on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

The following contributions were received for the "Future Sokol Leaders Fund": Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Dvorak and Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Dvorak in memory of their mother Mrs. Marie Dvorak, for the funeral eulogy given by bro. Prchal \$50.00. Bro. Edward Stetka in memory of bro. Jerry Mares \$10.00, Karel M. Prchal in memory of Frank Kaderabek \$10.00, Libby Kotes in memory of Mary Prochaska \$5.00, Mrs. Wm. A. Graf in memory of Joseph C. Biederman \$10.00, Dr. & Mrs. George R. Chott in memory of Dr. John A. Havlicek \$25.00.

Greetings were sent to the SPJST. Convention held in Waco, Texas. A letter of congratulations will be sent to the elected officers and President bro. Edward Marek.

From June 18th to 26th conducted the ASO. Tour to New York World's Fair and Washington, D. C.

The office was humming with activity and all correspondence and requests for material were expedited.

Sis. Falta spent many days in the office and assisted with the work.

A number of publicity articles were written and appeared in the newspapers as well as monthly publications.

Minutes of the meeting of the Centennial Committee held June 8th were read and approved.

**The 1965 Slet will be a Slet of the American Sokol Organization.**

Sis. Cihak presented a detailed report of the ASO. Excursion to the New York World's Fair and Washington, D. C.

The minutes from the St. Louis Centennial Committee meeting were read and discussed.

Bro. Prchal thanked sis. Cihak for all her work with the Excursion and for all the reports submitted.

Bro. Halik read the minutes of the meeting of the BOI. and submitted a report of the Director of Men.

The following members of the Men's BOI. were approved as recommended: bros. S. Barcal, E. Linhart, G. Basta, F. Sula, J. Satek, R. Ptacek and F. Freiberg.

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

Bro. Cihak submitted a report of the Centennial Stamp Committee and as Educational Director.

Sis. Cihak read the list of events of the Polish Falcons in connection with their 28th Quadrennial Convention.

Bro. Prchal reported that a 16,000 BTU. air conditioning unit was about to be installed in the ASO. office at cost price. Installation approved.

He also reported that the Sokols visited the graves of past Presidents and officers of ASO. on Memorial Day. He recorded an interview on tape for Radio Free Europe.

Meetings of the Executive Board will not be held in July or August unless it is necessary.

The President thanked for all the reports submitted, work accomplished and adjourned the meeting.  
Blanche J. Cihak, Secretary

## Financial Report ASO.

June, 1964

### INCOME

Dues .....	\$ 880.25
Dividends .....	558.74
Sokol caps .....	58.78
New members T. G. Masaryk Unit .....	14.00
T. G. Masaryk postage stamps .....	100.00
Cash from sale of U.S. Treasury Notes..	5,000.00
Cancelled check #831 .....	6.00
Refund on check #8518 .....	35.85

\$ 6,653.62

## DISBURSEMENTS

Manuals .....	\$ 181.75
Centennial Stamp .....	41.48
Salaries .....	653.65
Slet expense .....	4.00
BOI. Instructor's School .....	428.32
Transportation and expense .....	70.06
Sokol Americky .....	702.33
Miscellaneous .....	20.00
Telephone, supplies, Public Service, rent, postage, janitor svc. and office expense..	334.76
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	\$ 2,436.35

## BALANCE

Western National Bank checking acct. . . . .	\$ 4,162.02
Income — June, 1964 .....	6,653.62
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	\$10,815.64
Disbursements — June, 1964 .....	2,436.35
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	\$ 8,379.29

## Financial Report ASO.

July, 1964

## INCOME

Dues .....	\$1,326.25
Dividends .....	53.75
Manuals .....	60.50
Jewelry .....	127.26
Sokol cap .....	5.82
Miscellaneous .....	20.00
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	\$1,593.58

## DISBURSEMENTS

Investment account .....	\$5,000.00
Director of Internal Revenue—Withholding Tax and S. S. ....	417.74
Air conditioner .....	417.00
Jewelry .....	524.84
Transportation and expense Exec. Bd. ....	123.95
BOI. postage, telephone, supplies, printing and Sokol Gymnast .....	66.16
BOI. Instructor's School .....	222.40
Sokol Americky: Postage, Editorial Staff, Mailing list .....	174.14
Salaries .....	647.60
Telephone, supplies, rent, janitor service, postage, etc. ....	272.87
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	\$7,866.70

## BALANCE

Western National Bank of Cicero checking account .....	\$8,379.29
Income—July, 1964 .....	1,593.58
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	\$9,972.87
Disbursements—July, 1964 .....	7,866.70
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	\$2,106.17

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

June 10, 1964

Meeting called to order by bro. Halik.

Present: Sis. Prchal, Udaykee, Dunovsky, Welcl,  
Halik, Barcal, Schnabl, Ptacek, Tintera, Vesely,Krizenecky, and Bros. Halik, Fina, Linhart, Ptacek,  
Satek, Barcal, Lebloch. Excused: Sis. Kos, Mach,  
Pokorny, Freiberg and Bros. Freiberg and Sula.Minutes of the May 13th meeting accepted after  
corrections were made. A minute of silence was  
observed in memory of Sis. Jirousek.Copies of the new "Sokol Gymnast" were distrib-  
uted to members.Correspondence: Letter from the insurance com-  
pany was given to Bro. Drnec for him to check.Letter from the Southern District with regards  
to pertinent matters of the Course and a list of  
instructors.

## Men's BOI Recommendations:

1. Pictures of new uniforms to be taken at  
Central District's Physical Fitness Day. Approved.
2. Committees are working on drills, etc. for the  
1965 Slet.

## Women's BOI Recommendations:

1. A Committee should be appointed to handle  
the layout, timing, and entrances of the Slet pro-  
gram. Approved.
2. Small District numbers should be performed  
at "Akademie." Approved.
3. Suggestions for Slet Days as follows:  
Judges Meeting on Wednesday  
Competitions to begin on Thursday

(It was reported that Mr. Halas of the Chicago  
Bears is to be speaker at the Victory Dance. The  
Slet Committee approved the Akademie at Sokol  
Tabor and the Victory Dance at Sokol Havlicek-  
Tyrns. The BOI would prefer Akademie at Havlicek  
Tyrns and Victory Dance at Sokol Tabor.)

4. Sis. Welcl requested to be Chairman of the  
Trophy Committee and that it be suggested that  
plaques or small trophies be purchased for in-  
dividual winners. She accepted.

5. More publicity such as radio interviews, etc.  
suggested.

Sis. Prchal reported on the Slet Committee meet-  
ing. There is talk of a Historical Pageant. Bro.  
Barcal suggests we not concern ourselves with this  
matter since the basic Slet program is approxi-  
mately three hours in length. Our program will  
be presented at the next Executive Slet Committee  
meeting for approval.A suggestion to the Housing Committee is that  
the young members and gymnasts should be housed  
in suburban motels.All members are urged to try to coin a new  
word for "Akademie."Program for the Victory Dance, Akademie, Slet,  
etc. should be prepared by the BOI.

There should be a Slet Bulletin each month.

There was a suggestion for a photo album to be  
published and sold. Sis. Prchal is sending an article  
to all Units asking them to keep the gyms open  
all summer and have a drive for members so  
classes are full at the beginning of the year.Meetings of the BOI will not be held in July  
and August unless necessary.Sis. Tintera asked permission to have music  
arranged by bro. Kubina.

Meeting adjourned.

## Report of the ASO. Director of Men

Met with sis. Krizenecky and bro. Linhart concerning teaching assignments at the Western District School.

Southern District Directors have assured me that all facilities at Ennis will be ample, and that assistant instructors will be available.

Was unable to attend meeting of the Slet Committee.

Attended the Central District competition of Junior Boys and Men at Sokol Brookfield.

With bros. Linhart and Cihak and sis. Krizenecky, left for Omaha Saturday, June 13. The morning Western District Slet rehearsal was drenched by a heavy rain — the afternoon was clear and fair but the field was full of water. Shortly after the program, were driven back to the Sokol Omaha camp at Valley, Nebraska, where we spent most of the evening bedding down the students. The young people of Crete arrived late at night in a heavy rain. On Tuesday we experienced that heavy downpour which caused severe flooding in the area. A complete report on the Slet and the school will be presented later but I do want to say that sis. Drozda did an outstanding job in organizing the school and Slet.

Sis. Krizenecky and I are to leave for the Southern District school on July 18.

Attended the SGUS Ludevit Stur District Slet at Potter's Lake, Sunday, June 28. American Sokol and Central District were represented by Sokol Mladocech. Veterans who drilled calisthenics arranged by bro. Kucera and a group of men, women and juniors who performed bro. Jarka Jelinek's 1941 calisthenics. The group performed exceptionally well showing that they had been well drilled, for which I commended them when called upon to speak at the end of their performance. I also extended the District an invitation to participate in our Centennial Slet next year.

In order that the following brothers may continue officially on their slet assignments and duties I ask the approval of the following at this time: — as members of the Men's BOI Stanley Barcal, Edward Linhart, George Basta, Frank Sula, John Satek, Richard Ptacek, and Frank Freiberg. As members of the Slet Technical Committee, bros. James Kriz, Frank Vorel, Anton Studnicka, Laddie Jenicek, Sr., Vaclav Zenisek.

Edwin J. Halik

## Report of the ASO. Director of Women

Women's Board meeting was held June 10.

Received report from bro. Joseph Pokorny on status of gymnastic activities in the Pacific District and asking if a clinic could be held in November, also if I could arrange to stay one week each in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Fresno. I have written asking about the availability of the members in each of these units and the number of hours they could attend classes. Beside artistic gymnastics and Slet calisthenics, I would like to have the district specify further subjects they would require. We can then arrange an hourly program before my arrival.

Received telephone call from sis. Adelaide Darula, Director of Women of the SGUS, asking for information on Slet events, for the purpose of preparing an agenda for meeting of SGUS. directors.

Judged for Central District Women's competitions.

Will judge for Polish Falcons competitions.

Am working on women's calisthenics.

M. Prchal

James L. Cihak

## Report of the Stamp Committee

A large number of petitions were sent in by the Union of Czech Catholic Sokols and were mailed to Postmaster General Gronouski.

Hundreds of signatures were obtained at the Sokol Stickney Gymnastic Exhibition.

Representative William F. Ryan of New York accepts sponsorship of the Sokol Centennial activities.

Governor Kerner's open letter to Postmaster Gronouski and letters written by gymnasts appeared in the June issue of S.A.

Many publicity articles were written to keep the campaign alive.

The campaign was stressed in all cities and at every opportunity where the ASO. Tour was asked to speak.

Efforts will be increased for the last phase of the campaign.

BLANCHE J. CIHAK

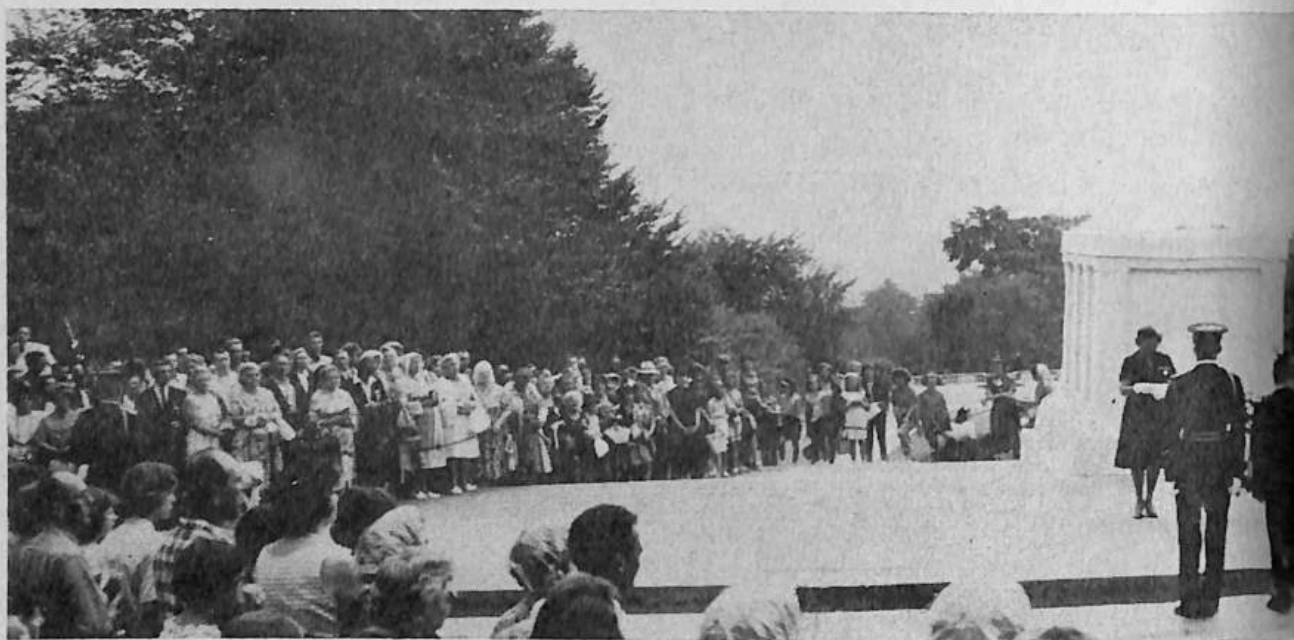
## REPORT OF THE ASO. EXCURSION TO THE NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR AND WASHINGTON, D. C.

The ASO. excursion to the New York World's Fair and Washington, D. C., can be regarded as one of the best Tours we have ever had.

We had a total of 126 passengers. We were comfortably housed in the Taft and Victoria Hotels in New York.

The group traveled in 3 buses. In New York we visited United Nations and attended a dinner arranged by Sokol New York. The highlights of the evening was the presentation of a streamer for the

ASO. Sokol flag. The following words were embroidered: "To the American Sokol Organization — Perpetual Improvement." The other side read: "Věčný ruch — věčná nespokojenost — věnuje Sokol New York 1964." The program was directed by bro. W. Slavik. In my address introduced the members from the various states which included Hawaii, California, Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana and Illinois. Talked about all of the events in the Centennial year.



### ASO. DELEGATION AT TOMB OF UNKNOWNNS

Bro. Prchal thanked for the streamers for the flag.

On Saturday about 100 members took the Circle Cruise of Manhattan. It was a delightful trip. About 16 visited Hyde Park.

In the evening 60 of our group attended the CSA. program in the Sokol Hall given jointly by the CSA. and Sokol New York. It included initiation of new members by Lodge Endicott CSA., also a fine performance by the drill team and musical program by the CSA. Glee clubs and by our bro. Miles Nekolny. The evening was warm and humid, but the Sokols stayed to the end. Bro. Vodrazka m.c'd the program and asked bro. Prchal and sis. Cihak to speak.

Visited the Fair on Sunday, Czechoslovak Day, and the evening performance at the U.S. Pavilion. It was a scorcher. The program lasted four hours and included the CSA. Glee clubs and 2 opera stars and bro. Miles Nekolny. The program presented was good but too long for the extremely hot weather. As a result many people were forced to leave the bleachers and to take refuge. Speeches were made by bros. F. Vodrazka, K. Prchal, A. Valusek, Wm. Pechar and sis. Welcl.

Calisthenics were performed by the United Sokols of the East. Sis. Provaznik had a fine special number and last but not least 14 circles performed the Czechoslovak Beseda. It included children as well as adults and was well done.

The evening performers included Sokol Baltimore (bro. Stetka's special number) excellently presented, a calisthenic drill "Black and White" by the D.A. Sokol, Maypole Dance, Sokol New York and musical numbers by soloists Maria Mattei, soprano, and Dušan Georgevich, tenor, singing Antonín Dvořák's Rusalka.

On Saturday bro. Prchal and sisters Cihak and Falta visited the semi-annual meeting of the Czechoslovak Sokols Abroad and extended to them

an invitation to our Centennial Events. Also thanked them for their participation in the stamp campaign.

On Monday visited the Fair again and in the evening attended the gala performance at Radio City Music Hall to see the picture "The Chalk Garden" and to see the Rockets in action.

Left New York on Tuesday morning stopping at Philadelphia to visit historic Independence Hall, the historic park, and continued our drive to Belcamp, Md. Bro. Hesoun was on hand to greet us, to have a group picture taken and to see that all of us had an opportunity to visit the Bata Shoe Company. We were greeted by bro. Gus Dolezal, Director of the Belcamp Bata Plant.

After light refreshments we continued to Washington, D. C., where we arrived at 8 P.M. We were housed in the Sheraton Park and Windsor Park Hotels.

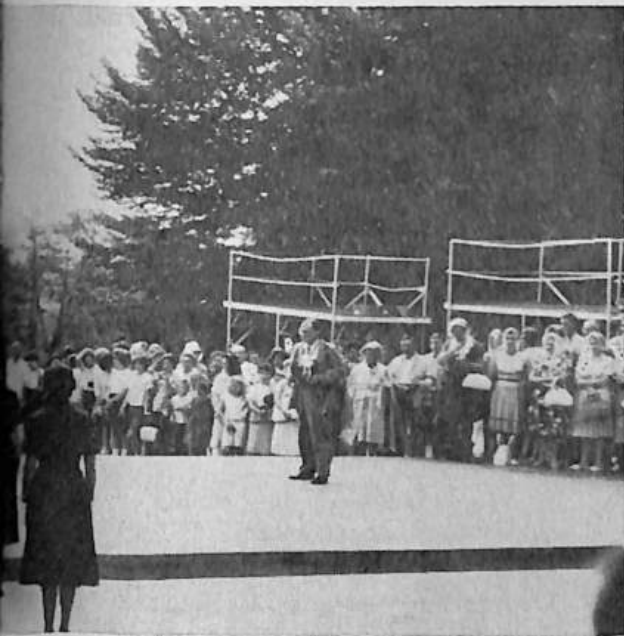
Wednesday will remain an unforgettable day in the hearts and minds of the participants. At 9:05 the following members in Sokol dress uniform participated in the wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier: bros. Prchal and Lankas, sisters Cihak, Falta and Nekuda. Escorted by a member of the President's guard the wreath was laid by bro. Prchal and sis. Falta, after which sis. Cihak paid tribute to those that gave their lives for a better world. Taps were sounded.

At 9:30 the second phase of an impressive program took place at the grave of our late President John F. Kennedy. The wreath was laid by sis. Cihak, followed by silent prayer. This performance was also under the supervision of special escorts.

This concluded the services at Arlington Cemetery.

Three special guides (one for each bus) pointed out the points of interest in Washington, Georgetown and Mt. Vernon.

We returned to our hotels about 3 p.m. and at



4 left for a reception given by Senator Douglas in the Caucus Room of the Old Senate Office Building, also attended by our devoted friend Congressman Pucinski.

We were warmly greeted by the Senator and the Congressman. An informal chat followed during which the Senator pointed out that the Congressman had a message for us. Cong. Pucinski said: "that President Johnson and Postmaster General liked the idea of a physical fitness stamp." Cong. Pucinski remarked that we are working very hard in the campaign for the issuance of the stamp. An invitation was extended to both the

gentlemen to all of our Centennial events, and they nodded their heads in acknowledgement.

Arrangements were made for a picture with the Senator on the steps of the Capitol on Thursday morning.

Our buses took us directly to the Presidential Arms Hotel where we enjoyed a pleasant evening arranged by Sokol Washington, D. C. Bro. Neumann welcomed all guests and asked us to address the gathering which we did.

A fine concert followed which included arias from the opera Dalibor, Die Fledermaus, V Studni, The Bartered Bride, Rusalka, Madam Butterfly and selections from Dvorak, Rodgers and Friml. Bro. Prchal and sis. Cihak spoke.

Our visit to Washington, D. C. was concluded on Thursday by a very early visit to the White House, participants were standing in line at the East gate of the White House at 20 minutes of 8 in the morning. The last bus at 9 A.M. This is a tour long to be remembered. We continued on to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and then to the Capitol. One of the buses carrying the group from Nebraska were given an opportunity to visit Senator Hruska's office.

The last and final phase of our trip ended with pictures of the group first with Senator Hruska and then Senator Douglas.

An overall picture of the Tour shows a very successful trip. Mainly morally. Every part of the itinerary was carried out to the finest detail. No substitutes or changes were necessary. Hotel accommodations were excellent without problems. Buses and drivers were very satisfactory.

Our use of cafeterias enroute helped to alleviate any feeding problem.

Under the supervision of sis. Falta and bros. Prchal and Stankovsky the members of the tour



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cooperated in every respect. It was a happy and well disciplined group. Sis. Zacek supervised the publicity and saw to it that newspapers and Sokol Units received greetings from the Tour.

Personally supervised every minute detail and every move for good coordination.

Letters of thanks have been sent to Sokol New York, Sokol Belcamp and Sokol Washington, D. C.

In closing would like to express my appreciation to sis. Falta for the many weeks of work and assistance in the office with the Tour, also as con-

ductor of Bus #2. Also to bro. Prchal as conductor of Bus #3 and to bro. Fred Stankovsky in Bus #1.

In conclusion wish to express our gratitude to bro. Julius Heger and the Heger Travel Bureau for all their assistance and their meticulous preparation of every detail connected with the Tour. The fact that every hotel accommodation was ready upon arrival and that it only took 10 minutes to assign the rooms for each bus speaks for itself.

All of the participants cooperated and we have heard nothing but praise for the trip.

## Report of the Sokol St. Louis Centennial Committee Meeting

Held Sunday, May 25, 1964

In addition to a group of members of Sokol St. Louis, the ASO. was represented by bros. Prchal, Cihak, sis. Cihak and Falta. Bro. Lebloch, and sis. Schnabl and Udaykee from the Central District.

Bro. Reiner welcomed the visitors.

The first matter discussed was from Dr. W. C. Eberhardt, Director of Physical Education, St. Louis University, confirming reservation for the use of their facilities for our Pilgrimage. The Chicago delegates visited and viewed the St. Louis University Gymnasium which was approved.

A banquet should be held on the Saturday (June 5, 1965) at the Gold Room of the Jefferson Hotel with the adjoining room being rented to accord the juniors opportunity for dancing and fun making.

Brother Reiner stressed the necessity of selling tickets for the Slet. A suggestion was made a commission be paid for each ticket sold in advance.

The music question was discussed. Bro. Reiner advised he would try to contact one of our former Sokol members and also a member of the St. Louis Symphony and get him to cooperate in this behalf if possible. It was thought that 5 or 6 musicians would be sufficient for our Slet.

Bro. Reiner advised that plans have been made for Sokol St. Louis to publish their own program book.

It was discussed at this time that perhaps certain articles, as well as the history of St. Louis Sokol, should be printed in the Czech language. This however was ruled out as there are no Czech printers in St. Louis — and sending the book to Chicago to be printed would prove too costly.

Bro. Reiner asked for an open discussion — as most business matters were taken care of and answered.

Sis. Blanche Cihak asked just what we had in mind for the pilgrimage. She thought that to enable her to entice members from all over to come to St. Louis, a "Package Deal" should be arranged. This would or should consist of transportation, tickets for the banquet, and Slet — and then perhaps a tour of the City of St. Louis. Bro. Cihak further explained the advantages of such a "package deal."

Publicity should be printed in Czech papers as most of the people attending the Pilgrimage read them, and promised that the fullest publicity would be given the Pilgrimage in Sokol Americký.

Sis. Schnabl asked if anything was planned for the entertainment of the gymnasts. Competitions should be over by 1 p.m. — and they could also have something in the package deal of interest to them. A Moonlight Dance out at the Camp, on Friday evening, June 4, would be a good idea. Sis. Schnabl advised they are figuring on at least 5 or 6 busloads of gymnasts from the Chicago area.

Bro. Lebloch asked about where the competitions would be held. It was thought that perhaps Roosevelt High School would be advisable, as well as McKinley High. Bro. Lebloch advised he thought the men and junior boys could use our hall (providing we still are located here — or perhaps our new one will be completed).

At the interrogation of bro. Triska as to what apparatus would be needed, bro. Lebloch and sis. Schnabl advised that 4 sets of rings, 2 horses, 2 high beams, 2 hi-lo bars, 4 regular parallel bars, would be helpful, but if all of this was hard to obtain, they could manage with less.

Bro. Prihoda asked that judges be sent from Chicago, as we do not have too many experienced members to do this.

It was suggested that we hold off on our Regular Yearly Meeting for next year until we find out definitely whether or not the Commemorative Stamp will be issued. We will try to get as many of our own trophies as possible for the Slet.

Bro. Prchal reassured us that we would have their full cooperation and help wherever possible. Sis. Cihak advised they were planning to have 20 men and women from Chicago act as a committee and help us as much as possible after their arrival on Friday. She asked that we reciprocate and help them in Chicago for their Slet.

Sis. Cihak gave a glowing report on the progress of the Commemorative Stamp all over the U.S. and of the reception they received in Washington. Mr. Bob Stewart said he will report favorably on our activities.

The Stamp Committee will continue their campaign in the fall.

Sis. Cihak advised us to contact our City Council, as well as the Mayor — to support the American Sokol Centennial and have them write to Postmaster Gronouski asking that a Sokol Stamp be issued. She further explained that Mr. Stewart was most impressed with our exhibition.

Bro. Shana thanked the Chicago delegation for coming to St. Louis, and for the splendid spirit of cooperation that has been extended by them.

Meeting was then adjourned, and it was noted that everyone present had renewed enthusiasm to make our Centennial year a huge success.

Mildred M. Novak, Secretary

## FROM OUR DISTRICTS

### EASTERN DISTRICT

Eastern District meeting held June 15, 1964 with 11 members present.

Senator Javits sends assurance that the Postmaster General will give careful consideration to the issuance of a Sokol stamp.

Sis. Zabka reported on children's District competitions which were a success.

Sokol Fuegner received I. and III. awards and Sokol New York II.

Bro. Capek reported that Sokol Fuegner was the victor of all awards in children's competitions.

Bro. Petlicka reported that many contributions were received toward the radio broadcasts.

A vote of thanks was given to bro. Petlicka for his work in connection with the successful trip to Washington, D.C.

A conducted Tour to the Centennial Slet in Chicago next year is being considered.

New York Sokol opened their camp on July 6th at East Haddam, Conn.

Bro. Zraly reported on the Czechoslovak Day program.

The Eastern District sponsored a bus trip to Ironia July 12th.

Best wishes were sent to bro. Albert P. Kalabza on his 89th birthday.

A Centennial celebration was suggested for next year.

Plans are being formulated for a testimonial dinner honoring bro. Charles Divisek.

### NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

Meeting of Executive Committee held May 20, 1964.

The most important matter on the agenda of the May meeting of the Executive Committee of the Northeastern District was the Slet to be held on June 28, 1964 at Oddfellows Farm at Glenwillow, Ohio. All efforts are directed toward making this the most successful Slet held.

Brother Pekar will represent the Executive Committee at the ceremonies on June 14, 1964 at the Czech Cultural Gardens honoring the beloved Czech-American conductor and musician, and composer, Charles Rychlik.

All Cleveland units and the Executive Committee are forging plans to participate in the All Nations Fair and Parade of Progress to be held from Aug. 26 to Sept. 7 in Cleveland's new convention facilities. We see this as a golden opportunity to "sell" Sokol to the public as well as to earn some money.

Several representatives of the Executive Committee visited Sokol Moravan-Toledo at their April 26th meeting. It was gratifying to learn that Sokol Moravan-Toledo is determined to continue to exist as a unit and is making every effort to maintain its hall.

Sokols, Jrs. and midgets, brought home from the Jr. Olympics held at Valley Forge High School, Brecksville, Ohio, several trophies and honors. Four hundred gymnasts, including entries from Toledo and Youngstown, participated in the Jr. Olympics.

Meeting held June 17, 1964 with 15 representatives present.

Preparations are being made for District's participation in "All Nations Fair" — August 28-Sept. 7. Sokol Tyrs and Nova Vlast is to have a designated day. Sokol Tyrs's Band will play at the Fair.

The next membership meeting of Sokol Cleveland-Cech Havlicek will be held Sept. 12.

Sokol Nova Vlast reported that 4 junior boys and 4 junior girls will be sent to the competitions in Pennsylvania. On October 11th a banquet will be held in honor of members of long standing. The I. and II. class boys and girls sent 70 letters to the Postmaster General in support of the Sokol stamp.

Sokol Tyrs will celebrate their 45th Anniversary on October 4th.

Sis. Hantl announced that all classes are prepared for Slet competitions and that the trophies will be donated by the Plain Dealer of Cleveland.

### PACIFIC DISTRICT

Meeting held June 2, 1964, with 7 members present. Preparations will be made for sis. Prchal's and bro. Cihak's visits to the Pacific Coast in the Fall. Schedules will be prepared. Report was submitted on the results of competitions held in Fresno on May 9. Medals and trophies were presented to winners after conclusion of Volley Ball game in Fresno.

### IN MEMORIAM

#### Bro. Anton Sikora

Bro. Anton Sikora, who had been a member of Sokol Baltimore for almost 72 years, passed away on July 16th, 1964. Bro. Sikora was born in Baltimore in February, 1875, and as a youngster attended gym classes. He became a member of Sokolská Jednota "Blesk" (Sokol Baltimore) on October 21, 1892, and was a member of the Board of Instructors for many years. He was a very good gymnast and represented Baltimore in several competitions in the Eastern District. During the years, he served on many committees, including the one which eventually led to the erection of the Bohemian Gymnastic Hall in 1903. In the 1930's he became manager of the "Hall," a position which he held for many years. His last appearance among us was two years ago on the occasion of our 90th anniversary and he insisted on being present on both days.

Bro. Sikora lived a long life, approximately four score years in the Sokol, from his early youth to the last beat of his heart.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of bro. Anton Sikora. Edward Stetka

### IN MEMORIAM

The Executive Board of the Americal Sokol Organization was saddened by the passing of sis. Evelyn Jirousek, wife of bro. Edwin Jirousek, Director of Men of the Northeastern District and beloved mother of Edwin and Rose.

We know that she was a staunch supporter of bro. Jirousek's Sokol work and a fine active member of Sokol Tyrs, Cleveland, Ohio.

Peace be with her.

## Results of the II. Class Girls', Junior Girls' and Women's Competitions

The many judges and tabulators are to be commended for the fine jobs which were exceedingly well done. Sisters Val Pekarek, II. Asst. Women's Director, Mili Udaykee, 1st Assistant, and Mae Linhart were in charge of the II. Class girls, junior girls and women, respectively.

EllenJeanne Schnabl, Women's Director,  
Central District, ASO.

### II. CLASS GIRLS APPARATUS COMPETITION LOW DIVISION

Teams		
Place	Unit	Points
1	Sokol Tabor I .....	890.30
2	Sokol Slavsky I .....	853.30
3	Sokol West Suburban I .....	850.40
4	Sokol Brookfield III .....	841.40
5	Sokol West Suburban II .....	841.10
6	Sokol Tabor II .....	840.10
7 Tie	Sokol Berwyn I .....	823.30
7 Tie	Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs .....	823.30
8	Sokol Brookfield I .....	807.90
9	Sokol Brookfield II .....	788.60
10	Sokol Stickney II .....	776.50
11	Sokol Slavsky II .....	769.90
12	Sokol Stickney I .....	762.90

Individuals		
Place	Name Unit	Points
1	JoAnne Toth, Tabor I .....	180.60
2	Kathy Beckus, Tabor I .....	178.20
3	Susan Vykruta, Tabor I .....	177.20
4	Linda Gargulak, West Suburban I .....	175.30
5	Dana Caposto, Tabor I .....	175.20
6	Maureen Martinek, West Suburban I ..	175.10
79 competed.		

### HIGH DIVISION

Teams		
Place	Unit	Points
1	Sokol Tabor I .....	886.10
2	Sokol Tabor II .....	866.20
3	Sokol Brookfield .....	865.40
4	Sokol Stickney I .....	848.40
5	Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs .....	847.60
6	Sokol Berwyn I .....	846.70
7	Sokol Berwyn II .....	809.60
8	Sokol Stickney II .....	804.90
9	Sokol Stickney III .....	788.10

Individuals		
Place	Name Unit	Points
1	Sally, Slott, Tabor I .....	179.50
2	Chris Johnson, Brookfield .....	177.20
3	Linda Linhart, Tabor I .....	176.80
4	Peggy Gorman, Tabor II .....	175.80
5	Terry Schild, Tabor I .....	175.70
6	Donna Peska, Tabor I .....	175.00
54 competed.		

### JUNIOR GIRLS COMPETITIONS

#### HIGH DIVISION

Teams		
Place	Unit	Points
1	Sokol Tabor .....	468.10

2	Sokol Stickney .....	437.30
3	Sokol Berwyn .....	407.00

#### Individuals

Place	Name Unit	Points
1	Janis Eyth, Tabor .....	164.10
2	Barbara Vondra, Stickney .....	153.40
3	Mildred Foltyn, Tabor .....	152.20
4	Gail Konvalinka, Tabor .....	151.80
5	Lily Jo Vesely, Slavsky .....	145.60
6	Penny Hampl, Berwyn .....	145.40
12 competed.		

### INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

#### Teams

Place	Unit	Points
1	Sokol Tabor .....	818.20
2	Sokol Slavsky .....	724.40
3	Sokol Berwyn .....	657.00

#### Individuals

Place	Name Unit	Points
1	Sandy Peska, Tabor .....	166.40
2	Marie Konvalinka, Tabor .....	165.50
3	Ellen Peroutka, Tabor .....	162.60
4	Irene Svancara, Tabor .....	162.00
5	Janet Lloyd, Tabor .....	161.70
6	Beverly Biehle, Tabor .....	160.20
23 competed.		

### LOW "B" DIVISION

Place	Name Unit	Points
1	Pauline Keseg, Slavsky .....	153.30
2	Emily Keseg, Slavsky .....	141.60
3	Jill Uhlik, Tabor .....	140.90
4	Virginia Lux, Tabor .....	133.20

### LOW "A" DIVISION

#### Teams

Place	Unit	Points
1	Sokol Berwyn .....	762.20
2	Sokol Tabor I .....	758.40
3	Sokol Mladocech .....	736.50
4	Sokol West Suburban .....	726.50
5	Sokol Tabor II .....	702.40

#### Individuals

Place	Name Unit	Points
1	Mary Volpe, Tabor I .....	161.40
2	Sandra Schultz, Havlicek-Tyrs .....	159.30
3	Janet Smerchek, Mladocech .....	157.60
4	Mary Gilbert, Berwyn .....	156.80
5	Diane Dexter, Tabor I .....	156.30
6	Carol Jelinek, Berwyn .....	156.10
38 competed.		

### WOMEN'S COMPETITIONS

#### LOW DIVISION

#### Teams

Place	Unit	Points
1	Sokol Slavsky .....	748.60
2	Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs .....	740.80
3	Sokol Mladocech-Racine .....	736.60

## Individuals

Place	Name	Unit	Points
1	Deanna Smerchek,	Mladocech	157.00
2	Nancy Prines,	Stickney	156.40
3	Rita Huizenga,	Stickney	156.20
4	Florence Lutha,	Slavsky	154.80
5	Ethel Rus,	Havlicek-Tyrs	154.70
6	Blanche Jirousek,	Havlicek-Tyrs	153.30

## INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

Place	Name	Unit	Points
1	Mary Ann Latino,	Slavsky	155.50
2	Rosemary Wildman,	Tabor	155.30
3	Dorothy Sula,	Slavsky	153.30
4	Barbara Glosup,	Tabor	150.60
5	Judie Liewald,	Tabor	148.50

## HIGH DIVISION

Place	Name	Unit	Points
1	Vivian Navratil,	Tabor	159.30
2	Ane Cermak,	Tabor	158.50
3	Jeanette Votava,	Tabor	153.40
4	Helen Pesoot,	St. Louis, Mo.	99.90

John E. Tannich

## Sokol Scio Held 43rd Annual Exhibition

Sokol Scio has never missed a public Gymnastic Exhibition and this year held their 43rd. Our membership is not as large as it was in the twenties and thirties, but those that are active are the ones that guide the activities.

Our exhibition was held in Scio in the ZCBJ-Sokol Hall. The program included the pledge to the flag, national anthems and solo in English and Czech by Fannie Dobrkovsky.

The welcoming address was given by the President, bro. John E. Tannich, who introduced the Portland and Seattle Sokols who came for the event. The program included figure marching and warm up exercises by all Sokols. Calisthenics by small boys and girls, seniors, women and men. The Old Guard performed perfectly. Apparatus moves by teenagers, which included rings, parallel bars, horse and tumbling. Tug of War, boys against girls, followed by games.

The program included baton twirling by Kathy King at the age of 7 performed like a professional. Piano solo by Carol Tannich, age 12, who presented a very complicated piano solo and did a fine job. Bill Martinek honored us with a trumpet solo. One of the outstanding baton twirlers in Oregon, Carol Dickhous, performed exceptionally well.

The Northwest may be isolated but far from giving up. This is apparent in the visit to Scio from both Sokol Seattle and Portland.

Sokol Scio in turn brought many gymnasts and children to Sokol Seattle.

Sokol Seattle besides the calisthenics and dancing numbers had 14 men performing very well on apparatus.

Visitors from Portland were bro. Louis Spousta, President, sis. Mary Talafous, Secretary, and Joseph Talafous, Financial Secretary and oldest charter member of their Unit. Also Past President bro. Wirostek and his wife. A large group came from Sokol Seattle headed by bro. Stejskal, Unit President. This return to the grassroots idea of

self help and mutual support is a healthy sign of the reawakening of these small units. The indomitable spirit of their members to make the best of the situation at hand will bear as luscious a harvest as the famous fruit and roses for which they are famous. — Nazdar!

## Sokol Detroit

We had our "Opening Day" of our Sokol Camp on Sunday June 7th. We had an excellent turnout and everyone enjoyed "Jaternice and Chicken" dinners.

The camp was buzzing with activity as we had a Gymnastic Workshop — Bob Vascik from Rossford, Ohio, assisted and made some minor corrections on our various calisthenics. Eight Junior Girls and three Senior Gymnasts from Windsor also attended our workshop.

Class I and II Boys and Girls had their competitions on Friday, June 26th and the following are the results:

Class I Girls—

1st, Ann Marie Hurych; 2nd, Karen Martin

Class II Girls—

1st, Wendy Valek; 2nd, Marilyn Kopeček

Class I Boys—

1st, Ricky Kalivoda; 2nd, Jeff Martin

Class II Boys—

1st, Jeff Mily; 2nd, Dale Kopecky

On Sunday, June 28, a large group of 49 gymnasts attended and participated in the District Slet in Cleveland — this included 14 Senior Women, 6 Senior men, 10 Junior girls, 12 Junior boys, 4 Class I and II girls and 3 Class I and II boys. Quite a few of the gymnast's parents also made the trip so Detroit was very well represented at the District Slet.

The following weekend a group of 35 gymnasts from Sokol Detroit as well as a large group of parents attended the "Československý Den" in Toronto, Canada, held July 5th.

The past weekend July 12th we held our Annual "Veřejný" at Sokol Camp on Sandy Bottom Lake. Cleveland, Toronto and Windsor were represented by their gymnasts and an excellent Gymnastic program under the leadership of our Náčelnik Harry Válek and Náčelnice Joan Wimmer was presented to an enthusiastic audience. A group danced the "Beseda" as part of the program. All classes performed in their group calisthenics as well as various apparatus numbers. Awards for the Class I and II boys and girls competition winners as well as perfect attendance awards, were presented during the "Nástup". Perfect attendance awards went to Wendy and Laurie Valek and Jeff Martin and Dale Kopecký. Attendance was held down somewhat for the veřejný by the inclement cold weather, however, the rains did not come and everyone present enjoyed the fine food, refreshments and dancing to Joe Tomes's orchestra on into the night.

The Sokol Detroit Board of Instructors would like to thank everyone who made this day possible and successful and an especial thank you to those who participated in the Gymnastic Program and then went on to take on various duties or work

details at the bar, kitchen, snack bar as well as clearing the athletic field of all equipment etc.

We are looking forward to seeing you all back in the fall, come September, bring in more new

gymnasts and let's prepare for a very successful Slet in Chicago in 1965. — Nazdar!

Chuck Bares, Correspondent

KAREL M. PRCHAL

## PŘIPRAVUJTE SE!

K oslavě stého výročí založení naši první sokolské jednoty chystáme veliké dílo, svůj jubilejní slet.

Podstupujeme i jiné kroky k co nejdůstojnějším oslavám, k poznání nevyčerpatelného zdroje krásy sokolské idee. Období od dnešního dne až do zakončení oslav musí být jediným zceleným nápořem tvořivé práce.

Zůstaňme dnes u sletu. Ten bude darem a výsledkem obecního díla, které pronikne veškero naše konání a našeho života.

Vytrvalost, rozhodnost, nezdolnost, nezlišnost, upřímnost potřebujeme. Tu vůli silnou a nikdy neklesající mějme. Ona vytváří celý obsah nadcházejících týdnů, aby jubilejní rok byl slávou a ctí našeho bratrstva.

Jubilejní slet má překonati vše, co sokolské naše dějiny o sletech dosud zaznamenaly. Poctivost sokolské práce let předchozích jest nám zárukou roku jubilejního. Proto opět dnes každý bratr a každá sestra má být na svém místě. Nenechávat to dru-

hým, nebot' každého z nás tyto dny žádají, aby neopustil a nezradil prapor sokolský.

Naší snahou budiž: všichni a všechny do Chicaga! Dorost i členstvo! Každý, kdo může, na cvičiště, ostatní k druhým úkolům, které slet sebou nese — a do hlediště! Pamatujte na úhradu své cesty. Zahajte i činnost, nesoucí se k opatření krojů slavnostních. Zaříd'te si dovolenou na dny sletové.

Nakažte svými přípravami také své známé a své okolí. Povzbud'te každého, aby i on se přišel potěšit o dnech Jubilejního sletu Americké Obce Sokolské, ve dnech 24. až 27. června v roce 1965.

Všichni at' jsme svědky shromáždění sokolského bratrstva u jeho stoletých oslav. Tyto pak at' ukáží všem naši kázeň, neúnavnost a oddanost pro národní zdraví tělesné i duševní, at' jsou čistým pramenem bratrské lásky a slouží dalšímu vývoji a posílení sokolské myšlenky a Sokolstva. At' je příslibem další vytrvalé práce na všechny časy!

Začněte hned, než bude pozdě!

## AOS. prohlubuje spolupráci s Polským Sokolem.

Spolupráce Americké Obce Sokolské s jinonárodními sokolskými organizacemi se slibně rozvinula. Ve dnech od 1. do 8. července t. r. účastnili se zástupci AOS. starosta br. K. Prchal, místopředseda a jednatelka ses. Bláža Čiháková celého 28. čtyřročního sjezdu Polského Sokola v Americe, který se konal v Chicagu, Ill.

V rámci sjezdu konal se také celonárodní slet Polského Sokola v sobotu 4. července odpoledne v Rockne Stadiu na Central Ave. a Roosevelt Road v Cicero, Ill., na kterém vystoupilo 900 vybraných cvičenců všech tříd v prostných, ve cvičeních na nářadí a národních tancích četných krojovaných skupin. Slet byl zahájen starostou brem. Waltrem G. Laskou uvítáním všech hostů a dobře provedeným nástupem cvičenců, pochodujících v záplavě vlajek a praporů. Působivým aktem byla modlitba, při které všichni cvičenci, klečící na jednom kolenu s hluboce skloněnou hlavou, vytvořili na celé ploše cvičiště jímavý obraz. Zástupci AOS. pozorně sledovali celý průběh zdařilého sletu. Polský Sokol má 28 tisíc členů.

V neděli 5. července o 2. hod. odpo. byl v hotelu Sherman v Chicagu zahájen čteně navštívený 28. čtyřroční sjezd Polského Sokola, na kterém byli zástupci AOS. vřele uvítáni. Zdravici za AOS. předsedal starosta br. K. Prchal, který nejdříve anglicky pozval k účasti na jubilejním sletu Ame-

rického Sokolstva v r. 1965. V českém pozdravu řekl: "Zdravíme za Americkou Obec Sokolskou sjezd Polského Sokolstva a těšíme se z jeho úspěchů. Jsme v jiných organizacích, ale zůstáváme velkým bratrstvem, čerpajícím svoje ideály ze stejných zdrojů, zanechaných Sokolstvu jeho zakladateli. Spojeným státům jsme dali sokolskou ideu — nejkrásnější dědictví, které si naši lidé přinesli z domova. Byli to také naši lidé — polští a českoslovenští, kteří v 19. a 20. století ze skrovných začátků pomohli vybudovat Spojené státy v nejmocnější národ světa. Americký prapor, který stojí zde před námi, je symbolem svobodného života Ameriky. Není moci na světě, před kterou by se tento prapor sklonil. Vidíme zde krásné prapory Polského Sokola. At' po věčné časy vlají nad členstvem, spojeným věrným bratrstvím! Před námi je také prapor polského národa. At' brzy zavlaže nad svobodným národem ve svobodné Varšavě! Věřím, že dojde ke splnění naší vřelé tužby, aby naše národy žily také ve svobodě. Přejeme plný úspěch Vašemu sněmování a úspěšnou budoucnost Polskému Sokolu!" Projev zástupce AOS. byl nadšeně přijat. Ve vkusném sjezdovém Památníku byl také pozdrav AOS. a oznámení programu jubilejních slavností v r. 1965.

Jak br. Prchal, tak i ses. Čiháková zůstali na sjezdu celé odpoledne a měli také příležitost ho-

vořit s představiteli Polského Sokola o podrobnostech sokolských jubilejních oslav, ke kterým je osobně zvali. Účastnili se také večerního banketu v hotelu Sherman, na kterém byl ceremoniářem John A. Troike, předseda Výboru pro mládež státu Illinois. Hlavní řečník kongresník Roman Pučinski ve svém projevu několikrát se zmínil o významu století amerického Sokolstva, o akci pro vydání sokolské známky a sám sjezdu tlumočil pozvání AOS. k účasti na jubilejních oslavách. Před banketem účastnili se také zástupci AOS. recepce, pořádané pro vedoucí úředníky sjezdu, Polského Sokola a významné představitele polských organizací, které

rovněž na jubilejní slavnosti pozvali. Účastnili se také i posledního zasedání sjezdu v úterý 7. července, na kterém byla volba Výkoného výboru a úředníků Polského Sokola. Využili této příležitosti k jednání o praktické spolupráci obou sokolských organizací. Starostou Polského Sokola byl opět zvolen br. Walter G. Laska a náčelníkem br. Gustav Pieprzny.

Účastí delegace Americké Obce Sokolské na sjezdu a sletu Polského Sokola byl spolupráci obou sokolských organizací dán dobrý směr pro zdar sokolského jubilejního roku 1965.

AMERICKÉMU SOKOLSTVU ZDAR!



**SILOVAT** o dosažení největšího počtu členstva – to musí být prací nás všech, chceme-li zajistit šťastnou budoucnost Sokolstva v Americe. Jděte vytrvale za tímto cílem, nedejte se odradit; budete-li svůj nápor opakovat – jistě **na konec docílíte úspěchu. Zanechte odkládání! Jsme to dlužní světu století!**

–kmp–

KAREL M. PRCHAL

### Dr. Miroslav Tyrš.

Osmého srpna tohoto roku bylo tomu osmdesát let, co v hučících dravých vlnách řeky Aachy připraveno bylo Sokolstvo o svého tvůrce a vůdce. Junáckou silou burcoval zmalátnělý národ a přivedl do základů bratrské organizace. Dal mu pevnou školu tělesné i mravní výchovy, která vytvořila celý obsah duševního usilování milionů lidí. Vznitil naše pradědy k pochodu za volnost národa.

Dr. Miroslav Tyrš . . . Jel do Oetzu v Tyrolích, aby zde upevnil své zdraví, ale tíha pěti osudu přinesla tragedii, která zlomila jeho život.

Tyrš s Fuegnerem vytvořil a uvedl v život odvažnou a těžkou myšlenku vznícení a posilování národní energie výchovou zdatných, blahu národa plně se posvěcujících pokolení. V nich našel lid obránce životem i krví chránících svůj národ, kteří ideám sokolským dali všechny své síly, svůj život a obětovali jim nejdražší statky své. S hesly sokolskými rostl národ do volnosti; na rtech s nimi bojovali, krváceli, umírali a vítězili hrdinové, až vítězně zakončen byl zápas za národa svobodu.

Tyrš — znamenající sílu, kázeň, životnost, činnost; Fuegner — symbolisující skromnost, nevtíravost, spravedlivost, zásadovost. Program prošlých let, přítomnosti i budoucnosti. Svoboda národa, je-

ho blaho a pokrok jsou cílem uvědomělé práce sokolské, opřené o zásady mravnosti, lidskosti, osvěty, řešící úkoly přítomné doby i nejbližší budoucnosti.

Tyrš byl dočasně pohřben na hřbitově, položením nad Oetzem. Když přišly chladnější dny podzimu, byly jeho ostatky převezny do Prahy a 9. listopadu uloženy na Olšanském hřbitově pod mohutným jehlanem, na jehož vrcholu sedí sokol pták, křídla rozpnutá, jako by připravená k rozletu. Odpočívá vedle svého druha, Fuegnera a popel jeho manželky Renáty, dcery Fuegnerovy, našel zde též místo pro věčný klid. Do věků pomník hlásá, že láska — rovnost — bratrství jsou vykoupením lidstva všeho!

Ve velkém smutku stál se Sokolstvem nad rakví celý národ; na chvíli se zastavila kola dějin. V té velebné chvíli, v ovzduší bolesti a velikosti uvědomil si národ dosah a hloubku poslání sokolské ideje v národě, pro dobu tehdejší i budoucí. Pro nás se z života Tyršova nese odhodlání splnit ve svornosti a lásce povinnosti, které doba sokolskému bratrstvu ukládá.

Vzpomínáme 80. prošlých let a v duchu klademe k jeho rovu vavřínů díků, propletený trojbarevnou stuhou lásky, věrnosti a úcty . . .

### Ledy se hnuly . . .

Americký filosof Santayana napsal, že ti, kdo si nepamatují minulost, jsou odsouzeni k tomu, aby ji opakovali. V Československu někteří občané zapomněli na minulost, zatíženou hrůzami gestapa a koncentračních táborů, již tři roky po skončení druhé světové války. Nelidskost se opakovala v mnohonásobné míře s tím rozdílem, že dosáhla až vědecké dokonalosti a že za ní nebyl lehcce rozpoznatelný vnější nepřítel. Vše to se dělo ve jménu ideologie, která "je s to dát správnou odpověď" na všechny otázky makro- i mikrosvěta člověka,

na budoucnost lidstva, jednotlivých zemí i národů."

Roku 1953 zemřel J. V. Stalin a s ním i éra monolitu a nedotknutelnosti oné "vyšší ideologie". Mezi jeho dědici došlo k zápasu, jehož výsledkem bylo obnažení ideologického božstva. Mezníkem byl Chruščovův tajný projev o Stalinovi na XX. sjezdu KSSS v únoru 1956. Po tomto projevu se začal komunistický ideologický monolit drolit.

Chruščovův projev obnažil komunistické božstvo i mnohým lidem v Československu, ale po slibném

jaře 1956, kdy se ozvaly první kritické hlasy básníků, spisovatelů a studentů, temno pokračovalo. Nová třída trvala na tom, že božstvo má vlečku i plášť. Několik let se jí to dařilo, avšak přišlo nové jaro a s ním nové kritické hlasy.

Nedávná minulost se tedy opakuje. Roucho božstva bylo přece jen poodhaleno a osklivost přichází poznenáhlu na denní světlo, které téměř jako reflektor zazářilo před rokem, hlavně na jaře 1963.

Nejnovější vývoj v Československu vyvolává ve svobodném světě velký zájem a komentuje se různým způsobem. Abychom mohli odpovědět na různé otázky, které jsou kladeny v této souvislosti, musíme především přesně vědět, co se v Československu právě děje. Nejnovější události v ČSSR staví Čechy a Slováky ve svobodném světě před

řadu nových problémů. Soubor mezi demokracií a komunismem bude nyní složitější a bude si vyžadovat jemnějších a promyšlených method, bude náročnější a — — nebezpečnější.

Vysvětlit to, co se nyní děje v Československu, a upozornit na nové problémy, které tento nový vývoj vyvolal, je posláním nové knihy, jež právě vyšla v New Yorku nákladem Universum Press Co.: Vojtěch N. Duben, *Ledy se hnuly*. — Československý kulturní a politický kvas 1963.

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Karel M. Prchal

## Ku dni Husovu.

(6. července)

V předvečer dne mučednické smrti Mistra Jana Husa shromažďovaly se zástupy lidu, aby na táborech při záři hořících hranic projevíli lásku a úctu jeho památce. Památce hlasatele pravdy a bojovníka za svobodu svědomí a myšlení. Velikána přesvědčení a činu, který dal příklad, že svoboda — každá, tělesná, hmotná i duchovní, je člověku tak drahá, že máje volit mezi životem nesvobodným a smrtí, volí smrt, protože smrt je mu menším zlem než nesvoboda.

Šestý červenec je dnem zpytování svědomí, žijeme-li v duchu Husově. V duchu, ve kterém máme: Povznášet mysl nad všedností života, vzpomínat Husovy opravdovosti a neohroženosti! Hledat pravdu, učit se pravdě, milovat pravdu a bránit pravdy! Nepřipustit rozporu vnitřního přesvědčení s vnějším projevem! Být spravedliví k sobě i jiným. Jít poctivě a neúchylně za odkazy jeho velikého ducha, řídit jimi svůj život a postoupit jeho odkazy pokolením budoucím!

Z Husa vyvěrá moderní demokracie. Demokracie, přichází ve chvíli, kdy člověk poznává, že je pro něj nedůstojno jenom poslouchat a podrobovat se jakékoliv moci, mimo té, které se člověk podrobuje z vlastního svého svobodného rozhodnutí, již se podrobí chce, a již sám si nad sebe staví. Hus se vzepřel moci, která ho chtěla podrobit a jeho lidskou důstojnost pošlapat. "Přesvědčte mne, poučte mne, že lépe rozumíte věci než já, že moje nazírání je mylné, rád uznám a opravím se" — přonesl Hus.

Autorita však, koncil mu odpověděl: "Uznej, podrob se proto, že ti to poručíme, abys uznal."

## Sokol Minneapolis.

Sokol Minneapolis je při životě. Schůze konáme v domech členů, druhou sobotu každého druhého měsíce, mimo letní měsíce — červen, červenec a srpen. Dobré účele dle možností podporujeme.

V Minneapolis se nalézá velmi malý počet Čechů. Dřívější léta, kdy ještě přijížděli naši z Čech, někteří z nich také zavítali k nám a naše jednota byla v plném živlu. Sama pamatuji, když jsem jako 16letá dívka přijela v roce 1929 do Minneapolis, tělocvična byla plná ruchu a zůstalo tak až do roku 1940. Po tom roce činnost ochabla, neb

Hus zemřel pro svobodu přesvědčení, ale idea, pro níž položil život, šla vítězně světem. Myšlenka svobody člověka se nezastavila na poli náboženském.

Z Anglie přešla idea na pole politické. Svobodná lidská bytost — občan. Z ideí svobody člověka přišlo přesvědčení, že nejvznešenější, co národ má, jsou zákony, které si sám dává a jimž se dobrovolně podřizuje. Na podkladě stejných ideí vyrostla i největší demokracie světa — demokracie americká. Prohlášení lidských práv Spojenými státy je politickým formulováním ideí svobody člověka.

Vzdor vzdálenosti 549 let Hus znamená osvobodování se, znamená boj proti područí, nepravdě, násilí, utlačování. Vyznávání Husa zavazuje, znamená odpovědnost. Československý lid šel za Husem pro spravedlnost, pro ducha a právo, pro bratrskou rovnost. To neznamená všechno věřit a dělat co Hus, ale jít tímž směrem. Proto Hus a husitství nebylo mu jenom myšlenkou národní, ale ve svém obsahu českou ideou, bojem za pravdu a právo, svobodu, pokrok.

Hus je nám živý a je mezi námi! Tak jako kdysi v kapli Betlémské byl posluchačem a čtenářům svých knih a listů učitelem, ukazovatelem cesty životem, tak je i nám dnes. Jeho duch učí, volá, pobízí. — Žijme, bratři a sestry, jako Hus, stůjme za svým sokolstvem, za svým přesvědčením celým svým životem. Říd'me se krásným odkazem, který Hus všem věrným členům národa učinil z Kostnice, těsně před svou smrtí: *abychom se milovali, dobrých násilím tlačiti nedali a pravdy každému přáli!*

mnoho bratří a sester zakládali si své domácnosti a přestali navštěvovat cvičení. Maminky musely kolébat a tatínkům se bez maminek nechtělo. Hodně pak nám uškodila válka. Bratři a sestry, kteří se v té době starali o jednotu, odešli do vojenské služby, anebo byli přeloženi v jejich zaměstnání tak, že v roce 1945, když válka byla u konce jsme poznali, že nás, kteří se opravdu zajímali o bytí jednoty, byla jen malá hrstka. Stejně utrpěla také Západní Česko-Bratrská Jednota, neb kdo byl Sokol, to byl člen ZČBJ. Starší členové pozbyvali sílu a nadšení k práci a mladých, kteří by pracovali

bez odměny, bylo velmi málo. Tak přišla do prodeje síň, ve které v čele se Sokolem se celý národní život soustřeďoval a kterou od roku 1908 až do roku 1948 vlastnila ZČBJ. Ztráta síně byla pohromou pro celý národní život v Mineapolis.



**Z OSLAVY NAŠICH PADESÁTNIKŮ.** Jsou to od leva, sedící v předu: Václav Fořt, Berta Fortová, Josef Bernášek. Za nimi, v druhé řadě účastníci: Ed. Andrle, Millie Andrle, Henry Lindner, Ann Lindner, Rose Saliny, Anita Longnickel, Luella Greb, Fanča Hošek, Josef Saliny, Anna Chlebeček, Joe Hošek a James Chlebeček.

Několik bratrů a sester snažilo se udržet cvičení v různých síních, za které se muselo dost vysoko platit a pokladna nám na to nestačila. Přes všechny překážky ale uspořádali jsme ještě několik pěkných veřejných cvičení. Jedno z posledních v kostelním Auditoriu — bylo velmi úspěšné. Po té ale byl nám nájem o hodně zvýšen, že nemohli jsme si dovolit požadovaný obnos platit, a jiná síň nebyla k pronajmutí — že museli jsme přestat cvičit. Schůze, jak jsem již dříve uvedla, konáme.

Jednota má zajímavou historii, jako všechny druhé jednoty, které se zakládaly a žily z velkého nadšení v srdcích členstva. O tom by nám mohli více a jistě mnohem zajímavěji napsat naši 50letí členové. Máme tři a jsme na ně hrdí. Oslavili jsme jejich dlouholeté členství a br. Chlebeček vzal obrázky, z kterých jeden příkládám.

Pozdravuji všechny, kteří čtou náš Sokol Americký, jednotám a především naší Obci přeji úspěchy a zdar stovetým oslavám amerického Sokolstva! Nazdar! Fanča Hošek, jednatelka.

### Sokolská župa Pacifická.

Župa Pacifická uspořádala úspěšný zájezd jednot své jižní oblasti do Fresna. V sobotu, 9. května, se konal lehkotletický závod v pětiboji, ve kterém jsme mohli zaznamenati stoupající výspělost hlavně našeho dorostu. Sportovní výkony ve skoku vysokém, dalekém a v běhu byly již výkony skutečných závodníků pro dorost. Výkon na 100 m za 11,6 vteřin a skok daleký 35'—3" \* — Sokol San Francisco získal 3 zlaté medaile, 2 stříbrné a 2 bronzové. Sokol Los Angeles 1 zlatou, 3 stříbrné a 1 bronzovou. Sokol Fresno 2 zlaté, 1 stříbrnou a 3 bronzové. Ženy Sokola San Francisco a smíšené družstvo získaly pohár ve volleyballu. Muži Sokola Los Angeles pohár v mužském družstvu.

Večer se konalo v sále tělocvičné vystoupení, ku kterému přispěla jednota Fresno cvičením žactva,

Sokol Los Angeles zacvičil protná své "Staré gardy" (věk od 50 do 80 let), Sokol San Francisco zatančil v národních krojích Moravskou besedu a dorostenky Sokola San Francisco cvičily na kladně. V neděli ráno se konal v krásném gymnasium vyšší školy v Clovis volleyballový turnaj mezi jednotami Los Angeles, San Francisco a Fresno. Volleyball se stal v poslední době v některých jednotách hlavním sportem, který sice přináší do jednoty život, ale mnohdy na úkor Tyršova tělocvičného programu. Pokud cvičitelský sbor dovede tuto činnost kontrolovat nemusí to býti na závadu. Zápas mezi San Franciskem a Los Angeles i v jiných sportovních odvětvích je vždy hrán s velkou vášní nejen samotnými hráči, ale je sledován i diváky obou stran. Když tato vašeň končí zapískáním soudcovi píšťalky, je to zábavné, ale přestává to být, když řevnivost pak pokračuje i venku ze hřiště. V tom je kus Tyršova sokolství, abychom dovedli tyto vášně udržet na úzdě. Na tělocvičném večeru promluvil br. Karel Palas, Ant. Kohoutek a Jiří Špánek. Z Los Angeles autobus přivezl do Fresna 50 cvičenců a stejný počet ze San Franciska. Jiří Špánek.

\* Zde, bratře, máš chybu. Pokud se pamatují, světový rekord na skok daleký jest méně, než 27'—0". — kmp.

### Los Angeles, Calif.

Srdečný pozdrav ze slunné Kalifornie. Sokol Los Angeles zakončil další cvičební rok, bohatý na tělocvičné a kulturní zážitky, veřejným vystoupením dne 7. června.

Starosta a župní náčelník br. J. Pokorný, starostka ses. L. Nekuďová, náčelník br. Klojda a náčelnice ses. Hodková, spolu s celým cvičitelským sborem, starali se neúnavně, aby naše konečné vystoupení před veřejností, bylo vzornou ukázkou sokolské práce.

Pořad byl bohatý: stovka cvičenců a diváky zaplněná tělocvična v L. A. City College, vytvořili opravdu slavnostní prostředí. Střídání barev a pohybových kázeň od těch nejmenších až po náročné vystoupení "Staré gardy", sestavené a nacvičené br. Pokorným, přinesla radost a uspokojení všem.

Potěšující je značný počet žactva a dorostu, s několika velmi nadanými cvičenci. Vydrží-li všichni i nadále v pilné práci, dostanou se někteří z našich cvičenců na místa nejvyšší.

Sokolovna na Western Ave. je stále zaplněna a naše píseň "Spějme dál" je pobídkou k další práci. Činnost neuticha ani nyní, v letních měsících, a každý pátek je Sokolovna otevřena. Pod vedením starosty br. Pokorného, stala se opravdovým střediskem krajského života. V úzké spolupráci s Českou Nár. Radou, střídají se kulturní, společenské a tělocvičné pořady, jeden za druhým. Hrajeme divadlo a vyvrcholením letošní sezony byla americká premiéra operety Eduarda Ingríše "Maryša". Ed. Ingríš nastudoval a uvedl tuto operetu v režii K. Hradiláka, pod záštitou Sokola L. A. a ČNR. odb. TGM v L. A., v jednom z největších zdejších divadel Wilshire-Ebel Theatre za účasti 1.300 spokojených diváků. Přes 60 účinkujících, skoro všichni členové Sokola a ČNR., v krásných národních krojích, vytvořili představení velmi dobré úrovně.

V zimních měsících pořádali jsme několik společenských zábav, z nichž nejlepší byla Silvestrovská zábava, Společenský ples a Karneval. V březnu, za spolupráce všech krajanských spolků, uspořádali jsme v Sokolovně oslavu výročí narozenin T. G. Masaryka, s bohatým kulturním programem. Každou sobotu máme v Sokolovně českou školu, kterou vede místonáčelník br. Luboš Hintnaus. Účast je potěšující. Po škole je cvičení žactva.

Vytváříme podmínky pro všestrannou tělocvičnou činnost, hrajeme stolní tenis a volleyball. V dubnu měli jsme místní přebory v lehkooatletickém pětiboji, pro muže, ženy a dorost. Následoval zájezd do Fresno. Početně slabší jednota Sokola Fresno, ležící na poloviční cestě mezi San Franciskem a Los Angeles, dává příležitost k vzájemnému poznání a příští rok opět na shledanou.

Počátkem srpna máme členskou schůzi a volbu nového cvičitelského sboru. Pro nastávající období musíme zvýšit naši činnost, abychom finančně zabezpečili náš zájezd na slet v Chicagu.

Věříme, že nás bude co nejvíce a všichni společně přispějíme ke zdraví a šíření sokolských ideálů. Nazdar! Ada Dusil, Sokol Notes Editor.

## Zápis ze schůze Výk. Výboru Americké Obce Sokolské

konané v úterý, dne 30. června, 1964.

Předsedal br. Prchal.

Přítomni: bři. Barcal, Čihák, Halík, Kropík, Rabas a Vodrážka. Sestry: Čiháková, Faltová, Prchalová a Welclová.

Zápis z poslední schůze dodatečně schválen.

### ZPRÁVY ZE ŽUP

Došly a byly čteny zápisy ze schůze župy Severovýchodní a župy Pacifické.

**DOPISY**  
Župa Západní podala zprávu o její nedávné dvou-týdenní škole pro cvičitele a o velmi dobré práci, vykonané schopnými vedoucími ses. Kříženeckou, brem. Halikem a Linhartem. Posílá účet na \$300.00 za jejich služby, který byl schválen.

Br. Joseph Machek z Hollywoodu, California, žádá AOS. o zprostředkování zájezdu Pěveckého Sboru Moravských Učitelů z Československa ke kulturnímu vystoupení ve Spojených státech. Ve schůzi byl vyjádřen názor, že br. Machek již navázal spojení s příslušnými organizacemi a činiteli v New Yorku. Bru. Machkovi bude poslána odpověď v tomto smyslu s politováním, že Obci není možno jeho žádosti vyhověti.

Byl čten dopis župy Severovýchodní ve věci vedení "Sokol Gymnast" pro období 6 měsíců. Vyřídí náčelnictvo.

Br. Joseph Brouk dopisem vyjádřuje svoji upřímnou lítost nad tím, že po 62 letech práce v sokolských řadách a po mnoha letech členství ve V.V. AOS. musí ze zdravotních důvodů resignovat jak z členství ve Výkonném Výboru AOS. tak také i z úřadu pokladníka. Resignace byla s hlubokým politováním přijata.

V uznání jeho vytrvalé, dlouholeté sokolské činnosti bude bru. Broukovi udělena plaketa s oceněním jeho věrnosti ke sokolským ideálům a práci.

Výkonný Výbor AOS. považuje volbu nového pokladníka za bezpodmínečně nutnou. Pokladníkem byl jednomyslně zvolen br. Frank Vodrážka.

Ses. Welclová a br. Rabas byli jmenováni členy účtujícího výboru. Schváleno.

### ZPRÁVA JEDNATELKY

Sokol Tyrš a Severovýchodní župa nám telefonicky oznámily úmrtí sestry Jirouškové, manželky náčelníka br. Edwina Jirouška, kterému byl poslán telegram s projevem soustrastí.

Blahopřejný telegram byl poslán br. dr. Petru Zenklovi k jeho 80. narozeninám.

Od poslední schůze V. V. došly následující dary pro "Future Sokol Leaders Fund": Mr. a Mrs. Jerome Dvořák a Mr. a Mrs. Joseph Dvořák k uctění památky jejich matky pí. Marie Dvořákové, za pohřební projev br. Prchala \$50.00, br. Edward Štětka k uctění památky br. Jerry Mareše \$10.00, br. K. Prchal k uctění památky Franka Kadeřábka \$10.00, Libby Kotes k uctění památky Mary Procháskové \$5.00, Mrs. Wm. A. Graf k uctění památky Josepha C. Biedermana \$10.00, Dr. a Mrs. George R. Chott k uctění památky Dr. Johna A. Havlíčka \$25.00.

Poslán pozdrav sjezdu SPJST, který se konal ve Waco, Texas. Bude posláno blahopřání nově zvoleným úředníkům a předsedovi bru. Edwardu Markovi.

Od 18. do 26. června t. r. vedla zájezd AOS. na Světovou výstavu do New Yorku a do Washingtonu, D. C.

Ses. Faltová ztrávila mnoho dnů v úřadovně a v práci vypomáhala.

Byl napsán větší počet článků, které byly uveřejněny v novinách a měsíčních publikacích.

Byl čten a schválen zápis z Jubilejního sletového výboru.

**Slet v roce 1965 je sletem Americké Obce Sokolské.**

Ses. Čiháková předložila podrobnou zprávu o průběhu zájezdu AOS. na Světovou výstavu do New Yorku a do Washingtonu, D. C.

Byl čten zápis ze schůze Jubilejního výboru v St. Louis a projednány některé jeho záležitosti.

Br. Prchal poděkoval ses. Čihákové za všechnu její práci pro Obec a pro zájezd AOS. a za její předložené zprávy.

**Br. Halík četl zápis ze schůze náčelnictva a podal zprávu náčelníka.**

Do náčelnictva mužů byli navrženi a schváleni bři.: S. Barcal, E. Linhart, G. Bašta, F. Sula, J. Šátek, R. Ptáček a F. Freiberg.

**Ses. Prchalová přečetla zprávu náčelnice.**

**Br. Čihák předložil zprávu Výboru pro sokolskou známku a zprávu vzdělavatele AOS.**

Ses. Čiháková přečetla seznam a program všech událostí, pořádaných v rámci 28. čtyřročního sjezdu Polského Sokola.

Br. Prchal sdělil, že je připraveno umístění 16,000 BTU. chladiče ke chlazení vzduchu v úřadovně AOS. za nákupní cenu. Schváleno.

Dále sdělil, že Sokolové vzdali poctu u hrobů zesnulých starostů a činovníků AOS. v Den Zdobení Hrobů na Českém Národním Hřbitově. V interview pro Radio Free Europe namluvil do pásma stanovisko o budoucnosti Sokolstva.

Schůze V. V. AOS. budou se v červenci a v srpnu konat jen v případě naléhavé potřeby.

Starosta poděkoval za všechny předložené zprávy a vykonanou práci a ukončil schůzi.

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## Bohuslav Linka.

11. června umklo srdce bratra Bohuslava Linky. Zemřel po kratší nemoci. Osud mu dopřál 82 letá užitečného života. Člověk pracovitý, po dlouhá, dlouhá léta vlastnil knihkupectví na 26. ulici v české Kalifornii v Chicagu. Kupovali jsme tam od něj hodnotné knihy, které nám, vedle odkazu Zakladatelů Sokolstva, pomáhaly tvořit naši vlastní postać a vnitřně dozrávat.

Poznal jsem br. Linku blízko, když jsem pro něj kreslil plány na jeho první obchod. Vždy jsem si ho vysoce vážil. Měl laskavé, bratrské slovo ku každému a radu pro ty, kteří v oprávněné důvěře ji u něho vyhledávali. Byl s námi, s jeho chotí Marií, na zájezdu AOS. do Evropy v roce 1962. Projevoval vřelý zájem o každou část cesty, o společnost, o přírodu, o historické památky, které v tak velkém počtu obohatily naše cestování. Ztrávil jsem s ním na cestě mnohou št'astnou chvíli. Účastnil se též zájezdu na Havajské ostrovy a nadšeně o této cestě horoval.

Velký počet členstva, bezpočtu přátel přišlo se s ním rozloučit. Ztratili jsme dobrého člověka, upřímného vlastence. Budeme naň a na jeho život vzpomínat.

K. M. Prchal.

## Sokol Detroit

V sobotu, 27. června 1964, po delší, trapné nemoci zemřel jeden z nejstarších našich Sokolů zde, br. Ignác (Nick) Zimmel. Narodil se 9. dubna 1885 v městě Rabshaum, Dolní Rakousy,

odkud pochází více našich pionerských rodin zde. Bratr Zimmel přichází do této země v počátcích tohoto století, stává se členem Sokola Podlipný v Detroit roku 1904 a po více jak 60 roků byl činným, stálým sokolským pracovníkem. Byl zaměstnán ve Fordových závodech odkud přišel na odpočinek před 10 lety. Míval též obchod a řeznictví v dřívějších letech a byl činným v občanských, politických kruzích a též členem Jednoty ČSA, v řádu Havlíček po celé ty roky. Bratr Zimmel zanechává manželku, sestru Marii Zimmel, dcery, paní Helen Bárta, Sylvia Steyskal, Lucille Morescu, 4 vnoučata a pravnouče. Pochován byl za čestné účasti naší osady ve středu 1. července na hřbitově Evergreen. Rozlučné proslovy měli bratři Walter Brumo za Sokol a br. Frank Moravanský za řád Havlíček, ČSA.

Rodině zemřelého vyslovujeme naši hlubokou soustrast. Bratr Zimmel zůstane v naší paměti navždy. Jeho věrná, vytrvalá práce národní a sokolská bude vždy příkladem nám i nastávajícím generacím. Čest jeho památce.

A. Benesh.

## Vzpomínka.

11. července bylo tomu 40 let, co se družstvo Československé Obce Sokolské zúčastnilo olympijských závodů v Colombes u Paříže. Zraněním jednoho ze závodníků se sice osmičlenné družstvo rozbilo, ale zbylých šest jednotlivců získalo z 26 cen 9, kdežto Švýčari jen 6, Francouzové 5, Italové 3, Jugoslávci 2, Američané 1. Angličané, Finové a Lucemburčané žádnou.

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