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Mr. James L. Cihak
Chairman, Sokol Centennial Commemorative
Stamp Committee
5611 West Cermak Road
Cicero, Illinois 62822

Dear Mr. Cihak:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that I have approved for issuance in 1965 a commemorative stamp for Physical Fitness on the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Sokol Movement in America. A public announcement will be made shortly.

Full details with regard to the date and place of first day sale have not been determined at this time but because of your special interest in this subject I thought that you would like to know the status of the stamp.

Sincerely yours,

John A. Gronouski
Postmaster General

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This book is just off the press and orders may be sent to the American Sokol Organization, 5611 West Cermak Rd., Cicero, Illinois 60650. The price is \$5.50.

Calendar of Events

OCT. 30th—SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
Halloween Party

OCT. 31st—SOKOL BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
Halloween Dance

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

NOV. 8th—SOKOL ST. LOUIS, MO. "Czech Stage Play" at National Hall, 1701 Allen Ave. Curtain 3 p.m.

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.

NOV. 20-21-22—SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Participation in Holiday Folk Fair

NOV. 21st—SOKOL BROOKFIELD, Brookfield, Ill.

Aunt Jemima Pancake Day — 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

NOV. 28th—SOKOL CLEVELAND-CECH HAVLICEK, Ohio. — Akademie (Gym Exhibition) at Sokol Nova Vlast.

NOV. 29th—SOKOL CLEVELAND-CECH HAVLICEK, OHIO — Annual Bazaar

DEC. 5th—SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

St. Nicholas Dance.

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

DEC. 17th—SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
Christmas Party

DEC. 20th—SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
Children's Christmas Party.

DEC. 31st—SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
New Year's Eve Dance.

DEC. 31st—SOKOL BELCAMP, MARYLAND
New Year's Eve Dance

DEC. 31st—SOKOL BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
New Year's Eve Dance

JAN. 23, 1965—SOKOL TOWN OF LAKE Townites Social Club — Masquerade Dance, Highlanders Halls, 3145 W. 51st St., Chicago.

FEB. 6th, 1965—SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WIS.
Jaternice Supper and Social

FEB. 20, 1965—SOKOL BALTIMORE, Maryland.
Sibrinky.

FEB. 21st—SOKOL BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
Sibrinky

FEB. 28th, 1965—SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WIS.
Winter Outdoor Carnival

MAR. 27th—SOKOL BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
Dozvuky

MAY 15th, 1965—SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WIS.
Annual Exhibition

MAY 22nd, 1965—SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WIS.
Interclass Meet

Sokol New York News Letter

Při své cestě Rakouskem jsem zajel do Oetzu, malého městečka v Alpách na italské hranici, nad kterým v divoké řece Áše našel Tyrš smrt. Velmi časně ráno jsem putoval údolím podél řeky vzhůru do hor. Bylo krásné pozdní léto, na polích stála sena v panákách, podél Áchy dokvětaly divoké květiny, dozrávaly rudé jeřabiny a šuměly lípy. S každým krokem se hluk řítících se vod zvyšoval. Asi 70 metrů před místem, kde bylo nalezeno Tyršovo tělo, je dřevěná lávka a galerie pro poutníky, aby se mohli obdivovati řece, divokým proudům a kráse alpské přírody ověněné vysokými horami.

Těsně nad lávkou jsem našel v pořádku pamětní desku věnovanou Americkým Sokolstvem Dr. M. Tyršovi — zakladateli. Zde jsem i za celou Jednotu Sokol New York položil květiny a lipové snítky, které jsem během cesty natrhal. Postál jsem chvíli k účtě a pak dojmout — ale i posílněn k další práci — se vracel dolů, do údolí. Nad Oetzem začínal den, sedláci se rozjížděli do polí a vysoko v oblacích proti vycházejícímu slunci kroužili draví ptáci — snad sokoli? — jako příslib do dalšího života.

Vzdělavatel.

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PHYSICAL FITNESS COMMEMORATIVE STAMP HONORING SOKOL CENTENNIAL APPROVED

September 15, 1964, will live in our memory a long time. On that date a telegram was received from Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, informing us of the approval of a commemorative postage stamp for Physical Fitness honoring the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Sokol Movement. This was followed by a letter from the Senator and one from Postmaster General John A. Gronouski officially confirming the welcome news.

Telegrams and letters poured in from U.S. Senators, Congressmen and other officials, expressing their joy and congratulations. Telephone calls from near and far, visits to the office and again a deluge of letters and telegrams from our fine and loyal friends in our Fraternal, Cultural, National and Philatelic Organizations, showing their great satisfaction at the successful termination of a great campaign.

Thanks to all of you. Without your unstinting help and determination, without your unqualified support and all-out effort the results would have been very different. Your recognition of the value of the Sokol's role in life, not only now, but throughout the past century has been a fortress of strength for our work. For all of this you have our eternal gratitude.

Although the stamp is to honor the Sokol Movement, actually it is an official recognition of the contributions of the Slav ethnic group to our American way of life. We feel that this was the sentiment of everyone who participated in this campaign and created the wholesome atmosphere permeating every phase of the drive. This cooperative expenditure of energy has opened the doors wide and given us an opportunity to see far ahead along a clearly marked road, where our future lies and how it can be turned to the mutual advantage of all concerned.

We have all learned and now fully comprehend the meaning of, "In Union There is Strength." This strength creates and builds, like the finest artisans in the building trades. It also thinks first, "This may temporarily be profitable to me but how will it affect the whole." It is this reflection and consideration for all that must be our guide from now on if we are to be worthy of the recognition we have received.

Exceptional work was turned in by many Sokol Units, Fraternal headquarters and lodges, cultural, national and philatelic groups. We would, however, be sadly remiss in our evaluation of the stamp campaign if we did not single out one man for special thanks.

That man is Congressman Roman C. Pucinski of Illinois.



He took the ball at the beginning of the drive and with the unerring instincts of a great quarterback led, drove and steered the powerhouse that built up behind him to recognition and victory.

CONGRESSMAN ROMAN C. PUCINSKI
WE SALUTE YOU.

(The National Sokol Convention at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in June, 1960, assigned to the Executive Board the task of using every honorable means to secure the issuance of a Commemorative Stamp honoring the Centennial of the Sokol Movement in America. — We can now report to the next convention in Chicago, Illinois, June, 1965— "Mission accomplished.")

SOKOL CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE STAMP COMMITTEE

American Sokol Organization
Federation of D.A. Sokol of America
Polish Falcons of America

Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol of U.S.A.
The Slovak Catholic Sokol
Union of Czech Catholic Sokols

SOKOL CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE STAMP COMMITTEE
WITH POSTMASTER GENERAL GRONOUSKI IN WASHINGTON

DESIGN OF STAMP TO BE UNVEILED OCTOBER 27th



Seated Honorable John A. Gronouski, Postmaster General. — From left to right: Andrew Valusek, President, Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol, Charles T. Kropik, Vice-President, and Charles M. Prchal, President, American Sokol Organization, John T. Babuska, Secretary, Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol, Marie Prusa, Director of Women, Union of Czech Catholic Sokols, Gustave Pieprzny, Director of Men, Polish Falcons of America, Blanche J. Cihak, Secretary, American Sokol Organization, Paul T. Fallat, President, Slovak Catholic Sokol, James L. Cihak, Chairman, Sokol Centennial Commemorative Stamp Committee, Frank J. Vodrazka, Treasurer, American Sokol Organization.

October 7th, 1964, will be recorded in the history of the Sokol Centennial Commemorative Stamp Committee as a memorable one. It brought incontestable proof of the recognition of the Sokol Movement as a pioneer and vital factor in the physical fitness training of the nation.

After his official announcement that the Sokol physical fitness stamp honoring the Centennial of the Sokol Movement in America would be issued in 1965, Postmaster General John A. Gronouski invited the Committee for the Sokol physical fitness stamp to a special conference in Washington, D. C., to discuss all important technical matters regarding it.

Leading representatives of the Sokol organizations in America flew to the conference proving again the solidarity so evident during the campaign. Wednesday, October 7th, at 2:30 P.M. Postmaster General Gronouski greeted the representatives of the one quarter million Sokol movement in his office in Washington, D. C.

Present were member organizations of the Sokol Centennial Commemorative Stamp Committee with James L. Cihak, Chairman, at the helm. The American Sokol Organization, Cicero, Illinois, was represented by Charles M. Prchal, President, Charles T. Kropik, Vice-President, Blanche J. Cihak, Secretary, and Frank J. Vodrazka, Treasurer.

Polish Falcons of America, Pittsburgh, Pa., Mr. Gustave Pieprzny, Director of Men.

Slovak Catholic Sokol, Passaic, New Jersey, Supreme National President Paul C. Fallat.

Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol, Perth Amboy, New Jersey, Andrew J. Valusek, President, and John Babuska, Secretary.

Union of Czech Catholic Sokols, Chicago, Illinois, Mrs. Marie Prusa, Director of Women.

Also present was the very able special assistant to the Postmaster General Mr. Ira Kapenstein.

Postmaster General Gronouski and Mr. Ira Kapenstein examined critically the many sketches and suggestions presented by the Committee for the stamp. He said that all the sketches would be placed immediately at the disposal of the artist commissioned to draw the stamp.

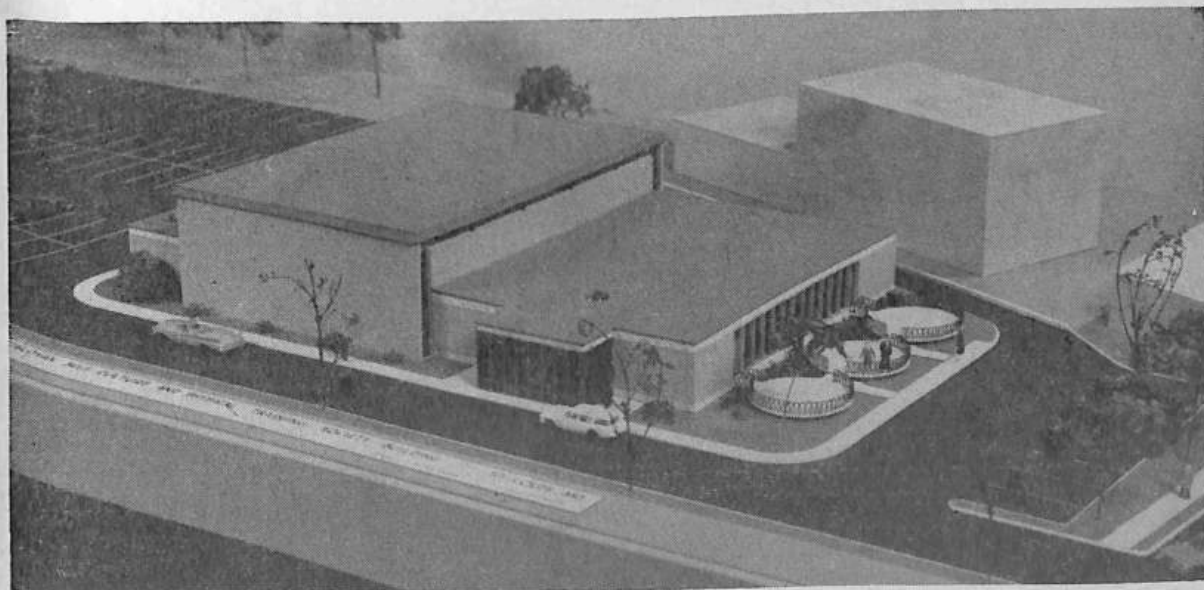
The Postmaster especially stressed President Lyndon B. Johnson's strong interest in this Sokol Physical Fitness Stamp and stated he was well informed about the Sokols and the Slavic ethnic group's contribution to American culture.

An official public unveiling of the design of the stamp will take place in the Post Office building, on October 27th, 1964, in Washington, D. C.

Sokol and friends in the East are especially urged to attend this historic event. The exact time of the unveiling will be announced the moment we receive it.

The date and place of the issuance of the stamp has not been announced.

Ground Breaking for the New Czech Hall in St. Louis, Mo.



Sunday, September 13, 1964, was another great "Letter Day" in the annals of Czech history of St. Louis, Mo., when a large crowd of our people gathered to witness the ground breaking ceremony of the new Czech Hall on our grounds at Kingshighway and Landsdown. Even before the ceremony began it was heartening to witness the large numbers of our members and friends bringing

their donations to bro. Frank Ulrich and listing their pledges with bro. Jerry Strnad and I can truthfully today write these words, "St. Louis to its own!"

This new and beautiful building proudly standing as a living monument to our founders in the cradle of Czech life in America, for here originated the first Czech fraternal order, the CSA., the first

Sokol unit and the first Czech Catholic parish, will be the pride of not only the Czechs in St. Louis, but all over Czech America, for it will prove that we have the right to live now as well as in posterity! It will be the home of St. Louis Sokol as the largest shareholders, and as Sokols we can proudly say that our unit as well as our members brought the greatest financial as well as physical contributions in this new undertaking.

It will be the home of our CSA. lodges as well as the Unity of Czech Ladies and Men, for in unity there is strength and this is proven best when we can say that almost a hundred percent of Sokol members are also members of CSA. or the Unity of Czech Ladies and Men. We are as one large family and this will be a new home for all of us.

The cost of the building will be in round figures \$225,000 and will include a large auditorium and gymnasium, dining room, kitchen, club room, meeting halls, cocktail lounge, dressing rooms and showers. It will be air-conditioned and heated with gas. The parking lot will hold about 100 cars.

With this beginning we were assured by the builder bro. John Kalicak, that the building will be ready for use for the Centennial celebration of Sokol St. Louis when all American Sokols will hold a Pilgrimage to the cradle of the American Sokol on June 4, 5, and 6, 1965, which will be highlighted with a Slet of the Central District of AOS. These will be memorable days of years gone by and days of a promising and bright future!

Now to go back to the ceremony. This was opened between the flags of the United States and

of our mother country Czechoslovakia, with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag, followed by an introductory address by bro. Frank Hrebec, chairman of the building fund committee, who introduced the following speakers: bro. Charles Jecmen, president of the Board of Directors of the National Hall, bro. John Reiner, who spoke in Czech, bro. Wm. Shana, president of Sokol St. Louis, sis. Florence Kounovsky for the CSA. lodges, sis. Marie Matejka for the Sokolice and the Unity of Czech Ladies and Men, the alderman of the 13th ward Mr. Grellner, Elsie Korpecki, who is known for her all around activities, and finally bro. Frank Ulrich, treasurer of the building fund, who not only was the first one to propose the new building, but who also has one of the leading roles in the fund raising. He is as we say the "pusher." Ending the ceremony was the burning of the \$50,000 mortgage we paid off on the lot in three years and this brought a great cheer of all present. To show how this was done I can give you only two examples of many: The paper drive brought \$5,700 and the rummage sales \$2,800. After the ceremony the sisters distributed coffee and doughnuts. In conclusion, great credit was given to bro. Wm. Trantina, Fire Marshall of the City of St. Louis, for mainly through his efforts Landsdown Street, where the frontage of our new hall will stand, was made a thoroughfare, widened and paved.

It was a wonderful day, a historical one, a day of a glorious future for St. Louis Sokol as well as our fraternal lodges.

John Reiner

JAMES L. CIHAK

A STORY ABOUT SOKOL

PART TEN

The story of Sokol cannot and should not ever be ended. Breaking off the series at this particular time is done with considerable regret. The press of other Sokol work and preparations for the Centennial year necessitates a postponement, not a termination of the record of a living organization. A century of thought and effort, has secured an honored recognition in the approval for issuance of a commemorative stamp honoring its accomplishments.

This might be as good a time as any to explode a few cherished myths. We refer especially to the mental attitude of America toward life in general, past and present. If we think our age is materialistic and cynical, go back to a good history of the last 100 years and see what took place. The Robber Barons, as they are called, in every segment of commercial life had very little conscience or ethics. Anything went, just as long as they got away with it.

And yet, it was exactly in this century that the great idealism of the Sokols created the precedent we admire so today. By comparison, the actions of corporations and individuals, though far from getting them consideration for sainthood, are showing a much greater respect and support for those very characteristics their fathers and grandfathers

sneered at. One might think that in the present atmosphere the Sokols are going ahead by leaps and bounds. Actually the materialism of the past seems to have caught up with us in the present.

Faultfinding is rarely a cure for a sickness. A serious and hard look at facts and a determined effort to remedy a glaring situation would seem to be a common sense approach. How was it possible for our forefathers to do what they did considering their meager resources? Volunteer and unpaid work. And when we say work, we mean WORK. Everyone considered it an honor to become an officer or serve on committees. The results were fabulous compared to the easy-going, corner-cutting present generation.

The old timers knew that one Tom Sawyer was one too many in any group. Too many of the present generation want to be Tom Sawyers, shrewd operators ever ready to palm off the hard work on someone else. Of course there are exceptions and wonderful ones, but we still have too many of the other breed in our ranks, in whose eyes one sees the hard glint of the dollar sign and not the vibrant glow of understanding and willingness to help. Somewhere along the line they got off the track, or perhaps were never set on it properly.

Spot announcements throughout the day, on radio and TV, send out the recorded words of John F. Kennedy, in asking for contributions to the library being erected in his memory. He said: "Ask not what you can get from your country, ask what you can do for it." We can paraphrase it for the Sokol ideals, "Give to the Sokol of yourself and what you have, ask not from the Sokol of the little it has."

Burning words, burning ideas, simple words, noble thoughts, of these all progress is made.

Thomas G. Masaryk was famous for his cryptic remarks. He said, "To Think Hurts." To sit down,

reflect, gather information, analyze, debate, study really hurts. Could this be the reason that the beauty, wealth and meaning of the great minds of the ages has failed to make an impression on the vast majority of mankind? It would seem so. The signals, however, are out in everyone's life and show whether instinct or reason prevail.

And now let us close with Ralph Waldo Emerson's, "The true test of civilization is, not the census, not the size of cities, not the crops—no, but the kind of man the country turns out."

PHYSICAL FITNESS?

(From the Editor's Desk of the Official Organ of the Slavonic Benevolent Order of the State of Texas — September 23rd, 1964)

One-third of all 18-year old youths registering for selective service are found to be mentally or physically unfit for military duty. Put in still another way, this situation looks even worse. Approximately one-half the men called up for pre-induction examinations at age 22½ fail to pass the tests.

All of this in a nation that has the highest standard of living, more food, higher productivity, newer and more sophisticated methods of capturing nutritional values, greater varieties of foods, and many other things that added together should make us the most physically fit nation on the face of the earth. Or have we been physically unfit all these years and just didn't know it? Or have standards of physical fitness been upgraded that much? The answer probably lies in several factors. The principal offenders are: that highly-prized American possession, the automobile; automation; good roads; and an over-increasing obsession for competitive sports, which, in turn, are a multi-billion dollar business, and which turn their backs on the youngster who may not be mentally or physically disposed toward such sports. Hence, more and more adulation of a FEW players, while thousands WATCH, either in the bleachers or in a comfortable easychair. We have indeed become a nation of SPECTATORS of sports. This non-participation and physical sedateness in younger years leads to the sort of physical deterioration and unfitness that causes such a high rate of rejection of our young men during military physical exams. It is a national problem, so serious that the late President Kennedy saw fit to establish a Commission on Physical Fitness, to try to determine just how this serious trend could be reversed. Imagine, the United States of America having a Presidential Commission on how to develop and maintain physical fitness in young people. This problem, however, is not new to mankind. One need only to re-read the history of the ancient Greeks and Romans, who, after having achieved a certain level of "civilization," became so flabby, slack, and soft that they were conquered by their enemies from without, but as a result of conditions created from within.

There are those who predict that competitive sports in our schools will soon be supplemented with a rigorous, planned program of physical fitness, geared to include ALL young pupils at school,

and which would stress physical endurance, muscular coordination, involving precision body drills, gymnastics, and the like. In other words, the emphasis would be on physical development of all, with de-emphasis on sports where a dozen or so play and thousands watch. The one big drawback to competitive sports is that a person can play them for a very few years of his life. Then what? They are fine, but again, they involve such few people. Gymnastics and regular body training can take place throughout an otherwise healthy person's lifespan. You can't play tackle at 60.

The Sokol physical fitness program is gaining more and more attention. The close cooperation and coordination between the Sokols and the SPJST, afford many of our young people the opportunity to take advantage of an excellent physical fitness program. Check into it in your area. If there is no Sokol unit near you, contact school officials and impress upon them the necessity of physical training at your school, and I don't mean the 30-minute "play periods" of springtime softball either. Calisthenics and gymnastics require participation by ALL constantly, not standing and watching while others do the running. These games are all right for "fun," but do little for the physical development of the body. If they don't get it at school, chances are they won't get it at all, because when they get home, the family car takes over.

October 5, 1964

American Sokol Organization
5611 West Cermak Road
Cicero, Illinois 60650

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Unity of Czech Ladies and Men, please accept our sincerest congratulations on achieving the goal of the issuance of the Commemorative Physical Fitness Stamp which was approved by Postmaster General Grunouski to be put in effect in 1965.

We fully realize all the work and efforts put forth into this program and feel your organization should be commended for it.

We feel that any small effort rendered on our part was worthwhile. Once again our heartiest congratulations.

Fraternally yours,
Emilie A. Zibrid, Secretary

JAMES L. CIHAK

OCTOBER 28, 1918

A Study in Contrasts and Similarities

(Written for Bulletin of Gymnastic Association Sokol San Francisco)

Few nations have been blessed with great leaders and a trained citizenry when the time was ripe for their battle for independence. Two notable exceptions were the United States of America and Czechoslovakia. Both had remarkable leadership, plenty of brains in depth and a nation trained for almost a century in civic responsibility, self-reliance and a firm desire to rule themselves.

Though their decisive moments were almost a century and a half apart, we can see well defined similarities in their backgrounds, economic status, general education, experience in parliamentary procedure, ability to think logically and an all around preparation for independence. The names of Washington, Franklin, Samuel and John Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Hamilton and scores of others are known, well or less so, to every American, depending on the degree to which his country's past is vital to him.

Czechoslovakia had its Masaryk, Benes and Stefanik with a well deserved world reputation, but behind them were Rasin, Klofac, Kramar, Hodza, Scheiner, Vanicek and hundreds of others. Both had a strong, intelligent middle class, no hereditary nobility, good craftsmen and a nation eager and willing to learn the art of self-government. Both were ruled by an absolute monarchy fighting to preserve its powers of autocracy. Liberty was given to neither. It had to be won on every front. The post-liberation period in both cases required the genius and labor of the best minds and the intelligent industry of every citizen to maintain and fortify what had been so dearly won.

Fox called the Americans a nation of lawyers, who could not be defeated and deserved their independence. H. G. Wells stated that, as far as he was concerned, he would be perfectly willing to leave the whole Central European mess in the capable hands of Masaryk, Benes and their coworkers, for an equitable solution.

There is a wide chasm between the desire for self-government and the ability to secure and use it sanely. The mass liberations of the past two decades present a fine example of what happens when a people have not had sufficient opportunity to school themselves for their future role. Many a glaring contrast could also be shown among nations with a long history of independence when the wrong philosophy captured the minds of its people.

Of the two we dwelled upon, the United States of America is today a world leader. Czechoslovakia because of its geographical location has become a pawn of fate, stripped today of its chance to prove itself. There can be no question in anyone's mind that its title of "Island of Democracy in a Sea of Dictatorship" was well earned. Czechoslovakia was such a shining model of what democracy at its best can achieve that it became the number one target for destruction.

In spite of everything that has happened, a century of education, struggle and fruitful utilization of a golden opportunity, has left an indelible imprint upon the people of Czechoslovakia. Centuries of tradition, of following the course of its great sons and daughters shall again permit that little nation to march upon the world stage as a truly democratic unit beside its great mentor on this side of the Atlantic. — Nazdar!

A FOUND WEEKEND

The glowing reports about the first congress and series of lectures of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences in America, in Washington, D. C. in 1962 created an irresistible desire to attend the second held at Columbia University, New York, on September 11-13, 1964. Although a tight schedule prevented attendance of the Friday events the lectures on Saturday and Sunday were a goldmine of information.

The lectures started Saturday at 8:30 A.M., were divided into half-hour periods, running to 1 P.M. Nine lectures each on Early and Medieval History and Civilization, Biological and Physical Sciences, Contemporary Czechoslovakia, The Historical Development of Czechoslovakia, a total of 36 lectures in 4½ hours. The same procedure was followed Saturday afternoon with Symposium: The First Czechoslovak Republic, Linguistics, Literature, Music—Fine Arts, Contemporary Czechoslovakia: Cultural Aspects, total 32 lectures. All of these were held in Ferris Booth Hall of the University.

It brought back the memory of high school days, — what branch to select, to cut a series and make

a mad dash to another lecture hall to catch a specially wanted topic, and then on to another one.

The most impressive things were the caliber of the lecturers, the very apparent meticulous preparation of their papers and the fact that most of them are young. We can be proud of our Czechoslovak ancestry and feel confident that these men and women must attain high goals in their chosen fields. There were also those who are universally recognized as authorities. The works of René Wellek, (Yale) and Lad Radimsky, (New York) were known to us, making it a greater pleasure to meet them in person. Younger friends among the staff, Prof. Anderle and Dr. M. Lejková showed the steady progress they were making.

Many new friendships were made even though every minute was a precious one. Old friends present at the lectures were Vlasta Vraz (Chicago), Joseph Martinek (Tucson, Arizona), bros. Neumann and Waters of Washington, D. C.

The banquet and concert, Saturday evening in the Wollmen Auditorium of Ferris Hall lived up to expectations. René Wellek, President of the

Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences, was Chairman and an old and proven friend of Czechoslovakia, Dr. Kenneth D. Miller, was Master of Ceremonies. The speeches were brief and few. Max Brod of Telaviv, Israel, Dr. Rusk, New York City, and Col. Slezak were cited as honorary members. The concert was a rich one due to the mastery of the Kohon Quartet and the remarkable piano performance of young Igor Horsky.

The balance of that evening was spent in selecting the lectures for Sunday. Faced by the opportunity to hear 50 exceptional teachers in six categories — Contemporary Czechoslovakia: Socio-Economic Aspects — Modern History — Czecho-

slovak Arts and History of Arts — Nationalism vs. Federalism — Literature — Social Science, it was a tough chore to decide the final schedule. As mentioned before, the caliber of the lectures and the value of their painstaking research and presentation make one feel guilty when certain lectures were finally selected over others.

All of the lectures will be printed and will become available to anyone who is interested. We fervently wish this happens soon.

Thank you most cordially, Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences, for a memorable "Found Weekend." Nazdar!

James L. Cihak

And Now Let's Get Going

As members of the units forming the American Sokol Organization we feel a warm glow and a spiritual strength at the news of the approval of the Physical Fitness Stamp honoring the Sokol Centennial. That is a perfectly natural reaction when a victory has been won after a long, hard fight. Let us be realistic and utilize this fortunate turn of events to do what we have to do with vim and vigor.

We need a tremendous influx of new members, young, middle aged and old to carry on. Every individual who enters our ranks brings a precious wealth with him. It is his talents, ability, experience and desire to participate in a needed national function that will make him a valuable asset. He needs to learn of this and that there is a place for him to use his resources where he will be welcomed and have the opportunity to gain the

satisfaction we have had, by doing his share for the future benefit of his country.

The same applies to the children, juniors and young adults who need the lessons of self-discipline, training, cooperation and will power to keep constantly improving. There is no such thing as a lack of potential members in the units or gymnasiums. There are hundreds of thousands who can fulfill all the requirements for membership and always could. Just one thing was missing. No one asked them.

Let us put ease and complacency aside for a while and dig into this drive with the same spirit that characterized the pioneers.

Every time you think of Sokol, or the Commemorative stamp or hear physical fitness remind yourself that it is your duty to bring a new member now. And then do it again and again.

James L. Cihak, Educational Director

Author Pens New Play Which is Titled "So Brittle the Sword, So Fragile the Heart"

We live in a day when patriotism needs emphasis, because many do not consider it a popular virtue and are more concerned with rights than with responsibilities. We are now living in an era of educational advance and scientific achievement and we find ourselves confronted on one hand with an ever-mounting rate of violence and apathy to it and an unconcern which is beginning to become widespread.

Guizot once asked James Russell Lowell, "How long do you think the American Republic will endure?" And Lowell replied, "So long as the ideas of its Founding Fathers continue to be dominant." One is often reminded of the inscription on a New Hampshire tombstone which reads: "My son, that which your father hath bequeathed to you, you must earn if you would keep!"

What is the playwright's responsibility to the Nation in these times? It is not a simple question to answer. When this question was given to the author of the new play "So Brittle the Sword, So Fragile the Heart," Jerry F. Chmelicek, he said: "Creating works for the stage makes the creator assess his potential in that field and what he hopes to achieve. If the play is conceived in patriotic fervor as was my "Lincoln's First Love" and the new work, it is dedicated to the people of America, so that they could become more conscious of

their heritage, especially in these trying times. Our lives must depend upon loyalty, our courage, faith and character. What we write, how we write it and the message the plays contain will be the beacons which can inspire us as well as challenge us. They can entertain while they teach, or they can lull us into a false sense of security."

The Drama Club of the Czechoslovak Society of America, which is a group of Thespians who operate on a non-profit basis, are taking great care to give this new play its proper mounting in the historical settings. The scenes have a full and virile sweep, accompanied by music of the Civil War period, and all weave together the related threads of the drama, conceived as a contribution to the Civil War Centennial which will soon be ending.

The second act will have special appeal, and will be among the highlights of the play. Here tolerance, greed, love and hate as well as duty, all fuse into one sacrifice from which unity was ultimately welded together.

There is a love interest in the play, which is dramatic and powerful. But this is hardly the crux of this new drama, which has plenty of spectacle, and exciting action as well as a message for every American and generations yet to come.

The play will be produced on Sunday, March

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

Held Tuesday, September 22nd, 1964

Bro. Prchal presided.

Present: Bros. Barcal, Cihak, Halik, Kropik, Rabas, Vrba and Vodrazka. Sisters Cihak, Falta and Prchal. Sis. Welcl-Ruzicka excused.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved as submitted.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICTS

Minutes from the meeting of the Eastern District and three meetings of the Pacific District were read.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sis. Emilie Welcl and bro. Frank Ruzicka announced their marriage on September 6th, 1964.

Received a copy of a letter from the St. Louis Centennial Committee addressed to bro. Kriz with reference to details regarding the Pilgrimage.

Sis. Cihak announced that Sokol St. Louis has broken ground for their new building.

Bro. Vodrazka visited St. Louis last weekend and reported that about 300 people attended the ground breaking ceremony. They are working enthusiastically and would like to complete their building in time for the District Slet.

Bro. Neumann, Sokol Washington, D. C., informed us that he has 350 feet of colored film of the wreath laying ceremony of the Eastern District and of the ASO. Tour to Washington, D. C. He is willing to loan us the pictures. He also expressed his gratitude for the visit of the Tour and the fine evening they spent with us.

Letter from Southern District thanking the ASO. for sending sis. Cihak to their Slet. Her visit was an inspiration for the Sokols of Texas. The Slet was a moral and financial success.

They further wish to thank the Executive Board for sending instructors sis. G. Krizenecky and bro. E. Halik to their school. They had a total of 43 students. The ASO. approved the salary for two teachers \$300.00. According to the ASO. decision the District must furnish one full time teacher.

Sis. Hantl sent a bill from the Tri-Graphic Corporation for the first issue of the Sokol Gymnast published by the Northeastern District as well as a postage bill. Both were approved.

Sis. Prchal will write to sis. Hantl about the cost of future issues of the Sokol Gymnast.

Members of Sokol Los Angeles sent greetings from Yosemite National Park.

The Western District sent some fine publicity they received in the Omaha paper on Sokol.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The following contributions to the "Future Sokol Leaders Fund" honoring the memory of bro. Joseph Brouk were received: Simon Rokusek, Omaha, Nebr., \$10.00, Marie Prevratil, Dallas, Texas, \$5.00, Mr. & Mrs. Alois Kopecky, Hollywood, Ill., \$10.00.

Called a meeting of the Executive Board of the Centennial Slet Committee for September 14th and a meeting of the General Slet Committee for September 16th.

An article calling attention to the opening of Sokol gymnasiums and an appeal for families to send their children was published.

An English and Czech letter was prepared and sent to all Units to promote the membership drive. Attended and participated in the installation of officers of Sokol Slavsky on September 12th.

The records of the American Sokol Organization from January 1st to June 30th, 1964, were examined by sis. Falta, bros. Rabas and Vrba. Bro. Vodrazka was present at the audit.

Received an invitation from the Federation of Czechoslovaks in Exile to their Annual Picnic. Bro. Prchal and sisters Cihak and Falta attended.

Received an invitation from the Bohemian Home for the aged to their Annual Day of Charity. Present were sis. Cihak and bros. Cihak and Prchal.

The family of Joseph Brouk acknowledged our kind expression of sympathy.

Sis. Falta contributed many hours of voluntary work in the office.

All correspondence was acknowledged and requests for material filled.

Sis. Cihak read the minutes of the Executive Board of the Centennial Slet Committee meeting held September 14th.

Invitations to the competitions and Slet were sent to all Sokol organizations.

Also letter to the J. Sterling Morton High School for the use of their facilities.

Sis. Cihak will supply the BOI. with the names of the organizations invited to participate in the Slet.

It was moved and approved that the ASO. would place a deposit on the hall for the Akademie and Awards Night to be held at Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs.

Bro. Halik read the minutes of the joint BOI. meeting and the report of the Director of Men. The additional members recommended as members of the BOI. were approved.

Sis. Prchal submitted a report as Director of Women. Members for the BOI. were approved as recommended.

Bro. Cihak reported as Educational Director.

Bro. Cihak read the report of the Sokol Centennial Commemorative Stamp Committee and telegrams from Senator Gaylord Nelson and Postmaster General John A. Gronouski announcing the approval of the issuance of a Physical Fitness stamp honoring the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Sokol Movement in America.

It was recommended that the Stamp Committee be authorized to go to Washington, D. C., when they are called, to work out further details regarding the stamp. Approved.

Bro. Cihak reported on his plans for his Organizational and Educational Tour of the Pacific District. The fraternal organizations: Czechoslovak Society of America and the Western Bohemian Fraternal Organization are cooperating and have already notified their lodges of his visit.

Sis. Falta read the report of the Auditing Committee for the period from January 1st to June 30th, 1964. Report accepted and approved.

Sis. Cihak submitted a financial report on the ASO. Excursion to the New York World's Fair and to Glacier, Banff and Jasper National Parks. Report accepted.

Some time ago bro. Cihak prepared a lecture on History of Physical Training, The Sokol's Part

in it and Sokol Ideals. We have mimeographed several hundred copies and our supply is exhausted. Bro. Prchal moved that the material be prepared for publication in booklet form. 2,000 copies were approved for publication.

Sis. Cihak moved that 25 copies of sis. Prchal's book "Artistic Gymnastics" be purchased and that an article pertaining to it be put in S.A. Approved.

Bro. Vodrazka made a recommendation regarding advertisements in S.A. Approved.

The next meeting of the Executive Board of the ASO. will be held Tuesday, October 20th.

Bro. Prchal announced that several chairs were purchased for the office and asks approval for the purchase of a supply cabinet. Approved.

Sis. Cihak will mimeograph the stencils for the Slet calisthenics and competition exercises.

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

Blanche J. Cihak, Secretary

Financial Report ASO.

September, 1964

INCOME

Dues	\$ 670.00
Sokol Stamp Campaign	1.00
Jewelry	21.32
Dividends	109.38
Transferred funds	4,000.00
	\$4,801.70

DISBURSEMENTS

Sokol Americký	\$ 655.34
Salaries	651.10
Telephone, janitor service, rental, supplies, postage, etc.	233.30
BOI. expense—postage, So. Dist. Course, Sokol Gymnast	440.46
Slet expense	54.50
Stamp campaign	47.10
Books "Artistic Gymnastics"	116.25
Floral tribute and plaques	63.80
	\$2,261.85

BALANCE

Western National Bank of Cicero	\$1,681.60
Income—September, 1964	4,801.70
	\$6,485.30
Disbursements—September, 1964	2,261.85
	\$4,223.45

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

Held September 9, 1964

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 p.m. by bro. Halik.

Present: Sisters Prchal, Barcal, Dunovsky, Freiberg, Halik, Kos, Krizenecky, Pokorny, Schnabl, Tintera, Mach, Udaykee. Bros. Halik, Barcal, Basta, Fina, Freiberg, Lebloch, Linhart, Satek, Jenicek, Kriz, Studnicka, Zenisek.

Excused: Sisters Ptacek, Pistorious, Welcl, and bro. Ptacek.

Members rose for a minute of silence in memory of bro. Brouk, who had spent most of his life working for our Sokol.

Minutes were read and accepted.

Excerpts of the Executive Board's minutes were read.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from the Executive Board reminding the BOI. that before any monetary commitments regarding music, etc. are made they must first be approved by the Executive Board of ASO.

Bro. Barcal moved we submit approximate figures for composing, taping, recording, orchestrations, etc., to the ASO. Executive Board. Approved.

Letters from sis. Hantl advising that she is the new editor of "Sokol Gymnast" and that she has sent 10 copies to the ASO. office. Sis. Prchal will write sis. Hantl.

Letter from Sokol Cedar Rapids requesting calisthenics.

Letter from D. A. Sokol in New York accepting invitation to participate in Slet and requesting copies of calisthenics and apparatus exercises.

Sis. Prchal read a letter from bro. Pokorny, Pacific District, in which he includes an itinerary for sis. Prchal's visit. He would like to have her visit the units in Oregon and Washington. She leaves October 26th and will be gone during the month of November.

Letter from bro. Divisek, Eastern District, asking for the musical arrangements for all classes.

Since many requests have been received for the Slet calisthenics, the BOI-s general opinion was that we send all the Slet work out at one time together with music. Bro. Zenisek is working on a Veteran's calisthenics. After a discussion, it was decided that he compose it for men and women, but wait for results of the survey as to whether it will be large enough for the Slet program or used in the Akademie program.

BOI. recommends that a request be made of the Executive Board for a remuneration for cutting of all stencils. The person chosen for this work should be familiar with Sokol work. A motion was made that \$1.00 per page (8½" x 11") be recommended.

Bro. Linhart reported that Mr. Hlad of the Balkan Music Studios has offered to press 50 (12") records of all the Slet music, free of charge, together with the use of his studio and equipment used in recording. Sis. Schnabl moved that sis. Zdenek be contacted and asked to play the music to be recorded, since she is familiar with the Sokol tempo, etc. Approved.

Bro. Satek moved that a minimum of 100 participants be required for calisthenic drills, special numbers, etc. for member and guest organizations to perform in the Slet program on the field. Smaller numbers will be asked to perform in the Akademie, where they can either use the floor or the stage. (Floor space and stage dimensions will be announced later.) Approved.

Any special number that is to go on the field or Akademie must have appropriate orchestrations well in advance or adequate tape.

Sis. Prchal and bro. Halik reminded the BOI. Standing Committees that they should begin work now, if they haven't already been active.

Work can be done on judging supplied for the competitions. Numbers for contestants will be printed in black on white material. Women have been designated to get prices of material. Bro. Halik has plates for judges slips, etc. It was suggested that ditto sheets be used this year to facilitate the tabulating.

Bro. Lebloch will make arrangements once again, since the previous date was rained out, for pictures of the uniforms.

Motion was made that bro. Paul Fina be ASO. delegate to the AAU. and bro. Hosek as alternate. Approved. Bro. Fina made a request that any statements he is to make at the AAU. convention, be approved by the ASO.-BOI. first. Approved.

Sis. Prchal announced that her book "Artistic Gymnastics" is ready and for sale. Bro. Fina expressed the feelings of the entire BOI. when he congratulated her on a job well done. A round of applause was given to sis. Prchal in appreciation. A motion was made by sis. Tintera that sis. Prchal's book be sponsored by the ASO. Approved.

BOI. will hold the Western District Clinic at Sokol Stickney if available on October 10th or 17th.

Meeting adjourned.

Mili Udaykee, Secretary

Report of the ASO. Director of Men

Talked with bro Ehenberger of the Southern District on final arrangements for the school at Ennis. He reported that they would have enough students for a third instructor, asking if I could find another. I told him it would be better if their District furnished this instructor.

Immediately after the Slet, they began registering the youngsters for the school. The school went smoothly.

Met with bro. Barcal and bro. Kubina at Balkan Studio where they were to prepare a working copy of junior calisthenic music.

Met with bros. Zenisek, Kriz, and Studnicka to discuss calisthenics for the Stara Garda.

With my wife, assisted at the CNCA Czechoslovak Day at Pilsen Park.

Left for Michigan State University and the National Summer Gymnastic Clinic at East Lansing, Michigan, where I assisted in the gymnastic program as a staff member. After the clinic, drove with several other staff members to Kings Point, Long Island and the Merchant Marine Academy where the Olympic gymnastic finals were being conducted. Bros. Carr and Fina also went directly from the clinic to New York.

Some of our Sokol people were selected as judges for these finals. For ASO., sis. Zabka of New York, sis. Mucha of Cleveland, and bro. Jerry Hardy of New York. For SGUS., bro. and sis. Bachna.

Was able to spend some time with bro. Babuska, National Secretary of SGUS., and sis. Darula, their Women's Director, as well as with bro. Hardy and sisters Zabka and Mucha. The Eastern District school was being conducted at the time so our brothers were unable to come to the meet.

All committees preparing calisthenics and apparatus exercises have promised to complete their

work so that we can complete the books in the next month and prepare them for distribution.

Request approval as members of BOI.: Bros. Vrba, Fina, Lebloch, Vorel, Kriz, Jenicek, Zenisek, and Studnicka.

Report of the ASO. Director of Women

Women's Board of Instructors meeting was held Wednesday, September 9th, at Sokol Stickney.

Letter from sis. Hantl, Director of N.E. District, asking about junior girls' new uniforms and age limit for contestants for the Centennial Slet competitions was read. Junior girls' new uniforms will be used for the 1965 Centennial Slet as passed on in the District Directors Conference. Juniors attending high school in June 1965, may still compete in junior division regardless of age.

Polish Falcons accept invitation to participate in competitions and calisthenics. Letter of thanks from National Polish Falcons for judging during their competitions and teaching in their Camp was received.

Received letter from sis. B. Haralik, Secretary of Pacific District, requesting information as to my arrival in California. She states that all possible preparations are being made and that sis. Palas will accompany me in travels throughout the district.

Translated and cut stencils for 3rd part of Czechoslovak Beseda. Wrote letters to district directors which will accompany this material asking that districts participate in this number for the Centennial Slet.

I would like to submit the following names as members of the BOI. for approval by the ASO. Executive Board. These are the same members that have been in the Women's Board of Instructors during the last year: Sisters R. Barcal, C. Dunovsky, S. Freiberg, A. Halik, B. Kos, G. Krizenecky, M. Mach, M. Pokorny, M. Ptacek, E. Welcl-Ruzicka, E. J. Schnabl, Z. Tintera, M. Udaykee, M. Vesely.

The following have been appointed to the Slet Technical Committee: Sisters M. Linhart, J. Liwald, E. Kirch, S. Heslop, S. Pistorius.

All local units are represented except one; I am trying to equalize representation from all units.

Nazdar!

Mildred Prchal

Meeting of the Slet Executive Committee

Held Monday, September 14th, 1964

Bro. Cihak presided.

Present: Bros. Drnec, Halik, Kropik, Prchal and Simaner. Sisters Cihak and Prchal. Bros. Vanek and Vodrazka excused.

Copies of the minutes were distributed and motion that reading of minutes be dispensed with was passed.

Secretary sis. Cihak read the replies received from Mr. Halas, Mr. Stan Musial and Congressman Pucinski. She reported that the Society of Arts & Sciences was requested to submit designs for the Slet seals. Also contacted the Czechoslovak Philatelists to submit the designs received for their contest.

Sis. Cihak contacted Basta & Musil in regard to the officers fraternal bond and one to cover hold-up. Kralovec insurance called several times for detailed information. They have now sent a questionnaire to be filled out by the Committee. Recommended that Basta & Musil be requested to assist in completing the form.

Mr. George Halas replied that he will not be available for the Awards Nite due to his many commitments with the Bears. It was moved that the BOI select someone from the gymnastic field for this event.

The name for the Centennial events was discussed. The official name "American Sokol Physical Fitness Centennial" was selected. Approved.

After due consideration it was decided to use Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs for the Akademie and Awards Nite. Farewell Dance at Sokol Tabor. Judges meeting and social to be held at Sokol Berwyn on Wednesday. Approved.

The letterhead will carry the name American Sokol Physical Fitness Centennial and under the heading XI. Slet.

The letterhead will be prepared and will carry the names of the Slet officers as well as the sponsoring organizations, Senators and Congressmen.

The Canadian Sokol Organization and the Czechoslovak Sokols Abroad will be asked to become sponsors.

Sis. Cihak will try to prepare the letterhead for the Slet meeting on Wednesday.

A letter will be sent to J. Sterling Morton High School requesting the use of their facilities and for an appointment with their business manager. Approved.

Prominent officials will be invited to attend the Centennial events.

Bro. Kropik asked to be excused from the Slet meeting on Wednesday and requested sis. Cihak to meet with his Housing Committee.

An official letter will be sent to Lincoln Federal concerning the use of their facilities for the Centennial exhibit.

Patrons for the Slet will be listed in the program.

Bro. Prchal had no report for the Publicity Committee. The Committee has not been organized.

Bro. Prchal explained that it will not be possible to put on a pageant for the Slet because of the time element.

Sis. Prchal and bro. Halik reported on the progress of the BOI's preparatory work. A recommendation of the BOI to compensate those that will cut stencils was not passed. A great deal of work will have to be done by volunteers.

Management Committee. Bro. Drnec reported that the definite selection of sites for the various events will enable his committee to make immediate reservations.

Parade Committee. Bro. Simaner reported on the work of his group.

Souvenir Program Book. Reported by bro. Cihak. Concentration is centered upon securing written histories of units, districts and other material.

It was agreed that the BOI would take over the parade from the moment it enters the field.

Meeting adjourned.

Blanche J. Cihak, Secretary

Report of the Stamp Committee

Received the following telegram on Tuesday, September 15th, 1964: "I am proud to say that Postmaster General Gronouski approved for issuance in 1965 a Commemorative Stamp for Physical Fitness honoring the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Sokol Movement in America. Letter follows. Senator Gaylord Nelson."

Immediately called Congressman Pucinski who confirmed this message.

Received instructions not to publish any information until the Postmaster General officially announced the issuance of the stamps. This took place at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D. C., on Thursday morning at the opening of a Philatelic Exhibit.

Scores of letters and wires arrived from Senators and Congressmen of the decision of the Postmaster.

All of the letters and wires received have been acknowledged.

Telegrams were sent to all Sokol member organizations, also to sponsoring organizations. The Information Service, Post Office Department, printed a bulletin General Release #175 in which they talk about the Sokol stamp and the Sokol's work.

Before we heard the news, thousands of postcards were sent from the office, and each day brought many requests for additional ones. About 18,000 were sent out.

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Sokol Centennial Commemorative Stamp Committee was held on Thursday, September 17th, to discuss some of the major points of the coming campaign and future plans.

The official announcement was prepared for all Czech papers and appeared in the Hlasatel on Friday, September 18th. Phone calls and letters of congratulations have been received.

Many details must be worked out. The time and place of the issuance of the stamp is still unknown.

A meeting with member Sokol organizations will have to be called, to prepare the program. This will be followed by a meeting with sponsoring organizations to outline the campaign for the sale of stamps.

FROM OUR DISTRICTS

EASTERN DISTRICT, New York, N. Y.

Meeting held September 10, 1964, with 10 members present.

Sokol Baltimore conducted a bus trip to the World's Fair on September 26th and 27th, and they plan to attend the Eastern District dinner dance. Sis. Zabka reported that the Sokol course

PENS NEW PLAY— (Cont. from p. 169)
21st, 1965, at the Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs Hall, 26th Street and Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Ill., at 2:00 P.M.

Tickets can be ordered now by sending your order and a stamped self-addressed envelope to the CSA Drama Club, c/o Main CSA office, 2138 South 61st Court, Cicero, Illinois 60650.

The premiere presentation of the play will be in Czech, because the main characters are 3 Czech brothers who are divided by the conflict.

was very successful. Twenty-six students attended the course.

The radio broadcasts of the District are very costly and it will be determined at the next meeting whether they should be continued.

All units will resume their gym classes next week.

Sokol Little Ferry completed renovations on their hall.

On Sept. 13th the town of Little Ferry will celebrate their 70th year. Sokol Little Ferry will have a float in the parade which starts at 2 p.m.

Bro. Capek will be chairman of the Testimonial dinner honoring bro. Charles Divisek on November 7th. Invitation will be sent to all units.

The United Sokols of the East will have a track and field meet on October 3rd at Boonton at 10:30 A.M. In case of rain the meet will be held on October 10th.

It was suggested that all recommendations at the Annual meeting should come from the units.

It is the duty of each unit to send their delegates, directors of gym classes and educational directors to the annual meeting on September 26th.

CENTRAL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

Twenty-nine delegates were present.

Regular monthly meeting business, correspondence and bills were processed.

Discussion and short committee reports were held on our Slet. Financially the results will be very good. Sis. Basta, chairman of the promotion committee, presented for our archives an entire collection of articles and pictures and thanked all the members of her committee who assisted her in her work. All present gave sis. Schnabl and bro. Lebloch and the BOI a standing ovation for an excellent job done on the program, on the good discipline and organization of the afternoon proceedings.

Report was presented on our two week course in Potters Lake in August. It will be held for two weeks. It was decided the units will pay the total cost of their students and the District will remunerate them with \$10.00 a week for every student.

The report from the St. Louis meeting of the Sokol St. Louis Centennial Committee was given and sis. Schnabl read a report of the meeting. After a short discussion it was decided further arrangements, financial and technical, must be made with the Centennial Committee. It was also pointed out the Sunday afternoon program must hold a designation of a "Central District Exhibition" on all promotion material, tickets and the souvenir program.

The annual reports of the district officers were then given by the president, treasurer, secretary, and both men and women's directors.

The report of the nominating committee was then given by its chairman bro. Pechar, also the recommendation of the District BOI. Accepted.

The officers of the Central District Central Committee are as follows:

James Simaner, president; Agnes Trajhan, first vice-president; Alexander Pechar, second vice-president; Joseph Drnec, treasurer; James Kriz, financial secretary; Ben Lankas, flag-bearer of the district; Paul Lebloch, Director of Men; Ellen

Jeanne Schnabl, Director of Women.

The installation of the officers will be held at the end of September, at the occasion of the unit conference.

The president bro. Simaner will have our district identification ribbons printed during the summer, and also prepare a diploma of recognition for our past treasurer bro. Anton J. Hladik.

PACIFIC DISTRICT, Los Angeles, Calif.

Meeting held August 4th, with 7 members present.

Sis. M. Prchal's visit to the District in November was the main topic of discussion and it was decided that bro. J. Pokorny would formulate a schedule for sis. Prchal and also send copies to all units in the Pacific District.

Bro. Cihak's visit was also discussed. Bro. Cihak will be invited to Los Angeles on October 31st and November 1st, when Sokol Los Angeles will celebrate the 28th of October with a theatrical production.

Meeting held September 1st, with 10 members present.

Discussion held on bro. Pokorny's letter to sis. Prchal outlining schedule for her visit beginning October 31st through Nov. 29th. Copies of the schedule were mailed to Roy Polach, Fresno, Karel Caslava, San Francisco, and John Tannich, Albany, Oregon. All are Directors of Men.

Sokol Los Angeles visited Yosemite National Park.

Meeting held September 15th, with 11 members present.

Special meeting of Pacific District held to discuss proposed program and itinerary of bro. Cihak during his visit to the Pacific District. An open discussion was held—program was approved and preparations will be made to ensure the success of this visit.

Sis. Palas will make contacts with individuals in San Diego to discuss the feasibility of starting a Sokol Unit there.

Secretary will write to bro. Cihak and sis. Prchal telling them we are in accord with their programs, and ask them time, date and place of arrival, so we may be on hand to meet them.

Sis. F. Palas was authorized to accompany sis. Prchal in her travels in the District.

William Zabransky, Jr.

Eastern District Conducts Successful Sokol Course at East Haddam, Conn.

It was a pleasure to see such a fine graduation class of 26 future Sokol leaders. Little Ferry was represented by eight gymnasts. The school was under the able leadership of bro. Slavik and his associates. Sis. Norma Zabka and sis. M. Provaznik instructed the juniors and women. Pauline Srholez took first honors for the young junior girls and F. Markowitz of Long Island Sokol took first honors for the junior boys. Bro. J. Hrbeck, President, and bro. F. Capek, Director of Men of the Eastern District, spoke. Also bro. Edward Stetka of Sokol Baltimore and sis. Lillian Pribil, Vice-President of

Sokol New York. It was a beautiful summer evening. It was a miniature Slet well organized. I did not see a mistake in any of the formations and the apparatus performance was perfect. America needs Tyr's philosophy of Sokol training from its gymnasts to its lecturers, dramas and music. Keep Tyr's Sokol ideology alive as it was founded one hundred years ago.

P. S.—I would like to hear other comments on this course.

Sokol Detroit

Back again with a few "news bits" from Detroit.

On August 13th a group of Sokol Detroit gymnasts performed at the Wayne County 4-H Fair at Belleville, Michigan. Included in the group were: junior girls—Barbara Smahaj and Bea Kominek, junior boys—Chuck Bares and Jerry Smahaj, class 1 & 2 girls—Wendy Valek and Vlasta Novacek, class 1 & 2 boys—Dale Kopecky and Jeff Mily, women—Joan Wimmer, and men—Jerry Taylor.

Several of our gymnasts took an active part at our Summer Festival, August 22nd.

The following Class II. girls were promoted to junior girls classes starting this fall: Marguerite and Vlasta Novacek, Beverly and Judy Smahaj, Kathy Hurtik, Sally Raisigl, Marilyn Kopecek and Wendy Valek.

Congratulations to all of you and let's get down to some good hard workouts!

Gym classes begin Friday, September 18th, at 7:00 P.M. at the Falcon Hall on Junction. Let's have a large turnout.

A Hay Ride is planned for Saturday, October 17th—supposed to have a full moon!

In the near future a Pancake Breakfast and/or Pancake Supper is being planned—talk it up and let us hear your comments.

The "Sbor" is scouting around for a suitable place to hold our Annual Akademie in December—here's hoping we will have our own hall, COME NEXT YEAR!

All for now. Nazdar!

Chuck Bares, Corres., Sokol Detroit BOI.

VYVRCHOLENÍ VÍTEŽSTVÍ ÚSILÍ O SOKOLSKOU POŠTOVNÍ ZNÁMKU.

Sokolský výbor pozván Generálním Poštmistrem do Washingtonu, D. C.
Četné a výstižné návrhy kresby známky již u umělce.

ODHALENÍ NÁKRESU ZNÁMKY 27. ŘÍJNA.

Středa 7. října 1964 bude v historii akce pro vydání sokolské pamětní poštovní známky zaznamenána jako pozoruhodný a památný den. Přinesla nezvratný důkaz o uznání sokolského hnutí v Americe jako průkopnické, nepostrádatelné složky pro výchovu národa k fyzické zdatnosti.

Po svém úředním oznámení, že poštovní sokolská známka fyzické zdatnosti k počtému jubileu sokolského hnutí v Americe bude v roce 1965 vydána, pozval Generální Poštministr Gronouski Výbor pro sokolskou známku ke zvláštní audienci do Washingtonu, D. C., ku projednání všech důležitých podrobností technického rázu, s vydáním sokolské poštovní známky spojených.

Vedoucí představitelé sokolských organizací v Americe sjeli se letadly k této významné návštěvě do Washingtonu, D. C., při které se znovu projeví síla jednoty sokolského hnutí, v průběhu známkové akce tak dobře ucelená. Ve středu 7. října ve 2:30 hod. odpo. vítal Gen. Poštministr Gronouski zástupce čtvrtmilionového sokolského hnutí ve své krásné úřadovně. V sokolské delegaci byli: předseda Sokolského výboru br. James L. Čihák, za Americkou Obec Sokolskou starosta Karel M. Prchal, jednatelka Bláza J. Čiháková, místostarosta Charles T. Kropík a pokladník Frank J. Vodrážka, za Polský Sokol v Americe náčelník Gustave Pieprzny, za Český Katolický Sokol náčelnice Marie Průšová, za Slovenský Katolický Sokol starosta Paul T. Fallat, za Slovenskou Tělocvičnou Jednotu Sokol starosta Andrew Valúšek a jednatel John T. Babuška.

Během celé audience bylo jednání neformální a velmi srdečné, byl mu také přítomen asistent Gen. Poštministra pan Ira Kapenstein. Bylo podáváno i občerstvení. Bez obvyklé formálnosti byly vyměňovány názory, zodpovídány dotazy a podány cenné informace. Vedoucí delegace br. James Čihák odevzdal Generálnímu Poštmistrovi velký počet krásných návrhů kresby sokolské známky — práce umělců Sokolů a Sokolic, výstižné vystihující hlavní ideje — počtu sokolskému hnutí u příležitosti jubilea stého výročí jeho založení v Americe ("Aby bylo jasno, že je to sokolská známka" jak to Gen. Poštministr během jednání zdůraznil) a význam výchovné sokolské činnosti k tělesné zdatnosti — Physical Fitness.

Gen. Poštministr i p. Ira Kapenstein pozorně zkoumali všechny návrhy nákresů známky a vysvětlili delegaci postup jejich úřadu při rozhodování o výběru kresby známky. Všechny návrhy kresby známky — velmi působivé — byly týž den Gen. Poštministrem letecky odeslány umělcům, který byl již úředně pověřen k vypracování návrhu kresby pro sokolskou známku.

Během živého a srdečného hovoru dotazoval se Gen. Poštministr členů sokolského výboru, jaké jsou jejich názory a návrhy pro určení data a místa k vydání známky a jejího odevzdání veřejnosti, aby bylo vyhověno všem významným slavnostním okolnostem a účelům, pro které pamětní sokolská poštovní známka bude vydána.

Gen. Poštministr zvláště zdůraznil, jak velký a mimořádný zájem má sám President Lyndon B. John-

son na "Sokolské známce tělesné zdatnosti" a připomněl, že prezident byl dobře a podrobně informován o Sokolu a příspěvku našich etnických skupin ke kultuře Ameriky.

Zajímavého rozhovoru o Sokolstvu v Americe, jeho významu a účasti ve výchově národa k fyzické zdatnosti v budoucnosti, o podrobnostech procedury při vydání sokolské pamětní známky, účastnili se všichni přítomní členové Sokolského výboru. Všemi bylo Gen. Poštmistřovi tlumočeno uspokojení a radost naší široké veřejnosti nad jeho rozhodnutím, že poštovní sokolská známka bude v roce sokolských jubilejních slavností v roce 1965 vydána.

Sokolské delegaci bylo také sděleno, že úřední veřejné odhalení schválené kresby pamětní sokolské známky bude provedeno dne 27. října t. r. v budově poštovního úřadu ve Washingtonu, D. C.

Upozorňujeme členstvo sokolských jednot a přítele na americkém východě, aby se této vsutku historické události účastnili. Budou prvními svědky, kteří uvidí jaká bude sokolská poštovní známka fyzické zdatnosti, vydaná k počtě sokolského hnutí a jeho jubilea v Americe.

Datum vydání známky a místo jejího odevzdání veřejnosti nebylo ještě oznámeno.

Výbor pro sokolskou poštovní známku při návštěvě u Gen. Poštmistra své poslání dobře splnil. Přesvědčil ho také opět o schopnosti Sokolstva přispět podstatnou měrou k výchově národa k všestranné fyzické a duchovní zdatnosti, pro které bude sokolská pamětní poštovní známka nejlepší propagací.

SOKOLSKÉ POŠTOVNÍ ZNÁMCE FYSICKÉ ZDATNOSTI ZDAR!

Prohlášení Americké Obce Sokolské k 28. říjnu 1918.

Právě v této době, kdy na různých místech světa mnoho národů učí se užívat všech výhod nabyté svobody a samostatnosti, myslíme na vzdálenou zem, vlast našich předků a mnohých z nás, ve které slovo SVOBODA představuje splnění nejvělejších tužeb převážné části národa. Vzpomínáme na Československo. Vzpomínáme na 28. říjen roku 1918, kdy jméno této krásné země bylo poprvé zakresleno na mapu Evropy, osvobozené od nadvlády sverepých monarchů a národ československý postavil se do řady národů svobodného světa. Vzpomínáme jeho osvoboditele — Presidenta T. G. Masaryka, jeho věrných spolupracovníků Dr. Eduarda Beneše a generála M. R. Štefánika a ne bez pohnutí vzpomínáme všech bojovníků a mučedníků, kteří v obraně svobody národa a humanitní demokracie obětovali své životy.

Po 46. vzpomínáme my, američtí Sokolové, významu slavného dne 28. října, svátku státní samostatnosti československého národa, který znovu již

plných 16 let prochází těžkou zkouškou utrpení, které s sebou nese nesvoboda, duchovní i fyzické nevolnictví v jařmu světového komunismu.

My, američtí Sokolové, přispěli jsme také svou hřívnou i obětmi krve, aby československý národ byl svobodný a věříme, že národ Masarykův dočká se nové svobody. Je to československá mládež — synové a dcery rodičů odchovaných v duchu sokolských ideí ve svobodném Československu, ve kterou skládáme své naděje. Věříme, že přijde doba, kdy československý národ postaví se opět do řady svobodných národů světa.

Americká Obec Sokolská vyzývá své členstvo k účasti na oslavách 28. října, který pro nás všech — žijící ve svobodném světě — je svátkem československé samostatnosti a svobody.

AMERICKÁ OBEC SOKOLSKÁ

Karel M. Prchal, starosta.

Bláža J. Čiháková, jednatelka.

Berwyn, Ill., 22. září 1964.

Americká Obec Sokolská
5611 W. Cermak Road
Cicero 50, Ill.
Draží bratři a sestry!

Výbor Ústředí Československého Sokolstva v zahraničí, které sdružuje sokolské jednoty ve svobodné Evropě, v Africe, v Argentině, v Australii a v Kanadě, byl velmi potěšen zprávou, že úsilí Americké Obce Sokolské o vydání jubilejní sokolské známky k 100. výročí založení Amerického Sokolstva bylo korunováno úspěchem a že tato známka bude vydána.

Je to radostí a ctí nejen pro všechny sokolské bratry a sestry v celém svobodném světě — i doma v porobené vlasti.

Vyslovujeme Vám proto k tomuto dosaženému úspěchu své bratrské blahopřání a Vaším jubilejním sokolským slavnostem v roce 1965, kterých se zúčastníme, přejeme plný úspěch a zdar!

Se sokolskými pozdravy za Ústředí Československého Sokolstva v zahraničí:

Dr. Antonín Hřebík, starosta,
Jarmila Uhlířová, jednatelka.

Jed'te s námi do Milwaukee, Wisconsin,

podívat se na jejich vyhlášený Mezinárodní den v sobotu, dne 21. listopadu t. r.
Sokolové a Sokolice chystají se tam k zajímavé soutěži.

Již po 21. připravují v Milwaukee, Wisconsin, svůj široko a daleko proslavený Milwaukee Holiday Folk Fair. Sjíždějí se k němu návštěvníci z celé Ameriky, protože co tam uvidí, uslyší a také okusí u nejrozmanitějších stánků všech národů světa, to nikde jinde zažít nemohou.

Dostali jsme srdečné pozvání od bratrů a sester z jednoty Sokol Milwaukee, abychom se přijeli na ně letos podívat, jak budou závodit se skupinami jiných národností o velkou cenu v soutěži o nejzajímavější a nejoriginálnější námět z lidových zvyků svého národa. A naše sestry Sokolky si pro soutěž vybraly zajímavou scénu — dračky. Oblečené ve venkovských krojích, v prostředí typické české jizby budou drát perí, jak se dralo u nás ve staré vlasti se všemi průvodními zvyky a obyčejí

za chladných podzimních a zimních večerů na venkově.

My Sokolové a Sokolice z Chicaga a okolí pojedeme se na ně podívat v našem zájezdu dobré vůle. Pojedeme busy na tento jednodenní výlet v sobotu 21. listopadu. Vyjedeme od úřadovny AOS., 5611 W. Cermak Road, Cicero, v 8:30 hod. dop. a vrátíme se týž den kolem 9. hod. večer. Zveme bratry a sestry i přátele k zájezdu dobré vůle do Milwaukee. Posílíme naši sokolskou jednotu v její krásné práci a při tom užijeme srdečného veselí, získáme zajímavé zkušenosti, ochutnáme speciality národních jídel, jiných národů a užijeme i pohostinství ve stánku našich sester Sokolic, kde budou naše vybraná česká jídla, včetně vepřové, knedlíků a zelí, spousta domácího pečiva a u jiných stánků ruční práce Šicího kroužku Sokolic. Také i jiné národnosti připravují pro Milwaukee Holiday Folk Fair to nejlepší z pokladů jejich kultury a ukázek lidové zručnosti. Proto tam každý rok jezdí hodně lidí z Chicaga.

Proto tam také pojedeme i my, abychom viděli celý program a hlavně celou soutěž a dračky našich Sokolic. Na program budeme mít rezervována místa. Cena okružní cesty, vstupného a rezervovaného sedadla na program je \$6.00. Přihlaste se co nejdříve v kanceláři AOS. a k přihlášce přiložte šek na celé jízdné.

Jed'te s námi v sobotu 21. listopadu v zájezdu dobré vůle na Mezinárodní den do Milwaukee! Srdečně Vás zvou Sokolové a Sokolice z Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Zápis ze schůze Výk. Výboru Americké Obce Sokolské,

konané dne 22. září, 1964.

Br. Prchal předsedal.

Přítomni: Bři. Barcal, Čihák, Halík, Kropik, Rabas, Vrba a Vodrážka. Sestry Čiháková, Faltová a Prchalová. Omluvena sestra Welcl-Růžičková.

Zápis z minulé schůze byl dodatečně schválen.

ZPRÁVY ZE ŽUP

Byl čten zápis ze schůze Východní župy, konané 10. září a zápisy ze tří schůzí Pacifické župy.

DOPISY

Obdrželi jsme opis dopisu Výboru pro jubilejní slavnosti ze St. Louis s podrobnostmi o Národní pouti, adresovaný br. Křížovi.

Ses. Čiháková oznámila, že Sokol St. Louis měl první výkop základu pro svou novou budovu.

Br. Vodrážka navštívil o posledním weekendu St. Louis a sdělil, že asi 300 osob se účastnilo slavnosti, spojené s prvním výkopem základu. Pracují s nadšením a chtějí mít budovu dokončenou včas před župním sletem.

Br. Neumann, Sokol Washington, D. C., sdělil, že má 350 stop barevného filmu z obřadu položení věnce Východní župy i zájezdu Americké Obce Sokolské. Je ochoten filmy nám zapůjčit. Vyjádřil také vděčnost za návštěvu Zájezdu AOS. a krásný večer, který s námi ztrávili.

Jižní župa dopisem děkuje za vyslání ses. Čihákové na jejich slet. Její návštěva byla pro Sokoly v Texasu povzbuzením. Slet měl morální i finanční úspěch.

Děkuje dále Výkonnému Výboru za vyslání cvičitelů ses. G. Kříženecké a br. Halíka do jejich cvičitelského kursu. Měli celkem 43 posluchačů. AOS. schválila plat \$300.00 pro dva učitele. Podle rozhodnutí AOS. župa musí se postarat o jednoho učitele na plný čas.

Sestra Hantlová posílá účet od Tri-Graphic Corporation za první vydání "Sokol Gymnast", vydané Severovýchodní župou a posílá také účet za poštovné. Oba účty schváleny.

Ses. Prchalová dopíše ses. Hantlové o finanční náklady s příštími čísly "Sokol Gymnast".

Členové Sokola Los Angeles poslali pozdrav z jejich výletu v Yosemite National parku.

Západní župa posílá některé krásné články uveřejněné o Sokolstvu v novinách v Omaze.

ZPRÁVA JEDNATELKÝ

Příspěvky pro "Future Sokol Leaders Fund": K uctění památky zesnulého br. Josefa Brouka věnovali: br. Šimon Rokúsek \$10.00, ses. Marie Převrátilová \$5.00, Mr. a Mrs. Alois Kopecký \$10.00.

Svolala schůzi Předsednictva Sletového výboru na 14. září a schůzi celého Sletového výboru na 16. září.

Byl uveřejněn náš článek o otevření sokolských tělocvičen a výzva k rodičům k posílání dětí do Sokola.

Účastnila se a spolupracovala při uvádění úřednictva Sokola Slávský 12. září.

Ses. Faltová, bři. Rabas a Vrba provedli revisi účetních knih a dokladů Americké Obce Sokolské za období od 1. ledna do 30. června 1964. Při revisi byl přítomen br. Frank Vodrážka.

Sdružení čsl. exulantů a krajanů v Chicagu poslalo pozvání k výročnímu výletu. Účastnili se br. Prchal a sestry Faltová a Čiháková.

Obdrželi jsme pozvání od ředitelstva České Útulny k účasti na VII. výročním Dnu Čsl. Dobročinnosti. Byli tam ses. Čiháková a bři. Čihák a Prchal. Rodina zesnulého br. J. Brouka poslala poděkování za naše projevy soustrasti.

Ses. Faltová darovala mnoho hodin dobrovolné práce v úřadovně Americké Obce Sokolské.

Ses. Čiháková přečetla zápis ze schůze Předsednictva Výboru Jubilejního sletu, konané 14. září.

Všem sokolským organizacím bylo posláno pozvání k závodům a sletu.

J. Sterling Morton High School byla poslána žádost o povolení k používání jejich místností a zařízení k závodům a sletu.

Ses. Čiháková dodá náčelnictvu AOS. jména sokolských organizací, které byly pozvané k účasti na sletu.

Bylo navrženo a schváleno, že AOS. zaplatí zálohu za dvoranu v Sokole Havlíček-Tyrš pro Akademii a Večer Vítězů.

Br. Halík přečetl zápis ze společné schůze náčelnictva AOS. a zprávu náčelníka mužů.

Byli doporučeni a schváleni dodateční členové do náčelnictva.

Ses. Prchalová přečetla zprávu náčelnice žen.

Byly navrženy a schváleny sestry do náčelnictva.

Br. Čihák podal zprávu vzdělavatele AOS.

Br. Čihák přečetl zprávu z Výboru pro sokolskou známku, telegram od senátora Gaylord Nelsona a úřední oznámení Gen. Poštmitra Gronouskiho, že

rozhodl, aby Pamětní známka fyzické zdatnosti k počtě jubilea 100 let od založení Sokolského hnutí v Americe byla v r. 1965 vydána.

Bylo dáno a schváleno doporučení, aby Výbor pro pamětní známku dostal oprávnění k zájezdu do Washingtonu, D. C., kam je volán k dojednání dalších podrobností ve věci poštovní známky.

Br. Čihák oznámil náčrtek programu svého organizačního a vzdělávacího zájezdu do Pacifické župy. Bratrské organizace — Československé Spolky v Americe a Západní Česko Bratrská Jednota spolupracují a jeho zájezd již oznámily svým řádům.

Ses. Faltová přečetla zprávu Dozorčího výboru za období od 1. ledna do 30. června 1964. Zpráva byla přijata a schválena.

Ses. Čiháková předložila finanční zprávu ze zájezdů AOS. na Světovou výstavu do New Yorku a do Banff, Glacier a Jasper národních parků. Přijato.

Br. Čihák připravil před časem přednášku o historii tělovýchovy, účasti Sokolstva v ní a Sokolské Ideály. Několik set kusů přednášky jsme mimiografovali a naše zásoba je vyčerpána. Br. Prchal navrhl, aby byl materiál přednášky připraven pro tisk brožurky. Bylo schváleno nechat vytisknout 2,000 kusů.

Ses. Čiháková navrhla, aby bylo zakoupeno 25 kusů knihy sestry Prchalové "Artistic Gymnastics" a článek o knize aby byl uveřejněn v Sokole Americkém. Schváleno.

Bylo schváleno doporučení br. Vodrážky ve věci oznamování v Sokole Americkém.

Příští schůze V. V. AOS. bude se konat v úterý 20. října.

Br. Prchal oznámil, že bylo zakoupeno několik židlí pro úřadovnu a žádal o schválení ke koupi skříně. Schváleno.

Ses. Čiháková rozmnoží blány sletových prostých a cvičení pro závody.

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

Bláza J. Čiháková, jednatelka.

19. červen v New Yorku.

Na den 19. června nepřipadá žádné výročí, nic zázračného se v ten den nestalo a dokonce tohoto roku připadl na pátek — ale pro Sokol New York znamenal tento den mezník nemalého významu. V ten den totiž přijela do New Yorku výprava Americké Obce Sokolské z Chicaga a ze západních států. Na prahu sokolovny na 71. ulici byla výprava přivítána starostou jednoty, br. Slavíkem, který za jednotu poděkoval všem, že vážili tak dlouhou cestu, aby shlédli Čs. den na Světové výstavě v New Yorku a současně aby také ztrávili několik dní v bratrské pospolitosti s newyorskými sestrami a bratřimi. Za výpravu odpověděli br. starosta AOS., Karel Prchal a místostarostka ses. Bláza Čiháková. Za výpravu ČSNRA odpověděla ses. Emily Welcl-Růžičková. Všichni vyjádřili radost nad tím, že se s newyorskými Sokoly mohli opět setkat. Pak na prah sokolovny předstoupila babička ses. Kvardová se skupinou dětí, všichni v krásných národních krojích a podávala po staročeském

způsobu vzácným hostům chléb se soli. Tak jednota nejen že vítala vzácné hosty, ale také tímto způsobem vzdala hold vedoucím výpravy, kteří po tolik dlouhých roků nezištně pracují k prospěchu naší československé větve v Americe a zejména pak se starají o rozvoj sokolské myšlenky.

O několik minut později přes 300 hostů i domácích zasedlo k společné večeři ve velkém sále. Jeviště sálu bylo pěkně vyzdobeno sokolskými prapory, květinami okolo poprsí Tyrše a Fuegnera. Po večeři požádal obřadník večera br. Slavík několik vedoucích představitelů, aby promluvili k přítomným. Byl to především br. Jeřábek za Kanadský Sokol, ses. Jarmila Uhlířová za Sokol v zahraničí, br. Bušek za SVU, br. Valúšek za Slovenský Sokol, br. Hrbek za župu Východní a pak hlavní řečníci, br. Prchal, ses. Čiháková a ses. Welclová. Projevy, i když krátké, byly věcné a přispěly k úspěchu večera.

Pak nastoupila četa místních cvičenců s vlajkou Americké Obce Sokolské před hlavní stůl, přítomní povstali, br. Slavík krátce promluvil za místní jednotu o upřímné souznělosti jednoty k ostatním jednotám a zejména k vedení Obce a na znamení toho předal br. starostovi Prchalovi krásně vyšitou stuhu, již br. starosta připjal na praporek Obce a poděkoval jednotě New York za práci sokolskou i národní a ujistil, že vedení Obce si bude vážit stuhu, že společně s praporem Obce se vynasnaží o rozvoj Sokolstva v Americe. Skupina cvičenců potom odpochovala za zvuků písně "Spějme dál!", kterou s nimi zazpíval naplněný sál. Byla to krásná chvíle.

Potom následovalo představení některých hostů. Byly to, kromě výpravy, kde jsme poznali Sokoly z Havaje, Kolorada, Kalifornie, Nebrasky, Iowa, Missouri, Ohia, Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois a dalších států, také místní výpravy z Kanady, Washingtonu, Little Ferry, N. J., Baltimore, přijeli sestry a bratři z Connecticut; prostě byla to nádherná mozaika Sokolstva z celé severní Ameriky. A po vyčerpání programu večera se povídalo dlouho do noci, jak to bývá, když se sejde sokolská rodina.

Byl to krásný večer a tolik znamenal pro Sokol New York. Především znamenal konec prvního termínu výboru jednoty, který zastupuje nejrůznější složky, od Američanů, přes starousedlíky k nově přijetým a který se po celý rok staral o stmelení těchto složek. Nemohlo být krásnější příležitosti k výraznému projevu o pokroku jednoty než večer se sokoly z celé Ameriky. Za druhé pak přítomnost výpravy dodala odvahy k další práci, k práci úsilnější, zejména proto, že vstupujeme do stého roku Sokolstva v Americe.

Sokol New York děkuje proto všem členům výpravy, že nás potčili svou přítomností a hlavně děkuje br. starostovi Prchalovi, ses. Welcl-Růžičkové za pěkné projevy; ses. místostarostce Čihákové pak nejen za pěkný projev, ale také za tu úžasnou práci, kterou měla s přípravou výpravy. Víme, že tyto představitelé Obce nečekají díků, jejich zásluhou však je, že jednota se znovu vzchopí k další práci a že přijede do Chicaga na oslavy stoletého výročí Sokolstva v plné síle. Sletu zdar!

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