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POSTMASTER GENERAL JOHN A. GRONOUSKI and Chairman of the Sokol Centennial Commemorative Stamp Committee, JAMES L. CIHAK, at unveiling ceremonies, October 27, 1964, in Washington, D. C. — February 15, 1965, was designated for the First Day of Issue of the Sokols Physical Fitness Stamp by Postmaster General John A. Gronouski, in Washington, D. C. Events will include an Akademie, Saturday evening, February 13th, Banquet Sunday evening, February 14th, and First Day Ceremonies Monday, February 15, 1965. — All inclusive excursions planned. Tremendous turnout expected for this historic event from the entire nation.

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## Calendar of Events

- DEC. 31st—SOKOL ST, PAUL, Minnesota.  
New Year's Eve Party.
- DEC. 31st—SOKOL TABOR, Berwyn, Illinois.  
New Year's Eve banquet.
- DEC. 31st—SOKOL LITTLE FERRY, New Jersey.  
New Year's Eve Party.
- DEC. 31st—SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA, Nebraska.  
New Year's Eve Dance, Bohemian National Hall,  
21st and "U" Street.
- DEC. 31st—SOKOL BELCAMP, Maryland. — New  
Year's Eve Dance.
- DEC. 31st—SOKOL SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.  
New Year's Eve Dance.
- DEC. 31st—SOKOL BALTIMORE, MARYLAND  
New Year's Eve Dance
- DEC. 31st—SOKOL ST. LOUIS, Missouri. — New  
Year's Eve Dance. Reservations.
- DEC. 31st—SOKOL DETROIT, Mich. — Gala New  
Year's Party, Hall of Local No. 900, 29841 Van  
Born, Inkster, Michigan.
- DEC. 31st—SOKOL HAVLICEK-TYRS, Chicago,  
Ill. — New Year's Eve Dance.
- DEC. 31st—SOKOL LOS ANGELES, California.  
New Year's Eve "Sylvestr."
- JAN. 16, 1965—SOKOL ST. LOUIS, Missouri. —  
Annual Barn Dance, National Hall.
- JAN. 17, 1965—N.E. DISTRICT ANNUAL MEET-  
ING, Sokol Tyrs, Cleveland, Ohio.
- JAN. 17—SOKOL BALTIMORE, Md. — Dinner.
- JAN. 23, 1965—SOKOL TOWN OF LAKE Town-  
ites Social Club — Masquerade Dance, Highland-  
ers Halls, 3145 W. 51st St., Chicago.
- JAN. 30, 1965—SOKOL TYRS, Cleveland, Ohio.  
"Nite in Prague"—Benefit traveling fund for  
gymnasts.
- FEB.—SOKOL TYRS BOL., Cleveland, Ohio.  
Games Party.
- FEB. 6th, 1965—SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WIS.  
Jaternice Supper and Social

- FEB. 13, 1965—SOKOL WEST SUBURBAN,  
Downers Grove, Ill. — Sweetheart Dance at  
Laboreis Hall, Cass Ave. and Ogden, Westmont,  
Ill. Frank Kouba and his Gay Bohemians will  
provide the music.
- FEB. 20, 1965—SOKOL BALTIMORE, Maryland.  
Sibrinky.
- FEB. 28th, 1965—SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WIS.  
Winter Outdoor Carnival
- MAR., 1965—SOKOL BALTIMORE, Maryland.  
Talent Show.
- MAR. 27th—SOKOL BALTIMORE, MARYLAND  
Dozvuky
- APR. 25th—SOKOL BALTIMORE, Maryland.  
Gymnastic Exhibition.
- MAY 8, 1965—SOKOL WEST SUBURBAN, Down-  
ers Grove, Ill. — Gymnastic Exhibition at Sokol  
Brookfield.
- MAY 8, 1965—SOKOL WEST SUBURBAN, Down-  
ers Grove, Ill. — Rummage Sale in Downers  
Grove, Ill.
- MAY 15th, 1965—SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WIS.  
Annual Exhibition
- MAY 22nd, 1965—SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WIS.  
Interclass Meet

JOSEF KUČERA

## Sokol Mladočech, Racine, Wis.

Nyní, kdy AOS. připravuje oslavy století Sokol-  
stva v Americe a náčelnictva pracují na společných  
cvičeniích, záleží na nás, abychom naplnili všechny  
své síly a zdvojnásobili návštěvy v tělocvičně. Pří-  
prava vyžaduje mnoho času a nesmíme odkládat  
den ode dne s tím, co máme svědomitě činit každé-  
ho dne.

Nám tuto sezonu chybí cvičitel hochů. Ztratili  
jsme ses. Eileen Smerchek a Clifford Vacek, kteří  
byli cvičiteli a nyní jsou posluchači na "College".  
Možnost účastnit se v tělocvičně tím odpadá, ale  
doufáme, že po skončení studií se nám vrátí na je-  
jich místa. Hled'me vyplnit jimi opuštěná místa!  
Bratři! Kteří jste bývali cvičenci či cvičiteli, přijd'-  
te a vypomozte jednotě. Věnujte nějakou tu hodinu  
času týdně tam, kde vykonáte užitečné dílo. Vím,  
že po tak dlouhém odpočinku, po dlouhých prázdní-  
nách, je nesnadno zabrat v práci, která vyžaduje  
Váš čas a dá Vám jistou odpovědnost — však ho-  
diny, které věnujete s láskou sokolské idej, výcho-  
vě mládeže, naší budoucnosti, Vám dá vnitřní uspo-  
kojení a radost. Vždyť je to služba národu. Tedy  
s chutí do práce — pro dobro jednoty.

Nad míru jsme byli s mojí manželkou potěšeni  
překvapenkou, kterou na nás uspořádalo členstvo  
Sokola, Sokolic a American Czech klubu, u příleži-  
tosti padesáti let našeho manželství. Díky! Díky  
Vám všem! Nikdy nezapomeneme lásky projevené  
nám toho večera. Zvláště těm sestřím, které při-  
pravily zlatou dekoraci, bru. starostovi Fetkovi za  
jeho projev a sestře Irmě Stephens za předvedení  
snímků o naší práci.

Za Sokol Mladočech přeji všemu Sokolstvu veselé  
Vánoce a št'astný Nový rok.

Oslavám století přeji plný úspěch. Pomozme k  
jejich slavnému vyvrcholení. A nyní — do práce.  
Nazdar!

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## ITS OFFICIAL!!

### February 15, 1965, To Be the First Day of Issue of the Sokols Physical Fitness Stamp

February 14, 1965, marks the Centennial of the Sokol Movement in America. A long road has been traveled since the first Sokol Unit saw the light of day in St. Louis, Missouri. And on the first day of crossing the threshold into its second century, the entire Sokol Movement will receive an honor that can be called the crowning glory of its efforts. On February 15, 1965, in Washington, D. C., the Sokols Physical Fitness Stamp will have its first day of issue, launched upon its journey by dignified ceremonies. Official Washington and thousands of Sokols and their friends will be present for this historic event. Such was the happy news received by the Sokols Centennial Commemorative Stamp Committee from the Postmaster General's office.

With feelings of justifiable pride we announce to the public, all Units and Districts of the American Sokol Organization and all Sokol Member Organizations, that the Committee for the Sokol Stamp has already carried out necessary preparations for dignified ceremonies so appropriately fitting on this historic occasion.

These will be:

1. Official Sokol Excursions from all parts of the United States to Washington, D. C., for the February 13-15 events.
2. Saturday evening, February 13th, a gymnastic Akademie where all Sokol Organizations will have representative special numbers.
3. Sunday evening, February 14, official banquet attended by government officials and leaders of the Sokol, Fraternal, National, Cultural and ethnic groups.
4. Monday morning, February 15th, 1965—Official First Day of Issue ceremonies.

First Day Covers and Postcards have been designed and are in print. Beautiful in execution and context, they will surely satisfy the most critical philatelists and please all Sokol families and their friends.

The Sokols Physical Fitness Stamp will figuratively fly over every section of the United States—and throughout the world.

"The Sokols are an American treasure," announced Postmaster General John A. Gronouski in his remarks at the unveiling of the Sokols Stamp design. We shall all make certain that all the ceremonies connected with the first day of issue will be a resounding success, and that the Sokols proven ability to lead the nation to physical fitness, moral and spiritual elevation will be ineradicably entered in the history of the entire Sokol Movement in America.

The Sokols Centennial Commemorative Stamp Committee is grateful for the support and cooperation of our Sokol and ethnic group public appeals to everyone.

Prepare for the excursions to Washington, D. C., on February 13-15, 1965! There we will end one century of Sokol work and enter another more than ever convinced of the indispensable value of the Sokol idea and ideals. Cross this threshold with us. Prepare in your Units, lodges, clubs, organizations and families, for your orders for the Physical Fitness Stamp and the first day covers and postcards. Don't miss this unique opportunity to be a participant in the beautiful and historic ceremonies in Washington, D. C. Make certain that you are a witness, an eyewitness, when the Sokols Physical Fitness Stamp starts its flight throughout the world announcing a great democracy's recognition of its past and honors the Sokol Movement for its great physical, moral and spiritual force for the future of the nation.

Be present with your Sokols in the days of their great victory.

#### SOKOL CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE STAMP COMMITTEE

## SPECIAL TOUR TO SOKOL COMMEMORATIVE STAMP CEREMONIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

**February 12-16, 1965**

You are cordially invited to attend a SPECIAL TOUR to Washington, D. C., to the Stamp ceremonies, leaving Chicago by R. R., Friday, February 12th, and returning Tuesday, February 16th, 1965.

For the small sum of \$95.00 you can be an eyewitness to the historic Centennial Sokol Stamp ceremonies and all the events connected with it.

\$95.00 includes round trip rail transpor-

tation (Coach), 2 nights in a very fine Statler-Hilton in Washington, D. C., 4 meals on the train, banquet ticket, Akademie admission, sightseeing, transfer of baggage and passengers.

Slumber coach accommodations available at a slightly higher rate.

Make your reservation now, by sending a deposit of \$25.00 per person. The balance due February 1st, 1965.

## ZVLÁŠTNÍ ZÁJEZD DO WASHINGTONU, D. C. Z CHICAGA

**ke slavnostem sokolské poštovní pamětní známky od 12. do 16. února 1965.**

Jste srdečně zváni k účasti ve zvláštním zájezdu do Washingtonu, D. C. k obřadu vydání sokolské známky a ke všem slavnostem s touto událostí spojených, které se konají ve dnech od 12. do 16. února, 1965.

Za poměrně nízkou cenu zájezdu \$95.00 budete očitými svědky historického obřadu odevzdání sokolské známky veřejnosti — prvního dne jejího vydání a všech slavností s touto významnou událostí spojených.

V ceně zájezdu \$95.00 je zahrnuta okružní jízdenka vlakem (coach), 2 přenocování v krásném hotelu ve Washingtonu, D. C., 4 jídla ve vlaku, vstupné na akademii a banquet, prohlídka města, doprava zavazadel a jejich přeprava v hotelu.

Je možno objednat místo s přespaním ve vlaku (Slumber coach) za málo vyšší cenu.

Zabezpečte si rezervace ihned se složením \$25.00 za osobu. Zbytek ceny zájezdu k doplacení 1. února 1965.

**AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION**

**SOKOLS PHYSICAL FITNESS COMMEMORATIVE STAMP**

**Stamp Drive**

5611 WEST CERMAK ROAD

CICERO, ILLINOIS 60650

**COMMEMORATIVE STAMP**

Please enter my order for the following Sokols Physical Fitness Commemorative Postage Stamps—  
1st DAY ISSUE.

_____ Sheets of (50) 5c stamps .....	2.50	\$ _____
_____ Cover with one 5c stamp .....	at 25c	\$ _____
_____ Cover with two 5c stamps .....	at 30c	\$ _____
_____ Cover with block of four 5c stamps .....	at 40c	\$ _____
_____ Cover with block of four 5c stamps with plate number or zip code .....	at 90c	\$ _____
_____ Centennial Postcard with 5c stamp .....	20c	\$ _____
_____ Block of four 5c stamps with block number or zip code .....	40c	\$ _____
_____ 3 First Day Issue envelopes without stamps .....	35c	\$ _____
_____ Set of 10 Centennial Postcards without stamp .....	1.00	\$ _____

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Orders up to \$25.00 .....	.50	\$ _____
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Registered mail will be provided per request for additional charge of 60c up to \$10.00 and 75c up to \$100.00

TOTAL — check enclosed ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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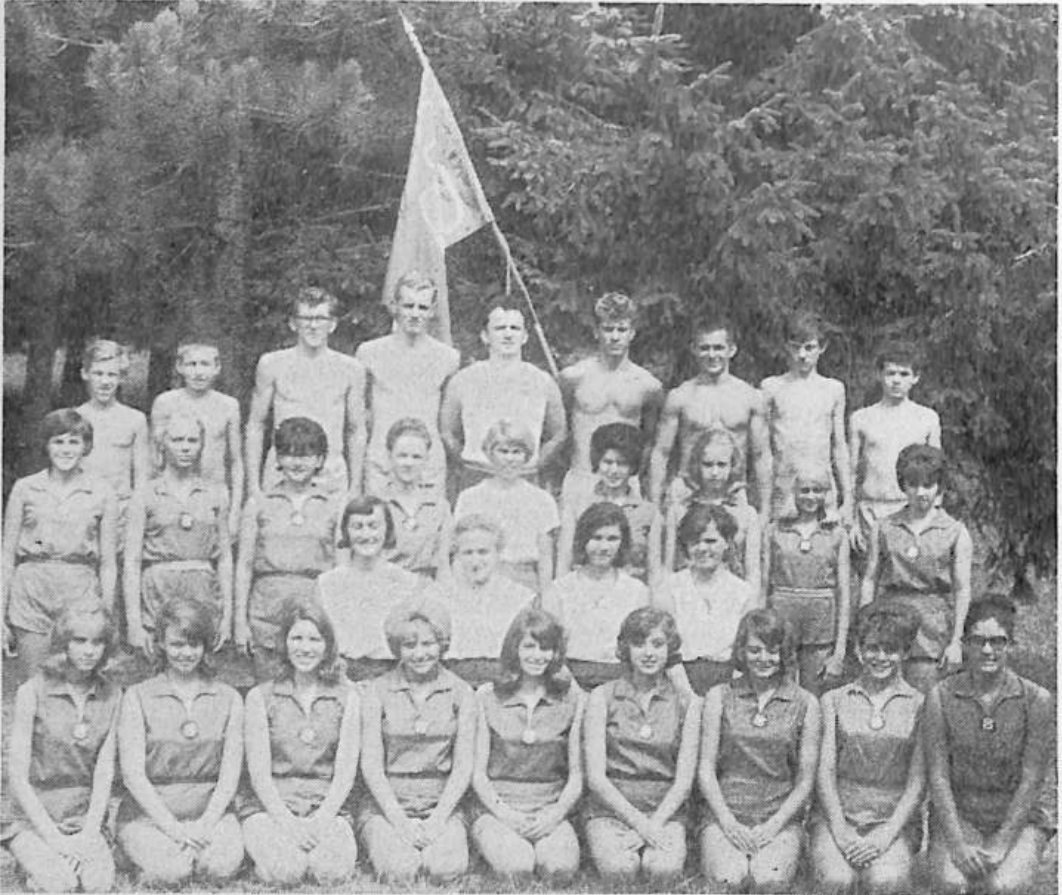
## Eastern District 1964 Instructors' Course

The 1964 Eastern District Instructors' Course was the largest held in the Eastern District in the last fifteen years. Not only was the registration large, but the eagerness of the students was noticeably greater than many previous courses. This bright, lively, and sincere group made the teaching job so very satisfying. A good number of the students showed exceptional potential as future Sokol leaders and I am sure that many will attend the National Course following the Centennial Slet to

further prepare themselves as Sokol leaders. I am certain that other instructors and assistants including Marie Provaznik, Vera Soukup, Stanley Mergl, Walter Slavik, Maryann Cmar, Frank Capek, Jerry Hardy, Audrey Benda, Frank Kubelka, Miro Sauer, and Joy Misek join me in my enthusiasm about an exceptional 1964 Instructors' Course student body.

Norma B. Zabka,

Eastern District Director of Women



**BOTTOM ROW:** E. Barters, M. Simonics, E. Szatanski, J. Janakis, D. Eskra, J. Shour, M. Dolezal, K. Michalik, A. Jones. — **2nd ROW:** N. Zabka, M. Provaznik, V. Soukup, M. Cmar. — **3rd ROW:** S. Marr, E. Drgon, C. Tuma, C. Tuma, R. Sicky, M. Wolak, C. Stuetzel, J. Mentlik, L. Healy. — **TOP ROW:** J. Kolnik, H. Hamilton, S. Maticka, W. Rudowski, S. Mergl, R. Vermokowitz, A. Ondira, J. Stepanek, R. Gomez.

Students represented Baltimore, Belcamp, Fuegner, Little Ferry, and New York Units.

## Sokol Pilgrimage To St. Louis, Mo.

Three historical events are awaiting us in 1965 and as the current year is shortly coming to an end we should concentrate all our efforts to make them the greatest achievements of our times. This should be our foremost task and our goal! This must be the year when all of us must be proud to

be members of our great Sokol organization. This must be the year when we will pay tribute to our founders, to pay homage to their memory and this must be the year which will go down as the most glorious in posterity! The first event will be the issuance of the Sokols commemorative stamp,

the second the Pilgrimage to St. Louis, our cradle, on June 4, 5, and 6, and the Sokol Centennial Slet in Chicagoland June 24 to 27, 1965. Our St. Louis Centennial Committee does not wish to harm the Centennial Slet in Chicago. We aim to send to the Slet the greatest number of participants in our history, with a large delegation from St. Louis. We are preparing a vast program for our own Centennial and the Sokol Pilgrimage voted on at the last Sokol convention in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

You will be proud to see our new beautiful and modern Sokol hall and if you are fortunate to come on Friday, June 4th, you can enjoy a Moonlite Dance at our Sokol camp. I am sure many remember the wonderful time we had there ten years ago during our Sokol Slet. On Saturday, June 5th, you will witness the competitions of the Central District of ASO. and in the evening we are preparing a banquet at the Chase Hotel, the largest in

St. Louis and close to the new Sokol building. Next to the banquet hall will be a dance for the younger generation and those who do not wish to partake in the banquet. Sunday at 2 P.M. a Gymnastic Exhibition of the Central District of ASO. will be held at the St. Louis University gymnasium. The three day celebration will be ended with a Farewell Dance at the new Sokol Hall. For all the participants and guests we have wonderful and reasonable facilities at the beautiful Chase Hotel. With our Centennial at the same time, St. Louis is celebrating its Bi-Centennial and you will see the new arch which will be higher than the Washington Monument, the building of our new stadium and the riverfront and many other attractions. Let us again revive that old song "Meet Me In St. Louie, Louie" and make those three days the "Sokol Auld Lang Syne."  
John Reiner

## Eastern District Invitational Meet Held for Junior Girl Gymnasts

NOVEMBER 14, 1964

Seventeen junior girl gymnasts competed in Belcamp during a special Invitational Meet held in our 2nd floor Social Hall at the Community Center. The participants are members of the Eastern District of the American Gymnastic Organization "Sokol," and girls present for the competition were from Baltimore, Little Ferry, New Jersey and Belcamp.

Four events were included in the afternoon's performances: 1) the hi-lo parallel bars, 2) side horse vaults, 3) free exercise calisthenics, and 4) the high balance beam. The girls were divided into Low and Intermediate Divisions for the competition, based on the difficulty of their optional routines. Serving as judges were adult members of the participating units.

The winners, announced at the end of the competition which lasted from 1:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., were the girls who compiled the most points after performing in all events. The first three places in the Low Division were won by **Anne Roch** of Little Ferry, N. J., **Paula Crothers** of Belcamp, and **Judy Kasper** of Belcamp. Top ranked in the Intermediate Division were **Jan Mentlik** of Baltimore, **Pauline Srholetz** of Little Ferry and **Sue Marr** of Baltimore.

This Invitational Meet was held in order to give all participants extra experience in performing before an audience and having their routines judged according to standards that will be emphasized in the National Gymnastic Competition in Chicago next June.

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

Held Monday, November 30th, 1964

Bro. Prchal presided.

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

### REPORTS

Reports were received and read from the Eastern and Northeastern Districts.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Sokol Cedar Rapids, Iowa, bro. John Maruska, Nardin, Oklahoma, and the Southern District sent letters of congratulations and appreciation for the work done by members of the Sokol Centennial Commemorative Stamp Committee.

The Canadian Sokol Organization accepts sponsorship and invitation to participate in the Slet. They extend to the ASO. an invitation to participate in their Czechoslovak Day and Slet to be held July 4th, 1965.

Senator Roman Hruska acknowledged our congratulations on his re-election.

The Southern District acknowledges receipt of our check for \$300.00 for the District School and announce November 22nd as the date of their annual meeting.

The Denni Hlasatel, Novy Svet, Cleveland, New Yorske Listy and Americke Listy extend greetings for the Holiday Season and ask that we place a greeting in the special New Year issue of their publication. All of the greetings were approved.

The Central District sent a bill for two instructors for their school held at Potters Lake, Wis., in the amount of \$300.00 which was approved.

Sokol Nova Vlast, Cleveland, O., express their sincere gratitude and thanks to bro. Prchal and sisters Cihak and Falta for taking part in their program honoring long term members.

The N. E. District expressed their dissatisfaction with their present representative on the ASO. By-Laws Committee. The matter was carefully analyzed. Due to the fact that bro. Tichy has moved out of the District, requested to be relieved of his duties as delegate to the Exec. Committee of the N. E. District and his inactivity in the District,

the ASO. will suggest that the N. E. District write to bro. Tichy and resolve their problems with him. There is no precedent in this matter. A copy of our letter to the District and a copy of the District letter will be sent to bro. Tichy.

Bro. Kucera of Texas requested technical material for the 1965 Czechoslovak Day which will be dedicated to Sokol and SPJST. Sis. Cihak had already taken up the request with bro. Barcal during bro. Halik's hospitalization and sis. Prchal's absence. The letter was turned over to the BOI.

Joseph A. Blatecky, Attorney at Law, asked for a letter certifying that Sokol Milwaukee is a member Unit of the American Sokol Organization. He is seeking tax exemption for them. The letter was sent.

Several telegrams regarding the Czechoslovak State Folk Dance Troupe from Prague were received. No action was taken by the officers of the Executive Board. This action was approved.

Bro. Rokusek sent another letter regarding the Units exemption from income tax. The fact remains that the ASO. cannot seek exemption for individual units because of the fact that some of them are connected with profit making ventures such as they have in Omaha.

The Bohemian Home for the Aged request ASO. representation in their organization.

U. S. Olympic Committee is trying to improve the effectiveness of the U. S. Olympic effort, consistent with the broad physical fitness program of the U. S. They are asking us to furnish information on a questionnaire. It will be turned over to the BOI.

#### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Sokol Belcamp reported on their special evening exhibition held November 8th where young gymnasts performed for parents.

Sokol Fuegner Tyrs requested material for starting an educational program in connection with their Sokol meetings.

Lincoln Federal Savings & Loan Association requested the ASO. to prepare an exhibit on Sokol which is to be opened to the public on Sunday, December 6th, from 2 to 6 p.m., on the second floor of their establishment. The space allotted each group is 36" x 72". Bro. Prchal will set up the exhibit and sis. Cihak will help prepare the material. Refreshments will be served by the Lincoln Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n. It will be necessary to secure a sign with the words American Sokol Organization. Approved.

A large case of publicity folders was requested by Sokol Houston to use in their fund drive for building a new Sokol Hall. Another supply of 500 was requested by Sokol Detroit. After they were shipped bro. Siedlik sent a letter stating they requested the wrong folder. They really wanted 500 copies of the special memorandum submitted to the Postmaster General and to Senators, Representatives and people in public office who were helpful in securing the stamp. We explained that this memorandum was quite expensive, that a limited number had been printed to serve a specific purpose. We suggested that they have the contents reprinted in some other form if they felt it would help them.

Bro. Frank Kopecky, President of the Western District, had been hospitalized for some time. Also on the sick list is a former member of the Exec. Board bro. Fred Vodak. Greetings and best wishes for a speedy recovery were sent to both of them.

Letters of congratulations on their re-election were sent to Governor Kerner and Senator Roman L. Hruska.

Letters in Czech and English were prepared for the Annual Meetings regarding our Centennial Year and election of officers. Forms for the newly elected officers were also included.

Letters in Czech and English were sent to Units about the election of delegates to the X. General Convention.

Letters were sent to all Central District Units requesting additional people to serve on the Slet Committee.

Three publicity articles were written on the excursion to Milwaukee.

Several publicity articles on the Centennial were prepared and published in the papers around the country and Europe.

All requests for material and pins were expedited. Much more was done than has been reported.

Sis. Falta graciously worked in the office while I was away and since my return for which I thank her most sincerely.

Since my return have worked almost every evening and Sundays to keep up with the tremendous amount of work to be done.

Mr. Ivan H. Drcar, former member of the Yugoslav Sokols, visited the office several times to secure material for the Yugoslav Sokols in Argentina.

Mimeographed 41 stencils for the BOI.

Two meetings of the Stamp Committee were held since its unveiling.

Bro. Cihak donated a 4 drawer steel file cabinet and a 12' runner for the floor.

Sis. Cihak submitted a report of the Excursion Committee.

Bro. Halik read the minutes of the BOI. meetings held October 14th and November 11th. Also submitted his report as Director of Men.

Bro. Barcal has been re-elected I. Assistant Director of Men, bro. E. Linhart II. Assistant Director of Men. Approved.

Sis. Prchal submitted her report as Director of Women and reported on her trip to the Pacific Coast. She taught in Los Angeles, Fresno and San Francisco.

Bro. Cihak read a lengthy report on his visit to the Pacific District where he visited all of the units from Los Angeles, Calif., to Seattle, Washington. The report is addressed to the Pacific District and copies will be mailed to the District as well as the Units. Bro. Cihak's expenses were advanced by the ASO. and the bill will be passed on to the Pacific District.

Bro. Cihak read the minutes from two meetings of the Centennial Commemorative Stamp Committee held November 12th and 19th after the unveiling of the design of the stamp.

The Secretary read two letters from the Stamp Committee in which they request the ASO. history for the program book.

## Financial Report ASO. November, 1964

### INCOME

Dues .....	\$1,976.50
Convention fund .....	27.00
Interest and dividends .....	201.30
Jewelry .....	38.17
T. G. Masaryk Unit .....	5.00
Artistic Gymnastics .....	50.00
Attendance binders, photographs .....	32.92
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	\$2,330.89

### DISBURSEMENTS

Office equipment .....	\$ 111.20
Vault, telephone, janitor service, express, rental, light, postage, etc. ....	342.17
Salaries ASO. and BOI. ....	630.10
Slet expense .....	50.32
Sokol Gymnast and Eastern District Course	406.90
Stamp Committee .....	146.53
Sokol Manuals .....	203.95
Traveling expense in Pacific District ....	245.54
Sokol Americky .....	643.96
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	\$2,780.67

### BALANCE

Totals brought forward:	
Western National Bank of Cicero checking account .....	\$3,089.19
Income—November, 1964 .....	2,330.89
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	\$5,420.08
Disbursements—November, 1964 .....	2,780.67
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	\$2,639.41

Also request permission to solicit patrons for this book from our Units, members, friends and business establishments.

They further request the ASO. to submit three numbers for the Akademie to be held Saturday, February 13th. The Eastern District will be requested to supply them.

Bro. Stetka has agreed to accept the directorship of the Akademie. Sis. Zabka, Director of Women, and bro. Capek, Director of Men of the Eastern District, have been requested to assist him. Approved.

Sokol Washington, D. C. in a letter announce that their annual meeting will be held December 4th.

They ask what functions will be required of them in the preparation of the issuance of the Sokols Physical Fitness Stamp ceremonies.

Sis. Cihak was authorized to answer all questions.

Sis. Cihak suggested that the ASO. recommend to the Stamp Committee that they make every effort to have the President of the United States proclaim February 15th, 1965, as "Physical Fitness Day" throughout the United States. Approved.

The Stamp Committee recommended that sis. Cihak visit Washington, D. C., to work out details for the success of the event. Approved.

Sis. Prchal requested permission to have competitive exercises and drills filmed.

Bids will be procured and presented to the Executive Board.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be held Monday, December 14th, 1964.

Meeting adjourned.

Blanche J. Cihak, Secretary

## Minutes of the Meetings of the Combined ASO. Bd. of Instructors

Held on October 14, and November 11, 1964

Present: bro. Halik and sis. Prchal. Members present: Sisters Ptacek, Freiberg, Halik, Tintera, Heslop, Barcal, Krizenecky, Schnabl; brothers Ptacek, Satek, Freiberg, Sula, Barcal, Lebloch, Vrba, Linhart and Jenicek. Excused were: Sisters Pokorny, Vesely, Udaykee, Mach, Kos, Pistorious and bro. Zenisek.

Bro. Halik read the corrected minutes of the last meeting. Sis. Schnabl took the minutes and read the pertinent information from the Executive Committee minutes.

Sis. Sandy Heslop, newly appointed member of the ASO.-BOI. Slet Committee, was introduced.

The following correspondence was read:

1. Letter from the Obec office which enclosed "Application for Volunteer Temporary Emergency First Aid Stations." This was given to sis. Prchal who will fill out the forms and return them.

2. Letter from sis. Cihak requesting copies of "Sokol Gymnast." Further, a request to place sis. Provaznik on the "Gymnast" mailing list.

3. A letter from the Western District regarding the weekend course: They prefer either of two weekends in January and bro. Vrba is to check on the availability of Sokol Stickney's hall.

4. A letter from bro. W. Slavik about his latest bulletin which was not sent out.

5. A copy of a letter sent by the Slet Committee to Dr. J. Ondrus, Business Manager of the J. Sterling Morton High School and Junior College, regarding the facilities necessary for our Slet.

6. Letter announcing the approval for issuance of the Sokol Stamp.

Correspondence conducted by sis. Prchal:

Her letter to sis. A. Hantl of the Northeastern District regarding the "Sokol Gymnast" and the answer received from bro. Suster.

Read the letter sent to sis. Udaykee listing guest organizations that have been invited to participate in the Slet.

Read the letter sent to bro. Lebloch, former ASO.-BOI. Secretary, from the Czechoslovak National Council which included a sheet of "Seals of Hope."

Bro. Divisek, bro. Bastar and bro. Zakrocky are interested in conducting the Slet band. Bro. Freiberg will contact the local Musicians' Union as to what the current rules are for bringing in out-of-town musicians or leaders.

Read a letter from bro. A. Walko of the SGUS, thanking her for cooperation at Potter Lake during the Central District's teacher's course. Requested that the SGUS. and ASO. have a common set of tournament rules for 1965 and 1966. Sister

Prchal will answer that we already have such a set which are valid thru the coming Slet and competitions.

Sis. Prchal mentioned her phone conversation with bro. Bagel of the SGUS. concerning the coming ASO. course. He questioned whether we want it to be a combined course and whether we want it at Potter Lake inasmuch as they have plans to renovate it. This was deferred at the moment.

Bro. Halik conducted the following correspondence:

Received a report from the Southern District along with copies of minutes of their BOI. meeting. They request track and field events and volleyball competitions at the Slet. This will be included in the survey sheets.

Survey sheets will be sent out immediately and answers are expected in by December 1st.

Discussion held re the judges' slips. They will be colored as in the past. Sis. Prchal turned over some blue contestants' numbers to the Men's Division.

Again mention was made that the SGUS. and ASO. Technical Committees meet to work out a common terminology.

Pictures of uniforms: Sis. Prchal will get the women, bro. Halik will get the men and bro. Lebloch will get the photographer.

It was decided that, as in the past, the two 1st Assistant Directors will run the Akademie—these being sis. Tintera and bro. Barcal.

Bro. Halik, sis. Prchal and the Trophy Committee will run the awards portion at the Victory Dance.

Badges for judges, tabulators, etc. were discussed and it was recommended that we have the plastic type with a pin, into which a card can be inserted showing an individual's name. Different colored ribbons are to be taped to the back, hanging down, to differentiate among various committees.

A committee for planning entrances was set up by the women. Sis. Schnabl volunteered and will ask sis. Udaykee to help her. Bro. Halik and sis. Prchal will appoint leaders later.

Better arrangements for the Championship competitions were requested. It was suggested that spectators be charged a nominal admission fee. More fanfare and attention should be given to our champions.

The ASO. Teachers' Course was brought up again. It was recommended that we hold same at Potter Lake because of their excellent facilities.

Sis. Prchal was advised to extend greetings to the Pacific District from the ASO.-BOI.

Records of all the Slet calisthenics will be cut at the Balkan Studios and sis. L. Zdenek has consented to play them.

The Secretary will be asked to write to bro. Slavik to release his June, 1964, Volume 1, No. 6 issue of the Sokol Gymnast.

Meeting was adjourned.

EllenJeanne Schnabl, Secretary pro tem

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Meeting Held November 11, 1964

Bro. Stanley Barcal presided.

Present: Sisters Schnabl, Tintera, Ptacek, Welcl-

Ruzicka, Pokorny, Kos, Dunovsky, Barcal, Freiberg, Krizenecky, Udaykee; brothers Barcal, Linhart, Vrba, Fina, Lebloch, Freiberg, Basta, Ptacek. Excused were: Sisters Halik, Mach, Prchal, Vesely, Pistorius; brothers Halik and Sula.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Sis. Schnabl was thanked for preparing them.

Excerpts of the Executive Board's minutes were read.

Bro. Freiberg reported his findings on bringing in out-of-town leaders or musicians. Sis. Welcl-Ruzicka moved the information be given to sis. Prchal.

Bro. Vrba reported that he has given Sokol Stickney's open date to bro. Halik for consideration for the Western District's Course.

Bro. Barcal reported that the Executive Board has allocated \$75.00 to the BOI. for preparation of Slet material, and that he is to be in charge of the disbursement of it.

A copy of the old graduation diploma was examined by the members. All felt that it should be modernized, however action was deferred until next month.

Secretary is to write letters to the Polish Falcons and the Catholic Sokols to invite them to participate in the Beseda.

Bro. Jirousek of the Northeastern District informs us that they have a 45 to 50 piece band made up of all Sokol members and requests that they be permitted to play in the parade or give a 45-minute concert at one of the other Slet functions. It was recommended that this be turned over to the Slet Committee.

Bro. Barcal reported that bro. Cihak has returned from his visit to the Pacific District and recommends that sis. Prchal be contacted and asked to visit some of the northern units in that District. Bro. Barcal will see what can be done about this.

A discussion was held on the importance of the Sarasota Clinic. The Men's BOI. recommended that no one be sent there. Sis. Krizenecky reported that Sokols have nothing to gain by sending a spectator. Some of our top gymnasts might gain from this clinic if they could attend. The general consensus was that our Sokols would benefit much more if this money were spent to conduct an ASO. Clinic. The BOI. will not be represented at the Sarasota Clinic. Approved.

It was recommended that the subject of ASO. conducting a clinic of this sort be put on the floor in the Technical Committee for discussion before the next convention.

PUT ON AGENDA FOR CONVENTION: Recommend the ASO. should spend money to send a few top gymnasts all over the United States to perform.

Sis. Schnabl announced that she has 13 stencils cut and ready to run off.

It looks as if our decision to send Slet work out in a binding must be reversed, since all the work is not ready, and there have been so many requests received for material. Therefore, anything that is ready, must go out "piece-meal," but immediately.

Bro. Kucera of the Southern District needs dances, marching material, calisthenics, etc. Bro. Barcal will turn over whatever material he has to bro. Halik for forwarding.

Women's BOI. asked when the Committee on Rules and By-Laws will meet. The answer received, "During Christmas vacation."

Bro. Fina requested a written report for him to present at the National AAU. convention. It was suggested that the report should emphasize units, the physical fitness postage stamp, our 100th anniversary, etc. Bro. Halik will be asked to help prepare this report.

The members voted unanimously to RECOMMEND TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD the following name for the Akademie: **GYMNASTICALE**. Tickets and advertising could carry this name and have Akademie in parenthesis, for those who would not understand the new term.

Sis. Tintera exhibited a form from the United States Jr. Chamber of Commerce on which individuals and organizations can nominate members to receive awards in the Physical Fitness Leadership Awards Program. These forms can be obtained by writing to the United States Jr. Chamber of Commerce, Boulder Park, P. O. Box 7, Tulsa 2, Oklahoma.

Bro. Fina gave a very interesting report on the Olympics which he had attended in Tokyo, Japan. He also had actual tape-recordings of most of the events.

Meeting adjourned. Mili Udaykee, Secretary

## Report of the ASO. Director of Men

Stencils for three and one-half parts of the men's calisthenics and all the men's apparatus competition exercises have been cut and run off. These have been distributed directly to the Units by mail with attendance report forms and competition rules. District Directors also received copies and were informed as to who received this material.

I had an accident in the gym at Sokol Slavsky. While spotting girls (junior) in underpass swings for dismounts and for kipuprises, one of the girls struck me a sharp blow with her heel which tore the lower bicep tendon from its insertion point. Before the week ended, x-rays confirmed the seriousness of the accident and before I could set up substitutes in school and Sokol classes, I taught another week and re-injured it during one of my school rope climbing classes. The doctor ordered immediate surgery. I will be in a cast for at least four to six weeks and unable to use the arm for any vigorous activity for at least 8 months.

Called bros. Barcal and Linhart, trying to get the junior and children's material ready for distribution. They promised to get the material ready soon.

I have many requests for children's and junior calisthenics as many Units around the country are having early (February) exhibitions.

Bro. Kubina delivered the senior music.

Confirmation of receipt of men's calisthenics and apparatus exercises from Eastern, Northeastern, Southern, and Central District.

Letters from bros. Bednar, Capek, Slavik, and sis. Zabka, two phone calls from bro. Jirousek and cards from the Southern District and Northeastern District.

Received a letter from Sokol Fuegner in South Chicago asking for help in starting children's classes.

Sis. Zabka will be in Chicago next week to attend a meeting of the DGWS. of the AAHPER., which meeting will explore and discuss the terminology problem of this country. The SGUS. is sending bro. Skapik to present the Slovak terminology and sis. Zabka asked that sis. Prchal and I attend this meeting. She also asked if we could use a Sokol gym if it became necessary to use apparatus. A high school near O'Hare where the meeting will be held would be more suitable.

I am to attend the meeting of the IHPER. at the Pick Congress Hotel this weekend.

Bro. Capek calls attention to changes of the Unit Directors in the Eastern District. Also asks for more Annual Reports.

Sis. Schnabl and sis. Udaykee spent an afternoon with me reviewing essential terminology needs for the Clinic they conducted at Sokol St. Louis this past weekend.

Bro. Lebloch visited with me and discussed various District and ASO.-BOI. matters. He promised competition exercises for the Second Class boys used by the Central District. It would be made available for national distribution.

Edwin J. Halik

## Report of the ASO. Director of Women

After composing three parts of the women's calisthenics for the 1965 Centennial Slet, the tumbling and floor exercises for junior girls and women, I cut stencils for these, also for apparatus exercises for women and junior girls. Sis. Cihak mimeographed 200 copies of each—I stapled all and mailed to districts and participating organizations before leaving for a teaching tour in Los Angeles, Fresno and San Francisco.

On October 29th I left for the Pacific Coast—detailed report will appear in next issue. Returned November 24th. Considerable correspondence had accumulated; this was taken care of. Met twice with sis. Tintera for translation of her junior girls' calisthenics—cut stencils for these.

Had women, junior girls and small girls uniform pictures retaken Sunday, December 6th; sis. Tintera assisted in adjusting uniforms for pictures. These together with information will be printed in December issue of Sokol Americky.

Bro. Albert Walko, director of SGUS., called at my home on December 8th to pick up more copies of Slet material. Discussed competition, Slet events and other matters pertaining to the Centennial.

Mildred Prchal

## Minutes of the Meetings of the Centennial Commemorative Stamp Committee

Held Thursday, November 12, and Thursday, November 19, 1964

Bro. J. Cihak presided.

Present: Bros. Cihak, Kropik, Prchal, Vodrazka and sis. Cihak.

Bro. Cihak reported on the unveiling of the Commemorative Stamp. The Postmaster General's reception room was full of Sokols and their friends, about 400 in all. The program itself was a short one with Mr. Ira Kapenstein as Master of Ceremonies. Representatives of the Sokol Organizations each spoke about two minutes. The Postmaster General's remarks closed the ceremonies and were warmly greeted.

Designs were suggested for our own first day covers.

A number of ideas were submitted and two were selected and sent to a specialty printing house. Bids were asked on lots of 25,000 for each design.

It was further decided that there be only one official Sokol Excursion to the first day issue ceremonies from our area. The ASO. Tour would include participants from the Midwest, Western, Southern and Pacific areas.

It will be suggested to the Eastern and North-eastern Districts to conduct Sokol Tours.

A brochure containing a short general history of each Sokol Organization and a general history of the Sokol Movement to be published for the stamp ceremonies. No advertising. Patrons to be secured instead. The amount to be \$100.00, \$75.00, \$50.00, \$25.00, \$15.00, \$10.00 and \$5.00.

The stamp will be issued Monday, February 15, 1965. — Nazdar!

Blanche J. Cihak, Secretary

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### Meeting Held November 19, 1964

Bro. J. Cihak presided.

Present: Bros. Cihak, Kropik, Prchal and sis. Cihak.

Sis. Cihak reported on the preparatory work that had been carried on. Four suggestions and sketches were made up for first day covers and sent to the specialty printing house.

The first day of issue will be February 15, 1965, in Washington, D. C. The following recommendations were presented and approved.

1. That all tours arrive in Washington, D. C., Saturday, February 13, 1965.
2. That an Akademie be held on Saturday evening. Bro. Edward Stetka, Director of the Southern Circuit of the Eastern District, be appointed to direct the program. Bro. Frank Capek and sis. Norma Zabka to assist him.

All member organizations to be requested to submit several numbers in various age groups for consideration. Czechoslovak Sokols Abroad and Canadian Sokols to be invited to participate with one number. Sis. Uhlir of New York who successfully presented the Czechoslovak Beseda at the Czechoslovak Day of the World's Fair in New York

be requested to have her dance group participate on this evening also.

Letters were prepared and submitted at the meeting for approval.

Sokol Washington, D. C. and Sokol Baltimore were requested to assist in supplying work committees.

Bro. E. Stetka announced that he accepts directorship of the program and that he would request bro. Stovicek, Director of Men of Sokol Washington, D. C., to assist him.

Tentative plans for the banquet will be made. It was recommended that sis. Cihak go to Washington, D. C. to work out the details.

The Tour to include transportation by R. R., 2 nights in hotel, Akademie, banquet, issuance of stamp ceremony, sightseeing tour and White House tour. It was further recommended that a wreath laying ceremony at the grave of the Tomb of the Unknowns and the grave of President Kennedy be held.

Bro. Charles Kropik accepted chairmanship of the banquet.

General plans for the banquet and program were discussed. Also first day issue and ceremony.

Nazdar!

Blanche J. Cihak, Secretary

Blanche J. Cihak

## Report of the Excursion Committee

The ASO. Excursion to Hawaii was combined with Mr. Heger's Autumn Tour and left on Saturday, October 24th, with a total of 17 passengers, 8 of whom booked through the ASO., the balance through Heger Travel. The Tour was excellent, fine letters from our very satisfied passengers speak of nothing but praise.

More than 200 people made reservations for the Milwaukee Folk Fair Tour. Due to inclement weather on Friday afternoon preceding the day of departure and the cold on Saturday morning we had a number of cancellations. In spite of all of this we had 1 bus from the South Side with 34 passengers. Bro. Anton Smunt was in charge of it. Four buses with a total of 159 passengers left our office. This made a total of 193.

The Fair was very nice. The children's program at 1:30 in the afternoon was very good. Sokol children, boys and girls, under the leadership of bro. Stankovsky and Richter put on a tumbling number and received the greatest applause.

The entire group attended the evening program which was excellent. All of the numbers were very good. The coordination of the entire program must have been in the hands of a very competent professional director.

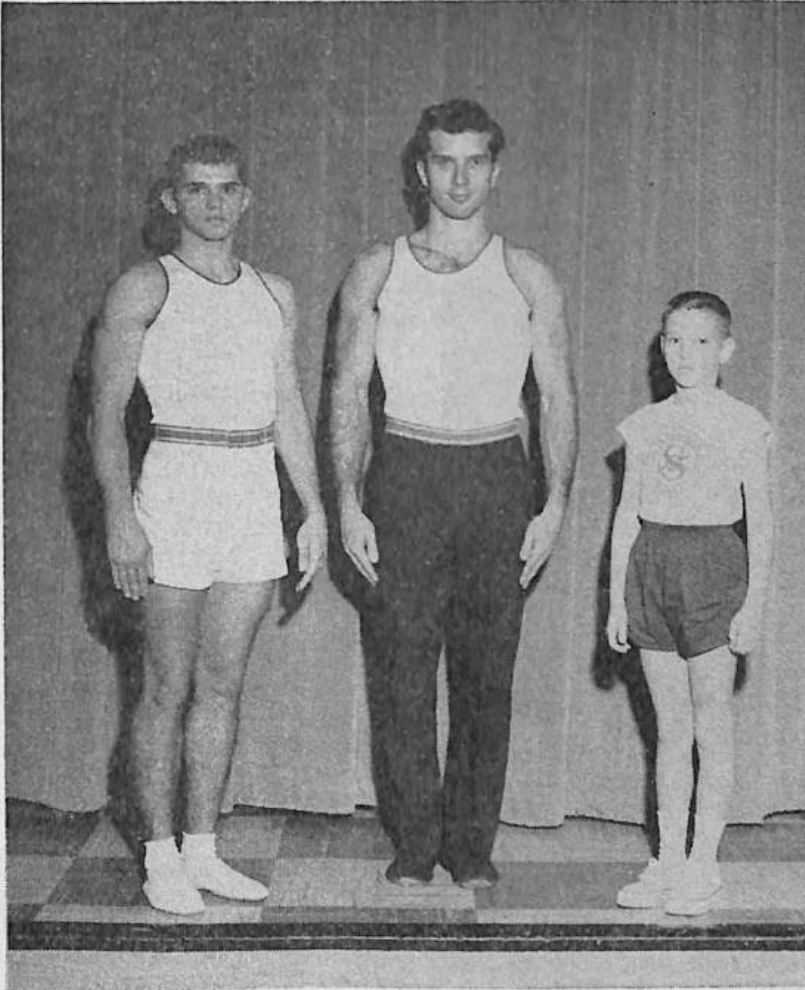
The amphitheater of the Auditorium was filled to capacity for both performances. We have received nothing but praise for the excursion and everyone wanted to know where do we go next.

My personal thanks go to sisters Falta, Rubin, Zacek and bro. Prchal and Smunt for their help in conducting individual buses.

Everybody paid their trip including all of the conductors.

## REGULATION GYMNASTIC UNIFORMS FOR AMERICAN SOKOL CENTENNIAL COMPETITIONS AND SLET - 1965

### MEN'S DEPARTMENT



1st and 2nd Class boys (pre-Junior boys) uniform: White cotton T-shirt with navy blue Sokol emblem stamped on front; navy blue boxer-type trunks; white lightweight anklets; gym shoes—white basketball type; for apparatus work it is recommended that black leather soft-soled gym shoes be worn.

Junior boys: White trim shorts with Sokol belt, white "Sokol style" men's shirt with red trim; white leather soft-soled gym slippers, white lightweight cotton anklets.

Men: Dark blue "Sokol style" long pants with Sokol belt; white shirt with red trim; black leather soft-soled gym shoes. (The nylon men's uniform pants will be acceptable.) White boxer type shorts may be used in Floor Exercise.

For all compulsory exercises in all divisions, regulation Sokol uniforms shall be worn. For Championship, junior boys and men: White gymnastic pants, regulation senior men's shirt, and white gymnastic shoes.

Junior boys, Edwin Halik, Jr., Sokol Slavsky; men, bro. Tony Kirch, Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs; small boys, Russel Zitny, Sokol Brookfield.

### Anna T. Ripa

28. října, v nemocnici v Crete, zemřela naše starší sestra, Anna T. Ripa. Bylo jí dopřáno 86 roků a 7 měsíců života.

Narodila se v Pleasant Hill, Nebraska, vychodila vyšší školu v Crete a po devět roků vyučovala na venkovské škole v Saline County, Nebr. Byla dobrou učitelkou.

K věci sokolské měla velikou, opravdovou lásku. O činnost v jednotě měla nejednu zásluhu. Byla také jednou z těch, které před 35-40 lety tančily "Besedu" na slavnostech a zábavách.

Měla ráda květiny. Její domov i v zimě oplýval barvami květů — byl jako zahrádka.

Rozloučili jsme se s ní v Zajíčkové pohřební ústavě a byla pohřbena na Česko-slovanském hřbitově blízko Wilber.

Budeme dlouho vzpomínat.

Eliška Kostka



MAY THE BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS  
BRING YOU JOY AND HAPPINESS  
AND THE NEW YEAR  
HEALTH AND PEACE OF MIND

In lieu of Christmas cards contributions were made to the "Future Sokol Leaders Fund" by:

Charles and Mildred Prehal  
Blanche and Jim Cihak



## WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT



Women, sis. Judie Liewald, Sokol Tabor; Junior girls, Ardis Sheridan, Sokol Stickney; small girls, Julie Barcal, Sokol Slavsky.

1st and 2nd Class girls: White blouse with Sokol emblem on left side of chest; red trunks with elastic; white bustier brown socks, black ballet slippers, red hair band.

Junior girls: Royal blue leotard with Sokol belt and Sokol emblem in center below neck line; black ballet slippers. (No socks or hair band.)

Women: White blouse with extended red trim around neck that serves as a tie; red trim around arm holes; darts in front of blouse for better fitting; close-fitting trunks of navy blue with Sokol belt; black ballet slippers. Red figured Sokol headpiece.

Championship Division—Junior girls and women: royal blue, short-sleeve Helanca leotard; white ballet slippers; bare feet are optional; Sokol emblem in center below neck line.

Guest organization members may compete in the uniform designated as official by their respective organizations.

Unit directors and instructors should inspect each gymnast's uniform. Faded or discolored belts should be replaced with new ones. Sokol shirts and blouses with faded trim should be replaced. Point deductions shall be taken for uniform infractions. Orders for new uniforms should be placed now to avoid the spring and early summer rush.

## FROM OUR DISTRICTS

### EASTERN DISTRICT

Meeting held November 16, 1964, with 11 present.

A bus trip is planned to Washington to the Centennial Stamp celebrations.

Bro. Capek, Director of Men, reported that a training period is held at Sokol Little Ferry every Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m.

United Sokols bowling tournament will be held at Sunnyside on Saturday, December 12th. Bro. Zraly is manager of the team.

A volleyball tournament of the United Sokols will be held December 28th. The eliminations will be held prior to Dec. 28th. There will be four teams represented from the Eastern District. Senior men and women and junior girls and boys.

Sis. Zabka, Director of Women, reported on the distribution of competition moves for junior girls and women.

Unit reports. — Bro. Sahulka, President of Sokol Newark, has undergone surgery and is recuperating at home. The District wishes him a speedy recovery.

New York Sokol bazaar to held Dec. 4 and 5.

Sokol Little Ferry held an official reopening of their hall. They have started more renovations.

4 junior girls attended competitions at Sokol Belcamp.

Bro. Capek reported on the success of the testimonial honoring bro. Charles Divisek.

A banquet commemorating the 100th anniversary of Sokol is planned for September.

### NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

Twenty-one delegates were present at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Northeastern District on Wednesday, October 21, 1964.

Judging from their reports, the various units of the District are off to a successful Sokol year. Sokol Cleveland-Cech-Havlicek reported all their gym

classes in full swing. The unit had a fine pork dinner and rummage sale on October 18th, and the gym classes are planning a Christmas bazaar for November 29th, for the purpose of raising money for the travel fund.

Sokol Nova Vlast started this year's program with a tribute to the Sokol past by paying its respects to the long-time members at a banquet on October 11th. Those in attendance included visitors from Chicago, sis. Cihak, bro. Prchal and sis. Falta.

On October 4th, Sokol Tyrš had a 45th anniversary banquet. The Theatrical Guild of Sokol Tyrš will present a musical comedy, "Rough 'n Ready" on November 7 and 8.

Sokolice Detroit is very busy raising money for their building fund. Their summer festival activities were very successful, producing a profit of over \$4,000.00 for their Building Fund. The unit will hold an Akademie on Dec. 5th.

The Executive Committee of the N. E. District is sponsoring an Akademie on Nov. 21, at Cleveland, Ohio, in which the three Sokol units in Cleveland will participate. Proceeds from this event will be used to defray traveling expenses of the gymnasts to the Slet in Chicago in June, 1965.

The annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Northeastern District will be held on Sunday, January 17, 1965, at 10:00 a.m. at Sokol Tyrš Hall.

The women of the district have sold over 4,400 cook books, and orders are still coming in.

## Schůze ústředního výboru župy Střední,

konané ve středu, 28. října, 1964.

Předsedal br. Václav Šimaner.

Na dopis Československé Národní Rady povoleny \$2.00 za nálepky.

Čten dopis ze schůze Slavnostního Výboru Sokola St. Louis, které se účastnil starosta župy br. Šimaner. Br. Šimaner vysvětlil dodatečně otázky týkající se schůze a veškeré rozhodnutí výboru byly přijaty. Název podniků bude: Sokol St. Louis Centennial, Annual Gymnastic Exhibition of the Central District, American Sokol Organization, a nejdělní program bude konán v St. Louis University gymnasiu. Závody budou konány v některé blízké vyšší škole.

Náčelník Paul Lebloch podal zprávu. V přípravě jsou závody dorostenců a mužů ve volleyball a dorostenců v basketballu. Náčelník spolu s bratrem Žitným upravili závody pro druhou třídu žáků. Sokol Havlíček-Tyrš a Sokol Berwyn předvedli Besedu na oslavě 28. října pořádané Československými legionáři.

Náčelnice sestra EllenJeanne Schnabl podala zprávu. V plánech a přípravách jsou: účast na závodech Central AAU. 14. listopadu, sestavení prostých pro "Tots" a závodních cviků dorostenek a žen.

Ujednána účast Sokola Berwyn a Brookfield společně s Klubem Bedřich Smetana na programu Museum of Science and Industry 5. prosince u příležitosti Československého dne.

Pokladník br. Drnec připravil šeky na jednu třetinu obnosu, který jednoty vydaly na kursisty.

ELIŠKA KOSTKA

## Sokol Wilber



Náš Sokol Wilber se těší pozornosti místních novin. Každého měsíce, po schůzi jednoty přináší zprávu o našem jednání. Přinesly i články o Sokolské známce, o jejíž vydání jsme se také úsilovně přičiňovali.

Omažský "World Herald" přinesl 15. listopadu barevný obrázek mladé, populární naší sestry Lois Chab, a píše o její účasti na sokolském programu fyzické zdatnosti, na sletech, tanci sokolů v besedě a její zpěvu. Je skromná, tichá, nadaná.

Příkládám obrázek našich nejmladších tanečniců besedy. Byl vzat v září 1964 v Saline Center, při oslavě 25. výročí postavení spolkové síně ZČBJ. Skupina nejmladších od čtyř let tančí moravské národní tanečky a ty trošku větší, asi tak 7-10 let, tančí besedu.

Jsmo si vědomi rozhodujícího významu sokolské výchovy a ideálů bratrství, demokracie, pokroku. Máme své starosti, ale staráme se poctivě, aby bylo lépe. Je nás dosti a mnoho by mohlo jinak a lépe býti, kdyby každý z nás to naše krásné, pravé sokolství šířil s opravdovou láskou všude tam, kde přijde ve styk s lidmi.

Děkuji členstvu upřímně a sestersky za všechno, co pro Sokol Wilber konalo a koná. Vyrvejte, nelekejte se obtíží! Jubilejní rok Amerického Sokolstva, 1965, musí i u nás znamenat nový krok kupředu! Nazdar!

## Za bratrem Jos. Sobotkou.

V pondělí, dne 9. listopadu, zemřel br. Josef Sobotka, člen Sokola Havlíček-Tyrš, ve stáří 72 let. Byl narozen v Malé Lasenici v Československu a posledních šest let bydlel v Sarasota, Fla., na odpočinku. Byl členem Sokola po 46 roků, dobrý cvičenec, závodník a zastával úřady ve cvičitelském sboru jednoty. Byl jedním z těch starých sokolů, za které nenacházíme náhrady; idealista, dobrý a poctivý muž, který nikdy nezapomínal na svoji rodinou vlast. Přes to, že byl vzdálen na tisíc mil od své jednoty, stále se zajímal o její život, byl věrným přispívatelem a dobrým členem. Vyslovujeme touto cestou naši nehlubší soustrast jeho manželce, dcerám a všem příbuzným.

## TRIUMF SOKOLSKÝCH SNAH!

**V pondělí, dne 15. února 1965, sokolská poštovní známka fyzické zdatnosti bude veřejnosti slavnostně odevzdána ve Washingtonu.**

14. února roku 1965 dovrší běh času 100 let života Amerického Sokolstva, kterému byl dán začátek založením první sokolské jednoty v St. Louis, Missouri. A v prvý den vstupu do druhého století jeho života dostane se celému sokolskému hnutí v Americe pocty, která může být nazvána triumfem jeho snah, protože právě 15. února 1965 bude ve Washingtonu, D. C. veřejnosti odevzdána slavnostním způsobem — za přítomnosti významných vládních činitelů — sokolská poštovní známka fyzické zdatnosti. Tak to bylo Výboru pro sokolskou známku úředně v těchto dnech oznámeno z úřadu Generálního Poštmistra.

S pocity radostné hrdoosti sdělujeme naší veřejnosti, všem sokolským jednotám a župám AOS, a všem sokolským organizacím, že Výbor pro sokolskou známku již provedl potřebné přípravy k důstojné oslavě tak nesmírně důležité a svým významem historické události.

Budou to:

Ve dnech od 13. do 15. února 1965 oficiální zájezdy Americké Obce Sokolské ze všech míst Spojených států do Washingtonu, D. C.

13. února — v sobotu večer — tělocvičná akademie, na které vystoupí skupiny všech sokolských organizací, včetně Čsl. Sokola v zahraničí a Kanadského Sokola.

14. února — v neděli večer — velkolepý banket s účastí vládních osobností a významných představitelů sokolského i krajanského života.

15. února — v pondělí dopoledne — slavnostní obřad odevzdání sokolské poštovní známky fyzické zdatnosti americké veřejnosti.

Je již připraven tisk krásných obálek a pohlednic prvního dne vydání, které uspokojí i nejnáročnější filatelisty a potěší všechny členy sokolské rodiny i jejich přátele.

Hermína Matoušková

### Sokol Schenectady.

Mám smutnou zprávu. Naše jednotka, Sokol Schenectady, ztratila dva své dobré, dlouholeté členy.

V září zemřel jeden z posledních našich zakládajících členů, bratr **FRANK ČERMÁK**, ve stáří 80 roků. Skonal u své dcery, Mudr. Ethel Čermákové, v Albany, po kratší nemoci. Byl oddaným, starostlivým správcem sokolovny a udržoval ji ve vzorném pořádku. Byl věrným vyznavačem sokolských ideálů, které poznal a nosil jako poklad ve svém srdci po všechny svoje dny. Bude nám chybět v naší činnosti. V zármтку tu zůstávají dva synové, Kenneth v Baltimore, Frank v Schenectady a dcera Mudr. Ethel Čermáková. Manželka ho v smrti předešla před několika lety. Pochován byl na hřbitově ve Schenectady.

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Br. **JOSEF W. VALENTA** dodýchal v St. Claire nemocnici, po kratší nemoci, dne 5. října. Byl narozen v Čechách a do této země přijel v roce 1922. Pracoval u firmy General Electric po dobu 38 ro-

Sokolská známka fyzické zdatnosti rozletí se od 15. února příštího roku po všech krajích Spojených států i do celého světa.

"Sokolstvo je pokladem Ameriky," prohlásil Gen. Poštámistr John A. Gronouski ve svém památném projevu při odhalení kresby sokolské známky. Postarejme se všichni, aby všechny slavnosti konané u příležitosti prvního dne jejího vydání vyzněly mohutně — přičiňme se, aby byly v knize historie všeho Sokolstva v Americe zaznamenány jako důkaz jeho schopnosti k vedení výchovy celého národa k fyzické zdatnosti, mravní vyspělosti a dokonalosti charakteru každého jeho člena.

Výbor pro sokolskou známku ve vděčném uznání významu spolupráce naší krajanské a sokolské veřejnosti vyzývá:

Připravte se k zájezdům do Washingtonu, D. C. ve dnech od 13. do 15. února 1965! Tam zakončíme první století sokolské práce a s pevným odhodláním k plnění nových úkolů vstoupíme do století druhého! Přestupte s námi jeho prah! Připravte vše ve svých jednotách, řádech, sborech, organizacích, klubech i v rodinách k objednávání sokolské známky, obálek a pohlednic prvního dne vydání! Nenechte si ujit tak krásnou a v historii nejen sokolského, ale také i krajanského života ojedinělou příležitost, jakou budou slavnosti ve Washingtonu, D. C. — ve dnech přelomu dvou století sokolského života a dosaženého triumfu! Buďte všichni svědky, očitými svědky dne, kdy sokolská poštovní známka fyzické zdatnosti rozletí se jako výmluvný posel oznamující, že svobodná Amerika, nejmočnější demokracie světa, vzdává poctu a uznání svému Sokolstvu — jako zdroji velkých mravních i fyzických sil pro budoucnost jeho národa!

**BUĎTE SE SVÝM SOKOLSTVEM VE DNECH JEHO VELKÉHO VÍTĚZSTVÍ!**

ků. Před rokem odešel do pense.

Sokolstvu věnoval své volné chvíle a ideji sloužil — ani pro zisk, ani pro slávu.

Byl též členem řádu Mount Pleasant, ČSA., kde byl po dlouhá léta účetním a patřil k GE. klubu. Zanechává manželku Emilii, rozenou Vápeníkovou, a dvě provdané dcery: Mrs. William Le Van v Summit, N. Y. a Mrs. William Harrison ve Washingtonu a šest vnoučat. Svůj poslední odpočinek našel na Most Holy hřbitově.

Zachováme Vás, bratři, ve věčné paměti. Budíž Vám země lehkou.

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Celých sto let bylo nepřetržitým řetězem činů. Poslušno příkazu zakladatelů vychovává Sokolstvo svoje příslušníky k obětavé práci ve prospěch celku a k plné zdatnosti tělesné, duševní i mravní, volně a svobodně, v bratrské lásce a svornosti, příslušníky, kteří podřizují zájem svůj zájmům sokolským a národním. Dnes sokolství je zdrojem národní síly i v této zemi. Na jeho učení pohlíží s obdivem a s úctou všichni, kteří usilují o fyzickou zdatnost amerického národa.

Ukázkou výchovných cest i výsledků sokolské práce bude slet Americké Obce Sokolské, který bude uspořádán k oslavě stého jubilea založení první naší jednoty. Slet má dějinný význam a pro jeho zdar je podnikána všechna vnitřní práce.

K této práci i k výsledkům této práce, k velkým sletovým slavnostem zveme bez rozdílu každého. Není to výbor, není to cvičenec, není to symbol ptáka, který zve k slavnostem století. Jsou to sami zakladatelé, je to zosobněná myšlenka sokolská, je to všechno členstvo, věřící velkému sokolskému učení, které tu mluví k našim lidem. Vyhraďte si již nyní červnové dny roku 1965 — 24. až 27. — na účast o sletu. Nekonejte podniky, které by účast mnohých ohrozily. Upozorněte i v druhých organizacích a spolcích na století Sokolstva a požádejte o podporu jubilea. V našem životě, někdy těžkém, bylo nám Sokolstvo záštitou, stálo v čele národního života. Přijďte se potěšit z výsledků jeho snažení a přesvědčit, že těch sto let úsilí nebylo úsilím marným.

Vedeni vůlí k svorné a nadšené práci k vysokému cíli, silní důvěrou v sebe, doufáme, že významné jubileum spojí nás všechny k činům, jež budou ctí všech. Jsme přesvědčeni, že se nám naše dílo podaří a ukáže cesty, jak pokračovat a společně vítězit. — Nazdar!

### AMERICKÁ OBEC SOKOLSKÁ

Karel M. Prchal, starosta.

Bláža J. Čiháková, jednatelka.

### Zápis ze schůze Výk. Výb. AOS.,

konané v pondělí, dne 30. listopadu 1964.

Br. Prchal předsedal.

Přítomni: Bří. Barcal, Čihák, Halík, Kropík a Rabas. Sestry: Čiháková, Faltová a Prchalová. Omluvena ses. Welcl-Růžičková.

Zápis z minulé schůze byl dodatečně schválen.

#### ZPRÁVY ZE ŽUP

Byly čteny zápisy ze schůzí župy Východní a Severovýchodní.

#### DOPISY

Sokol Cedar Rapids, Iowa, br. John Maruška, Nardin, Oklahoma, a župa Jižní poslali dopisy, ve kterých oceňují a blahopřejí k výsledkům práce, vykonané členy Výboru pro sokolskou známku.

Kanadská sokolská organizace přijímá sponzorství a pozvání k účasti na sletu. Zve Americkou Obec Sokolskou k návštěvě jejich Československého Dne a sletu 4. července 1965.

Sen. Roman Hruška poděkoval za naše blahopřání k jeho znovuzvolení.

Župa Jižní potvrzuje příjem našeho šeku na \$300.00 pro župní kurs a ohlašuje, že výroční schůze župy bude se konat 22. listopadu.

Denní Hlasatel, Nový Svět, Cleveland, New Yorkské Listy a Americké Listy posílají pozdravy k vánočním svátkům a žádají o umístění pozdravů AOS. ve zvláštním vydání novin k Novému Roku. Pozdravy schváleny.

Župa Střední posílá účet na \$300.00 pro dva cvi-

čitele v kursu, konaném v Potters Lake, Wis. Schváleno.

Sokol Nová Vlast, Cleveland, O., posílá projev vděčnosti a díků bru. Prchalovi a sestřím Čihákové a Faltové za jejich účast na slavnostním večeru k počtě členů s dlouholetým členstvím.

Župa Severovýchodní vyjádřila nespokojenost se svým zastoupením ve stanovním výboru AOS. Záležitost byla pečlivě uvážena. Vzhledem ke skutečnosti, že br. Tichý se ze župy vystěhoval a vzdal se jako zástupce výk. výboru župy Severovýchodní a v župě nepracuje, AOS. doporučuje, aby župa Severovýchodní dopsala bru. Tichému a problém s ním vyřešila. Ve stanovách AOS. pro podobnou záležitost není žádné ustanovení. Bru. Tichému bude poslán opis dopisu župy a opis našeho dopisu župě.

Br. Kučera z Texasu žádal o technický materiál pro jejich Československý den v roce 1965, který bude věnován k počtě Sokola a SPJST. Ses. Čiháková v době pobytu br. Halíka v nemocnici a nepřítomnosti ses. Prchalové vyřídila tuto žádost s brem. Barcalem. Dopis byl postoupen náčelnictvu.

Joseph A. Blatecký, právník, požádal o dopis potvrzující, že jednota Sokol Milwaukee je sdružena v Americké Obci Sokolské. Snaží se pro ni dosáhnout daňové úlevy. Dopis byl poslán.

Došlo několik telegramů o skupině československých lidových tanečniců z Prahy. Činovníci AOS. se porad pro jejich vystoupení neúčastnili. Schváleno.

Br. Rokúsek poslal znovu dopis ve věci daňových úlev pro jednotu. Zůstává skutečností, že AOS. nemůže žádat o daňové úlevy pro jednotlivé jednoty, protože některé z nich mají výdělečné podniky, jako mají na př. v Omaze.

Česká Útulna žádá o vyslání zástupce AOS.

U. S. olympický výbor snaží se zlepšit výsledky U. S. olympických závodníků v souhlase se širokým vládním proramem fyzické zdatnosti. Žádají nás o informace vyplněním dotazníku. Byl postoupen náčelnictvu.

#### ZPRÁVA JEDNATELKY

Sokol Belcamp podal zprávu o jejich zvláštním večerním cvičení 8. listopadu, na kterém mladí cvičenci cvičili pro rodiče.

Sokol Fuegner Tyrš žádal o materiál pro zahájení vzdělávacího programu pro jejich sokolské schůze.

Lincoln Federal Savings and Loan Association požádala AOS. o připravení sokolské výstavy na bazáru, který bude přístupný obecnstvu v neděli 6. prosince od 2. do 6. hodin odpo. ve druhém poschodí v jejich budově. Pro každou skupinu je věnován prostor 36" x 72". Br. Prchal připraví výstavku a ses. Čiháková pomůže obstarat materiál. Občerstvení bude podáváno Lincoln Federal Savings and Loan Association. Schváleno. Dán souhlas k pořízení nápisu "American Sokol Organization".

Sokol Houston požádal o velký počet sokolských letáků, které použijí v akci pro získání zdroje příjmu pro postavení nové Sokolovny.

Také Sokol Detroit si vyžádal další zásobu sokolských propagačních letáků. Když byla zásilka odeslána sdělil br. Siedlik, že žádali nesprávný materiál; ve skutečnosti by potřebovali 500 kusů zvláštního memoranda, které bylo posláno Generálnímu Poštmistroví, senátorům, kongresníkům a představitelům veřejného života, kteří pomáhali získat známku. Vysvětlili jsme jim, že tisk memoranda byl velmi nákladný, proto byl vytištěn jen omezený počet sloužící pro speciální účel. Doporučili jsme jim, aby si nechali obsah memoranda vytiisknout v jiné formě, když se domnívají, že to jejich účelu poslouží.

Br. Frank Kopecký, starosta župy Západní, byl po určitou dobu v nemocničním ošetřování. Na seznamu nemocných je také br. Fred Vodák, bývalý člen výk. výboru. Oběma bratřím byl poslán pozdrav a přání k brzkému uzdravení.

Guvernérovi Otto Kernerovi a sen. Romanu Hruškoví bylo blahopřáno k jejich znovuzvolení.

Byly rozeslány české a anlické dopisy k výročním schůzím s pokyny pro volbu úředníků a spolupráci pro jubilejní rok. Byl také přiložen formulář pro jména nově zvolených úředníků.

Jednotám byly poslány české a anglické dopisy ve věci volby delegátů do X. sjezdu AOS.

Jednotám župv Střední byly rozeslány dopisy se žádostí o jmenování dalších osob do sletového výboru.

Pro zájezd do Milwaukee byly napsány 3 články. Několik tiskových zpráv bylo napsáno o jubilejních oslavách a uveřejněno v novinách v celé zemi i v Evropě.

Všechny žádosti o materiál a odznaky byly vyřizeny. Bylo vykonáno mnohem více práce, než mohlo být ve zprávách hlášeno.

Ses. Faltová velmi ochotně pracovala v úřadovně v době mé nepřítomnosti i po mém návratu, za což jí velmi srdečně děkuji.

Od svého návratu ze zájezdu pracovala jsem téměř každý večer a v neděli, abych mohla vyřídít spoustu práce, která musela být udělána.

Mr. Ivan H. Drcar, bývalý člen jugoslávského Sokola několikrát navštívil úřadovnu, aby dostal materiál pro jugoslávské Sokoly v Argentině.

Rozmnožila 41 blan pro náčelnictvo.

Od odhalení poštovní známky byly konány dvě schůze Výboru pro známku.

Br. Čihák daroval ocelový zařadovač se 4 příhrádkami a 12' běhoun na podlahu.

Ses. Čiháková podala zprávu Zájezdového odboru.

Br. Halík přečetl zápis ze schůzi náčelnictva, konaných 14. října a 11. listopadu. Podal také zprávu náčelníka mužů.

Br. Barcal byl znovuzvolen I. místonáčelníkem a br. E. Linhart II. místonáčelníkem mužů.

Ses. Prchalová předložila zprávu náčelnice žen a podala zprávu o svém zájezdu v župě Pacifické. Vyučovala v Los Angeles, Fresnu a San Francisku.

Br. Čihák přečetl obsahlou zprávu o své návštěvě župy Pacifické, kde navštívil všechny jednoty od Los Angeles, Kalifornie po Seattle, Washington.

Zpráva je adresována župě Pacifické, její opis bude poslán župě Pacifické a všem jednotám. Výlohy se zájezdem br. Čihákoví zaplatila AOS. a účet bude poslán župě Pacifické.

Br. Čihák přečetl zápisy ze dvou schůzi Výboru pro sokolskou známku ze 12. a 19. listopadu, konaných po odhalení nákresu známky.

Jednatelka četla dva dopisy Výboru pro sokolskou známku se žádostí o historii AOS. pro Památník.

Výbor také žádá o souhlas k získání patronů pro Památník od jednot, členů, přátel a obchodních podniků.

Výbor dále žádá AOS. o tři čísla pro Akademii v sobotu 13. února, 1965. Župa Východní bude požádána o dodání těchto čísel.

Br. Štětka přijal vedení akademie. Ses. Žabka, náčelnice žen, a br. Čapek, náčelník mužů Východní župy, byli požádáni o spolupráci s brem. Štětovou. Schváleno.

Sokol Washintgon, D. C. oznámil konání výroční schůze 4. prosince. Žádá o informace, jaké úkoly budou od nich požadovány pro přípravu slavnostních podniků při vydání sokolské známky fyzické zdatnosti.

Ses. Čiháková byla zmocněna k zodpovězení těchto otázek.

Ses. Čiháková navrhla, aby AOS. doporučila Výboru pro sokolskou známku vynaložit všechno úsilí, aby President Spojených států prohlásil 15. únor, 1965 jako Physical Fitness Day v celých Spojených státech. Schváleno.

Bvl dán souhlas k cestě ses. Čihákové do Washingtonu, D. C. Je tam třeba na místě vyřídít mnoho podrobností k zabezpečení úspěchu slavnosti.

Ses. Prchalová žádala souhlas pro filmování závodních cvičení a prostných. Budou získány nabídky a předloženy Výk. Výboru.

Příští schůze V. V. AOS. 14. prosince.

Bláza J. Čiháková, jednatelka.

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