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Centennial of the Sokols

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Impressive Ceremonies in Washington, D. C.

February 13-14-15, 1965

1. Sokol Excursions coming from Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania and dozens of other states.
2. Sokol Akademie Saturday evening, February 13, 8 P.M., in the Commerce Auditorium, 14th Street, between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues N.W.
3. Banquet in the Congressional Ballroom, Statler-Hilton Hotel, Sunday evening, February 14th, at 8 P.M.
4. First Day of Issue of the Sokols Physical Fitness Stamp Ceremonies in the Inter-departmental Auditorium, Constitution Ave., between Twelfth and Fourteenth Streets, N.W., Monday, February 15th, at 11 A.M.

OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF SOKOLS CENTURY OF TRAINING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS FOR CAPABLE, RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP. BE AN EYEWITNESS TO THE ENTRANCE INTO THE SOKOLS SECOND CENTURY. — BE IN WASHINGTON, D. C., FEBRUARY 13-14-15, 1965.

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TO THE ASO. OFFICE.

Meeting of the Executive Board of ASO. is held on
the 4th Tuesday of each month in the office of
ASO., 5611 W. Cermak Rd., Cicero 60650, Illinois.

Sokol Slavsky

Sokol Slavsky is planning a Pancake Breakfast
to be held on Sunday, February 7th, 1965, at the
CSA. Annex, 2137 S. Lombard Ave., Cicero, Illinois.
Pancakes and sausages will be served from 6:00
A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Tickets: Adults \$1.00 — children under 12, 50c.
As an added feature, we will have a Rummage
Sale in conjunction with the breakfast.

The proceeds of this affair will go toward the
juniors traveling expenses to enable them to attend
the Sokol Centennial at St. Louis.

Tickets may be purchased from any member of
Sokol Slavsky or by contacting the undersigned.
Useable second hand items will be accepted at the
Sokol Slavsky gym or call for further information.
George Simonek, 1911 S. 61st Ave., Cicero, Ill.
Phone OLympic 2-5561

Calendar of Events

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 BOI., Cleveland, Ohio.
Games Party.

FEB. 6th—SOKOL FUEGNER TYRS, So. Omaha,
Nebr. — Večirek.

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. 27th—SOKOL HAVLICEK-TYRS, Chicago,
Ill. — Sibrinky.

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

MAR., 1965—SOKOL BALTIMORE, Maryland.
Talent Show.

MAR. 21st—SOKOL SLAVSKY, CICERO, ILL.
Gymnastic Exhibition.

MAR. 27th—SOKOL BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
• Dozvuky

MAR. 31st—SOKOL TYRS, CLEVELAND, OHIO.
Indoor Gymnastic Exhibition—3 P.M.

APR. 4th—SOKOL TYRS, CLEVELAND, OHIO.
Sokol Tyrs Talent Show—BOI.

APR. 12th—SOKOL SLAVSKY, CICERO, ILL.
Fashion Show.

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

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TO THE NEW YEAR — 1965 THE SOKOLS CENTENNIAL YEAR!

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

How rare are the occasions in history for those who have worked, fought and sacrificed for great ideals to see the day of recognition and official honor for a great task well done. We are the fortunate ones. We shall reap the harvest so laboriously planted in pristine soil, cultivated and nurtured throughout ten decades, by hundreds of thousands of understanding souls. It has been our good fortune to be a part of that training and also to be present as we see the end of one century and view the challenge of a new one.

And what a challenge it is. One that shall tax our strength to the utmost.

A fortunate set of circumstances combined with two years of hard work have secured for us the Sokols Physical Fitness Commemorative Stamp. This official recognition on the part of the Federal Government is a magnificent entry into a new year—into our Centennial year. The events in Washington, D. C., on February 13-15, 1965, the Akademie, Official Banquet, First Day of Issue Ceremonies will form a triumphal portal through which we can march into the new, second century of the Sokols in America.

We have before us the ASO. Convention, the Pilgrimage to St. Louis, Missouri, combined with the Central District competitions and Slet, and the ASO. national competitions and Slet in Chicago, all in June, 1965, within the framework of the Centennial celebrations. Units and Districts should plan their local centennial ceremonies for the fall of 1965. These can become a focal point for local attention for them to secure recognition and support.

One fact must remain in our minds at all times—1965 is our Centennial year! Every event, every project, every effort should be directed with determination for success.

It is the duty of every president of our units and districts, every officer, every instructor and BOI. member to increase the activity in the gymnasium and to intensify the training program. It is the duty of every member to attend meetings, to take an active part in the Unit's committees and projects and to bring in new members.

We appreciate and thank you for all your past efforts.

It has been the continuous day to day work, attention to detail and devotion to the Sokol ideals that have carried us to this great year. We have had a precedent before us that we cannot and must not ever forget.

THIS IS OUR CALENDAR FOR 1965:

1. First Day of Issue Ceremonies in Washington, D. C., February 13-15, 1965.
 - a) Record sales of the Sokols Physical Fitness Stamp, First Day Envelopes and Postcards—before February 13th.
 - b) Excursions to Washington, D. C., for the ceremonies, February 13-15.

- c) Akademie in Washington, D. C., February 13.
 - d) Official Banquet, Washington, D. C., February 14.
 - e) First Day of Issue Ceremonies, Washington, D. C., February 15.
2. Pilgrimage to St. Louis, Mo., combined with Central District competitions and Slet June 5-6.
 3. Convention of ASO. in Chicago, Illinois, June 21-23.
 4. ASO. National competitions and Slet in Chicago, Illinois, June 24-27.
 5. Centennial commemorations by Districts and Units from September to the end of the year.

AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION

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

From Chicago, Cleveland, and New York – 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 transportation (Coach), 2 nights in a very fine Statler-Hilton in Washington, D. C., 4 meals on the train, banquet ticket, Akademie admis-

sion, 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.

For information regarding Sokol Tour leaving Cleveland, Ohio, please contact bro. Emil Pekar, 6801 Glenella Drive, Cleveland, Ohio 44131.

For information on the Tour from New York contact bro. Jan Petlicka, 1869 East 53rd Street, Brooklyn 34, New York.

Sokols Akademie In Washington, D. C.

Saturday Evening, February 13, 1965, 8 P.M., Department of Commerce Auditorium, 14th St., between Constitution and Pennsylvania Aves. N.W.

Sporadic cooperation between Sokol organizations has been common in the past at all levels. This is the first time in a century when all the major Sokol groups are working together on a united, national level to present a picture to all America of their devotion to an ideal.

On Saturday, February 13th, 1965, at 8 P.M., in the Commerce Auditorium an Akademie of outstanding numbers furnished by all the Sokol groups will be presented. Washington, D. C. will see for

the first time the type of work carried on by this ethnic group for decades.

Tickets to the Akademie are \$2.00 per person and must be secured in advance as no tickets will be sold at the door. They can be purchased through the American Sokol Organization or any other participating Sokol organization, and finally at the Sokol headquarters of the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Washington, D. C.

Sokols Commemorative Stamp Banquet In Washington, D. C.

Sunday Evening, February 14th, 1965 — 6 P.M.

One of the highlights of the Stamp Ceremonies in Washington, D. C. will be the Centennial Banquet in the Presidential Room of the Statler-Hilton Hotel. High government officials, the leaders of all the Member Sokol Organizations and their Fraternal, National, Cultural and Social Organiza-

tion friends will witness the closing of one century of Sokol work and the entrance into the second one.

This will be an evening of remembrance and heartfelt thanks to the thousands who preceded and guided us on the path to official recognition

of valuable service to our nation. A rich program is being prepared including outstanding cultural artists.

Banquet tickets are \$8.00 per person. Send in your reservation as early as possible to the Sokol Centennial Banquet Committee, 5611 W. Cermak Road, Cicero, Illinois 60650.

Washington, D. C. residents may make their reservations with sis. Mildred Barcal, Co-Chairman, 8416 Donnybrook Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Northeastern District residents may make their reservations with bro. Emil Pekar, 6801 Glenella Drive, Cleveland 31, Ohio.

U. S. Sokols Commemorative Stamp Envelopes and Postcards

The latest Post Office Department press release informed us that only one hundred twenty million of the Sokols Physical Fitness Stamps will be printed on the georgi press. There are over one hundred eighty million U. S. citizens, which means that one out of every three could not buy the stamp even if they so desired.

The demand for the stamp because of its subject and appeal will be enormous. The Post Office Department feels confident that the stamp will be sold out in record time. Orders placed by philatelists throughout the world are always large, on a short issue such as this one they will be even greater because of the anticipation of an early increase in the stamp's value.

Orders for stamps, first day covers and postcards are coming in steadily in larger amounts than we had expected so early in the drive. Bonafide orders from individuals for \$30, \$40 and as large

as \$500.00 are becoming commonplace. We will be happy to receive all orders regardless of size, but urge everyone to anticipate their needs for at least a year and then use the stamps on every occasion. The first day envelopes and postcards are being printed by the top quality experts in the nation and will become valued mementos in every home.

This is the first time in the history of the United States that an official recognition of this caliber has ever been conferred upon our Slav ethnic group. Let us establish a record that will become a landmark and precedent for future generations.

Fill out the order form in this issue of Sokol Americky or the form each member and unit will receive through the mail. Also send in your patron's donation to be listed in the historical booklet to be published in connection with the ceremonies in Washington, D. C.

AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION STAMP COMMITTEE

Historical Booklet for Washington, D. C. Ceremonies

The historical booklet to be published in conjunction with the ceremonies in Washington, D. C., February 13-15, 1965, will contain a general history of the Sokol Movement in America, and the history of each of the member Sokol organizations of the Sokol Centennial Commemorative Stamp Committee.

No customary advertising will be includ-

ed. Instead the project will be financed by Patron's pages. We feel certain that every Sokol member, Unit and District will want their names included in it.

Listings on Patron's pages vary from \$5.00 to \$100.00. Fill out form for Patrons included in the stamp order and return it to the Sokol Stamp Committee immediately.

FUTURE SOKOL LEADERS FUND

Great expectations had been placed in the Sokol members recognition for the value of the "Future Sokol Leaders Fund." This had been established by the Convention in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1960. The purpose was to create a fund so that a comprehensive program of training future leaders of all types could be developed that would not have to be cut short in midstream.

Although considerable publicity had been given to the "Fund" it never got off the ground. Just a handful of individuals and a few units have been consistent supporters. What is wrong with the rest? This was to

be a national program to help all units and districts. This was to create a reservoir of capable, experienced workers ready to step in wherever needed.

Patience is a wonderful characteristic. It begins to wear very thin when on the one hand there are requests and even demands for urgently needed material and help and on the other no apparent desire to help create a situation that would readily fulfill it. There are matters that are purely unit or district affairs. There are others that can be efficiently done only on a national level.

We have no argument with those who generously supported their units and districts. We tip our hat to them. There are, however, thousands who could have done much in the past to assure the future of an organization, that shall receive the official recognition of the Government of the United States in Washington, D. C., February 13-15, 1965, for a century of work—"THE SOKOLS."

Following is a composite listing of donations up to December 18, 1964:

Previously reported	\$13,438.26	Dr. & Mrs. George R. Chott in memory of Dr. J. Havlicek	25.00
Interest on Clyde Savings Account	\$ 70.67	Dividends—Investors Savings Account	612.08
In memory of Henry Pokorny:		Karel M. Prchal in memory of Mrs. Sarah Van Gunten	10.00
Mrs. Clara Pokorny	10.00	Mildred Prchal in mem. of Mrs. M. Hruska	10.00
Mrs. B. Fanta	5.00	Clara Pokorny in memory of Bessie Fanta..	5.00
Mrs. Alice Novotny	5.00	Cecilia Kalivoda for services rendered by Excursion Committee	10.00
Mr. B. B. Tesarek	5.00	Dividends—Clyde Savings Account	96.22
In memory of Joseph C. Biederman:		Mr. & Mrs. Frank Vorel in memory of Joseph Petru	10.00
Helen Kirschbaum, Bessie Wollenberg and Alice Durda	10.00	In memory of bro. Joseph Brouk:	
Karel M. Prchal	10.00	Karel M. Prchal	10.00
William Graf	10.00	Simon Rokusek	10.00
Sokol Chicago in mem. of bro. Fr. Macoun	5.00	Marie Prevratil	5.00
Edward Stetka in mem. of bro. Jerry Mares	10.00	Mr. & Mrs. Alois Kopecky	10.00
Karel M. Prchal in memory of bro. Frank Kaderabek	10.00	Vaclav Bastar	10.00
Lillian Kotes in memory of Mary Prochaska	5.00	Mr. & Mrs. B. Lankas in memory of Mrs. Josephine Wachuta	5.00
Dvorak family in memory of sister Marie Dvorak for eulogy service performed by bro. Charles M. Prchal	50.00	Sokol Chicago	6.00
Interest—Bell Savings & Loan Assn.	2.00	Agnes D. Sotka in memory of mother Mrs. Rose Dvorak	10.00
		Mr. & Mrs. Frank Vorel in memory of Stepan Liska	10.00
		Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Vrba in memory of Dad— Edward Cech	50.00
		Sokol Galveston in mem. of Marie Chumchal	5.00
		Mr. & Mrs. Frank Vorel in memory of Mr. Sebastian Boutin	10.00
		Mrs. Lillian Biederman in memory of Catherine Haraf	10.00
		In memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Spatny:	
		Charles M. Prchal	10.00
		Tillman G. Van Gunten	10.00
			\$14,595.23

CSA. Founders Joined Lincoln Army

Drama Club of Czechoslovak Society of America contributes to Civil War Centennial Observances (1961-1965) with new historic Czech drama which brings to us a great lesson in Americanism.

The Drama Club of the Czechoslovak Society of America, in Illinois, which meets regularly at the CSA. Building, Lombard Avenue and Cermak Rd., Cicero, Ill., is proud to announce that it will join in the commemoration of a historic era—the Civil War, by presenting an original Czech play which is about that phase of our American history. Many members of the Sokol are members of the CSA.

The full-length play which is entitled "So Brittle The Sword, So Fragile The Heart," is not only a love story placed against the backdrop of the four-year conflict, but brings home to the citizens of our country the great lessons in Americanism learned from the Civil War.

Young and old alike will be inspired to adopt a truly American way of thinking by seeing this beautifully costumed production, and at the same time pay tribute to the memories of our fathers who took part in the bitter conflict to determine the exact path our national government should follow.

It was a struggle not merely as a set of military operations, but as a period in our history in which

the times called for extraordinary degrees of patriotism and heroism on the part of the men and women of both the North and the South.

An examination of the Civil War provides us at once with a realization of the magnitude of the tragedy which it represented to our country. And yet on further reflection we must realize that out of this tragedy emerged a new nation unified, with a new degree of self-consciousness.

In this contest we may derive inspiration from their deeds to renew our dedication to the task which yet confronts us—the furtherance of the freedom and dignity of man and the building of a just and lasting peace for everyone.

Years of research went into the writing of the play. It has resulted together with fine writing, to create a drama which is intensely real, and projects over the footlights exactly what the author wants to communicate in terms of mood, information, plot and patriotism.

The play was written by Jerry F. Chmelicek, and constitutes his fourth full-length stage play. "A play is an extremely complex communication device," stated the author. "It must project a plot, mood, ideas, information and emotion to an audience. Furthermore there is a chain of communication involved. The author writes a play, it is interpreted by a director, assimilated, reinterpreted

and projected by a chosen cast, and hopefully understood and accepted by a mixed audience of various ages, with various degrees of schooling."

Bringing a play to life from manuscript form to the stage version is in itself a mammoth task, a challenge in creative work, which commands respect for a variety of factors, including the cast, specific scenes and perception of the actual intent of the author.

Tickets are priced at only \$1.00 and may be or-

dered by writing to the CSA. Drama Club, c/o the CSA. Office, 2138 South 61st Court, Cicero, Ill., enclosing check or money order, or cash. The play will be given in Czech for its initial performance and a translation in English later on.

The Drama Club operates on a non-profit basis and its annual production always displays the best in local talent with painstaking care taken in staging the production which are given to capacity audiences.

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

Held Monday, December 14th, 1964

Bro. Prchal presided.

Present: Bros. Barcal, Cihak, Halik, Kropik, Vodrazka and Vrba. Sisters: Cihak, Falta and Prchal. Excused bros. Rabas and sis. Ruzicka.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved as submitted.

REPORTS

Received minutes from the meetings of the Northeastern and Pacific Districts.

CORRESPONDENCE

Station WJMO requested the ASO. to become a sponsor of a New Year's radio program.

Sokolice Milwaukee express their appreciation for arranging the Tour to the "Holiday Folk Fair."

Bro. M. L. Hromadka, President of the WBFA., announced that a marker will be placed near the linden tree, planted in the City Park, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Sokol Cedar Rapids, just as soon as the weather permits, and at a time that will not conflict with other Centennial events.

The Czechoslovak Society of America, at this Christmas Season is thanking us for all the contributions sent to the official CSA. organ.

Sokol Stickney announced the date of their Installation of Officers as January 16th and request bro. Cihak to initiate a large number of new members at this meeting. Approved.

Bro. Pavoucek sent a picture of sis. Lois Chab of Sokol Wilber taken from the Omaha World Herald. Congratulations, sis. Chab.

Council of Higher Education sent a report of their activities for the past year. An article urging the support of their worthy work will be placed in S.A.

A letter from the Centennial Commemorative Stamp Committee was received asking the ASO. to supply a history of the ASO. for the booklet to be printed for the Washington, D. C. events. Bro. Cihak was authorized to prepare it.

The Stamp Committee further requests that the ASO. appeal to its Units, members, business houses and friends for Patrons to help defray the cost of the historic booklet. Approved.

In still another letter the ASO. is requested to conduct a stamp drive. Proofs and bid of the suggested forms and envelopes were presented and approved.

The ASO. also approved a Tour which was prepared for the Washington, D. C. ceremonies.

First Day Covers and Postcard were presented for approval.

The Postcard in the amount of 5,000 was approved. Postcards will be a project of the ASO., but will be available to every organization.

The First Day Covers will be returned to the Stamp Committee which was authorized to make a selection.

Bro. Lechowicz, President of Sokol Fuegner, Chicago, is again requesting help in starting gym classes in his Unit. They have 2 men who have some knowledge of teaching and are willing to devote time to the work. They are interested in attending gym classes in some Unit to get acquainted with methods used and would also like to attend a clinic. Bro. Halik promised to call bro. Lechowicz and pass the information on to the Central District.

Sokol and Sokolice Los Angeles express their heartfelt thanks for making it possible to have bro. Cihak and sis. Prchal visit their units.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Office prepared greetings for all newspapers as approved by the Executive Board.

Gov. Kerner thanked for our thoughtful note of congratulations on his re-election as Governor.

Eastern District was requested to represent the ASO. and to prepare three numbers for the Akademie in Washington, D. C.

Sent Christmas greetings to the people of Czechoslovakia via Radio Free Europe.

Spent December 4-5 in Washington, D. C., and Belcamp making arrangements for the banquet, hotel accommodations, auditorium for Akademie, proclamation to be issued by the President of the United States proclaiming February 15th as "Sokols Physical Fitness Day," etc.

On Friday evening attended the annual meeting of Sokol Washington, D. C., where I was called upon to initiate a new member. Answered all the questions and explained about the Sokol Centennial Commemorative Stamp Committee. Bro. Neumann was re-elected President of the Unit.

On Saturday bro. Neumann was kind enough to chauffeur me around while we examined an auditorium for the Akademie. He will keep in contact with us and report any new developments. He will let us know when our request for the use of the auditorium has been approved. Two auditoriums have been tentatively selected.

In the afternoon we drove to Belcamp where sis. Provazníková was conducting a nácvičná for the number of the Eastern District to be presented at the Slet. A meeting of the BOL. of the Southern Okrsek was held, after the practice session, regarding the Akademie in Washington, D. C. Spoke to bro. Stetka and asked him to look over the audito-

riums being considered so that he could get some idea of the floor area he would have to work with.

Letters were sent to the N.E. District and to bro. Tichy regarding his position in the By-Laws Committee.

Bro. Prchal set up the booth at the Lincoln Federal Savings & Loan Association and will submit a report.

Mimeographed thousands of sheets of technical material for the BOI. The office has been buzzing with activity.

Sis. Falta faithfully assisted in the office as usual for which I am very grateful.

All requests for material have been expedited and correspondence acknowledged.

A meeting of the Slet Committee was held Thursday, December 3rd. The next meeting is called for Friday, January 29th, 1965.

Seasons Greetings have arrived from many parts of the country.

In spite of the fact that we work days, nights and Sundays, we cannot keep ahead of the work we have to do. One idea creates another, and another, and as a result we have more and more to do.

The following contributions were received for the "Future Sokol Leaders Fund": In memory of Elizabeth Spatny, Yorkville, Ill., Charles Prchal \$10.00 and Tillman G. VanGunten \$10.00. Contribution from bro. Anton Smunt \$10.00.

Bro. Halik read the minutes of the joint BOI., and reported as Director of Men.

Sis. Prchal reported as Director of Women.

Sis. Cihak reported on the work accomplished by the Sokol Commemorative Stamp Committee.

Bro. Cihak read a report from the meeting of the Stamp Committee held Friday, December 11th. Representatives from member Sokol Organizations as well as those of the Fraternal and National Organizations were invited.

Sis. Cihak's expense to Washington, D. C. was approved.

Bro. Cihak reported as Educational Director. Many Units are planning Educational Programs and are requesting material. Wrote articles for S.A. and for a number of Units.

Bro. Prchal reported that he taped a Christmas greeting for Radio Free Europe and sis. Falta taped a New Year greeting.

He further reported on the booth that the ASO. had at the Lincoln Federal Savings & Loan Association which he set up. It was very well attended. We had Sokol publications and material on display as well as the Sokol stamp design and trophies. Sis. Cihak thanked for the report and work accomplished.

Sis. Falta suggested that the Auditing Committee examine the records of the ASO.

Bro. Vodrazka presented a financial report for the 3rd quarter of 1964. Report was accepted.

Sis. Cihak suggested that a special committee be formed for the 1965 Convention. The matter was placed on the agenda for a future date.

The "Future Sokol Leaders Fund" was discussed, and it was pointed out that the Fund had not received the recognition and support that its future value rated.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be held January 26th.

Sokol Orel in the East will be invited to participate in the Slet.

Bro. Prchal thanked for the reports submitted and work accomplished and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The same sentiments were expressed by the members of the Executive Board.

Blanche J. Cihak, Secretary

Financial Report ASO.

December, 1964

INCOME

Dues	\$1,496.25
Convention Fund	343.00
Jewelry	104.57
Artistic Gymnastics	5.50
Pacific District expense of bro. Cihak	245.24
Dividends	448.00
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	\$2,642.56

DISBURSEMENTS

Vault rental, telephone, janitor service, office equipment, rent and postage	\$ 453.37
Manuals	203.95
Slet supplies	50.32
Sokol Course	300.00
Travel expense Pacific District	245.54
Sokol Gymnast and postage	106.90
Stamp Committee	146.53
Salaries	630.10
Sokol Americky	643.96
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	\$2,780.67

BALANCE

Totals brought forward:	
Western National Bank of Cicero checking account	\$2,639.41
Income—December, 1964	2,642.56
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	\$5,281.97
Disbursements—December, 1964	1,970.89
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	\$3,311.08

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

Held Wednesday, December 9th, 1964

Present: bro. E. Halik and sis. M. Prchal, and the following members: sisters Barcal, Dunovsky, Freiberg, Halik, Kos. Krizenecky, Pokorny, Ptacek, Schnabl, Tintera, Udaykee; brothers Barcal, Basta, Freiberg, Jenicek, Linhart, Ptacek, Satek, Vrba; excused were sisters Mach, Pistorius, Welcl-Ruzicka; brothers Fina, Lebloch, Sula, Zenisek.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Excerpts of the Executive Board of ASO. minutes were read.

Bro. Halik introduced and welcomed guests from Sokol SGUS., bro. A. Walko and sis. M. Chillo.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Copy of letter written by sis. Zabka to Dr. Rachel E. Bryant, American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, in answer to a

request for a gymnastic demonstration in conjunction with their convention in Dallas, Texas, next year.

Two letters from sis. Cihak forwarding forms, etc.

Letters from sis. B. Drozda, Western District Director of Women, requesting confirmation of date, January 23rd and 24th, 1965, for the Western District Clinic to be held at Sokol Stickney. Since a reply was necessary immediately, bro. Halik phoned her.

Information on the 1964 Midwest Open Gymnastic Championships held in Rockford, Ill., on December 5th was received. Bro. Ptacek reported that he attended and that the only Sokol entrant was Lilly Jo Vesely of Sokol Slavsky, who placed in the finals. He reported that the men's competitions were well executed, however the women's section was very poorly executed. Once again compliments were made on the orderly manner in which Sokol competitions are conducted.

Letter re. the sanctioning of the above meet by the AAU.

Correspondence with sis. Zabka re. cooperation in terminology meetings with other gymnastic organizations. She will meet with bros. Skapik, Halik, and sis. Prchal.

Thank you from bro. Bednar along with a request for more calisthenics as soon as they are available.

Letter from Sokol Fuegner, South Chicago, for help in teaching.

Law and Legislation Report from AAU. of items to be brought up in the convention.

Letter from bro. Divisek telling about the testimonial dinner which had been held in his honor and requests for music.

Thank you to sis. Prchal from the Pacific District for the work she had done there last month.

Letter from sis. Mary Kadrik requesting Slet material.

Letter from Robert E. Rambo, who is listed on the AAU. Directory, was answered by sis. Prchal.

Letters requesting Slet material were received from Vaclav Pechar, President of D. A. Sokol, from sis. Sylvia Laznovsky, and from sis. Provazníková.

Information on the Sarasota Clinic was received. Letter from sis. Betty Gallagher, Director of Women of Sokol Cedar Rapids, was answered by sis. Prchal.

REPORTS:

Bro. Halik reported the following:

Stencils of 3½ parts of the men's calisthenics were run off by sis. Cihak. He mailed these out together with all the apparatus exercises, competition rules, and attendance reports.

Stencils of the 1st and 2nd Class boys calisthenics are cut. He will take them to the ASO. office. He will also take care of asking for more copies of 1st and 2nd Class girls calisthenics. Should have 250 each.

All piano parts are at sis. Zdenek's house. The authors of the calisthenics are to contact her re. tempos, etc.

Sis. Prchal reported the following:

Suggests we investigate the feasibility of filming Slet work. Gave a copy of a film from San Fer-

nando to bro. Halik with a request that he try it.

Pictures that were taken of the new uniforms last month were unsatisfactory since some of the uniforms looked too messy, therefore she had the same photographer take new pictures. With the help of sis. Tintera, the uniforms look neat and trim.

Gave her women's report in which she stated that she cut 55 stencils of Slet work.

Gave her detailed report on her trip to the Pacific Coast.

Sis. Pokorny reported on the progress of the Veteran's Drill.

Bro. Fina's report on the AAU. convention was presented by bro. Halik.

A discussion was held on the future of the "Sokol Gymnast." Bro. Halik and sis. Prchal will edit the bulletin from January to June 1965. It was suggested that the Central District be ready to take it over in September, 1965. Sis. Schnabl will bring this matter up in the District's Directors Conference next month.

A change of the date of ASO.-BOI. meetings was requested by a few of the members. A discussion was held, vote taken, and the majority ruled that the date remain the same.

Bro. Halik reminded the members of the sub-committees to be ready for calls to begin work and hold meetings.

Bro. Linhart requested clarification of some of the Competition Rules. It was decided that the long horse for men and junior boys Championship and High Divisions should measure 48" from the floor. Women's beam width dimension should read 3-15/16". Bro. Barcal recommended that these and any other corrections should be published in the January issue of the Sokol Gymnast by the ASO.-BOI.

Bro. Al. Walko extended greetings from SGUS. and spoke on some of the work they are doing. He recommended a 3-week combined ASO. and SGUS. school, to be held at Potters Lake next summer. They will have Nissen apparatus and more dormitories will be available. This suggestion will be discussed later.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Mili Udaykee, Secretary

Report of the ASO. Director of Men

Did not attend the Slet Committee meeting December 3rd because the doctor removed the cast from my arm that same evening.

Attended the convention of the Illinois Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at the Pick-Congress Hotel.

Bro. Walko, SGUS. Director, called to arrange a meeting. We discussed Slet preparations, calisthenics and apparatus exercises, a possibility of holding a combined school, terminology revisions and jointly publishing one set of competition rules as a Sokol Federation (Svaz) project.

Called sis. Zabka for information as to time and place of the DWGS. Gymnastic Committee Conference she is to attend.

Letter from bro. Joseph Skapik, who is to present the Sokol terminology to the DWGS. group

for consideration, asking for a meeting to discuss various suggested revisions in the terminology. SGUS. will soon be ready to print a new edition of the Sokol terminology book.

Sis. Cihak has again given extra time (Sunday) to run off more exercises on the ASO. mimeograph. So far we have run 200 copies each of men's calisthenics and men's apparatus, 225 junior apparatus, 225 1st Class boys calisthenics, 225 2nd Class boys calisthenics, a rerun of 210 more of 1st Class girls and also 2nd Class girls. Sis. Ptacek is assembling the girls' drills. I assembled the men's calisthenics and apparatus, junior apparatus and the 1st and 2nd Class drills. Men's material has already been distributed, boys goes out this week. Stencils for junior boys drills have not yet been cut as of this date. Sis. Schnabl is working on them. This will be about ten or twelve more stencils (225 copies).

ASO.-BOI. meeting held Wednesday, December 9, 1964.

Sis. Zdenek informed me that she will be ready to tape the music during the holidays.

Call from bro. Jirousek today, requesting the junior boys calisthenics immediately.

My thanks for all those get well cards.

Edwin J. Halik

Report of the ASO. Director of Women

Took care of correspondence accumulated during my absence.

Met with sis. Zdenka Tintera twice to translate junior girls' calisthenics and cut 14 additional stencils.

Had photographs of women's, junior girls' and small girls' uniforms retaken. Those taken during my absence were unsatisfactory. Sis. Tintera assisted in adjusting uniforms for the new photographs. I turned over all information regarding the new uniforms for publishing in Sokol Americky.

Bro. Al Walko, Director of Men of SGUS., picked up more copies of Slet material. Discussed competition, Slet events and other matters pertaining to the Centennial.

Composed last part of women's calisthenics and High Division women's floor exercise.

On Friday, December 11th, attended meeting with sis. N. Zabka, bros. Skapik, Halik, Walko and Bagel to discuss terminology.

On December 12th attended DGWS. conference on terminology.

M. Prchal

Educational Director's Report

Wrote articles for Sokol Americky.

Secured or wrote material for a number of units and supplied them with requested material.

Preparing material for historical booklet for Sokols Physical Fitness Stamp and for Centennial Slet Souvenir Program.

James L. Cihak

Blanche J. Cihak

Report of the Stamp Committee

Three Czech and three English publicity articles have been written about the issuance of the stamp,

and are appearing around the country. Also in many American publications.

Letters have been sent to Units and Districts about the issuance of the stamp and the events to take place in Washington, D. C., February 13-15, 1965.

The ASO. prepared a Tour from Chicago to Washington, D. C. It is all set up and we are ready to take reservations.

The Tour will leave Chicago on Friday, February 12th, on the B. & O. R. R. 4 meals will be served enroute, 2 nights at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Washington, D. C., admission to Akademie, admission to banquet, first day of issue ceremonies, transfer of passenger's baggage from R. R. to hotel and sightseeing. All of this for only \$95.00 per person. Special rates using Slumber Coach are also available for \$117.00 per person. Husband and wife (family plan) via Slumber Coach (2 people) \$215.00.

All other member organizations have been urged to set up Tours from the area where they have their headquarters or a large number of their units.

The banquet has been arranged at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, the menu has been selected, theme of room, etc. It will be held in the beautiful Presidential Dining Room, excellent stage and spotlights.

All member Sokol Organizations were notified of the preparations in Washington, D. C. We are awaiting the histories of the Sokol Organizations and information about the numbers they will present at the Akademie. Czechoslovak Sokols Abroad and Union of Czech Catholic Sokols reported that they will not be able to present any numbers.

The Czechoslovak Society of America Glee Clubs and the Czech Singing Society Lyra have been invited to participate in Washington, D. C. The Antonin Dvorak Singing Society in Washington, D. C. has been disbanded.

A proclamation is being prepared urging the President of the United States to proclaim Monday, February 15th, as Sokols Physical Fitness Day.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Sokol Centennial Commemorative Stamp Committee With Member and Sponsoring Organizations

HELD DECEMBER 11th, 1964

Bro. J. Cihak presided.

Present:

American Sokol Organization: Blanche Cihak, James Cihak, Charles Kropik and Charles Prchal.

Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol: Andrew Walko and John Bagel.

Czechoslovak Society of America: James Krakora, Lad Mejdreich and Frank Vaclavek.

Czechoslovak National Council of America: Vlasta Vraz and Bretislav Vanek.

Unity of Czech Ladies & Men: Josephine Drnec. Western Bohemian Fraternal Association: Karel Samek and Joseph Vondrak.

Bro. Cihak welcomed the organization representatives and thanked them for their exemplary understanding and wholehearted cooperation in the

Sokols Physical Fitness Commemorative Stamp campaign. Sis. Cihak explained what had been accomplished thus far and the preparations for the first day of issue in Washington, D. C. on February 13-15, 1965.

All organizations were given samples of the ASO. proposed flyer to its members listing the drive for stamp, envelopes and postcard sales, patrons for the historical booklet, excursions to Washington, D. C., and the events to be held there. All listened with keen interest and showed evident pleasure and pride in the issuance of the stamp and the forthcoming ceremonies.

Bro. Krakora complimented the Sokols on their accomplishment and promised the fullest cooperation of the Czechoslovak Society of America, in every phase of the above events. His pleasure at the favorable turn of events was reiterated by every representative present. It was truly a fine feeling and inspiration to see all of these fine, proven friends once again showing their solidarity and eagerness to do everything possible to make all of the stamp events a success.

Detailed information was given on the various phases of the work and preparations ahead of us.

With this type of support we can anticipate a memorable sequence of successes in the Sokols Physical Fitness Stamp launching in Washington, D. C., February 13-15, 1965.

Blanche J. Cihak, Secretary

FROM OUR DISTRICTS

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

Meeting held November 18th with 17 representatives present.

Bro. Jirousek and sis. Hantl will represent the District at the Detroit Akademie on December 5th, 1964.

Unit reports were submitted. All of the Units were preparing for the District Akademie.

Sokol Tyrs announced a number of projects in the planning stages. (See the calendar of events.)

Sokol Moravan, Toledo, O., has engaged a real estate broker to appraise and sell their hall.

Attention was called to the membership drive and all of the official excursions of the ASO. in 1965, starting with the First Day of Issue of the Sokols Physical Fitness Stamp in Washington, D. C., National Pilgrimage in St. Louis, Mo., and competitions and Centennial Slet of the Sokols in Chicago.

Bro. Suster reminded the units to elect their delegates to the ASO. Convention at their annual meetings.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held Thursday, December 17th, 1964, and the date of the annual meeting is Sunday, January 17th, 1965, to be preceded by the meeting of the District BOI.

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Meeting held November 25, 1964. Bro. Simaner presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted with the addition that Sokol Brookfield and Sokol West Suburban also participated in the "October

28th" celebration of the Czechoslovak Legionnaires.

Bro. Simaner was elected District delegate to the Bohemian Home for the Aged.

Bro. Lebloch and sis. Schnabl will make arrangements to supply a number for the CSA. New Year's celebration, Jan. 3, 1965.

Men Director's report: Meeting of the BOI. held November 9th.

The junior boys volleyball tournament is completed. First place Sokol Slavsky, second Sokol Brookfield. Bro. Kulousek directed the tournament. Men's volleyball tournament is in progress, bro. Ed Hlinka, director.

The "All Star" game is planned. The conference of unit directors is planned for January. Bro. Lebloch sent to the St. Louis Centennial Committee quoted prices for musicians obtained from bro. Zakrocky. Also mailed to units the traveling cost to St. Louis, men's calisthenics and competition rules.

Women Director's report: BOI. meeting held November 10th. Held a judges' clinic, which will be continued in the near future. With sis. Udaykee prepared an agenda for a weekend clinic which will be held at Sokol St. Louis to help them with their instruction problems.

To prepare a coordinated plan for our District excursion to St. Louis. President will call a meeting of the officers of the District.

The final financial report of the 1964 District Slet was accepted. Additional check for \$39.36 from bro. Hladik was enclosed.

Our next meeting will be called for Dec. 16th.

Discussion was held about the possibility of organizing a new Sokol unit in the region of Lombard-Glen Ellyn. Bro. Zibrid will take steps necessary to lay the groundwork for preliminary investigation.

Delegates of all present units gave short sketches of their unit activities.

The editor of "Sokol Americky" requested that the Central District minutes be furnished to him more promptly. He also promised to publish a short article on the life of recently deceased bro. Sobotka.

PACIFIC DISTRICT

Meeting held December 1st with 9 members present.

Sis. Palas reported on her travels within the District with sis. Prchal. A complete report will be submitted at the annual meeting of the District to be held in Fresno, Calif.

The dates selected are January 23rd and 24th, if this is in agreement with Sokol Fresno.

A letter will be sent to sis. Prchal and bro. Cihak expressing the appreciation of the District for their visits.

Travel Report - Pacific District November 1964

This report is written from an entirely objective point of view with no intended reflection on any unit or any person. In the last few years there has been a great transition in the Sokol units on the Pacific Coast, and there is still a greater change to

come. Also, in the last ten years there has been a drastic change in the caliber of gymnastic work throughout the world, especially in the realm of free exercise and floor work for both men and women. The events consist of artistic, complicated movements in acrobatics, dance, tumbling and calisthenics. Women's apparatus exercises have deviated from the strong arm movements and posing to swinging and rhythmic maneuvers.

It will be three years next January that I brought up the suggestion at the annual meeting that we invite sis. Prchal to come to the Pacific Coast to teach us some of the modern artistic gymnastics.

On October 31st sis. Prchal arrived.

At 10:30 a.m. we arrived at Sokol Hall, where she was given the opportunity to observe the children's classes. The evening was spent enjoying the dramatic presentation of "Cerveny Mlyn."

The following Monday and Tuesday evenings classes were called to order by *náčelník* br. F. Kloyda. Sis. Prchal conducted the warm-ups, basic tumbling, women's calisthenics, junior boy's floor work, and apparatus for women and junior girls. The artistic gymnastics, for which the request was originally made, were taught in the late afternoon and in between classes.

Also, on Monday evening, November 2nd, bro. Cihak addressed the Board of Instructors at a special meeting. Bro. Cihak stressed the importance of cooperation and understanding.

Sister Prchal pointed out that the women should have their own board of instructors as specified in our By-Laws. The drastic change between men's and women's work warrants this type of organization. I regret very much that none of the Los Angeles young American group were present to hear bro. Cihak and sis. Prchal or to participate in the gym classes.

The advanced pupils were taught the compulsory free exercise drills for the Chicago Slet. Thursday afternoon and evening more work of the same caliber was taught. On Friday evening regular gym class was held with more work on calisthenics and apparatus. Saturday afternoon was spent in the same manner with artistic gymnastics added.

On Monday afternoon, November 9th, we departed for Fresno, almost 300 miles away, and arrived in time for their gym class that evening at the old Clovis High School gymnasium. The class was composed of children and juniors. We announced that Tuesday evening we would teach the Chicago calisthenics for women and would appreciate if the word was spread around. The following evening women and junior girls lined up and sis. Prchal taught the 2nd part of the calisthenics. Wednesday evening the 3rd part was taught.

They need help, but they can also help themselves. They have qualified leadership in their organization but they are very lacking in interest. Their greatest salvation would be to get a hall of their own; no matter how small, it would be their own and they would have a goal to work for.

Thursday we were in San Francisco and sis. Prchal took women for calisthenics.

Friday evening was regular gym night so all

classes were together again. The women were taught, completing the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd parts of the Chicago Slet calisthenics. Saturday afternoon was spent teaching floor work and artistic gymnastics. This group was very eager to learn the new work. There are at least 5 girls with much enthusiasm and potential here.

We returned to Fresno and sis. Palas taught the first half of the Czechoslovak Beseda.

Tuesday, November 17th, we returned to Los Angeles. The remainder of the week was spent in teaching more work and sis. Prchal's wish to teach a class of only artistic gymnastics finally materialized.

I would like to thank the members of both Sokol Fresno and Sokol San Francisco for their gracious hospitality, which is deeply appreciated. And to sis. Prchal a "thank you" seems very inadequate for all she has done for us. Her capacity as a teacher extended to that of a traveling instructor and she was an excellent liaison director. We have waited a long time for her visit and would like her to come back next year to continue more advanced work.

Florence Palas,
Director of Women, Pacific District

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I would like to add a few observations to sis. Palas' report. With the exception of Sokol Los Angeles where a fine group of veterans (men and women) meet once a week and a very efficiently conducted children's class (boys and girls) meet on Saturday morning, only one regular weekly combined class is devoted to all ages and both sexes in all California units. The class is given warmups and then divided into separate groups for the remainder of the class period. This arrangement is hardly adequate for a proper physical fitness or gymnastic program. Unfortunately, with the exception of separate classes for boys and girls, the "once-a-week" class exists in the majority of the American Sokol Organization units throughout the country. However, in the case of the Pacific District and some units of the Southern District where distances of 20 to 25 miles must be traveled to the gymnasium and parents must accompany their children to classes, this is understandable.

Football and winter sports are very popular in Los Angeles, Fresno and San Francisco.

Beside bro. J. Pokorny, District Director of Men and President of Sokol Los Angeles, and sis. Florence Palas, District Director of Women, together with bro. Chuck Palas, there are a number of new conscientious instructors and assistants. Among them are bro. F. Kloyda, Director of Men in Sokol Los Angeles, bro. L. Hintnaus, Assistant Director of Men; bro. Emil Prudek, President of Sokol Fresno, bro. Paul Pollach, Director of Men in Fresno, and a very able instructor bro. Hulbert; in San Francisco, there are bro. Kucera, Director of Men, bro. Patera, Assistant Director of Men, and a number of capable women Bro. Patera is a good gymnast himself and very conscientious.

My thanks go to all of these for their splendid cooperation and assistance during my short stay in the units. I sincerely hope that their plans for a large participation in our Centennial Slet will be realized.

It was my duty to teach all that was necessary. It was a source of continuous amazement to see the great distances not only between these units but the distance each member had to travel to his gymnasium.

M. Prchal

Report On the Course Given At Sokol St. Louis, Mo.

November 27-29, 1964

Upon arrival were met by sis. and bro. Novak, who took us to the Sokol St. Louis hall.

Began the sessions by extending greetings from the officers of the Central District and giving a very quick resumé of what we would try to teach. Sis. M. Udaykee started by reviewing how a regular Sokol class is run and of what it basically consists. I continued with facings, marching tactics, opening and closing of ranks. To finish off the evening, we went on with first aid essentials, a bit of history and education and basic music theory needed for the formulation of special numbers.

Early next morning, I gave a few warm-ups and we got into the subject of calisthenic terminology. In order to add variety between the sedentary and sometimes dull subjects and the more active kind, we next gave tumbling: how to teach youngsters to use their supple backs properly and how to guard for progressively more difficult tricks.

After lunch continued with the first phases of the ASO. Tournament Rules. We continued with more calisthenic terminology and did quite a bit of work with apparatus terminology on all the pieces of apparatus—taking time to have each one participate in practicing guarding techniques.

The evening session included elementary ballet and artistic gymnastics with both the men and women working hard. About 10:00 P.M. we broke up.

At the Sunday morning session, we worked more on Tournament Rules and gave a good judging session similar to the one I used at my women's meeting a month ago: some performed and others judged. We then analyzed both the performances and the scores.

Those members of Sokol St. Louis who attended were: sisters Pesoat, Triska, Strnad, Sulz, Duewell and Novak; brothers Triska, Prihoda, Ulrich, Novak, Pesek and Stanley. Sis. Udaykee and I both feel that those three days were very beneficial to Sokol St. Louis and we worked hard in preparing ourselves for the task before us. To help them further, I made up a full page list of books and pamphlets which they could obtain to use for additional reference.

We answered many questions and believe they gained a lot. We left with a warm feeling that they sincerely appreciated our efforts. Sis. Udaykee verbally reminded all, in speaking to bro. Frank Prihoda, that we still needed him and depended on his own knowledge to guide these budding instructors.

In our spare time we discussed the Central District's annual exhibition to be held in St. Louis in June. We will be notified of the competition sites as soon as they are obtained. They will secure enough tabulating equipment such as comptometers, typewriters and mimeo and/or ditto. In their next committee meeting, the Trophy Committee will be brought up, canteen service will be discussed, the Red Cross will be asked to be on hand for the competitions and the Sunday exhibition, musicians will be discussed. (I gave them the suggestions brought forth from this meeting.) It was also noted that separate rooms will be considered for the free ex and separate rooms for the tabulating committees at both the men's and women's sites. They will likewise discuss having judges' and officers' badges obtained and bro. Pesek will arrange to have a map of the city of St. Louis set up showing the locations of the Chase-Park-Plaza Hotel, the Sokol halls (old and new), competition and exhibition sites and he will add for good measure the shopping districts with street names, etc. They will contact the city transportation system to see whether or not additional buses could be put on at specific times to handle gymnasts traveling from the hotel to the competitions in order to save on cab fares.

EllenJeanne Schnabl

Karel M. Prchal

V jubilejním roce.

Vstoupili jsme do roku jubilejního. Prošlá léta ukazují, jak široká a hluboká je cesta Sokolstvem vyoraná. Odešli všichni první průkopníci ideje, ale není jich zapomenuto ani jejich činů. Vzpomínky na ně jsou jako vůně, která se usadila v pokoji, když již květy byly odneseny . . .

Přítomnost mluví sokolskou řečí, slibující — nadvíhující závoj budoucnosti. Co všechno skrývá? Odhaluje nejhlubší kořeny, které bratrstvo poutaly k práci po celé století a dává tušit, že v každé příští době musí být nějaká nová krása — jen je třeba ji hledat; bratrstvu pak skromně sloužit.

Přicházejí slavnosti jubilejní. K vydání sokolské poštovní známky, k pouti do kolébky Sokolstva v Americe, na jubilejní náš slet sjedou se členové našich jednot, přijdou zástupci všech sokolských or-

ganisací v nebývalém počtu, přijdou i ti, kteří Sokolstvo teprve poznávají. Nám připadá zodpovědný úkol obhájit krásnou, stoletím budovanou pověst.

Zdar všech podniků v rámci velikých oslav založen je na kázní. Dobrovolně kázní, která začíná u mne a nese se do všech řad členstva i dorostu v jednotách velkých i malých. Poslouchejte zprávy a pokyny. Tyto jsou vydávány proto, aby byly včas plněny, aby přinesly úspěchy ku zdaru celku, kterých jen obětavostí, sebezapřením, vytrvalostí příkladnou a službou oddanou může být dosaženo.

“Práce je záštita, práce je spása naše,” napsal Tyrš, proto se jí nelekáme. Skláníme se nad ní s rukou pilnou a myslí odhodlanou. Naše jubilejní slavnosti mají být slavnosti víry ve štěstnou budoucnost Sokolstva. Jak životem pracujeme k této štěstné budoucnosti, tak upřímně pracujeme k úspěchu století!

Napřete síly — zdar bude náš!

PROVOLÁNÍ AMERICKÉ OBCE SOKOLSKÉ DO NOVÉHO ROKU.

Při vstupu do Nového roku 1965 vzpomínáme vděčně všech bratrů a sester, kteří v uplynulém roce v jednotách a župách Americké Obce Sokolské plnili svoje povinnosti a připravovali se pro slavný jubilejní rok 1965. Všem jim za jejich věrnost a oddanost k sokolským ideálům děkujeme! Rok 1964 byl posledním rokem prvního století života Sokolstva v Americe. Byl to také rok velké a úspěšné práce! Dali jsme podnět k velkorysé akci pro vydání sokolské poštovní pamětní známky. Za účinné spolupráce všech sokolských, bratrských, kulturních, národních organizací a s krajanskou přátelskou pomocí dosáhli jsme, že poštovní známka fyzické zdatnosti k počtě století sokolského hnutí v Americe bude vydána 15. února při velkolepých slavnostech ve Washingtonu, D. C.

Ustavili jsme Výbor pro XI. jubilejní sokolský slet, který již po několik měsíců připravuje vše k plnému jeho zdaru. Ve dnech od 23. do 27. června bude Velké Chicago svědkem mohutné manifestace věrnosti Sokolstva ve svobodném světě k nesmrtelným zásadám svých zakladatelů — bratrství, volnosti a svobody.

Výbor pro Národní sokolskou pout' v St. Louis, Missouri, chystá se k uvítání hostů, kteří ve dnech 5. a 6. června sjedou se ke sletu župy Střední AOS. a k počtě průkopníků, kteří před 100 léty — 14. února 1865 — založili první sokolskou jednotu ve Spojených státech.

Ve dnech 21. až 23. června na X. sjezdu AOS. budou zástupci sokolských jednot a žup rozhodovat o zásadách sokolské činnosti pro budoucnost.

Náš slavný a historický rok 1965 zahájíme ve dnech od 12. do 16. února ve Washingtonu, D. C. — kde se sejdem ze všech částí země k uvítání sokolské poštovní známky. Tam, v sobotu 13. února na Akademii předvedou skupiny sokolských organizací ukázky výsledků skvělé sokolské tělovýchovy. A v poslední den prvního století Sokolstva 14. února na velkolepém banketu ve Statler-Hilton hotelu rozloučíme se s krásnou minulostí a uvedeme ji hrdě do knihy historie.

Pak zvedneme své zraky vstříc nadějně budoucnosti. Vzkročíme do ní radostně hned v první den druhého století života Sokolstva — 15. února. Z rukou Gen. Poštmistra John A. Gronouskiho přijmeme poštovní sokolskou známku tělesné zdatnosti — symbol uznání významu sokolského hnutí pro výchovu zdravé generace národa — vládou Spojených států.

Věříme, že i naší drazí bratři a sestry v nesvobodném Československu budou ve všech slavných dnech sokolského jubilejního roku 1965 v duchu s námi! Budou pro ně posilou v naději, že i jejich sokolovny ožijí ruchem svobodného Sokola.

Jdeme do Nového roku s vědomím, že pro naše jednoty, župy a pro každého z nás bude to rok velkého vypětí sil — ale bude také rokem nadšení, radosti a zdrojem vzpruhy pro činnost v budoucnosti. Věříme, že za plné spolupráce Vás všech — bratři, sestry, krajané a krajaneky — bude celý rok 1965 naplněn nezapomenutelnými, slavnými dny!

Voláme Vás všechny ke spolupráci při prodeji sokolské poštovní známky, obálek i pohlednic prvního dne vydání! Zveme Vás všechny k účasti v zájezdech Americké Obce Sokolské do Washingtonu, D. C., k Národní pouti do St. Louis a k návštěvě jubilejního sokolského sletu ve Velkém Chicagu v roce 1965!

VYKROČTE S NÁMI SOKOLSKÝM KROKEM RADOSTNĚ DO NOVÉHO ROKU!

AMERICKÁ OBEC SOKOLSKÁ

Karel M. Prchal, starosta

Bláža J. Čiháková, jednatelka

VÝZVA!

Zajistěte si co největší počet sokolské poštovní známky!
Vyžádejte si formuláře objednávek!

Oznamujeme zahájení kampaně pro získání co největšího množství objednávek 5-centové sokolské poštovní známky, obálek a pohlednic prvního dne vydání. Od 5. února 1965, kdy bude sokolská poštovní známka vydána, musí se rozletět na všech dopisech každého z nás po celých Spojených státech a do celého světa!

Vyzýváme Vás! Objednejte si co největší počet archů sokolské poštovní známky ke krytí svoji potřeby na několik let! Objednávejte také vkusné obálky a pohlednice prvního dne vydání; budou nesmírně cennou památkou na jubileum dovršení 100 let života Sokolstva ve Spojených státech. Vyzvete známé Vám organizace, kluby, spolky a jiné složky spolkového života ve Vašem okolí, aby v budoucnosti používaly jen 5c poštovní sokolskou známku! Objednejte si větší počet archů hned!

Vyžádejte si další formuláře u Americké Obce Sokolské, 5611 West Cermak Road, Cicero, Illinois 60650, bez odkladu. Najdete tam celý archů známek, bloků známek, obálek a pohlednic prvního dne vydání a jiné důležité informace. Vyplňte formulář, přiložte příslušný obnos (pouze šek nebo Money Order) a odešlete, abyste si dodatečný počet sokolské známky zabezpečili.

Jen 4 týdny dělí nás od 15. února 1965, kdy bude sokolská známka ve Washingtonu, D. C. ve zvláštním obřadu odevzdána veřejnosti. Při slavnostním aktu odevzdají představitelé sokolského hnutí Generálnímu Poštovnímu šek na obnos za všechny předem objednané známky. Musíme se snažit, aby obnos na šeku byl co nejvyšší!

Přičinme se proto všichni, aby sokolské známky bylo objednáno co největší množství! Jděte za svými obchodníky, přáteli, spolupracovníky, podnikateli, jděte do svých peněžních ústavů a vyžádejte si od nich velkou objednávku 5c sokolské poštovní známky. To bude soutěž, ve které podnětem bude upřímná láska k Sokolstvu.

Všimněte si těchto zajímavých a přesvědčivých čísel! Bude vydáno jen 120 milionů kusů sokolské pamětní 5c známky. Ve Spojených státech ve městech i na venkově žije stále ještě hodně lidí české a slovenské i jiných slovanských národností; ve všech sokolských organizacích je čtvrt milionu členů. Kdyby každý člen sokolské, bratrské, kulturní, sociální a národní organizace koupil jen za \$20.00 sokolské známky, kdyby také každá organizace, spolek, řád, sbor, jednota, klub — koupily jen za \$50.00 sokolské známky, natištěný počet 120 milionů kusů sokolských známek by zdaleka nestačil k vyřízení objednávek dalších zájemců z amerických kruhů.

Pokusme se o takový úspěch prodeje sokolské známky, obálek a pohlednic prvního dne vydání! Snažme se všichni — staří, starší i mladí, bez ohledu na stav a povolání, mužové i ženy, chlapi a děvčata, získat ve svém okolí pěknou objednávku sokolské známky! Tak projevíte hned na počátku jubilejního sokolského roku pravý zájem o věc sokolskou.

SOKOLSKÉ POŠTOVNÍ PAMĚTNÍ ZNÁMCE
ZDAR!

T. B. Hlubuček:

Sokolstvo na přelomu historického století.

Nejen zakladatelé Sokolstva, Fuegner a Tyrš, ale nesčetné tisíce zemřelých, neb dosud žijících: budovatelů velké myšlenky na vybudování lepšího, tělesně zdatnějšího a mravně vyspělejšího člověka, by žasli nad tím, do jakého světového prostředí spadá sté výročí jejich práce, snah a obětí! Snad ani my, kdož se stáváme očitými svědky této historické události, plně nechápeme, jaké prestiže se tím dostává celému československému národu v náhradu za staletý zápas o nabytí a znovunabytí svobody a samostatnosti, nezbytných to principů důstojnosti člověka.

Sémě sokolské nauky zapadlo na úrodnou půdu mimo hranice svého vzniku, ujalo se v mnoha zemích světa, zvláště zde ve Spojených státech, takže dnes Sokol se stal mezinárodní tělovýchovnou organizací, obdivovanou, uznávanou a mnohde napodobovanou. Vydání pamětní poštovní známky v rámci 100. výročí Sokola má ohromný význam jak zde, tak i za mořem! Rok 1965 bude věncem radosti a slavnostních událostí. Na sletích a při akademiích předvedem ukázky své práce v tělocvičnách. Každá jedna známka stane se organizátorem, poslem a — otazníkem. Tisíce budou chtít vědět "co je Sokol a proč jest jeho program dáván za příklad." Čelíme velké zodpovědnosti a příležitosti, jež přichází jednou za sto let.

Naše zodpovědnost jest tím větší už proto, že prapor sokolský byl stažen dočasně ze žerdě v zemi svého zrození, ale vlaje tím hrději na půdě této a mnoha jiných zemích světa. Byly doby, kdy s odchodem starších generací jsme slábli. Dnes tomu nemusí být. Původní vlastenecké principy, na nichž sokolská nauka byla založena, nejsou už dávno omezovány na čsl. národ, staly se příkladným vzorem tělesné a mravní výchovy mnoha zemí světa, kde snahy o zdatnější a odpovědnější občanstvo v rámci svobodného způsobu života roste. Teď záleží na nás! Od vedoucích činitelů v Americké Obci a župách, od funkcionářů v jednotách až po řadové členstvo, každý jeden čelí v roce 1965 velmi zodpovědnému úkolu využití stého výročí a vydání poštovní známky k posílení a rozmnožení našich řad.

Nebylo by krásné a nestalo by se rovněž historickou událostí, kdybychom společným, dobře organizovaným nápoem získali pro své jednoty v tomto významném roce 5,000 nových členů? Že je to nemožné? Není! Také finanční posily je třeba. Založený fond pro "budoucí vedoucí Sokolstva", rovněž za neuskutečnitelný považovaný, zdravě i když pomalu roste. S volbami činovníků do jednot před námi, neb za námi, nutno klásti důraz na sestavení (Dokončení na stránce 18.)

Americká Obec Sokolská zve k zájezdu do Washintonu, D. C. ve dnech od 12. do 16. února 1965.

Budou to nezapomenutelné dny a večery, které prožijeme na sokolských slavnostech ve Washintonu, D. C. jako očití svědkové historických událostí k zakončení prvního a zahájení druhého století života Sokolstva v Americe.

Z Chicaga vyjedeme vlakem v pátek 12. února. Po příjezdu do Washintonu, D. C. prohlédneme si památnosti sídelního města i Bílý dům. V 8 hod. večer účastníme se Akademie s vybraným programem, ve kterém vystoupí skupiny různých sokolských organizací.

V neděli, 14. února dopoledne vzdáme počtu u Hrobek Neznámých Vojínů a u hrobu Presidenta John F. Kennedyho na Arlingtonském národním hřbitově. O 6. hod. večer shromáždíme se na slavnostním banketu ve Statler-Hilton hotelu. Účastní se ho také zástupci všech sokolských, bratrských, kulturních a národních organizací, četní přátelé Sokolstva a významní představitelé vlády Spojených států.

V pondělí 15. února budeme svědky obřadu historického významu, kterým Gen. Poštovník John A. Gronouski odevzdá do rukou předsedy Výboru pro sokolskou známku první výtisky archů pamětní po-

štovní známky fyzické zdatnosti, vydané k počtu století sokolského hnutí v Americe. Tento obřad má další hluboký význam. Vedle nesmírné pocty dostává se Sokolstvu i uznání jeho velké důležitosti při plnění vládního programu výchovy národa k tělesné zdatnosti právě v první den — prvního roku — druhého století života Sokola v Americe.

Cena zájezdu z Chicaga je \$95.00; za malý příplatek je možno použít i spaciho vozu (slumber coach). Tedy za poměrně nízkou cenu \$95.00 bude umožněno účastnit se zájezdu do Washintonu, ke kterému Americká Obec Sokolská tímto srdečně zve. V této ceně je zahrnuta okružní jízda vlakem (coach), 2 noclehy v pěkném hotelu, doprava a přeprava zavazadel v hotelu, 4 jídla ve vlaku, prohlídka městem, vstupné na Akademii a banket, a účast při obřadu odevzdání sokolské známky veřejnosti.

Přihlášky k zájezdu do Washintonu, D. C. se zálohou \$25.00 posilejte na adresu:

American Sokol Organization
5611 West Cermak Road
Cicero, Illinois 60650

Nečekejte dlouho! Přihlaste se hned!

Zápis ze schůze Výk. Výboru Americké Obce Sokolské,

konané v pondělí, dne 14. prosince, 1964.

Br. Prchal předsedal.

Přítomni: Bří. Barcal, Čihák, Halík, Kropík, Vondrážka a Vrba. Sestry: Čiháková, Faltová, Prchalová. Omluveni br. Rabas a ses. Růžičková.

Zápis z minulé schůze dodatečně schválen.

ZPRÁVY ZE ŽUP

Došly zápisy ze schůzí župy Severovýchodní a Pacifické.

DOPISY

Stanice WJMO požádala AOS., aby se stala sponorem rozhlasového programu pro Nový rok.

Sokolice Milwaukee vyjadřují vděčnost za organizování zájezdu na "Holiday Folk Fair".

Br. M. L. Hromádka, předseda ZČBJ., oznámil, že blízko lípy zasazené v městském parku u příležitosti oslavy jubilea 50. let Sokola Cedar Rapids, bude umístěna pamětní deska, jakmile to počasí dovolí. Stane se tak v době, kdy se zasazení desky nestřetne s ostatními jubilejními slavnostmi.

Jednota Československé Spolky v Americe používá této vánoční doby k vyjádření díky za všechny příspěvky, poslané do úředního orgánu ČSA.

Sokol Stickney oznámil, že schůze spojená s uvedením úředníků jednoty bude se konat 16. ledna a žádá, aby br. Čihák uvedl velký počet nových členů do jednoty na této schůzi. Schváleno.

Br. Pavouček poslal obrázek ses. Lois Chab ze Sokola Wilber, vystřížený z Omaha World Herald. Blahopřejeme sestře Chab.

Matice Vyššího Vzdělání poslala zprávu o své činnosti v uplynulém roce. V Sokole Americkém bude uveřejněna výzva k podpoře její záslužné práce.

Výbor pro sokolskou známku požádal AOS. o stručnou historii pro Památník, který bude vydaný pro události ve Washintonu, D. C. Br. Čihák byl pověřen k přípravě historie.

Výbor pro sokolskou známku žádá dále AOS., aby vyzvala jednoty, členstvo a obchodní podniky k umístění blahopřání ke krytí výloh, spojených s vydáním knihy historie Sokolstva. Schváleno.

V jiném dopisu je AOS. žádána o provedení akce pro prodej známky. Byly předloženy a schváleny nabídky na tisk propagačních letáků pro prodej známky a obálek.

AOS. schválila také organizování zájezdu do Washintonu, D. C. ke slavnostním událostem.

Ke schválení byly předloženy návrhy obálek prvního dne vydání a pohlednic. Byl dán souhlas k tisku 5,000 kusů pohlednic, které jsou podnikem AOS., budou však k dispozici každé organizaci. Obálky prvního dne vydání budou vráceny Výboru pro sokolskou známku, který dostal oprávnění k provedení výběru a objednání jejich tisku.

Br. Lechowicz, starosta Sokola Fugner, South Chicago, znovu žádá o pomoc pro zahájení cvičení v jeho jednotě. Mají již dva muže, kteří mají určité znalosti ve vyučování a jsou ochotni věnovat čas této práci. Zajímají se o návštěvu cvičení v některých jednotách, aby se seznámili s metodami, které jsou užívány a rádi by také navštěvovali cvičitelský kurs. Br. Halík přislíbil, že zavolá br. Lechowitze a informace předá župě Střední.

Sokol a Sokolice Los Angeles vyjadřují své nejsrdčejší díky za umožnění návštěvy br. Čiháka a ses. Prchalové v jejich jednotě.

ZPRÁVA JEDNATELKY

Úřadovna připravila pozdravy pro všechny noviny, jak byly Výk. Výborem schváleny.

Guvernér br. Otto Kerner poděkoval za naši pozornost a blahopřání k jeho opětovnému zvolení guvernérem státu Illinois.

Východní župa byla požádána, aby na Akademii ve Washingtonu, D. C. zastupovala AOS. a dodala pro ni tři čísla.

Župa Severovýchodní a Východní byly požádány o organisování zájezdu do Washingtonu, D. C.

Prostřednictvím Rozhlasu Svobodná Evropa vyřídila jsem vánoční pozdravy československému národu.

4. a 5. prosince byla jsem ve Washingtonu, D. C. a provedla jsem potřebné přípravy pro banket, ubytování v hotelu, získání auditoria a k úřednímu jednání, aby President Spojených států vyhlásil 15. únor jako "Sokols Physical Fitness Day" atd.

V pátek, 4. prosince, účastnila jsem se výroční schůze Sokola Washington, D. C., kde jsem byla požádána o uvedení nového člena. Zodpověděla jsem všechny dotazy a podala vysvětlení o Výboru pro sokolskou známku. Br. Neumann byl znovu-zvolen starostou jednoty.

Br. Neumann byl tak laskav a vozil mně svým autem při prohlídce vhodného auditoria pro Akademii. Bude s námi ve spojení a podá zprávu o každém novém vývoji záležitosti a dá nám také vědět, když naši žádosti bude vyhověno. V úvaze jsou dvě auditoria.

Odpoledne v sobotu jeli jsme do Belcamp, kde ses. Provazníková řídila nácvik pro číslo župy Východní, které bude předvedeno na Sletu. O Akademii bylo jednáno na schůzi náčelnictva Jižního okrsku, konané po nácviku. Hovořila jsem s brem. Štětka a žádala jsem ho, aby si prohlédl auditorium, které by přicházelo v úvahu, aby při své práci měl představu o rozsahu plochy podlahy.

Byly poslány dopisy župě Severovýchodní a br. Tichému ve věci jeho členství ve výboru pro stanovy AOS.

Br. Prchal zařídil stánek na výstavě v Lincoln Federal Savings and Loan Ass'n., a podá zprávu.

Mimiografovala jsem tisíce stránek technického materiálu pro náčelnictvo.

Úřadovna byla v neustálé činnosti.

Ses. Faltová obětavě, jako obvykle, pomáhala v úřadovně, za což jsem jí vděčná.

Všem žádostem o zaslání materiálu bylo vyhověno a korespondence byla vyřízena.

Schůze Výboru jubilejního sletu konala se ve čtvrtek 3. prosince. Příští schůze bude se konat v pátek, 29. ledna 1965.

Z mnoha částí země došly vánoční pozdravy.

Vzdor skutečnosti, že pracujeme ve dne, večer i o nedělích, nemůžeme zdolat všechnu práci, která musí být vykonána. Z jedné myšlenky zrodí se druhá a další a další — výsledkem je, že úkoly se množí a práce stále roste.

Došly následující dary pro "Future Sokol Leaders Fund": Mr. a Mrs. Alois Kopecký k utčení památky br. Josefa Brouka \$10.00, Agnes Sotka k utčení památky její matky Mrs. Rose Dvořák \$10.00, Frank a Bessie Vorel k utčení památky Štěpána Lišky \$10.00, Mr. a Mrs. Bohumil Lankaš k utčení památky Mrs. Katherine Wachuta \$5.00, Bessie a Frank Vorel k utčení památky Mr. Sebastian Boutina \$10.00, Sokol Galveston, Texas, k utčení památky ses. Marie Chumchala \$5.00, Karel

M. Prchal \$10.00 a Tillman G. Van Gunten \$10.00 k utčení památky Elizabeth Špatný, Yorkville, Ill.

Br. Anton Smunt věnoval dar \$10.00.

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

Ses. Prchalová podala zprávu náčelnice žen.

Ses. Čiháková podala zprávu o práci, vykonané Výborem pro sokolskou známku. Br. Čihák přečetl zprávu ze schůze, konané v pátek, 11. prosince. Byli pozváni zástupci sokolských, bratrských i národních organizací.

Výlohy se zájezdem ses. Čihákové do Washingtonu, D. C. byly schváleny.

Br. Čihák podal zprávu vzdělavatele AOS. Mnohé jednoty připravují vzdělávací program a žádají o materiál. Napsal články pro Sokol Americký a některé jednoty.

Br. Prchal sdělil, že do zvukového pásma namluvil vánoční a ses. Faltová novoroční pozdrav pro Rozhlas Svobodné Evropy.

Dále podal zprávu o stánku AOS. na výstavě v Lincoln Federal Savings and Loan Ass'n., který připravil. Stánek byl velmi dobře navštívený. Na výstavě měli jsme sokolské tiskoviny, nákresy sokolské poštovní známky a sokolské vítězné poháry. Ses. Čiháková poděkovala za zprávu.

Ses. Faltová navrhla, aby Dozorčí odbor přezkoumal záznamy AOS.

Br. Vodrážka předložil finanční zprávu za třetí čtvrtletí roku 1964. Zpráva přijata.

Ses. Čiháková podala návrh k vytvoření zvláštního výboru pro přípravu sjezdu AOS. v roce 1965. Záležitost bude dána na pořad pozdější schůze.

Byla provedena rozprava o "Future Sokol Leaders Fund". Bylo zjištěno, že se tomuto fondu nedostalo patřičné pozornosti a podpory, jaké si význam jeho poslání o budoucnost zaslouhuje.

Příští schůze Výkonného výboru bude se konat 26. ledna, 1965.

Sokol Orel na Východě bude pozván k účasti na sletu.

Br. Prchal poděkoval za podané zprávy a vykonanou práci, a přál všem veselé Vánoce a štěstí v Novém roce; jeho přání bylo přítomnými opětováno.

Br. Prchal ukončil schůzi.

Bláža J. Čiháková, jednatelka.

Župa Jižní.

Naše touha je splněna — sokolská poštovní známka ku počtě století Amerického Sokolstva bude vydána!

Sokolská župa Jižní děkuje srdečně všem, kteří se o její vydání zasloužili. Děkuje výboru za jeho namáhavou, neumdlévající práci a za vše, co bylo vykonáno. Vaši práci si vysoce ceníme. Přijmete naše blahopřání.

Zdar oslavám sokolského jubilea 100 let!

RESOLUČNÍ VÝBOR SOKOLSKÉ ŽUPY JIŽNÍ.

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1964 Central District

Junior Boys and Men's Volleyball Tournament

The 1964 junior boys volleyball tournament was of the double elimination type with seven teams participating. Sokol Slavsky won first place and Sokol Brookfield won second place honors, followed by Havlicek-Tyrs, West Suburban, Stickney, Berwyn, and Tabor. The junior's season concluded with an All-Star game between the Sokol Slavsky champs and All-Star players from the various units. The Slavsky champs beat the All-Stars in the final game of a two out of three series of games.

The senior men had a total of nine teams entered in their double elimination tournament which was conducted by bros. Ed. Hlinka and John Cerny. The odd number of teams presented some problems, but all units entered were well represented and the games were played as scheduled. Sokol Chicago won first place and Sokol Tabor I took second place, followed by Havlicek-Tyrs I, Slavsky, Brookfield, Stickney, Berwyn, Tabor II, and Havlicek-Tyrs II. The men also held an All-Star game with the Stars edging the Chicago champs in a well played series of games.

After the All-Star games a social was held at Sokol Brookfield where a good time was had by all. — Nazdar!
Elmer Kulousek

Maticе Vyššího Vzdělání

rozeslala zprávu o své činnosti ve školním roce 1963-64. Také naše jednoty ji obdržely. Maticе podporovala v tomto období 17 studentů a 6 studentek. Poskytuje mládeži čl. původu bezúročně půjčky k dosažení vyššího vzdělání. Celkový počet podpořených od založení v roce 1902 dostoupil úctyhodného počtu 518.

Maticе děkuje všem, kteří poskytují příspěvky záslužné její činnosti. Mezi nimi jest řada sokolských jednot.

Rozeslaná zpráva jest upozorněním na význam Maticе a výzvou k podpoření další její činnosti. Za svoji dobrou práci a její výsledky si toho zaslouhuje.
kmp.

KAREL M. PRCHAL

Od bratra Johna Kounovského.

Zajímavý dopis poslal br. John Kounovský. Jsou mu devadesát tři roky a je posledním živým zakladatelem Sokola Chicago v roce 1892. Po všechna léta jest jeho členem. Čtvrtého března budou to 73 roky. Nyní žije v Hillsboro, N. D.

Do Spojených států přijel když mu bylo 15 let a 9 měsíců. Po pět roků chodil do cvičení v Plzeňském Sokole. Když se z české Plzně přestěhoval do české Kalifornie, byly zde již dvě sokolské jednoty. Stal se členem Sokola Fuegner. Druhou jednotou byl Sokol Kalifornie. Jelikož v té době nebylo v tomto okolí místa pro dvě jednoty, tyto se spojily. V první společné schůzi přijato jméno Sokol Chicago.

Po tři roky byl velice čilý a činný člen své jednoty. Byl prvním účetním, byl náčelníkem a cvičitelem. Při každé zábavě, bazáru nebo výletu byl vždy členem pořádatelského odboru a vždy u práce. Na první taneční zábavě bylo vyděláno více, než

150 dolarů. Na prvním bazáru, který byl všestranně úspěšný, získán větší finanční přínos, na jehož výši se již dobře nepamatuje. Výlet do Riverside se výborně zdařil. Čistý příjem jednoty obnášel 1,200 dolarů a tehdy zakoupeny tři loty na Kedzie Ave., na postavení vlastní sokolovny. Účast na koupě byla jeho poslední činností v Chicagu.

V roce 1895 s manželkou, která též byla nadšenou sokolici, odstěhoval se do Severní Dakoty, kde je do dnes. Zdráv — a pradědečkem.

Všechna ta léta, od roku 1895, vždy čeká na Sokol Americký, sleduje pečlivě všechny jeho řádky, má velkou radost ze snažení Sokolstva a jeho úspěchů, těší se z mladých jak cvičí a pracují. Dotazuje se na Sokol Chicago a jeho činnost. Neví snad, že budova byla prodána, sbourána, i všechny budovy až ku 24té ulici a vystavena zde prodejna poživatin ("Food Mart") a upraveno parkoviště.

Často se mu zasteskne a lituje, že se nemohl více uplatnit. V celém městě, ve kterém žije, je jediným Čechem.

V Sokole četl životopis bra. Šimanera a byl překvapen, že chodil do školy v Čisté, kam také br. Kounovský chodil. Jenom připomíná, že tam chodil dříve. V osadě Vsesulově, kde byl narozen, školu neměli. Do Čisté byly tři míle. V Žatci navštěvoval po dva roky měšťanku.

Ku konci dopisu: ". . . již nepiši, jako za mladých let. Sám se divím, že ještě po 77 letech v Americe a 69 v Severní Dakotě, mezi jinými národy, mohu číst, psát a mluvit česky . . ."

Velmi pěkně píšeš, milý bratře, a ukazuješ, že dobrý Američan může být i uvědomělým Čechem. Amerika Ti nepokazila ani řeč, ani duši. A tak vzpomínám, kolik našich lidí hledí rychle zapomenout sladkou řeč mateřskou a kde přímo nemusí, ji nevsloví. Ale svatá Nemesis tresce každé sebezapření krve.

Dobře chápeš poslání Sokolstva, jako předního pracovníka pro zájmy našeho člověka.

Věřím, že budou Ti dopřána ještě mnohá léta, ve kterých se budeš moci těšit z usilování bratrstva. S díkem a láskou posílám za Tebou do Hillsboro upřímné přání zdraví a klidné pohody života pro léta příští! Nazdar!

SOKOLSTVO NA PŘELOMU—

(Dokončení ze str. 15.)

vení schopného vzdělávacího odboru nejen pro místní členstvo, ale i širší veřejnost. Český tisk je s námi, je však nezbytně nutno zaujmouti tisk anglický, rozhlas a televizi. Američané jsou nadšení výkony importovaných gymnastů, mezitím co akademické ukázky našeho sokolského programu si s nimi v ničem nezažádají.

Rok 1965 jest rokem velkých možností. Základy Sokolstva jsou pevnější, nežli kdy před tím. Sto let práce současně reprezentuje velký odkaz do našich rukou svěřený. Naší povinností jest jej chrániti, šířiti pole sokolské činnosti, tak aby do druhé stovky vstoupilo zdravě posílené a na perutích nesmrtelné idee spělo k dalším metám!

Je nedůstojno, sebe podceňovat, avšak nebezpečno a nemožno, sobě lichotit a sebe klamat. — M. Tyrš.

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