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Left to right: Congressman Roman C. Pucinski, Postmaster Gen. John J. Gronouski, Blanche J. Cihak, Secretary, Sokol Centennial Commemorative Stamp Committee, Bob Stewart, Administrator, President's Council on Physical Fitness.

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Blanche J. Cihak, Secretary
Sokol Centennial Commemorative
Stamp Committee

Calendar of Events

- APR. 3rd—PLZENSKY SOKOL, CHICAGO, ILL. Dinner Dance in observance of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Sokol Movement in the United States in the Main Ballroom, Oak Park Arms Hotel, Oak Park, Ill. Cocktails 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:30 P.M.
- APR. 3rd—SOKOL NOVA VLAST, CLEVELAND, OHIO. — Gymnastic Exhibition.
- APR. 3rd—SOKOL HAVLICEK, TYRS, CHICAGO. Gymnastic Exhibition.
- APR. 4th—SOKOL LITTLE FERRY, New Jersey. Gymnastic Exhibition.
- APR. 4th—SOKOL TYRS, CLEVELAND, OHIO. Sokol Tyrs Talent Show—BOI.
- APRIL 8th—SOKOL SLAVSKY, CICERO, ILL. Fashion Show.
- APR. 11th—SOKOL CLEVELAND-CECH HAVLICEK, OHIO. — Dinner at our Sokol.
- APR. 12th—SOKOL SLAVSKY, CICERO, ILL. Fashion Show.
- APR. 25th—SOKOL BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. Gymnastic Exhibition.
- APR. 30-MAY 1—SOKOLICE DETROIT, MICH. Rummage Sale.
- MAY 1st—SOKOL MLADOCECH, RACINE, WIS. Exhibition at 7 p.m. at Sokol Mladocech Hall, 1313 Lincoln Street, Racine, Wisconsin.
- MAY 2nd—SOKOL FUEGNER, L. I., New York. Gymnastic Exhibition.
- MAY 8, 1965—SOKOL WEST SUBURBAN, Downers Grove, Ill. — Gymnastic Exhibition at Sokol Brookfield.
- MAY 8, 1965—SOKOL WEST SUBURBAN, Downers Grove, Ill. — Rummage Sale in Downers Grove, Ill.
- MAY 15th—SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN. Gymnastic Exhibition.
- MAY 16th—CENTRAL DISTRICT 2nd Class Girls Apparatus Competitions at Sokol Tabor.
- MAY 22nd, 1965—SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WIS. Interclass Meet
- MAY 23rd—EASTERN DISTRICT ASO. — Arlington National Cemetery.
- JUNE 5-6—CENTRAL DISTRICT Junior and Senior Competitions and Central District's Annual Exhibition in St. Louis, Mo.
- JUNE 6-7—PILGRIMAGE TO ST. LOUIS, MO.
- JUNE 6th—SOKOL DAY AT WORLD'S FAIR.
- JUNE 13th—NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT SLET IOOF. Camp.
- JUNE 24-27—XI. SLET IN CHICAGOLAND.
- JULY—SOKOL CLEVELAND-CECH HAVLICEK, OHIO. — Summer Picnic.
- JULY 11th—SOKOL DETROIT, MICHIGAN. Annual Summer Verejny at Sokol Camp, Sandy Bottom Lake, Michigan.
- AUGUST—SOKOL TYRS, CLEVELAND, OHIO. Picnic—I.O.O.F. Camp.
- OCT. 17th—SOKOL CLEVELAND-CECH HAVLICEK, OHIO. — Annual Pork, Dumpling and Sauerkraut Dinner.
- NOV. 21st—SOKOL CLEVELAND-CECH HAVLICEK, OHIO. — Bazaar.

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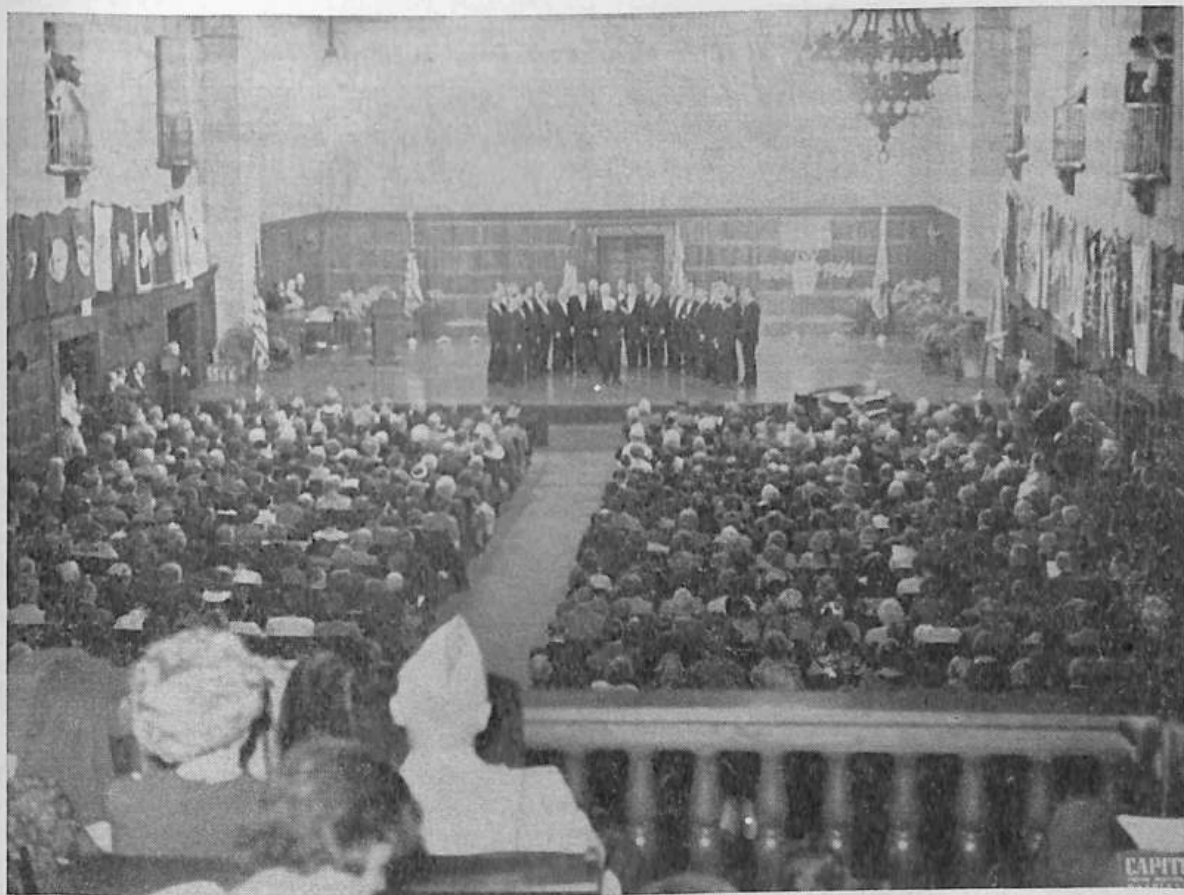
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IMPOSING COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONIES OF THE SOKOLS CENTENNIAL IN WASHINGTON, D. C.



COMMERCE AUDITORIUM, WASHINGTON, D. C. — Lyra opening Akademie.

Even from the narrow perspective of the past few days, of the imposing ceremonies in Washington, D. C., when the Sokols in America commemorated the crossing from one century into a second one, highlighted by the acceptance of the Sokols Physical Fitness Stamp, we can evaluate their historical significance for a successful future in America and in the world.

Our public richly deserves to share in the joy of their complete success, because of its wholehearted support and complete understanding for all the efforts and goals of the Sokols Commemorative Stamp Committee.

The thrilling execution of the programs of all the ceremonies, enthusiasm of the participants, sincere expressions of evaluations of outstanding governmental officials and leaders of the Sokol Movement created such strong impressions that they will never be forgotten by the eyewitnesses. They will become a new elixir of life, an invaluable aid for increased and long-lived activity in the gymnasiums, as well as for all of us in our daily lives, in our increased participation in our work for all our national, fraternal, social and cultural organizations so vitally interested in maintaining the full blossom of our ethnic group in the United States.

The exceptional success of the Centennial celebrations have a far-reaching meaning for the Sokols. They revealed to the American public and government officials their capability of rendering valued service for the practical execution of the government's program for the nation's physical fitness. They showed that the fundamental principles of the Sokols fitness program promulgated a hundred years ago by Dr. Miroslav Tyrš and Jindrich Fuegner scintillate with a magical strength, like a gem ground to perfect proportions by expert diamond cutters for decades, in this case they are the leading educators and instructors of all the Sokol organizations. Their workshops were and are the Sokol gymnasiums, their products, exemplary citizens in the greatest nation of the free world, the United States of America.

On many occasions during the ceremonies in Washington, D. C., Feb. 13-14 and 15th, 1965, the Sokols received official recognition. That is a certainty that the Sokol idea, guaranteeing the harmonious development of the mind and body will become the property of the American nation within a few years. It will assure the training not only of the present youth but also of all future generations creating physically fit, morally mature, self-disciplined men and women—exemplary citizens of this land.

**BEAUTIFULLY EXECUTED AKADEMIE FEB.
13th PROOF OF THE VALUE OF SOKOL
TRAINING METHODS**



**Bialy Mazur (Warsaw Regional Dance)
Girls—Polish Falcons, Bridgeport, Conn.**

Exceptional was a view of the Commerce Auditorium filled to capacity by the members of the Sokol excursions, their friends, the general American public and government officials. Not a square foot was empty on the main floor, balcony or gallery. On the stage was a simple but effective decoration of palms in the background, above it a Falcon on a blue background accented by clouds. Below this were the figures 1865—100—1965.

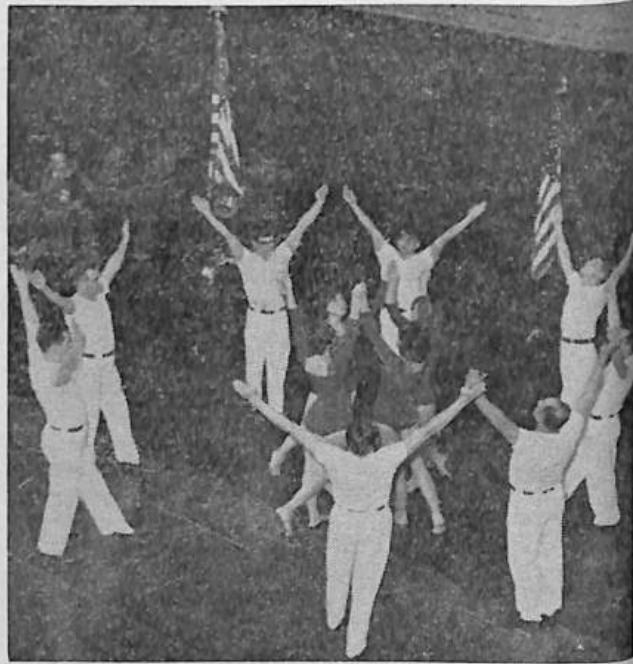
The unity of the Sokols was symbolized by the presence of 70 American, Sokol National, District and Unit flags, comprising the Sokols Centennial Stamp Committee. In the audience were the lead-

ers and representatives of the American Sokol Organization, Federation of D. A. Sokol of America, Polish Falcons of America, Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol of the USA., The Slovak Catholic Sokol and the Union of Czech Catholic Sokol.

Representing the President's Council on Physical Fitness was its administrative director, Mr. Bob Stewart.

**DIGNIFIED OPENING OF THE AKADEMIE
Directed by Prof. Frank Kubina**

After the colors were posted, the Czech Singing Society Lyra of Chicago, Illinois, sang the national anthem. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Jacqueline Shour and Albert Pokorný, juniors of Sokol Baltimore, Md.



Twelve Men and Women—Baltimore, Md., ASO.

Twice during the program Lyra thrilled the hearts of the audience with its singing of selections from Rudolph Piskacek, Leos Janacek, Slovak folk songs of Frank Chodura and Evaline, arranged by Frank Kubina.

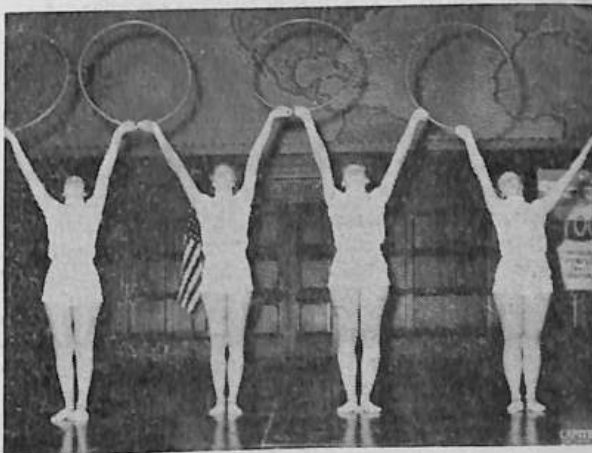
Bro. Charles Kropik, member of the Stamp Committee, filled the role of Master of Ceremonies in the place of the Committee President, bro. James L. Cihak, whose sudden illness prevented him from making the trip to Washington. Bro. Kropik, however, read the address of welcome sent by bro. Cihak, which was received with appreciation.

The technical portion of the program was composed of 13 gymnastic and 3 dance numbers, begun by the children of Sokol Washington, D. C. (ASO.) showing excerpts from a typical training hour, and then came one number after another in quick sequence, without a break, composed of calisthenics and rhythmic exercises, simple and complicated, requiring dexterity, flexibility, daring, precision and courage. All of them, children,

juniors, women and men, gave polished performances. Every group was worthy of a detailed write-up of its presentation. We list them, for history, at least in chronological order. Calisthenics, boys and junior boys, Sokol Baltimore, Md. (ASO.); symbolic calisthenics (Jolly Tars), junior girls, Sokol Baltimore, Md. (ASO); calisthenics (red and white), women and men, D. A. Sokol, New York; calisthenics, junior girls and boys, Polish Falcons, Pittsburgh, Pa.; symbolic calisthenics (black and white), men and women, D. A. Sokol, New York; calisthenics, women, SGUS.; calisthenics (Twelve) — men and women, Sokol Baltimore, Md. (ASO.). Interesting was the example of drills from the past and present performed by the women of Sokol Nova Vlast, Cleveland, Ohio (ASO.). Free exercise calisthenics were shown by junior boys and girls of the Central District ASO. and by a group of Sokol Tyrs, Cleveland, Ohio (ASO.) and the women of the Slovak Catholic Sokol from Passaic, New Jersey. The audience also had the pleasure of seeing the national dances, Krakowiak and Bialy Mazur, danced in lively fashion by the junior girls of the Polish Falcons, in national costumes, Bridgeport, Conn. — The Slovak Czardas was vivaciously

danced, also in native costumes, by the junior girls of the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

The M. C., bro. Charles Kropik, certainly had a pleasant role as he presented the individual group performers. The audience escorted them from the stage with salvos of enthusiastic applause. In the darkened auditorium tears of happy emotion shone like pearls in the eyes of hundreds of men and women and bright flames of enthusiasm burned in the eyes of scores of youngsters. All the faithful and dedicated Sokol men and women gave positive proof of what a magnificent unifying force is the spirit of Sokol training.



Women—Sokol Nova Vlast, ASO., Cleveland, Ohio



Rhythmics — Women—Slovak Catholic Sokol, Passaic, New Jersey

Before the end of the program, bro. Edward Stetka, physical director of the Southern Section of the Eastern District of ASO., and director of the evening's program, and his aide bro. Frank Stovicek, physical director of Sokol Washington, D. C., were presented and enthusiastically greeted by the audience. With the singing of "America the Beautiful" from C. H. Woods, by Lyra the program ended. It fulfilled its mission. The Sokols in America proved their ability, as experienced teachers, for the training of a physically fit nation. They stepped into the second century fully prepared to fulfill everything asked of them.

ZDAR TO THE SOKOLS IN AMERICA!

Greetings from ASO. at the Centennial Banquet

Presented by bro. Charles Kropik, Vice-President ASO.

One hundred years ago today, a seed was planted in the fertile soil of our great Midwest. Wafted to these shores from the minds of patriotic, democratic, freedom loving men, it took root and flourished in this land, the haven for the oppressed.

This seed contained the best of the Golden Age of Greece, the struggle of mankind in Christianities labor of centuries, the American and French Revolutions. World renowned pedagogues, philosophers, medical men, creative minds in the arts and sciences, all of these added the treasures of their love for man and hope for his steady climb upward, to its powers of germination.

Under the warm sun of this great land it grew

steadily. It became prolific. The beauty of its purpose and the utility of its methods captured the hearts and minds of thousands upon thousands of fine men and women. To it and its perpetuation they unstintingly dedicated their lives. The United States of America became the richer because of it.

Tonight we bow our heads in reverence before those who created, planted and for a century nurtured the seed that grew into the Sokol Movement in America. St. Louis, Mo., February 14, 1865, the cradle of the Sokols, Washington, D. C., February 14th, 1965, the recognition of the Sokols role in life, spanned by a century of devoted citizens, each adding his mite to a great idea and ideal.

FROM THE TRIUMPHANT DAY OF THE SOKOLS CENTENNIAL GRAND BANQUET IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

Splendid Tribute to the First Century of the Sokols in America

For a long time we shall keep returning, in our memories, to the splendid course of the centennial banquet in the Presidential Ballroom of the Statler Hilton Hotel in Washington, D. C. It took place on February 14, 1965, on the last day of the first century of the Sokols in America. This evening, like all the other centennial events, will be entered in the chronicle of its life in the USA., beginning with the first page dated February 14, 1865. Even though only a few short weeks have elapsed since the celebrations, we have had the opportunity to read in the Sokol publications and foreign press their highly favorable comments and have heard and read the highly enthusiastic reactions of eye-witnesses. We feel it to be our duty to report these events in detail, to our public and all our co-workers in the stamp campaign, of whom only a small percentage could attend the Sokol celebrations.

We have already given a detailed report on the success of the Akademie Saturday evening, February 13, and the dignified respects paid at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers and the grave of President John F. Kennedy, at the Arlington Cemetery Sunday, February 14. This is a report of the banquet and program Sunday evening that held the audience spellbound. The readers can form their own mental pictures, from our report, and have the same happy feeling of satisfaction, that the Sokols proved their strength and determination for new activity and gave encouragement to our entire organization life.

ATTENDANCE WAS TREMENDOUS

So great, that late comers, without prior reservations, had to be accommodated in the adjoining hallway. They had a good view though and received the same fine service as those in the main hall.

Hundreds of heads turned toward the speakers table as the representatives of government and Sokol organizations took their places. All of them came on this historic date, February 14, 1965, to pay homage to a small group of hardy pioneers who met a hundred years ago in a Czech hall in St. Louis, Missouri, and laid the foundation for the Sokol Movement.

Not only at the head table, but also in the large hall there sat next to each other in perfect fraternal harmony, the presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, educational directors, technical directors, instructors, members and friends of the American Sokol Organization, Federation of D. A. Sokol in America, Union of Czech Catholic Sokols, Polish Falcons, Slovak Catholic Sokol and Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol. A lively and energetic Slav spirit was evident during the centennial celebrations by the unifying force of a quarter million members, whom they represented. At many tables

one heard them greeting each other with the Sokols, "Nazdar," "Czolem" and "Zdař Bůh," all three Slav languages, Czech, Polish and Slovak were in steady use as if all of them were happy in the knowledge of their cultural background. It was a beautiful feeling and recalled to memory the first sentence of the martial Slav hymn "O Slavs, our Slav language still lives."



Madame Eva Likova-Baca,
Accompanied by Prof. Frank Kubina

And that was exactly the historic significance evidenced in the greetings of the various Sokol leaders whose words showed pride in their Slav origin. The issuance of the Sokols commemorative stamp, the celebration of the Centennial of the Sokol Movement commemorating the pioneer founding of the Sokols in America led all of them to a fervent rededication of their love for the Sokol ideals, declared openly by everyone of the speakers in their short but compact addresses.

We will still have an opportunity to pay attention to the individual Sokol groups, their districts and units. Today we mention the distinguished guests—Secretary of the Canadian Sokol Organization, bro. Prokop V. Havlik with his wife, General Secretary of the Czechoslovak National Alliance of Canada, Mr. George Corn and Mr. and Mrs. Rezek of Toronto, Canada, representative of the Yugoslav Sokol, General Paul Pavlovic, for the Headquarters of the Czechoslovak Sokol Abroad, President Dr. Anton Hrebik with his wife, Vice President Dr. Juraj Slavik, Director of Women, sis. Marie Provaznik. For the Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol of USA., bro. John Babuska, Secretary, Directors of Men and Women, and the entire Executive Board, including former editor Karol Bednar. The Council of Free Czechoslovakia was represented by President Dr. Peter Zenkl, his wife Pavla, Secretary Dr. Matej Josko, the Czechoslovak National Council of America by Vice President

Bretislav Vanek and Secretary Emilie Welcl-Ruzicka, Western Bohemian Fraternal Association by Sec'y. bro. Charles Vyskocil. Czechoslovak Society of America by bro. Lad Mejdrieh and Unity of Czech Ladies & Men by its President sis. Josephine Drnec with her husband, the Federation of Moravian Societies by President Joseph Lysak, Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences by Prof. Vrat. Busek and Dr. Jaroslav Nemeec with their wives, the BOI. of ASO. by Director of Men, Edwin Halik, Director of Women, Mildred Prchal, other members of the Executive Board included bros. Stanley Barcal, Jaroslav Rabas and William Vrba and sis. Ann Falta. At the press table sat Dr. Jaroslav Drabek with a technician and operator from the Voice of America, editor Frank Meloun with his wife and son, camera man for Radio Free Europe, sis. Jaromira Zacek for the Czech press service of the Committee for the Commemorative Stamp and two reporters of the local English press. Voice of America recorded the entire banquet and program and sent a copy to James L. Cihak, Chairman of the Commemorative Stamp Committee.

Guests from Chicago, the Midwest and West occupied most of the tables, 300 of them were present. The largest groups were Czech Singing Society Lyra with their conductor bro. Frank Kubina, members of the Executive Board and delegates of the Bohemian National Cemetery with their President Bob Vydra, Secretary Rudolph Janda and attorney George Boucek with their wives, bro. Frank V. Jelinek, represented the Federation of Czechoslovak Legionnaires and President Joseph J. Janecka and his wife representing the First Czechoslovak Philatelic Society. Well represented were the Northeastern District ASO., Cleveland, Ohio, with its President Anthony Suster, Eastern District ASO., New York with its President Joseph Hrbek and his wife.

The largest delegation came from the Central District ASO., Chicago, Illinois, with President James Simaner with his wife, the Western District ASO. was represented by President Edward J. Pavoucek and his wife, the Southern District ASO. by Vice President George Prevratil and Secretary Marie Prevratil, Dallas, Texas, the Pacific District ASO. by sis. Louise Nekuda of Los Angeles, Calif. From St. Louis, Missouri, came a group of 24 brother and sister Sokols, led by their President William Shana and his wife. Other large delegations were those of the Polish Falcons, D. A. Sokol, Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol USA., and the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

Everyone at the banquet received a tastefully prepared program of the evening's proceedings. On its title page was a Falcon with outspread wings holding the Sokol emblem in his talons, below this the dates of the century 1865—1965. An oblong red, white and blue frame held the words "Sokols Centennial."

The head table beautifully decorated with red and white carnations and the round banquet tables with red table lamps, with indirect modern lighting from the ceiling and walls created a festive, good humor among the guests, Sokol representatives, performers and everyone else at the banquet.

At 6 P.M. the Postmaster General John A. Gronouski with his wife, Ira Kapenstein, Special Assistant to the Postmaster with his wife, Congressman Roman C. Pucinski, Charles T. Horsky, Advisor to President Lyndon B. Johnson with his wife, Bob Stewart, Administrator of the President's Council on Physical Fitness with his wife, Walter Zachariasiewicz, Assistant to the Postmaster, Stanley Hodziewich of the Philatelic Department, members of the Sokols Commemorative Stamp Committee Charles T. Kropik with his wife, Secretary Blanche J. Cihak, Frank J. Vodrazka with his wife, Major Edward J. Cihak and his wife Susan, Congressman Robison of New York, Marie Prusa, Director of the Union of Czech Catholic Sokols, Andrew Valusek, President of the Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol USA., Walter Laska, President of the Polish Falcons and his wife, Wm. Pechar, President of the Federation of D. A. Sokol, Paul C. Fallat, President of the Slovak Catholic Sokol with his wife, Congressman Michael J. Kirwan of Ohio, took their places at the head table. Other distinguished guests, Mr. and Mrs. Davis and Mr. Dennis of the State Department and Mr. T. Crockett of the U.S. Information Service Agency—Voice of America, sat at the front tables reserved for them.

To the great satisfaction of all present a delicious dinner was served efficiently and quickly.

DIGNIFIED OPENING OF THE BANQUET PROCEEDINGS,

which were very capably conducted by the M.C., bro. Charles T. Kropik, Chairman of the Banquet Committee, was beautifully executed by Lyra, our Czech singing society, under the direction of prof. Frank Kubina, with the singing of the national anthem. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by junior gymnasts Janice Eyth and Thomas J. Sotka. Lyra then fervently sang "Dedication" by Bedrich Smetana. The Invocation was sensitively given by Major Edward J. Cihak, U.S. Airforce—S.A.C.

Sis. Blanche J. Cihak, Secretary of the Committee, read the welcome address of her absent husband, bro. James L. Cihak.

WELCOME ADDRESS AT BANQUET

Postmaster General and Mrs. Gronouski, Distinguished Guests, Sokols and Friends:

We welcome you to the Sokols Centennial Banquet.

Last night you witnessed the gymnastic program presented by all the Sokol organizations comprising the Sokols Centennial Committee. This is the main part of our work in our general role in life. It is not all of it. The great minds of antiquity stressed music as being just as important in the life of a nation as their incomparable, universal, athletic training. In this, too, we have followed their sound judgment.

Tonight we present to you great music, presented by operatic, choral and instrumental stars. Without this our lives would be barren indeed. The Sokols and their program have inspired great

composers. Great music has always been an inspiration to the Sokols.

Thank you for being present to celebrate a great weekend with us, as tonight we cross from one fruitful century into a second one—a Century of Challenge and Promise.

Enthusiastic applause greeted the short, comprehensive sentences in bro. Cihak's greetings, who although absent, was with us in spirit.

The further course of the program was energetic, varied and unusually interesting, alternating greetings of the Sokol representatives, government officials and brilliant artistic appearances of Lyra, Madame Eva Likova-Baca and Miles Nekolny.

WE ALL STRIVE FOR ONE GOAL IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SOKOL PRINCIPLES, echoed from all the short, comprehensive and sincere utterances of the Sokol representatives; they expressed admiration for the work of the Sokol founder Dr. Miroslav Tyrs and recalled the pioneer founders of the Sokol units in the United States.

Sis. Marie Prusa, Director of the Union of Czech Catholic Sokols, opened the addresses, which qualifies for full recording here, because of its sensitive and delicate content. She said, "This is a moment we have looked forward to with increasing anticipation. To have worked with children and our youth to help them to see the value of following great ideals has brought its own reward. To have lived to see the day when a century of that work receives the official commendation of our great nation is the greatest thrill of our life.

"Work is our shield, work is our salvation," Dr. Tyrs wrote almost a century ago. And we have worked with a song in our hearts. We have helped to create better young men and young women for our nation to assure the future of this nation. This is the greatest gift the Sokols can give, have given and shall continue to give.

"I humbly thank God for having spared me to see these great days."

The address of sis. Marie Prusa was heartily greeted and applauded by the listeners, because of its genuineness and expressed love for the Sokol work.

THE APPEARANCE OF EVA LIKOVA-BACA ELECTRIFIED THE ENTIRE AUDIENCE

We have often seen Eva Likova on Sokol stages and in concert halls, where she was always the object of wonder for her magnificent, artistic performance, that secured her such a resounding reputation as an international opera singer. We can state that at the jubilee Sokol banquet she also enraptured everyone present with her imposing, dazzling beauty. Slim, erect, dressed in a beige brocade evening gown, with long gold gloves covering her arms, an imposing headdress, she stood on the stage like a goddess—her appearance was so overwhelming that she received enthusiastic applause just by walking on the stage. And her singing underscored with a depth of feeling, full, resonant and perfectly formed carried itself like a courier of beautiful art and the depth of the sentiments of those who had created its tones. The

arias "Dove Sono" from the Marriage of Figaro by Mozart, "Un Bel Di" from Madame Butterfly by Puccini, and to us the pleasantly sounding, whimsical lines of the swaggering young widow "Freely rule I over my estate," from the opera "Two Widows" by Bedrich Smetana, called forth a storm of applause, ably assisted by all the honored guests. Mr. Frank Kubina, who accompanied Madame Likova-Baca on the piano, smiled happily and contentedly as the artist and he thanked the audience for their very warm appreciation.

WE BELIEVE IN THE GREAT FUTURE OF THE SOKOLS, proclaimed all the succeeding representatives of the Sokol organizations. Sincere was the utterance of bro. Andrew Valusek, President of the Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol. He paid respects to our predecessors, teachers of the principles of Dr. M. Tyrs and Jindrich Fuegner. He recalled the beginnings of the Slovak Sokol and its cooperation with the American Sokol Organization—the celebrant of this evening. He appreciated the meaning of the Sokols stamp, which is a recognition of the value of the Sokols work in the elapsed century and encouragement for further activity of the Sokols in the future.

He thanked the Postmaster for his efforts for the issuance of the stamp. The address of the deserving worker of SGUS. was accepted with hearty applause as was the warm utterance of Walter J. Laska, President of the Polish Falcons, who recalled the beginnings of the Sokol in Poland. He expressed his appreciation to the Committee for the Sokols Commemorative Stamp for its great, exhausting work, coupled with the organization of the project for the issuance of the commemorative stamp and preparations for the magnificent ceremonies of the Sokols jubilee. Bro. Laska stressed that the Sokol organizations in America, even though following various paths, follow one ideal, which is the training of the nation in physical fitness in accordance with the Sokol training principles. He pointed to the sincere personal interest of the Postmaster regarding the stamp and its issuance.

Bro. Paul C. Fallat, President of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, recalled that they are preparing to celebrate their 60th anniversary this year. He spoke with appreciation for the success of the centennial celebrations of the Sokols in America and proclaimed that the issuance of the Sokol stamp gives the greatest promise for the success of the Sokols training efforts in the entire future. He congratulated the Sokols Commemorative Committee for attaining such beautiful results and as a mark of appreciation presented Postmaster General Gronouski and his wife a silver base with a picture of the Apostles Cyril and Methodius and a Sokol insignia. Congressman Michael Kirwan of Youngstown, Ohio, also participated in the act.

The address of bro. Wm. Pechar, President of the Federation of D. A. Sokol, was permeated with the spirit of Sokol brotherhood and faith in the future of Sokol. He appraised the results of the work of their units, and warmly recalled the cooperation with the ASO. He congratulated them on

their jubilee and triumph in the issuance of the Sokols stamp, the result of the successful project of the stamp committee. The Sokols march into the future with great expectations, justified by the beautiful results of the work in the past. The audience repaid each speaker with hearty applause.

Poetic was the address prepared by bro. James L. Cihak for the American Sokol Organization presented by Vice President bro. Charles Kropik. He read:

GREETINGS FROM ASO.

One hundred years ago today, a seed was planted in the fertile soil of our great Midwest. Wafted to these shores from the minds of patriotic, democratic, freedom loving men, it took root and flourished in this land, the haven for the oppressed.

This seed contained the best of the Golden Age of Greece, the struggle of mankind in Christianities labor of centuries, the American and French Revolutions. World renowned pedagogues, philosophers, medical men, creative minds in the arts and sciences, all of these added the treasures of their love for man and hope for his steady climb upward, to its powers of germination.

Under the warm sun of this great land it grew steadily. It became prolific. The beauty of its purpose and the utility of its methods captured the hearts and minds of thousands upon thousands of fine men and women. To it and its perpetuation they unstintingly dedicated their lives. The United States of America became the richer because of it.

Tonight we bow our heads in reverence before those who created, planted and for a century nurtured the seed that grew into the Sokol Movement in America. St. Louis, Mo., February 14, 1865, the cradle of the Sokols, Washington, D. C., February 14th, 1965, the recognition of the Sokols role in life, spanned by a century of devoted citizens, each adding his mite to a great idea and ideal. — Thank you. Nazdar!

Bro. Kropik also expressed thanks to the Postmaster for his efforts, so that the Sokol stamp would become proof throughout the world of the United States government's recognition of the Sokols ability to fulfill the national program for physical fitness. Bro. Kropik ended with the statement that the Sokol stamp and all the centennial ceremonies will become a source of new impulses for work in the second century, into which we step tonight in full strength. Long and heartwarming applause repaid bro. Kropik and acted further as a beautiful respect to the American Sokol Organization.

One can say with perfect frankness that the audience was so enthused that it repaid with spontaneous appreciative applause not only the speakers but also the artists, whose appearance in the next part of the artistic part of the program was an exceptional success.



MILES NEKOLNY, OUR OPERA SINGER-BARITONE, INSPIRED THE AUDIENCE TO OVATIONS

with his splendid presentation of the arias "Non Piu Andrai" from Figaro by Mozart, "In the Stillness of the Night," from Rudolph Friml, and Medley of Slovak Songs, arranged by Frank Kubina. Moody folk songs, songs of longing in the medley were followed by the lively and beloved happy songs known not only to the Slovaks but the Poles and Czechs as well. The audience applauded so heartily that even the strict M.C. could not quiet them, because even the main table had joined in the demonstration. And then spontaneously the entire audience rose as a mark of respect to Miles Nekolny because he resurrected their childhood when they too had sung these songs or learned them here in America from their parents and grandparents.

(To be continued)

GREETINGS

The President has asked me to express his congratulations and best wishes to the American Sokols on the occasion of their 100th anniversary. Their dedication to activities which develop physical fitness, high moral standards and personal responsibility is in keeping with our best traditions and our national interest.

STAN MUSIAL

Consultant to the President on Physical Fitness

I truly regret that I cannot be with you on this splendid occasion. As a great admirer of Sokol for its inestimable contribution to the health and education of our people, I rejoice in the issuance of the Centennial Commemorative Stamp.

I want to commend Mr. and Mrs. Cihak and other members of the committee for their devoted work. And we all thank Postmaster General Gronowski for favorable consideration.

The striking pose of the discus thrower expresses handsomely Sokol's emphasis on excellence. In 100 years this influence has strengthened our country.

My congratulations and best wishes to you all.

PAUL H. DOUGLAS, U.S. Senator

UNITY OF CZECH LADIES AND MEN

(Jednota Českých Dam a Pánů)

February 10, 1965

Mrs. Blanche Cihak, Secretary
American Sokol Organization
5621 West Cermak Road
Cicero, Illinois

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Unity of Czech Ladies and Men please accept our heartiest congratulations on achieving your goal—the issuance of the Sokols Physical Fitness Commemorative Stamp to be issued on February 15, 1965, at Washington, D. C., by Postmaster General John A. Gronouski.

It is a great pleasure to be connected with the Sokols at this time and we wish for the Sokol Organization continued success and a Happy 100th Birthday.

Fraternally yours,
JOSEPHINE DRNEC, President
EMILIE A. ZIBRID, Secretary

TĚLOCVIČNÁ JEDNOTA SOKOL V PAŘÍŽI
V Paříži dne 4. února 1965.

Bratrská

Americká Obec Sokolská,
Chicago.

Milí bratři, milé sestry!

Za 10 dnů zahajujete oslavu STOLETÍ první sokolské jednoty na půdě Spojených států. Jest to vzácná událost, jejíž význam jste dokázali zdůraznit před celým světem, prosazením vydání zvláštní poštovní známky.

Blahopřejeme Vám velmi srdečně k tomuto památnému výročí a také k úspěchu získanému u amerických vládních činitelů, kteří uznávají hodnotu a zdárnou činnost sokolského hnutí před očima světa, zatím co vlada Československa, kolébky sokolství, nejen nezhodnotila století Sokola doma, ale snaží se vyhladit i jen jméno Sokola. Těšíme se proto z toho, že to jméno na půdě svobodné Ameriky naopak má — díky Vaší nezmarné činnosti — stále ten dobrý zvuk a získává si přízeň a úctu veřejnosti i vlády.

Přejeme Vám plno úspěchů v práci sokolské na další století a posíláme Vám všem, a především stoleté jednotě v St. Louis, své upřímné sokolské pozdravy. Nazdar!

V. POLANSKÝ, starosta. F. FIEDLER, jednatel.

C.S.A. DISTRICT COUNCIL OF NORTHERN
OHIO, CLEVELAND, OHIO

10. února 1965.

Americká Obec Sokolská,
Chicago, Ill.

Vážení bratři a sestry!

Na prahu 100letého trvání sokolské činnosti v Americe, vzpomínáme s vděčností a uznáním veškeré záslužné a nejdříve užitečné práce všech těch bratří a sester v řadách sokolských, živých i neživých.

Blahopřejeme vám radostně k úspěšnému dosažení pamětní poštovní známky k tomuto významnému výročí.

Do další blahodárné činnosti vaší na poli tělesné výchovy v Americe, přejeme vám zasloužený zdar!

ZA OBLASTNÍ RADU Č.S.A. SEV. OHIO,
Rose Fischer, předs. Frank Pliska, t. č. taj.

On behalf of the Slovak Catholic Federation of America, which will hold its convention in May in New York City, may I extend heartfelt greetings and best wishes to your Centennial Sokol celebration. As a Sokol member, both Catholic and National, whose late father was affiliated with Slovak founders, I felicitate you and wish you further success and God's blessing for God and Country.

CANON JOSEPH S. ALTANY, President

As pastor of a church, which is the cradle of the Slovak Catholic Sokol Organization, founded 6 decades ago, I join those many, who express their tributes and felicitations on this Centennial of the first Sokol organization in America and wish all Sokols to continue in its lofty ideals and principles for God and national and physical fitness training of our youth. God bless you.

RT. REV. MSGR. ANDREW J. ROMANAK

The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Union proudly salutes Sokoldom on its Centennial Anniversary. Postmaster Gronouski is to be commended on issuing the Sokol Stamp. May physical fitness under the banner of the Sokol movement enjoy even greater success in the future. Zdar Bůh!

ELIZABETH LIPOVSKY, President
First Catholic Ladies Union

Dear Sokols:

The officials and the citizens of the City of Garfield, New Jersey, felicitate you on the Sokol Centennial.

We are proud to have so many Sokols as our fine citizens. The Sokol physical fitness program is most commendable.

The City of Garfield had many of the original founders of the Slovak Catholic Sokol Organization as its residents. They have been called to their eternal reward. Their successors are exemplary citizens. We recall proudly that Mr. Paul C. Fallat, the Supreme President of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, and his late parents were among our foremost citizens. Other members of his family and many Sokols still are our residents.

With best wishes,

GOTTHOLD ROSE, Mayor

Warm greetings to the officers and members of the Sokol movement in the United States on the auspicious occasion of your hundredth anniversary. A century of service is certainly a milestone to be proud of, but especially when it has been a century of effective service. The people of Czechoslovakian heritage, as all Americans, are proud of the record of the Association and join me in sending best wishes on this wonderful anniversary. Please extend my regards to all present.

JACOB K. JAVITS, United States Senator

Congratulations and best wishes on the issuance of the Sokol Commemorative Postage Stamp recognizing the Sokol Movement in America. May the next 100 years be as fruitful as the first in the moulding of the physical fitness of the nation. Under separate cover we are sending a check for fifty dollars as a patron to this good cause.

POLISH ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION
OF AMERICA

Joseph T. Pranica, President

PROCLAMATIONS

THE STATE OF TEXAS

Official Memorandum

by

JOHN CONNALLY

Governor of Texas

Austin, Texas

Greetings:

Sokol is an organization of Czech-Americans dedicated to the physical, mental and cultural advancements of its members, and the children who attend its gymnasiums. It is based upon the theory that only physically fit, mentally alert and culturally well-developed citizens can form a healthy, strong nation.

The first Sokol unit in the United States was founded on February 14, 1865, in St. Louis, Missouri.

For one hundred years, their slogan, "Neither For Profit Nor Glory," has remained unblemished. It is: "Our first and overall task rests in the premise that before any other demands, we must preserve our nation in that general vigor that does not allow a nation to die, in that steady and fresh strength, in that physical, spiritual and moral health that will not allow any decay to set in and with that no stagnation, which is the worst fate that could happen to a nation."

THEREFORE, I, as Governor of Texas, do hereby designate February 15, 1965, as

SOKOLS PHYSICAL FITNESS DAY

in Texas, and urge all citizens to follow the example set by the Sokols to remain physically fit and to strengthen and improve their health.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 11th day of February, 1965.

JOHN CONNALLY, Governor of Texas

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

HARRISBURG

January 10, 1965

Greetings:

Congratulations to Sokol as the members and friends of this worthwhile movement observe the 100th anniversary of its existence in the United States.

Pennsylvanians join other Americans in the effort to bring about a high standard of physical fitness in our nation. Enjoyment of the superb recreational opportunities available in Pennsylvania and elsewhere is greatly enhanced by training in basic physical skills and good sportsmanship.

I am pleased to designate February 15, 1965, as SOKOL PHYSICAL FITNESS DAY in Pennsylvania, in conjunction with the Centennial celebration of the organization. I urge all our citizens to inform themselves of the advantages of participation in programs such as Sokol, and to pay tribute to the leaders and members of that movement.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON, Governor

STATE OF OHIO

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

COLUMBUS

PROCLAMATION

SOKOLS PHYSICAL FITNESS DAY

February 15, 1965

WHEREAS, the Sokol Centennial Commemorative Stamp Committee are sponsoring the national recognition of a century of continuous training achieved by the Sokol Physical Fitness Training program in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Sokol movement, through its emphasis not only upon physical fitness, but also upon mental health, moral integrity, and spiritual enlightenment, has been accorded wide acceptance in Ohio and in the nation; and

WHEREAS, its educational and scientific efforts to attain its slogan, "Physical perfection should go hand in hand with a noble mind" have not confined to any age group but includes all from young children to grandparents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James A. Rhodes, Governor of the State of Ohio, do designate February 15, 1965, as

SOKOLS PHYSICAL FITNESS DAY

in Ohio, and urge our citizens with the numerous Sokol groups in Ohio in observing with appropriate ceremonies and exercises this note-worthy centennial.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed at Columbus, this 15th day of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-five.

JAMES A. RHODES, Governor

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Sokol Physical Fitness Movement in America will commemorate on February 15, 1965, a century of continuous training, and

WHEREAS, Sokol is an organization dedicated to the physical, mental and cultural advancement of its members, based upon the theory that only physically fit, mentally alert, and culturally developed citizens can form a strong nation, and

WHEREAS, The Postal Department has honored this Centennial by approving the Sokols Physical Fitness Commemorative Stamp, and the first issue will take place with appropriate ceremonies in Washington, D. C., on February 13-15, 1965, and

WHEREAS, The example set by Sokols and the national recognition accorded them should intensify the interest of our citizens in maintaining high

standards of readiness for every eventuality,
 NOW, THEREFORE, I, Otto Kerner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim February 15, 1965, to be SOKOLS PHYSICAL FITNESS DAY throughout Illinois, and request the appropriate observance of this occasion of the Centennial of the Sokol Movement in America organized "for neither profit nor glory."

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield, this Twenty-seventh day of January in the Year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five and of the State of Illinois the one hundred and forty-seventh.
 By the Governor:

OTTO KERNER, Governor

PAUL POWELL, Secretary of State

STATE OF MISSOURI PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the first Sokol Unit in the United States was founded on February 14, 1865, in St. Louis, Missouri, and since then, such units have been established throughout the United States, with a total membership of over 250,000; and

WHEREAS, the Sokols built and supported their own gymnasiums, supported foreign language schools, assembled libraries, formed and aided cultural groups and conducted summer camps for children and have never solicited any branch of government for financial support; and

WHEREAS, the Sokol system of gymnastics is the result of the combined thinking and experience of thousands of dedicated, qualified medical men, physiologists and outstanding instructors and is scientifically designed to take into consideration the needs and exercise of every part of the body, internal as well as external; and

WHEREAS, there has been no fatal casualty in Sokol gymnasiums in decades or even one among Sokol trained youth in high school or university competitive sports;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Warren E. Hearnes, Governor of the State of Missouri, do hereby proclaim February 15, 1965, as

"SOKOLS PHYSICAL FITNESS DAY"

in Missouri and urge all citizens to join in the Sokol movement to raise the level of health and general well-being throughout the land.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri in the City of Jefferson on this 2nd day of February, 1965.

WARREN E. HEARNES, Governor

Attest:

JAMES C. KIRKPATRICK, Secretary of State
 T. R. CLOUD, Deputy Secretary of State

STATE OF MICHIGAN EXECUTIVE OFFICE — LANSING PROCLAMATION SOKOL DAY

The first Sokol Unit in the United States was founded on February 14, 1865, in St. Louis, Missouri. Since then the Sokols have established Units from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast and from Canada to the Rio Grande.

For a century the Sokols have carried on an uninterrupted course of training thousands upon thousands of individuals of both sexes, from six years of age to well past 60. They built and supported their own gymnasiums, supported foreign language schools, assembled libraries, formed and aided cultural groups, conducted summer camps for children, and have an enviable record of less than 1% rejections when entering military service.

The leading ideas in the Sokol movement are the equality of all members, comradeship and loyalty to the nation as a whole. This almost Spartan training axiomatically leads to higher scholastic attainments, independence, rapid rise in rank in any field of endeavor whether civilian or military. Delinquency at any age is unknown.

THEREFORE, I, George Romney, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim February 15, 1965, as

SOKOL DAY

in Michigan and urge all citizens to incorporate the Sokol credo into their philosophy of life. That credo states: "Our first and overall task rests in the premise that before any other demands, we must preserve our nation in that general vigor that does not allow a nation to die, in that steady and fresh strength, in that physical, spiritual and moral health that will not allow any decay to set in and with that no stagnation, which is the worst fate that could happen to a nation."

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan, this sixth day of February in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred sixty-five and of the Commonwealth one hundred twenty-ninth.

GEORGE ROMNEY, Governor

By the Governor:

JAMES M. HAN, Secretary of State

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE STATE OF WISCONSIN Executive Department A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on February 15, 1965, the Sokol Physical Fitness Movement in America will commemorate a century of its continuous training in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the American Sokol Organization is dedicated to physical fitness and good sportsmanship as major objectives of recreation, education and our way of life; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Department has honored the Centennial with the issuance of the Sokols Physical Fitness Commemorative Stamp; and

WHEREAS, the example set by the Sokols and the national recognition accorded them should intensify the interest of every citizen in maintaining high standards of readiness for every eventuality;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Warren P. Knowles, Governor of the States of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the day of February 15, 1965, to be

SOKOLS PHYSICAL FITNESS DAY

in Wisconsin in recognition of the high purpose expressed in the American Sokol motto "Physical Perfection Should Go Hand in Hand with a Noble Mind."

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this eighth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five.

WARREN P. KNOWLES, Governor

By the Governor:
Secretary of State

**EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU**

**MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR JOHN A. BURNS
SOKOLS PHYSICAL FITNESS DAY
February 15, 1965**

The Sokol Physical Fitness Movement in America commemorates a century of continuous training in the United States on February 15, 1965.

This significant centennial has been honored by a commemorative stamp issued by the United States Postal Department.

We in Hawaii take particular pride in the physical fitness of our citizens, and we are proud to recognize organized programs designed to promote the health and physical well-being of our fellow citizens.

It is with great pleasure, therefore, that I extend the salute of the citizens of Hawaii to the Sokol Physical Fitness Movement in the United States, with our very best wishes for continued success.

JOHN A. BURNS

**STATE OF COLORADO
EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
DENVER**

EXECUTIVE ORDER

PROCLAMATION

**SOKOLS PHYSICAL FITNESS DAY
February 15, 1965**

WHEREAS, the Sokol Founders conceived the idea that physical education might provide an outlet for hitherto untouched and perhaps unrealized national energies; and

WHEREAS, the leading ideas in the Sokol movement are the equality of all members, comradeship and loyalty to the nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, this almost Spartan training axiomatically leads to higher scholastic attainments, independence, rapid rise in rank in any field of endeavor whether civilian or military; and

WHEREAS, in addition to raising the level of health and general well-being throughout the land,

the Sokol movement is a school for democracy, preparing its members for participation in every phase of life, either in their own cities and towns, or later in more trying times on a wider field, in the struggles for preserving national liberties and their maintenance in a troubled world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John A. Love, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim February 15, 1965, as

SOKOLS PHYSICAL FITNESS DAY

in Colorado, and urge our citizens to make proper observation of this day.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado this Twenty-Eighth Day of January, A.D., 1965.

JOHN A. LOVE, Governor

**STATE OF NEBRASKA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE
LINCOLN**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the American Sokol Organization is an organization dedicated to the physical, mental and cultural training of its members, and the children who attend its gymnasiums; and

WHEREAS, the leading ideas in the Sokol movement are the equality of all members, comradeship and loyalty to the nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, this kind of training leads to higher scholastic attainments, independence, rapid rise in rank in any field of endeavor, and general well being; and

WHEREAS, the Postal Department has honored the Sokol Centennial by approving the Sokols Physical Fitness Commemorative Stamp;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frank B. Morrison, Governor of the State of Nebraska, do hereby proclaim February 15, 1965, as

SOKOLS PHYSICAL FITNESS DAY

in Nebraska, and note that the example set by Sokols and the national recognition accorded them should intensify the interest of every citizen in maintaining high standards of readiness for every eventuality.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed.

Done at the State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, this nineteenth day of January in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-five.

FRANK B. MORRISON, Governor

By the Governor:

FRANK MAREK, Secretary of State

**PROCLAMATION
by the
GOVERNOR
of the**

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, Sokol is an organization dedicated to the physical, mental and cultural training of its members, and the first Sokol Unit in the United States was founded on February 14, 1865; and

WHEREAS, for a century Sokol has carried on an uninterrupted course of training thousands of persons from six to sixty years of age; and

WHEREAS, physical training is a valuable aid to general education and produces those characteristics so vital for any nation to maintain its existence; and

WHEREAS, Sokol is a school for democracy, preparing its members for participation in every phase of life, either in their own communities, or later in more trying times on a wider field, in the struggles for preserving national liberties and their maintenance in a troubled world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward T. Breathitt, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim February 14, 1965, as

SOKOLS PHYSICAL FITNESS DAY in Kentucky, the day on which the Postal Department will issue the Sokols Physical Fitness Commemorative Stamp.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Frankfort this 22nd day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred sixty-five and of the Commonwealth of Kentucky the one hundred seventy-third.

EDWARD T. BREATHITT, Governor
THELMA L. STAMELL, Secretary of State

STATEMENT

by

GOVERNOR CHARLES L. TERRY, JR.
GOVERNOR OF DELAWARE

in observance of

"SOKOL PHYSICAL FITNESS DAY"

February 15, 1965

On February 15, 1965, the Sokol Physical Fitness Movement in America will commemorate a century of continuous activity in the interests of furthering physical fitness through gymnastics.

Many individuals and organizations, mindful of the need for physical fitness and aware of the contributions made by the Sokol Movement, are joining with Sokol-member organizations in marking this milestone.

The United States Government will give further recognition to the Sokol Movement, through issuance, by the Postal Department, of a special commemorative stamp. The first day of issue of this special stamp will be marked with impressive ceremonies in the Nation's Capitol, February 13-15.

Shortly after taking office, the late President Kennedy, alarmed by evidence that many Americans were not physically fit, initiated a national physical fitness program which has been further implemented by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Sokol-member organizations are making notable contributions to this program.

I am pleased to endorse the observance, on February 15, 1965, of "Sokol's Physical Fitness Day," and welcome this opportunity to congratulate Sokol-member organizations upon their many achievements in 100 years of service to the cause of physical fitness.

CITY OF PASSAIC
NEW JERSEY

February 10, 1965

Sokol Centennial Committee
c/o Statler-Hilton Hotel
Washington, D. C.
Gentlemen:

As Mayor of the City of Passaic and in behalf of the governing body and the citizens of our City, I extend to you my heartiest felicitations on the Sokol Centennial. We are proud to have so many Sokols in our community who are outstanding and exemplary citizens. The Sokol Physical Fitness Program, as I have known it from my youth, is most commendable and note-worthy.

The City of Passaic is honored and proud that it has the National Headquarters of the Slovak Catholic Sokol Organization and we are proud that it was founded here on Independence Day in 1905.

This year, I am told, you will observe the 60th Anniversary. I, personally and in behalf of the people of Passaic, salute and commend the Sokol leaders for their illustrious and noble achievements and I do want to wish all of you continued success and good fortune.

With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely,

PAUL G. DeMURO, Mayor

CITY OF CLIFTON
NEW JERSEY

February 10, 1965

Sokol Centennial Committee
Hotel Statler-Hilton
Washington, D. C.
Gentlemen:

The public officials and the private citizens of Clifton congratulate you on the Sokol Centennial.

We are proud of the many Sokol families residing in our community and we appreciate the substantial contribution they have made to our city through their programs for fraternal, cultural and physical fitness activities.

We are especially proud that Mr. Andrew Klukovsky, one of the founders of the Passaic chapter, resides in our city and is still active in his home parish of SS. Cyril & Methodius Church in Clifton.

Our warmest congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely,

IRA SCHOEM, Mayor

Resolution Adopted at the DTJ. Annual Membership Meeting

January 17, 1965

Be it resolved, that we the members of the Labor Gymnastic Union (DTJ.) assembled at Komensky Hall in Cleveland, Ohio, January 17, 1965, extend to all American Sokols our heartiest congratulations on the 100th Anniversary of the Sokol Movement in America.

In this period of world wide struggle for democracy, human rights and the freedom

for all people, we of the DTJ. are also mindful of the necessity of a physical fitness program as the foundation of effective resistance to all form of dictatorship.

Jan Amos Komensky, one of the world's greatest educators, once declared that a sound mind in a sound body is important in promoting a physical fitness program. This motto has become an outstanding part

of the Sokol Movement, a movement dedicated to voluntary discipline, physical fitness and the love for one's country.

It is our hope that the American Sokols will continue their excellent work in training the members to be healthy and useful citizens of the greatest nation on earth.

Joseph Kobylak
President

Frank Bardoun
Secretary

EXCERPTS FROM THE ADDRESS BY POSTMASTER GENERAL JOHN A. GRONOUSKI

AT THE DEDICATION OF THE SOKOL PHYSICAL FITNESS COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP



This is the day you have been awaiting, and I share your pride in the postage stamp we are issuing today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Sokol movement in America.

That so many of you are present from all parts of the country is indeed a high tribute to the Sokol movement, and speaks well for the unity among your groups and for the cooperation within the Sokol Centennial Commemorative Stamp Committee.

You have my very best wishes for a successful and memorable centennial observance. I certainly hope that my schedule will permit me some day to attend one of your great physical fitness exhibitions.

We can take pride in the fact that Sokol and Falcon organizations were among the very first in the United States to combine programs of physical fitness with cultural enrichment. Democracy needs BOTH to survive.

Fortunately, there has been a rekindling of interest in physical fitness. Much of this new interest has been generated by the President's Council on Physical Fitness. Stan Musial serves as special consultant to the President in this area.

I'd like to quote briefly from the encouraging progress report Mr. Musial made to President Johnson:

"In 1961-62, only 47 percent of the nation's high school juniors and seniors took part in physical activity programs. Eighty-four percent participated in 1963-64.

"Eighty percent of the parochial schools now provide physical education instruction for most of their pupils, as compared to only 40 percent in 1960-61."

That's progress.

Perhaps some day soon, the rest of America will catch up with the Sokols and Falcons!

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The Sokol Physical Fitness commemorative postage stamp we are issuing today should be an occasion, I think, to look back on—and pay tribute to—the men and women of the past who made the Sokol movement great. It is their postage stamp, too. These were your forebears of two or perhaps three generations ago who came to America determined to establish new lives for themselves and for their children. They came to the new land to be free—free from poverty, free from intolerance, free from persecution. Their dream was America, the land of liberty and justice.

It is unfortunate—but true—that immigrants from the Slavic countries were not greeted with open hands in those days. For in many parts of America there was a widespread feeling that in order to be a real American it was necessary for your ancestors to have arrived on the Mayflower. Or at the very least, to have fought in the Revolutionary War. And there was something almost sinister about a man who wanted to be an American but who had a name that was long and unpronounceable—by Anglo-Saxon standards.

Times have changed! And it was our ancestors who helped cause them to change. For by their very actions, their hard labor, their loyalty and dedication to the new land, they showed themselves to be good Americans in the finest traditions. In community service, in religious participation, in political responsibility these men and women demonstrated that they knew the meaning of democ-

racy. And when it was necessary to fight to protect democracy, they fought and fought gallantly.

Those of you in this audience with grey hair will agree with me, I believe, that within our memories there has been remarkable progress in erasing the prejudices and discrimination our ancestors faced.

In his State of the Union Message, the President made the reform of our immigration laws one of his top priority legislative programs. And, in his recent message to Congress, Mr. Johnson called for a new immigration law based on principles which reflect our American traditions of fair play, and I ask you—who know the problems so well—to support fully this legislation.

Under this proposed law, immigrants who are close relatives of American citizens would receive preference in entering the United States. Parents of American citizens could join their children here without waiting for a quota number.

Another aspect of the proposed law would admit immigrants on the basis of their special skills and knowledge. It would bring to America new scientists, scholars, engineers, doctors, technicians and skilled workers—all of whom would soon contribute to our national advancement.

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I don't know how many postage stamp collectors we have in the audience today, but to those of you who are not collectors I'd like to make it clear that every organization or person who wants a new stamp doesn't get one. Each year, we receive about 3,000 requests for new stamps. We issue only

about 15 a year. So only events of highest national significance can be commemorated on new postage stamps. Sokol meets this test.

One hundred and twenty million stamps will be printed in black and red on white paper.

And I am going to see to it that an elderly man, a former member of your movement, now living in Poland, receives a souvenir of this occasion.

For I think he is with us today in spirit.

I'd like to tell you the story.

A short time after I announced that there was to be a Sokol postage stamp, I received a long and heartwarming letter from Poland written by a man who is 76 years old. He had read about the stamp in his newspaper and was naturally excited over this honor to Sokol. Many years ago, he had lived in New York and was a member of the Polish Falcons there, and he confided to me that these were the most fascinating years of his life.

He asked me to deliver a message to you, and I now quote from his letter: "Be exemplary citizens of the country which so generously gave you all of the blessings of a free man. Let your children know about the glorious past, as well as the sufferings of the country of your proud origin. The cross we have to carry isn't unbearable, because our spirit is immortal."

I commend you today not only for your excellence in physical fitness but also for the spiritual values inherent in your movement.

Thank you.

Biographical Sketch of John A. Gronouski, Postmaster General

Postmaster General John Austin Gronouski, who took office September 30, 1963, is the only known member of a President's cabinet ever to hold an earned PhD.

The nation's top postal executive has gained a reputation as a skilled administrator as well as educator and economist. In conducting the far-flung operations of the Post Office Department, he runs, in Navy parlance, a tight ship.

The postal budget he submitted to Congress in January of 1964 for fiscal 1965 was \$150 million under the estimate made four months earlier. This reduction was achieved without eliminating essential services, and within the framework of safeguarding the livelihood of career employees.

The Postmaster General's human touch was characterized in a news story in the Schenectady (New York) Gazette during a visit to that city in May of 1964. The story described him as "the warmest man since Wallace Berry."

Mr. Gronouski was born October 26, 1919, in Dunbar, Wisconsin. He attended St. Peter's elementary and high school in Oshkosh, Wisconsin and Oshkosh State Teacher's College. He holds three degrees from the University of Wisconsin in the field of economics, with a major in public finance. He was awarded his Bachelor's Degree in 1942; his Master's Degree in 1947 and his Doctorate in 1955.

He also holds an honorary Doctorate Degree from Alliance College, Pa., and was given the

Distinguished Alumnus award at Wisconsin State College at Oshkosh (formerly Oshkosh State Teacher's).

Mr. Gronouski is married to the former Mary Louise Metz, a native of Madison, Wisconsin. They have two daughters, Stacy, 11, and Julie, 8, and live in Washington, D. C.

The Postmaster General is the son of Mrs. Mary Gronouski and the late John Gronouski, Sr., of Two Rivers, Wisconsin, who was a vocational school teacher. He has two sisters, Mrs. Mary Bushey of Parsons, Kansas, a housewife and school teacher, and Rita Gronouski of Evanston, Illinois, employed by an insurance firm.

He entered the Army Air Corps in April of 1942 as a private and later served as a navigator with the rank of First Lieutenant. After 24 combat missions in the European Theatre of Operations, he was discharged in October of 1945.

He taught public finance, money and banking and related subjects at the University of Maine at Orono, Maine, and at Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, and statistics at Roosevelt College Evening School, Chicago, Illinois.

He was research associate for the Federation of Tax Administrators, was on the research staff of the Michigan tax study and directed a study of Wisconsin income tax administration as a research associate.

In February 1959 he became research Director for the Wisconsin Department of Taxation and in the following year was appointed State Commissioner of Taxation by then Governor Gaylord Nelson. In that capacity he demonstrated his executive talents in administering a state selective sales tax and withholding income tax.

The Postmaster General is a trustee of the John F. Kennedy Library and was chairman of the campaign fund for all Federal employees. He is a member of the University Club of New York; Editorial Advisory Board, National Tax Journal; American Economic Association and National Tax Association.

He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Pulaski Foundation, a member of the Polish Institute of the Arts and Sciences and is honorary co-chairman of the Committee for the Endowed Chair in Polish Studies. He is a Catholic and is the first American of Polish descent in history to achieve Cabinet ranking.



PHYSICALLY FIT — Gymnasts Sue Marr and Frank J. Pelz Jr., members of the Baltimore unit of the American Sokol Organization, pose in the classic gymnastic style as they view a prototype of the commemorative U. S. postage stamp issued February 15, 1965, honoring the 100th year of the Sokol movement in the United States. The organization has been cited by both the late President Kennedy and President Johnson for its contribution to the nation's physical fitness program.

—News American Staff Photo.

Excerpts from a Press Release by Postmaster William F. Laukaitis, Baltimore, Md.

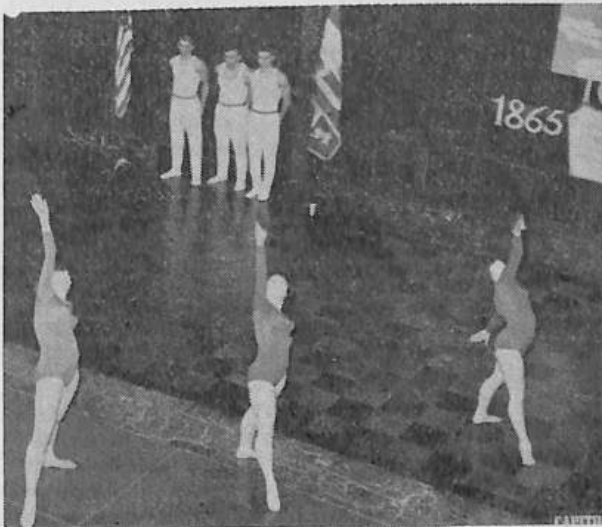
Today, February 16, 1965, Postmaster William F. Laukaitis in the presence of the local SOKOL organization, members of the Maryland State and Baltimore City Physical Fitness Commissions, celebrated the first day sale in Baltimore of the Physical Fitness Commemorative Stamps commemorating the 100th anniversary of the SOKOL movement in America. The local SOKOL organization was founded in Baltimore 93 years ago and has devoted its program to the development of sound mind and body, and it has achieved national prominence.

Participating in the ceremonies in the Postmaster's office to celebrate the stamp issuance and to emphasize the Maryland participation in physical fitness were:

Mr. Harry D. Kaufman and Mr. Hillis Hume, Chairman and Executive Director, Maryland State Physical Fitness Commission; members of the Baltimore City Physical Fitness Commission; Mr. Edward Stetka, Director, local American Sokol Organization; representatives of the local SOKOL group and the Polish Falcons of America; Mr. Richard H. Thompson, President, American First Day Cover Society. There were also representatives from the Federal, State and Local Government, and from the Philatelic Agency of the Post Office Department in Washington. Representatives of National and Local Philatelic Agencies were also present.

The Chairman of the Baltimore City Committee of the Maryland Physical Fitness Commission, Elmer Wingate, observed that the stamp issuance accomplishes two purposes:

1. Recognition of one of the most outstanding names in physical fitness.
2. Growing awareness of the value of physical fitness to the health of the nation.



Gymnasts of Central District ASO. participating in Akademie

JAMES L. CIHAK

NEW HORIZONS FOR THE SOKOLS SECOND CENTURY

Very few organizations, anywhere, ever had a more inspirational incentive to forge ahead than the Sokols received in Washington, D. C., on February 13-15, 1965. True, it was our Centennial. For a century successive generations of men and women worked and worked hard, to foster and preserve an idea and ideal in which they believed with all their hearts. Scores of theories and reasons could be thought of to show why they did so, and perhaps all of them hold some measure of truth. But the simplest and most penetrating would be to say they understood—because they wanted to understand. They took the time to study the pros and cons, to think about them, to compare them with other methods of life and they found the Sokol idea and ideals to be worthy of their time, their efforts and dedication.

They were a hardheaded lot, those early pioneers, and so were their children, raised as they were in circumstances where everyone had to contribute his or her share to the family's joint efforts. Every pair of hands and every little mind were needed if they were to get anywhere as a group or even to be able to enjoy the bare necessities of life. No one could shirk his part and get away with it. It would show up too glaringly and immediately. The slightest infraction of responsibility affected the entire family. They worked together as a team—they had to.

What a record they established. What a precedent they set for us. With the meagerest of resources they worked miracles. They caught up and kept pace with the rest of America. In many cases they were ahead of it. Their concern for the welfare of this land and willingness to protect and enrich it was buried deep in their hearts. They talked little but did much. This characteristic is still with us today. We are very poor publicists. We still feel that if we present just bare facts, we would still be bragging. You cannot overcome a century of adherence to "Neither Profit Nor Glory" overnight.

We have been so busy planning and working, we had neither the time or inclination to broadcast our merits. Time will

tell whether we were right or wrong. An America that is accustomed to superlatives before and after an act, whether deserving or not, couldn't figure us out. Everyone has learned to become a sceptic and look for the "catch" in everything. We still feel that we are right in our attitudes and thinking. And America is beginning to see things our way.

We have had great men and wonderful women as our leaders. For decades, in their own quiet and determined way, they were living examples of everything Tyrs ever thought, or wrote, or said. A few mighty truths proven in the crucible and flames of everyday life sufficed to sustain them. They built their lives around them and even though life was hard and exacting they knew an inner peace, unattainable in the marts of the world, secured only through living a certain way and understanding why.

Great forces are at work in the world. The cauldron is boiling, but it always has and always will. Humanity is on the march heading for its destiny, faster in pace because more barriers of ignorance, intolerance and injustice are being swept aside in a decade than in scores of centuries in the past.

In all of this there is nothing to fear. The sun always appears after the overwhelming forces of nature on a rampage have had their day. And it always shall as long as the present laws governing the universe remain in affect. We cannot change them. We can only learn what they are and govern our lives in accordance with them.

And so too with our Sokol. There is no easy road to understanding the simplicity and greatness of its philosophy. A great Sokol and philosopher-teacher, T. G. Masaryk, said "Myslet bolí," "To think hurts." He ought to know, his thinking and actions have made him one of the truly great men of all time, respected by the entire world.

A historical journal was published in conjunction with the events in Washington, D. C., on February 13-15, 1965. In simple, unglit language it contains the history of the six sister, national, Sokol organiza-

tions, short informative articles on various phases of Sokol work, a resolution to the youth of this land, excerpts from the writings of fine minds and other items of interest. It has been judged by unbiased persons, in a position to judge fairly, to have some merit. A few of them are still available at the small cost of .75 postpaid. May we suggest that you send for your copies now for your unit and yourselves?

After reading it see if you too can see the brightness on the new horizon. New vistas lie in the future, guarded as always

by a veil that is only drawn back as we live each day. A century of proven methods lies behind us. The future holds a promise and will forever present challenges that must be met face to face and solved with reason, understanding and consideration. The future will be what we make it, there is no end to the road, there is only an intense, inexplicable desire to go on and up. That is how we were built, that is how we were trained, that is why we are Sokols—and who would want it otherwise. Nazdar!

JAMES L. CIHAK

OUR UNIT EXHIBITIONS, DISTRICT AND NATIONAL SLETS

This old earth of ours has had, from time immemorial, a habit of rotating around its axis and orbiting around the sun. It waits for nothing, fulfilling its predestined role in the scheme of universal laws. How insignificant is our knowledge not only of these laws but of everything surrounding us. We can only guess and surmise, eventually guiding our actions by the lessons gleaned from hard experience.

A century of that experience lies behind us in our Sokol work. Trial and error, logical thinking and constant study have brought it to the position it occupies today, recognized for its value throughout the world. This, our centennial year, should demonstrate our own appreciation for what we have. Increased activity is a must, especially in our gymnasiums. The unit exhibitions should become in each locality a magnet to draw scores of new members into its ranks.

We know well the conscientious efforts of our instructors to make every exhibition a showcase of their labor throughout the year. Very few can appreciate the time and effort put into their creation of special numbers and then the patience and hours of time it takes to teach them. All this they take in their stride, happy in the knowledge that they are helping to mould young minds and bodies for a responsible citizenship.

The district Slets by their very size, in ordinary times, reach a larger audience. This year every one of them, with the centennial year as an added incentive, should surpass anything that had gone before. They have always been imposing, now they should startle the wavering into an active participation. All America will be watching and appraising and in all likelihood debating about accepting the Sokol, its methods and idealism, for its own.

And now our centennial national Slet and competitions in Chicagoland on June 24-27, 1965. We feel it will be the largest in decades.

The preparations of the units and districts spurred on by the ceremonies in Washington, D. C., in February, will assure the largest attendance of their members to actively participate on the field. What an opportunity this is to instill, in the minds of the young especially, the beauty and value of Sokol and its training.

The thrills of a great Slet can never be forgotten. They live on in our minds forever, to be recalled time and again with a warm glow that feeds the spirit to renewed confidence and energy to carry on and pass on a great tradition. Let us do our utmost to make certain that thousands have the opportunity to become imbued with this spirit as we have been. — Nazdar!

SUCCESS TO THE AMERICAN SOKOL JUBILEE SLET!

James L. Cihak

MASARYK AND SOKOL



Just as we could not forget Lincoln and Washington in February, in spite of our enthusiasm for the events centering in Washington, D. C., so also we cannot list the impressions of that memorable weekend without recalling T. G. Masaryk and his close association with the Sokols.

As a matter of fact we acquire a deeper appreciation for its eternal value as we learn from him of its solid philosophical foundation. More than once he stated that he was never a sportsman but practised Sokol exercises every day of his life. He never missed an opportunity to urge children, juniors, and adults to enter the Sokol ranks and participate actively in the gymnasium. His life is the finest modern example of antiquities ideal of a sound mind in a healthy body.

His physical courage was unquestioned and proven time and again, especially in revolution torn Russia. His concept of moral and spiritual strength would brook no deviation. To him, the truth was the truth regardless of the consequences. Often standing alone, fighting superstition, exaggeration or political chicanery, invariably he won out. His name and his word were unquestionably accepted as his bond.

And it was he who said "I always believed what the Sokols taught" and "The work of the Sokols must never end." Can or should we do less?

JAMES L. CIHAK

Full Steam Ahead for Our Centennial Year Unit Exhibitions, District Slets, Pilgrimage To St. Louis and the Great National Competitions and Slet In Chicagoland

What a heading—and what a year still lies ahead of us. All of the above and much more will be seen and labored for before we say Happy New Year again.

As imposing and meaningful as the ceremonies were in Washington, D. C., on February 13-15, does not mean that the race is over. This was like the start of a relay race. We are ahead, far ahead of anything we ever attempted in the past. But the race has just started. The chips are down and now every man, woman, junior and child, who have any feeling for Sokol, have to give it everything they have.

Every event, every project, every thought must be given our best from the units exhibitions to the District Slets and National ASO. Slet in Chicagoland. Nothing must be taken for granted. We are in it up to the hilt and this year will prove whether we too are worthy of carrying on what had been entrusted to us by the faith of those who preceded us. To be passed the baton, as in a relay race, by those who gave their

all, that today is recognized by the entire nation, has a tremendous meaning.

We are part of a never ending team. We had been accepted and trained to fulfill a specific role. We have to run our course just as mindful of those who shall receive the baton from us as we have been of those who entrusted us with it. There is no turning back, there will be no rerun. Life has its own rules. We either play the game and pass on, perhaps exhausted, with bursting lungs and heart, feet leaden from effort, but with head held high, or slink into the shadows of oblivion.

The choice is fairly and squarely up to us. A just but inexorable fate shall award the prize. History clearly points the way. It is either up and up forever or the alternative none of us even care to contemplate.

And as always we come back to Dr. Miroslav Tyrs, the never ending fountain of inspiration—"No past, not even the most glorious, but a healthy and active present, guarantees a future to nations" and "No

physical and raw force in itself will destroy a nation. The life of a nation, as long as it develops in the light of truth, public welfare and progress is in this sense as in-

vulnerable as a sunbeam and cannot be conquered or destroyed by any forces of perfidy or violence sent against it."

Confident—labor laden—and just.

FROM OUR DISTRICTS

EASTERN DISTRICT

Meeting held February 23rd with 8 delegates present. Reports of Units were submitted. Sokol Belcamp sent an annual account of their activities. Bro. Frank G. Novak has been elected as President. Bro. Jan Petlicka, Educational Director, submitted a report on the Centennial Ceremonies in Washington, D. C.

Sokol New York held a successful 100th Anniversary Celebration. Sokol Little Ferry will hold a Joseph's Dance on March 20th. Dates of all Gymnastic Exhibitions appear in the Calendar of Events. Sis. Zraly sent seven news releases to the New York City newspapers. A suggestion was made that units prepare their own special numbers which could be performed at various benefits, hospitals, etc. Bro. Hardy is to be contacted for publicity in newspapers. Committees are being formed for Sokol Day at the World's Fair.

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

The Executive Committee of the Northeastern District held its annual meeting on Sunday, January 17, 1965. The Executive Committee voted to participate as a patron by subscribing to the Historical Booklet published by the Commemorative Stamp Committee.

Each of the seven units in the District reported on its progress during the past year. Sokol Nova Vlast has a total of 171 members, Sokol Cleveland-Cech-Havlicek has 210 members, Sokol Tyrns has 352 paid members, Sokol Detroit and Sokolice Detroit have 178 and 183 members respectively. The total membership of all units in the NE District at the end of the 4th quarter, 1964, is 1,188 paying members.

The NE District Executive Committee is sponsoring a tour to Washington, D. C., during the weekend of Feb. 13-15, 1965. Moreover, the District will participate in the Akademie held on Saturday, Feb. 13, by sending 20 gymnasts to the Capitol.

At the afternoon meeting, the Executive Committee voted to accept the resolution recommended by the District By-laws Committee and to forward said resolution to the ASO. By-laws Committee for consideration and action. The resolution asked "that the Committee for the Constitution and By-laws be petitioned to revise and amend the Constitution and By-laws and consider the following format as a guide for such revision and amendment.

"The Constitution consist of basic principles and fundamental national organizational requirements only;

"The conducting of the Convention be embodied in the By-laws;

"The operation of the Executive Board be embodied in a Procedural Manual or Code of Regulations;

"National By-laws be deleted so far as possible, of provisions governing subordinate units, and empower local units to adopt By-laws conforming to local units and conditions."

Sister Suster reported for the Cookbook project committee. During the year, the District sold 4,250 cookbooks, with a total net profit of \$3,282.53. Each unit will receive 25 cents for every cookbook sold, such money to be used for the traveling expenses to Chicago during the Slet.

The following were elected officers of the NE District Executive Committee for the year 1965:

President, Anthony J. Suster; 1st Vice-President, Emil Pekar; 2nd Vice-President, George Eisenstain; 3rd Vice-President, Ralph Gruber; Secretary, Wilma A. Sevcik; Treasurer, Otto Wagner; Educational Director, Karel Zahradnicek; Men's Director, Edwin Jirousek; Women's Director, Agnes Hantl.

Bro. Suster appointed bro. Pekar as chairman of the District 1965 Slet to be held on Sunday, June 13, 1965, at Odd Fellows Farm, Glenwillow, Ohio.

Looking to the future, our president, bro. Suster, stated that, in his opinion, the two main problems in 1965 for the Northeastern District are: 1) the possible dissolution of two units of the District and, 2) the lack of positive leadership from the Executive Board of ASO.

Bro. Zahradnicek, as Educational Director, is planning an exhibit of the Sokol movement and history at the Cleveland Public Library in the near future.

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Meeting held January 27, 1965. Bro. Simaner presided. Present were 23 delegates.

Sister Falta was re-elected to represent Sokolice Chicago in the Central Committee. Donations to the Kadlec Memorial Fund received.

All correspondence was processed. Bros. Prchal, Lebloch and Kriz will visit Sokol Fuegner in South Chicago. The quarterly report of Sokol Stickney was read because of an exceptional increase in membership, 10 women and 7 men.

Sokol stamps will be purchased for \$250.00.

Bro. Lebloch, Director of Men, gave his report. The All-Star game for juniors and men was held at Sokol Brookfield. In the basketball tournament of the junior boys Sokol Slavsky finished first, Brookfield second, Berwyn third. Sokol Fuegner in South Chicago is planning to start boys' classes and several men of that unit visit Sokol Berwyn to gain proper knowledge in conducting classes.

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CENTENNIAL BANQUET – STATL



Sokol Flags Were Lowered as a Mark of Respect
In the Arlington National Cemetery



TON HOTEL – FEBRUARY 14, 1965



to the Heroes



The homage given to the heroes at the Arlington National Cemetery and at the grave of President John F. Kennedy, by the Sokols of America on Sunday, February 14, 1965, forms an important part of the history of the Sokols Centennial Ceremonies.

The solid ranks, paying homage at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers, created an unforgettable picture. The Sokols came as they do on their most glorious days, in dress uniforms and with their flags. Even though an icy wind on Washington streets proclaimed that winter was still king, hundreds of Sokol men and women and their friends stood at attention, behind the Sokol flags, in absolute silence observing the traditional ceremonies of the changing of the guard. Impressive were the moments when sisters Blanche J. Cihak, Anna Falta (ASO.) and Pauline Jones (SGUS.) stepped forward, accompanied by an honor guard, to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers and placed a beautiful wreath of flowers before it.

Solemn quiet reigned as bro. Frank J. Vodrazka, a member of the Sokols Commemorative Stamp Committee, made the following address of homage:

Sokols of America:

We have gathered in this beautiful Arlington National Cemetery at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers to pay our respects to those who have made the supreme sacrifice in World Wars I, II, and the Korean Conflict in order that we may live in a free and democratic nation.

The Chairman of the Sokols Centennial Stamp Committee was scheduled to pay homage to these valiant heroes. Unfortunately because of unforeseen circumstances he is unable to be with us today.



Permit me to deliver this eulogy in his behalf.

O, shrine of a nation, tomb of the unknowns, last resting place of a few garnered from those who fought until they died. Not warriors of old but citizen soldiers, nameless, they represent those buried or under the waves throughout the world. Theirs not the thrill of conquest, nor pageantry of temporary fame, no spoils of war nor subjugation of their fellow man. They had a duty to perform, a tradition to uphold, a great interlude in their lives. They came from little folks so loved and trusted by the great emancipator and great Americans after him. Their blood was that of many lands, races, and various creeds. They enjoyed the richness of freedom and liberty, fought, yes, and died to preserve a priceless heritage, as did those who preceded them.

Their mission was accomplished.

May eternal peace be theirs.

The last words of the Sokols touching homage had hardly died away when the tones of the taps were carried to the hearts of the assembled Sokols, their friends and hundreds of spectators. The lowered flags, the visible emotion etched in the faces of the assembly evidenced the depths to which the ceremony had penetrated their souls.

THE AMERICAN SOKOLS AT THE GRAVE OF JOHN F. KENNEDY

Millions of pilgrims from every part of America and from the entire world have come to pay their respects at the grave of President John F. Kennedy, from the day of his tragic death. The Sokols of America came to bow before his eternal memory on Sunday, February 14, 1965, and by their homage to express their thanks for his understanding and propagation of the importance of physical fitness for the nation.

Long was the Sokol column, with its forest of American and Sokol flags, wending its way on the slopes of Arlington Cemetery to the spot where on November 26, 1963, John F. Kennedy was laid to eternal rest accompanied by the heart rending grief of the entire nation. The column was led by

Lt. Stephen Reid and an honor guard to the simple low fenced enclosure wherein lay the bodies of our martyred president and his two children. Not even the oldest Sokol pioneers, many of them octogenarians, held back from this pilgrimage of respect. Quietly, without a word of command, they grouped themselves about the little green garden, with its eternal flame, ignited by his heroic widow, Jacqueline Kennedy. To the minds of all came memories of his many trips, his manifold exhortations to his fellow citizens and his last trip to eternal peace.

We saw again the ranks of world statesmen and leaders from every section of the world who came to pay the respects for their nation, and we Sokols did the same on the days of our historic Centennial Ceremonies. In the moments when the Sokol flags were lowered and sister Pauline Jones of SGUS, placed a wreath of beautiful flowers at his grave, we repeated in our minds the prophetic sentences that John F. Kennedy had written to the Sokols in America:

"I appreciate the part the American Sokol Movement has played in establishing physical fitness and good sportsmanship as major objectives of recreation, education and our way of life. In years to come, I hope American Sokol's example will inspire millions more to join in this pursuit of excellence."

Therefore came the Sokols of America on February 14, 1965, the leaders and members of the American Sokol Organization, Federation of D. A. Sokol of America, Polish Falcons of America, Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol of the USA., The Slovak Catholic Sokol and the Union of Czech Catholic Sokols, and the leaders of the national life of the Slav ethnic groups in America to his grave, to pay their respects to his memory and to express their profound gratitude that he set an example of appreciation for the importance of the Sokol training methods for the physical fitness of the nation. The Sokols of America, in the spirit of his efforts, shall fulfill their obligations in the second century of their activities.

FROM OUR DISTRICTS— (Cont. from p. 61)

Sis. Ellen Jean Schnabl, Director of Women, gave a report and read the minutes of the District Conference. The report will be published in S.A. She assisted in the Gymnastic Clinic held at Sokol Tabor for the Western District.

The problem of selecting the three junior boys and three junior girls for Washington was discussed by several delegates and after explanation by bro. Lebloch it was decided to let the directors handle and approve the selections to the best possible representation for our district. \$300.00 was voted to cover part of the expenses.

At this occasion it was also decided and approved to send bro. Simaner and his wife to represent the Central District at the Sokol Commemorative Stamp ceremonies February 15, in Washington.

Two parts of the Conference minutes, following recommendation and suggestions were made:

The tournament in St. Louis should be held for our gymnasts only. The purchase of the souvenir auto plates will be made only on direct orders as the district cannot afford to make a purchase without being sure of recovering the cost.

The report of the December 30th meeting called for the purpose of planning the Central District excursion to St. Louis for non-active members and general public was read by bro. Lebloch. The package deal includes round trip, sight-seeing in St. Louis, the banquet and the Sunday exhibition.

WESTERN DISTRICT

The annual meeting of the Western District was held Sunday morning, February 28, 1965, at the Sokol Auditorium in Omaha, Nebraska. Thirty-two delegates and visitors attended, representing ten units from St. Paul, Minn., Cedar Rapids, Ia., Crete, Wilber, So. Omaha and Omaha, Nebraska. Vice-President bro. Ed Pavoucek presided.

Director of Women, Bozena Drozda, and Director of Men, Ray Lastovica, presented their reports. The Adult Instructors Clinic in Chicago, Ill. the weekend of January 23, 1965, was attended by 25 members from 5 units. Much of the class time was devoted to Slet calisthenics and apparatus. The District Mid-Winter Meet was held January 27th in Omaha with 25 girls and 24 boys competing. A party was held for them in the evening. A most successful day for our youngsters.

The semi-annual unit reports were submitted and as usual, proved interesting. Most units show a marked increase in membership and social and gym activities are on the upswing. Much is to be gained from this intercourse of ideas.

Sis. Bo Drozda provided a rough draft of an outline for units sponsoring the District Slet and competitions. A committee is meeting to complete the outline.

Bro. Ed Pavoucek, our representative to the Centennial Stamp festivities in Washington, D. C., gave a detailed report.

There is the possibility of the District sponsoring a special bus to the St. Louis Pilgrimage if a sufficient number of members in the District show interest.

The seat of the District will remain in Omaha. Officers for the coming year were elected and their names will appear in the S.A. roster.

Due to reasons of ill health, sis. Helen Dusek refused re-election as treasurer after 16 "temporary" years. Much health to you, sis. Dusek, you served long and well.

PACIFIC DISTRICT

The Annual meeting of the District was held in Fresno on January 24, 1965, with 21 delegates present. Bro. Nachtigal presided. Bro. Jenc, instructor of Sokol Seattle, reported that their Unit has been very active in the past year and at the present time are busy trying to find suitable permanent quarters.

Bro. Kucera and sis. Kucera, instructors for Sokol San Francisco, reported a great deal of activity, including volleyball and socials. Bro. Polach and sis. Lyzak, instructors for Sokol Fresno, reported a drop in attendance this year due to the fact that gym nights are Fridays and on that day there are many other activities to attract. Dancing the Beseda has proved very popular and the children's handkerchief dance was a big success. Bro. Klojda and sis. Vanda, instructors of Sokol Los Angeles, reported that their unit has been very active, including social affairs, hiking trips and outings. Proceeds of all money-raising events this year will go toward the travel fund for the trip to Chicago. Sis. Vanda also reported on participation in the clinic in Tucson which was a profitable experience. Those attending were able to inform them what the Sokol ideals are and gave the Sokols quite a bit of publicity. Sis. Nekuda reported that they have initiated quite a few new members. Sokol Los Angeles participated in the International Affair in the Disneyland All Nations Christmas parade where they were represented by a float. Good cooperation between all groups helped make all of the events successful. Bro. Tannich, instructor of Sokol Scio, reported that they had quite a few events, the main one being the exhibition held in May, with Sokol Seattle participating. Sis. Nekuda, secretary of the BOL., read the minutes of the annual BOI meeting. Sis. Palas reported as director of women on the activities for the past year. She conducted several clinics. Bro. Kohoutek, representative of the Pacific District to the Bylaws Committee, asked units for recommendations to change or add to the by-laws. Bro. Pokorny requests technical help and believes that assistance should be given to any unit whenever requested. He feels that every unit should be represented at the Centennial Slet because of its great significance.

Northern Units should have received the technical help they so badly need. A long discussion took place regarding the seat of the District. It was finally decided that Los Angeles would again be the seat of the Pacific District. Bro. Emil Nekuda was elected President of the District. A complete list of the new officers will be found in the directory published in the March issue of S.A. Since more than one meeting is desired, the BOI.

will hold a meeting on Sunday, May 30, at 10 a.m. in Fresno, California, on the day of the unit's exhibition. Bro. Spanek, Educational Director, reported that bro. Cihak is being most helpful by corresponding very frequently with Sokol San Francisco. The drawback is that we have not educated our youth in the Sokol and do not have replacements for the old workers. Today in America, the idea of Sokol is in line with America's physical fitness program. We should constantly keep before the public Sokol standards and the ideas of Tyrs; also, frequent contacts with the District should be helpful. Sis. Nekuda officially

represented the Pacific District in Washington, D. C. at the Sokol Centennial Stamp ceremonies.

Meeting held February 2 with nine delegates present. Bro. Pokorny reported that dues of units must be paid to date before participation in conventions can be allowed. Ideas were presented for money-raising events before the Centennial Slet, to help finance gymnasts who will be participating in the Slet. Bro. Klojda reports that forthcoming sport events will be discussed at the semi-annual meeting of the BOI. The regular meeting of the District is scheduled to be held every first Tuesday of every month at 9 p.m.

Sokol St. Louis Centennial and the Pilgrimage of All Sokols

After almost a year's preparation by the Centennial Committee of Sokol St. Louis, only a few months separate us from the historical days of the 4-5-6 of June, when Sokol St. Louis will hold a wonderful celebration of its 100th year anniversary. Starting on Friday, June 4th, a "Moonlight Dance" will be held at our beautiful Sokol Camp at Imperial, Mo. Saturday, June 5th, competitions of the Central District of ASO. throughout the day, with a sight-seeing tour for those who wish to take it and also a ceremonial of laying a wreath upon the grave of one of our founders, J. B. Erben. The same evening a banquet will be held at the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel, the largest in St. Louis, with a rich program prepared. In the adjacent hall we will have a dance to the tunes of one of our leading popular orchestras. The celebration will be highlighted on Sunday, June 6th, beginning at 2 P.M. with a Gymnastic Exhibition of the Central District of ASO. at the St. Louis University Gymnasium, with a seating capacity of 2,500, and a "Farewell Dance" at our new hall located at Landsdown and Kingshighway Blvd., will conclude the three day celebration. At the last Sokol convention, held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, it was voted to hold a Pilgrimage to St. Louis on this occasion

and we hope that many Sokols from all over the United States will pay a visit to the cradle of the Sokol in America, to pay homage to our founders, happy in the thought that the "Mother Unit" in her 100 years is not dying, but that it is a growing organization with a bright and a brilliant future.

For room reservations at the hotel, write directly to the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel at 212 North Kingshighway Blvd., St. Louis, Mo., stating that they are members of the Sokol Organization, insuring them cheaper prices. For banquet reservations for the price of \$7.50 a person write and send check or money order to the Chairman of the Banquet Committee, sis. Bea Matejka, 3164 So. Compton Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63118. You will never regret your stay among us, during these three historical days, for with all of the above events, you will have an opportunity to see our new, modern and beautiful Sokol hall, a living monument to our founders and a heritage to the present and to posterity. This sight will gladden and strengthen your Sokol hearts and you will leave assured that the Sokol Ideal in America will never die!

John Reiner

Western District ASO. Honors Bro. Frank Kopecky



A beautiful plaque with the Sokol emblem and properly inscribed, was presented to bro. Frank

Kopecky, retiring District President. Sis. Drozda briefly outlined his activity as a Sokol from the day he joined the old Omaha Sokol Tyrs unit 56 years ago. Shortly after joining the Sokol ranks he became instructor of Omaha Sokolice Tyrs. He also taught at Sokol Plattsmouth, Nebr., traveling the 20 mile roundtrip by train. Bro. Kopecky held almost every official position in his home unit, retiring as President in 1964. He was "náčelník" of Western District from 1914 to 1938 and again from 1940 to 1946, and he served as President of the District from 1956 to 1964. He traveled extensively in our District, which at one time numbered 32 units. He also traveled to all parts of the United States visiting Sokol units and Districts, was active at National Slets and Conventions and attended several Slets in Czechoslovakia. Bro. Kopecky's pet project was summer camping for our

youngsters and through his untiring efforts, summer camps for our youngsters were made possible. The Western District has been most fortunate to have in its midst a man of his high calibre, and though retired, he will serve us in "emeritus." We are most sincerely grateful to bro. Frank Kopecky and wish him much health. May we follow his exemplary life.

On this occasion an honorary membership in the Western District was conferred upon bro. Kopecky.

Following adjournment, many of the delegates and guests gathered at a nearby restaurant with Omaha friends of bro. Kopecky for a dinner in his honor. Nazdar!

Joe J. Bures, Secretary

Western District Mid-Winter Competitions

February 27th, 1965, Omaha, Nebr.

GIRLS — ALL AROUND

High Division

1. Bunny Buckingham, Omaha 107.5
2. Julie Armetta, Omaha 106.1
3. Roberta Sager, Omaha 104.2
4. Janet Velehradsky, Omaha 100.4

Intermediate

1. Karen Peterson, Omaha 108.0
 2. Mary McShane, So. Omaha 103.2
 3. Mitzi Wolff, Omaha 103.0
- (12 competed)

Low Division

1. Suzanne Mlinarik, So. Omaha 110.8
 2. Phyllis Swoboda, So. Omaha 109.1
 3. Peggy Rushlau, So. Omaha 105.2
- (9 competed)

BOYS — ALL AROUND

High Division

1. Rich Ryba, So. Omaha 115.3
2. Jim Hruban, Omaha 109.7
3. Pat Morrison, Omaha 77.5

Intermediate

1. Mike Hoskovec, Omaha 123.2
 2. Bruce Nemecek, Cedar Rapids 117.1
 3. Terry Aubrecht, Cedar Rapids 114.8
- (5 competed)

Low Division

1. Don Briggs, Cedar Rapids 90.3
 2. Bob Luksa, So. Omaha 88.4
 3. Larry Chmelicek, Cedar Rapids 84.3
- (16 competed)

Clinic

Dear Sister Prchal and members of the ASO. Board of Instructors:

We, the instructors of the Western District, want to express our sincerest appreciation to ASO. Board of Instructors for conducting the weekend clinic on January 22, 23, and 24th, for our benefit.

We hope the representation of twenty-four instructors proves how important these clinics are to us.

They have been invaluable—in order for our District to progress in the true Sokol manner.

We wish to thank the teaching staff, who gave up a weekend at home to come to our aid. Sisters Mildred Prchal, Zdenka Tintera, Geri Krizenecky, Ellen J. Schnabl, brothers Edwin Halik, Edward Linhart, Stanley Barcal, George Basta, and sisters Mili Udaykee and Mary Pokorny.

There were five units represented with 24 instructors. On Friday, January 22nd, a workshop

was held at Sokol Tabor, we were able to go through all the Slet drills with their corrections, had a total of three hours work.

Bro. Linhart and the Sokol Tabor BOI. prepared a lovely buffet for all present. Also a special thank you to bro. Prchal for his contribution.

Saturday, January 23rd, had nine hours of instruction and concluded at 6:00 P.M., because some of the gymnasts were tiring and the weather became quite a factor.

Sunday morning, January 24th, found the streets difficult to travel, so were delayed 45 minutes in starting classes. One sister, Kathy Olson, of South Omaha, has recuperated from her head injury.

We were disappointed that bro. Paul Fina was unable to attend the clinic.

Nazdar!

Raymond Lastovica, Men's Director
Bozena Drozda, Women's Director

Společnost pro vědy a umění.

SVU SPOLEČNOST PRO VĚDY A UMĚNÍ vyslala k slavnostem ve Washingtonu svoji čtyřčlennou delegaci. V dopise, kterým Dr. Rudolf Šturm, gen. tajemník společnosti, oznamuje zástupce, píše: "... Chtěl bych při této příležitosti znovu zdůraznit, že bylo pro Společnost pro vědy a umění cti podílet se na vydání sokolské známky Spojených států. Věříme s Vámi, že vydání známky pomůže

oživit zájem o českou a slovenskou kulturu v USA. a ve svobodném světě vůbec a současně poukáže na přínos českých a slovenských lidí v rozvoji Spojených států.

Přeji Vaší činnosti plného zdaru a ještě jednou blahopřeji k úspěchu. Nebude roduvěrného Čecha a Slovák, který by se z něho neradoval."

SOKOL STAMPS – FIRST DAY COVERS – HISTORICAL PROGRAM – SPECIAL PHILATELIC ITEMS AVAILABLE

The short time allotted to us between the announcement of the official First Day of Issue date and the actual ceremonies in Washington, D. C., did not permit us to create as intensive a campaign as we would have desired. We realize that, for one reason or another, many of you did not have an opportunity to send in your orders for the philatelic items available.

You may do so now. There is no doubt in our minds that all of you will want a remembrance of the historic weekend in

Washington, D. C. The honor conferred upon the Sokols for a century of devotion to an idea and ideal is a significant one for our entire Slav ethnic group. We have been accepted and recognized. Official mementos of those ceremonies will become treasuries of memory. A complete set of all of the available items should be found in every Sokol family. Many of our young Sokol gymnasts have brought in the albums that they prepared themselves. They are beautiful and interesting.

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NÁDHERNÉ OSLAVY SOKOLSKÉHO JUBILEA VE WASHINGTONU, D. C.

důkazem organizační síly Sokolstva v USA.

V odstupu několika dnů od slavných jubilejních sokolských událostí, kterými Americké Sokolstvo zakončilo ve Washingtonu, D. C. první století svého života a vstoupilo do století druhého historickým aktem převzetí sokolské poštovní jubilejní známky — oceňujeme jejich průběh z hlediska jejich nesmírného významu pro nadějnou budoucnost sokolského hnutí ve Spojených státech i v celém svobodném světě.

Naše veřejnost právem si zasluhuje — za svou obětavou spolupráci a jedinečné porozumění pro nutnost podpory všech snah pořadatelů jubilejních sokolských oslav ve Washingtonu, D. C., abychom se s ní rozdělili o radost z jejich plného úspěchu.

Povznášející průběh programu všech slavností, nadšení účastníků, vřelý projev uznání významných vládních hostů a představitelů sokolských organizací vyvolaly tak mohutné dojmy, že žádnému z očitých svědků nezmizí z paměti. Stanou se elixírem života, vydatným zdrojem posily pro činnost v sokolských tělocvičnách, i nám všem v práci každého dne v organizacích, klubech, řádech, sborech a spolcích, které udržují svěžest naší národnostní skupiny ve Spojených státech.

Pro Sokolstvo má jedinečný úspěch jubilejních slavností dalekosáhlý význam. Prokázalo před celou americkou veřejností a vládními činiteli svoji schopnost k platným službám při praktickém provádění vládního programu výchovy národa k fyzické zdatnosti; prokázalo, že zásady sokolské tělovýchovy — před více jak sto léty prohlášené dr. Miroslavem Tyršem a Jindřichem Fuegnerem — září magickou silou jako drahokamy broušené v desítkách let zkušenými brusiči — vedoucími vychovateli a cvičiteli v tělocvičnách všech sokolských organizací v nejmocnější části svobodného světa — ve Spojených státech amerických.

Na slavnostech ve Washingtonu, D. C. ve dnech 13., 14. a 15. února 1965 dostalo se Sokolstvu několikrát významné pocty a uznání vládních míst. To je záruka, že sokolské ideje, zaručující harmonickou výchovu těla i ducha stanou se během příštích let majetkem amerického národa a zabezpečí výchovu jeho mládeže nejen přítomné, ale také všech příštích generací ve fyzicky zdatné, mravně vyspělé, sebekázní utužené muže a ženy — vzorné občany této země.

SKVĚLÝ PRŮBĚH AKADEMIE 13. ÚNORA DŮKAZEM ÚSPĚŠNÉ VÝCHOVY K FYSICKÉ ZDATNOSTI!

Jedinečný byl pohled do rozlehlé dvorany Commerce Auditoria ve Washingtonu, D. C., která byla do posledního místa jak v hledišti, tak i na galerii a balkonech zaplněna účastníky zájezdů sokolských organizací, jejich přátel a hostů i z amerických kruhů. Na jevišti byla jen prostá, avšak vkusná výzdoba zeleně pálem; v pozadí jeviště velký pták Sokol v bělostných obláčcích na modrém poli oblohy, pod ním číslice jubilea — 1865 — 100 — 1965.

Jednotu sokolského hnutí symbolicky představovalo 70 vlajek a praporů jednot i žup sokolských organizací, sdružených ve Výboru pro sokolskou známku.



Jolly Tars — Girls—Sokol Baltimore, Md., ASO.

Mezi návštěvníky byli také vedoucí osobnosti a představitelé Americké Obce Sokolské, Dělnického Amerického Sokola, Českého Katolického Sokola, Slovenské Tělocvičné Jednoty Sokol, Slovenského Katolického Sokola, Polského Sokola, Kanadské Obce Sokolské, Ústředí Čsl. Sokolstva v Zahraničí, Čsl. Národní Rady Americké, Jednoty Československé Spolky v Americe, Jednoty Českých Dam a Pánů, Západní Česko-Bratrské Jednoty, Ústředny Moravských Spolků, Českého Národního Hřbitova z Chicaga, Ill., Společnosti pro vědy a umění, Ústředí čsl. legionářů, První československý filatelistický klub v Americe, Voice of America a Radio Free Europe.

Za Presidentův výbor pro fyzickou zdatnost byl přítomen jeho administrátor Mr. Bob Stewart.

DŮSTOJNÉ ZAHÁJENÍ AKADEMIE

po umístění vlajek provedl Český Pěvecký Sbor Lyr z Chicaga, Ill., za vedení sbormistra Franka Kubiny. Slib vlajce přednesli dorostenci Sokola Baltimore, Md. Jacqueline Shourová a Albert Pokorný ml., v pořadí večera dvakrát potěšila Lyr srdce návštěvníků výběrem písní od Rudolfa Piskáčka, Leoše Janáčka, slovenských národních písníček od Franka Chodury a "Evaline" v úpravě Franka Kubiny.

Úkolu ceremoniáře ujal se br. Charles Kropík, člen Výboru pro sokolskou známku, za jeho předsedu br. James L. Čiháka, kterému náhlé onemocnění znemožnilo účast na sokolských oslavách. Br. Kropík přečetl však projev uvítání poslaný br. Čihákem, který obecenstvo přijalo srdečným potleskem.

Tělocvičný pořad akademie tvořilo 13 tělocvičných a 3 taneční čísla, a zahájilo ho žactvo Sokola Washington, D. C. (AOS.) působivou scénou ze cvičební hodiny. A pak následovala v rychlém tempu,

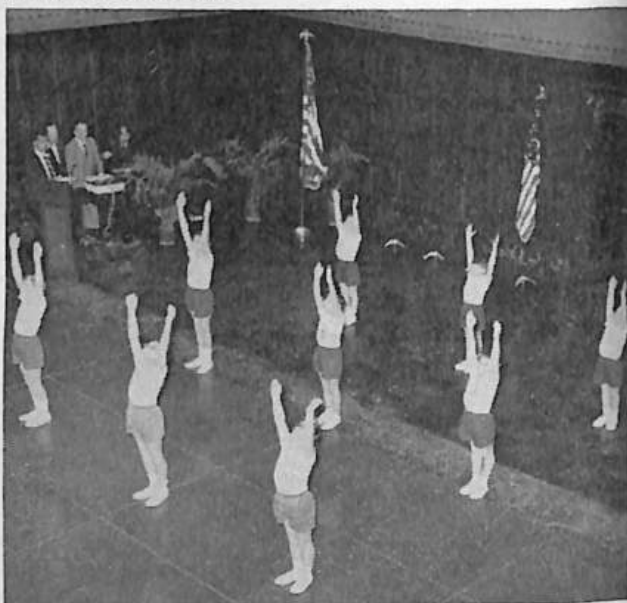
bez přestávky prostná a rytmická cvičení, jednoduchá i složitá, vyžadující obratnosti, pružnosti, smělosti, přesnosti a zdatnosti. Všichni cvičenci — děti, dorost, ženy i muži — podali krásný výkon. Každá skupina zasloužila by si podrobného popisu svého vystoupení. Uvádíme je pro historii alespoň v pořadí programu: V prostných cvičeních vystoupili žáci a dorostenci Sokola Baltimore, Md. (AOS.), symbolická prostná (Jolly Tars) — dorostenky Sokol Baltimore, Md. (AOS.), prostná (červená a bílá) — ženy a muži Dělnického Amerického Sokola, New York, prostná — dorostenci a dorostenky Polského Sokola z Pittsburghu, Pa., symbolická prostná (černá a bílá) — muži a ženy Dělnického Amerického Sokola, New York, prostná — ženy Slovenské Těl. Jednoty Sokol v USA., prostná "Dvanáct" — muži a ženy Sokola Baltimore, Md. (AOS.). Zajímavá byla ukázka cvičení žen v minulosti a přítomnosti, předvedená ženami Sokola Nová Vlast, Cleveland, Ohio (AOS.). Ukázku volných prostných předvedli dorostenci a dorostenky župy Střední (AOS.) a skupina mužů a žen. Působivá byla rytmická cvičení dorostenek Sokola Tyrš, Cleveland, Ohio a žen Slovenského Katolického Sokola z Passaic, New Jersey. Obecenstvo potěšilo se také národními tanci Krakowiak a Bialy Mazur, zatančených svižně dorostenkami — v úbořech polských bojarek — z Polského Sokola v Bridgeport, Conn., slovácký čardáš zatančily vesele dorostenky Slovenského Katolického Sokola v národních krojích.

Ceremoniář br. Charles Kropik měl opravdu vděčný úkol, když jednotlivé skupiny cvičenců představoval, obecenstvo je vyprovázelo při odchodu z jeviště salvami nadšeného potlesku. V setmělém sále leskly se perly slz radostného dojetí v očích několika set mužů a žen, a hořely plamínky v rozzářených očích pěkného počtu mládeže.

VELKOLEPÝ BANKET VE WASHINGTONU, D. C. slavnou poctou prvému století Sokolstva v Americe.

Dlouho se budeme vracet ve vzpomínkách ke skvělému průběhu jubilejního banketu v Presidential Ballroomu ve Statler Hilton hotelu ve Washingtonu, D. C. Konal se 14. února, 1965 — v poslední den posledního roku prvého století života Sokolstva v Americe. Tento večer, stejně tak jako všechny jubilejní slavnosti budou zaznamenány v knize jeho života v USA., jejíž první list nese datum 14. února, 1865. V odstupu dnů, které od slavností uplynuly, měli jsme příležitost z tisku sokolských organizací i zahraničního tisku se přesvědčit jak úžasný a radostný ohlas vyvolaly a s jakým nadšením o nich očití svědkové mluví a píší. Proto považujeme za svoji povinnost seznámit v podrobnostech o jejich průběhu celou naši krajan-skou veřejnost a všechny naše spolupracovníky ze známkové kampaně, z nichž jen malá část mohla se sokolských slavností účastnit. Podali jsme již podrobnou zprávu o velkém úspěchu tělocvičné akademie 13. února, o důstojné poctě hrdinům a

Všichni věrní a oddaní sokolové a sokolice podali důkaz, jak nádhernou sjednocující silou je duch sokolské výchovy.



Calisthenics — Boys—Sokol Baltimore, Md., ASO.

Před ukončením pořadu programu byl představen a obecenstvem srdečně potleskem uvítán br. Edward Štětka, náčelník jižního okrsku župy Východní AOS., vedoucí akademie, a jeho spolupracovník br. Frank Štoviček, náčelník Sokola Washington, D. C. Zpěvem Lyry "America, the Beautiful" od C. H. Wooda, byla akademie ukončena. Splnila své poslání. Americké Sokolstvo podalo na ní důkaz o své schopnosti zkušeného učitele pro výchovu zdatného národa. Do druhého století svého života vstoupilo připraveno k plnění všech, od něho požadovaných úkolů.

Presidentu John F. Kennedymu na Národním Arlingtonském hřbitově dopoledne 14. února a v této zprávě líčíme průběh velkolepého banketu, o kterém shodně účastníci mluví jako o nezapomenutelné události. Čtenáři těchto řádků mohou si sami z našeho líčení udělat jasný obraz a takto budou mít všichni radostný pocit uspokojení, že Sokolstvo prokázalo svou sílu i odhodlání k nové práci a povzbudilo i dalo vzpruhu všemu našemu spolkovému životu.

NÁVŠTĚVA BYLA OBROVSKÁ,

takže bylo použito vedlejších místností u plesového sálu, aby mohli u stolů sedět i účastníci, kteří přijeli na slavnosti bez předchozího objednání vstupenek; všichni dobře viděli a seděli a při večeři byli stejně dobře obslouženi jako účastníci v hlavním sále.

Pohled do rozsáhlého sálu v záři reflektorů fotografů a filmařů ukázal stovky hlav mužů a žen

upřeně hledících k hlavnímu stolu, když u něho zasedli představitelé vládních úřadů a sokolských organizací. A všichni přišli v tento historický večer 14. února 1965, aby vzdali hold hrstce mužů — pionýrům, kteří se před sto léty sešli v České síni na 10. a Marion ulici v St. Louis, Missouri, a položili základ k sokolskému hnutí.

Nejen u hlavního stolu, ale také v sále seděli vedle sebe v bratrské pospolitosti starostové, místostarostové, jednatelé, vzdělavatelé, náčelníci, náčelnice a členstvo i přátelé Americké Obce Sokolské, Českého Katolického Sokola, Polského Sokola, Slovenského Katolického Sokola, Slovenské Tělo cvičné Jednoty v USA. a Dělnického Amerického Sokola. Slovanský duch živý a průbojný projevil se při oslavách sokolského století podivuhodnou, sjednocující silou 250 tisíc členů, které zastupovali. U mnohých stolů bylo slyšet při vzájemném vítání naše jaré "Nazdar", polské "Czolem" a slov. kat. "Zdař Boh". Všechny tři slovanské jazyky, čeština, slovenština a polština ovládly pole, mluvilo se jimi u stolů, jakoby srdce všech návštěvníků bylo zaplaveno vědomím národní příslušnosti. Byl to krásný pocit a vyvolával v paměti první větu bojovné slovanské hymny "Hej Slované, ještě naše slovancká řeč žije".

A v tom je právě nesmírný, dějinný význam celého večera, že i v projevech představitelů všech sokolských organizací zněla slova hrstky nad slovanským původem. Vydání sokolské poštovní známky, oslava sto let práce Americké Obce Sokolské, představitelky průkopnického sokolského hnutí, je všechny vedla k vroucímu vyznání trvalé lásky k sokolským ideám, ke kterým se všichni řečníci ve svých krátkých, ale hutných projevech přihlásili.

Budeme mít ještě příležitost věnovat pozornost jednotlivým skupinám sokolských organizací ze žup i jednot. Dnes však jmenujeme vzácné hosty — jednatele Kanadské Obce Sokolské br. Prokopa V. Havlíka s manželkou, gen. tajemníka Ústředí Čsl. Nár. Sdružení v Kanadě dr. Jiřího Corna a manželky Rezkovy z Toronto, Kanada, zástupce Sokola jugoslávského generála Pavla Pavloviče, za Ústředí Čsl. Sokolstva v Zahraničí starostu dr. Antonína Hřebíka s paní Annou, místostarostu dr. Juraje Slávika, náčelníci ses. Marii Provazníkovou, za STJS. jednatele br. Johna Babušku, náčelníka br. Walko, náčelníci ses. Darula, celý Výk. Výbor a býv. red. br. Karola Bednára. Radu Svobodného Československa zastupovali dr. Petr Zenkl s paní Pavlou, jednatel dr. Matěj Josko, Národní Radu Americkou br. Břetislav Vaněk, místopředseda, a ses. Emilie Welcl-Růžičková, tajemnice, Západní Česko-Bratrskou Jednotu br. Charles Vyskočil, hlavní tajemník, Čsl. Spolky v Americe br. L. Mejdrieh, Jednotu Českých Dam a Pánů předsedkyně paní Josefina Drncová s chotěm, Ústřednu Mor. Spolků předseda Josef Lysák, SVU. prof. Vrat. Bušek a dr. Jar. Němec s manželkami, náčelnictvo AOS. br. Edwin Halík, náčelník, a ses. Milada Prchalová, náčelnice žen. Další členové Výk. Výboru bratři Barcal, Rabas, Vrba a ses. Faltová. U stolu pro zpravodajskou službu seděli dr. Jar. Drábek s technikem a operáterem z Voice of America, redaktor Frant. Meloun s manželkou a synem, filmařem za Radio Free Europe, ses. Jaromíra Žáč-

ková za českou tiskovou službu Výboru pro sokolskou známku a dva reportéři z místního anglického tisku. Z Voice of America pořídili zvukové pásmo z celého průběhu banketu, jehož kopii dostal od nich darem br. James L. Čihák, předseda Výboru pro sokolskou známku.

Nejvíce stolů na banketu obsadili hosté z Chicaga, středozápadu a západu, přijelo jich přes 300. Nejsilnější skupiny tvořili: Český Pěvecký Sbor Lyrá se sborním Frankem Kubinou, členové ředitelstva a sboru zástupců Českého Národního Hřbitova s předsedou Bobem Vydrou, jednatel Rudolfem Jandou a právníkem George Boučkem s paní. Ústředí čsl. legionářů zastupoval br. F. V. Jelínek, První spol. čsl. filatelistů předseda J. Jancečka s paní. Dobře byla zastoupena župa Severovýchodní AOS. se starostou Tony Šustrem, Cleveland, Ohio, župa Východní AOS. se starostou Josefem Hrbkem s chotí, New York, nejvíce zástupců vyslala župa Střední AOS. se starostou brem. James Šimanerem s manželkou. Župu Západní AOS. zastupoval starosta br. Edward J. Pavouček s manželkou z Bellview, Nebr., župu Jižní AOS. místostarosta George Převrtil a jednatelka ses. Marie Převrtilová z Dallas, Texas, župu Pacifickou AOS. ses. Louise Nekudová z Los Angeles, Calif. Ze St. Louis, Missouri, přijela skupina 24 členů se starostou br. William Šana a jeho paní. Velký počet stolů obsadili členové výk. výborů, žup a jednot Sokola Polského, Slovenského a Katolického Slovenského Sokola a Dělnického Amerického Sokola.

Každý účastník banketu obdržel vkusně upravený program s pořadem slavnostního večera, na jeho titulní straně byl pták sokol se široce rozpjatými křídly, držící v pařátech sokolský znak, pod ním číslice dat sokolského století 1865 — 1965 a v oramování červených, bílých a modrých pruhů slova "Sokols Centennial".

Výzdoba hlavního stolu nádhernými kyticemi červenobílých karafiátů a stolů obecně rudými stolními lampami, proudy tlumené záře moderního osvětlení ze stropu a stěn vytvořily slavnostní, povznesenou náladu jak u hostů, představitelů Sokolstva, účinkujících, tak i ostatních návštěvníků banketu.

V 6 hod. večer zasedli u hlavního stolu Gen. Poštovník John A. Gronouski s manželkou, Ira Kapenstein, zvláštní asistent poštovníků s manželkou, kongresník Roman Pučinski, Charles T. Horský, poradce presidenta L. Johnsona s manželkou, Bob Stewart, administrátor Presidentova výboru pro fyzickou zdatnost s manželkou, Walter Zachariasiewicz, asistent poštovníků a Stanley Hodziewicz z úřadu pro pamětní poštovní známky, členové Výboru pro sokolskou známku Charles T. Kropík s manželkou, jednatelka Bláža J. Čiháková, Frank J. Vodrážka s manželkou, Major Edward J. Čihák s paní Suzankou, kongresník H. W. Robison, z New Yorku, Marie Průšová, náčelnice Českého Katol. Sokola, Andrew Valušek, starosta Slovenské Těl. Jednoty Sokol, Walter Laska, starosta Polského Sokola s manželkou, William Pechar, starosta Dělnického Amerického Sokola, Paul C. Fallat, hlavní správce Slovenského Katol. Soko-

la s manželkou a kongresník M. J. Kirwan z Ohio. Další významní hosté Mr. a Mrs. Davis a Mr. Denis ze State Department a Mr. T. Crocket z USA. Information Service Agency—Voice of America seděli u zvláštního stolu.

K velké spokojenosti všech účastníků večera přispěla také výborná večeře, podávána v rychlém tempu.

DŮSTOJNÉ ZAHÁJENÍ POŘADU BANKETU,

kteřý byl velmi dobře veden obřadníkem brem. Charles T. Kropikem, předsedou banketového výboru, provedla krásně Lyra, náš český pěvecký sbor — pod vedením sbormistra Franka Kubiny zapěním americké hymny a po slibu vlajce předneseném dorostenci Janice Eyth a Thomas J. Sotka také vroucně přednesem "Věno" od Bedřicha Smetany. Invokaci jemně podal syn manželů Čihákových Major Edward J. Čihák, U.S. Airforce—S.A.C.

Za nepřítomného předsedu Výboru pro sokolskou známku James L. Čiháka přečetla projev uvítání jeho manželka ses. Bláža J. Čiháková, jednatelka banketového výboru. Přinášíme je v českém překladu: "Pane Poštmištre Gronouski, vzácní hosté, Sokolové a přátelé: Vítáme Vás k sokolskému jubilejnímu banketu. Včera večer byli jste svědky tělocvičného programu, předvedeného sokolskými organizacemi, které tvoří Výbor pro sokolskou známku. Tělovýchovný program je hlavní, podstatnou částí naší práce. Ale to není vše, co sokolská výchova zahrnuje. Velcí mužové starověku zdůrazňovali, že hudba je pro život národa stejně důležitá, jako jejich nedostizitelná — všeobecná výchova.

V tomto směru jsme se též řídili jejich moudrým názorem. Dnes uslyšíte krásný zpěv vynikajících umělců a pěveckého sboru Lyra. Bez hudby a zpěvu byl by náš život pustý. Sokolstvo a jeho program byly inspirací slavným skladatelům, krásná hudba byla vždycky inspirací Sokolstvu. Děkuji Vám za Vaši účast na slavnostech tohoto historického týdne, zejména na dnešním večeru, kdy vstupujeme z jednoho úspěšného století do druhého — do století nadějného a slibného. Nazdar!"

Nadšený potlesk uvítal krátké, obsažné věty pozdravu br. J. Čiháka, který ač nepřítomen byl celým duchem s námi.

Další běh programu byl svižný, pestrý a nasmírně zajímavý střídáním projevů zástupců sokolských organizací, vládních zástupců a skvělých uměleckých vystoupení Lyry, paní Evy Líkové-Báčové a Miloše Nekolného.

JDEME VŠICHNI ZA JEDNÍM CÍLEM V DUCHU SOKOLSKÝCH ZÁSAD

vyznívalo ze všech, stručných, hutných a srdečných projevů zástupců sokolských organizací; vyjadřovali obdiv k dílu zakladatelů Sokolstva Dr. Miroslava Tyrše a vzpomínali pionýrů-zakladatelů sokolských jednot ve Spojených státech.

Pořad projevů zahájila ses. Marie Průšová, náčelnice Českého Katolického Sokola, který pro svou jemnou a citovou náplň zasluhuje ocitování. Řekla: "Toto jsou chvíle, na které jsme se těšili s velkými nadějemi. Všechna úsilovná práce, spo-

jená s výchovou našich dětí a mládeže k plnému pochopení významu velkých sokolských ideálů přinesla bohatou odměnu. Jsme hluboce dojati štěstím, že jsme se dočkali ve svém životě dnů ocenění významu sokolského hnutí našim velkým národem. 'Práce je náš štít, práce jest naše záchrana' napsal Dr. M. Tyrš téměř před celým stoletím. A my jsme pracovali s písněmi ve svých srdcích. Pomáhali jsme vychovávat lepší mladé muže a mladé ženy pro náš národ k zabezpečení jeho budoucnosti. To je největší dar, který Sokol může dát, dával a bude dávat národu. Pokorně děkuji Bohu, že mi dopřál dožít se těchto velkých dnů." Projev ses. M. Průšové dojal svou opravdovostí a vyznáním lásky k sokolské práci a měl srdečnou odezvu u posluchačů.

VYSTOUPENÍ EVY LÍKOVÉ-BÁČOVÉ ELEKTRISOVALO CELÉ SHROMÁŽDĚNÍ.

Viděli jsme Evu Líkovou častokrát na jevištích sokoloven a koncertních sálů, byla vždycky předmětem obdivu pro svůj skvělý umělecký výkon, proto také získala tak zvučnou pověst mezinárodní pěvkyně. Můžeme však říci, že na jubilejním sokolském banketu uchvátila všechny účastníky i svým krásným, imponantním zjevem. Vztýčená, štíhlá, v nádherné večerní robě ze zlatého brokátu — ruce kryté dlouhými rukavicemi beige barvy, ve skvělém účesu, stála na jevišti jako bohyně — byla tak oslňujícím zjevem, že se jí dostalo hned při vstupu nadšeného uvítání. A její zpěv, hlubokým citem podbarvený, plný, zvučný a tvárlivý nesl se jako poselství krásy umění a hloubkou citů těch, kdož jeho tóny stvořili. Arie "Dove Sono" z Figarovy svatby od Mozarta, "Un Bel Di" z Madame Butterfly od Pucciniho, a nám tak libě znějící milé tóny rozmarných českých vět furiantství mladé vdovy "Samostatně vládnou já, všemi statky svými" z opery "Dvě vdovy" od Bedřicha Smetany vyvolaly bouři potlesku, kterému nadšeně pomáhali všichni vládní hosté od hlavního stolu. Mistr Frank Kubina, který paní Líkovou na pianě doprovázel, radostně a spokojeně se usmíval, když se s umělkyní obecenstvu za vřelé ocenění děkovali.

VĚŘÍME VE VELKOU BUDOUCNOST SOKOLSTVA

prohlašovali všichni další představitelé sokolských organizací. Srdečný byl projev br. Andrew Valuška, starosty Slovenské Tělocvičné Jednoty Sokol. Vzdal poctu předchůdcům, učitelům zásad Dr. M. Tyrše a Jindřicha Fuegnera. Vzpomněl začátků budování Slovenského Sokola a jeho spolupráce s Americkou Obcí Sokolskou — jubilantkou dnešního večera. Ocenil význam sokolské poštovní známky, která je uznáním důležité sokolské práce v uplynulém století a posilou pro další činnost Sokolstva v budoucnosti. Poděkoval Gen. Poštmištrovi za jeho zásluhu o vydání známky. Projev zasloužilého pracovníka STJS. byl přijat srdečným potleskem, stejně tak vřelý pozdrav Waltera Lasky, starosty Polského Sokola, který vzpomněl začátků Sokola v Polsku. Vzdal uznání Výboru pro sokolskou známku za jeho velkou, vyčerpávající práci,

spojenou s organizací akce pro vydání poštovní známky a s přípravou tak nádherných oslav sokolského jubilea. Bratr Laska zdůraznil, že sokolské organizace v Americe i když rozličnými cestami, jdou za jedním cílem, kterým je výchova národa k tělesné zdatnosti v duchu sokolských tělovýchovných zásad. Vyzvedl také upřímný osobní zájem Gen. Poštmistra o poštovní známku a její vydání.

Bratr Paul G. Fallat, hlavní správce (starosta) Slovenského Katolického Sokola, vzpomínal, že také letos i oni chystají se k oslavám 60. let jeho trvání. Mluvil s uznáním o úspěchu oslav výročí jednoho sta let činnosti sokolské v USA. a prohlásil, že vydání sokolské známky dává největší naději pro úspěch sokolských tělovýchovných snah v celé budoucnosti. Blahopřál také Sokolskému výboru k dosaženým krásným výsledkům jeho poslání a jako důkaz vděčnosti odevzdal Gen. Poštmistrovi Gronoskému a jeho pěkné paní stříbrný podnos s obrazem apoštolů Cyrila a Metoděje a sokolským odznakem. Při tomto aktu byl také přítomen kongresník Michael Kirwan z Youngstown, Ohio.

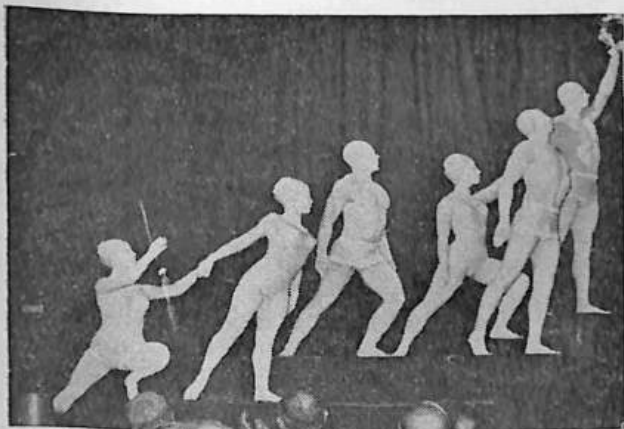


Tableau — Gymnasts of Central District, ASO.

Sokolským duchem bratrství a nadějí v budoucnost Sokola byl prodechnutý pozdrav br. Williama Pechara, starosty Dělnického Amerického Sokola, ve kterém zhodnotil výsledky práce jejich sokolských jednot a vřele vzpomněl spolupráce s Americkou Obcí Sokolskou, které blahopřál k jubileu a triumfu — vydání sokolské poštovní známky, výsledek úspěšné akce Sokolského výboru. Do budoucnosti jde Sokolstvo s velkými nadějemi, ke kterým oprávnějí krásné výsledky práce v minulosti. Obecenstvo nešetřilo potleskem po každém projevu.

Poetický byl pozdrav br. James L. Čiháka za Americkou Obec Sokolskou, přednesený jejím místostarostou brem. Charles Kropíkem. Uvádíme ho celý v českém překladu: "Před sto léty bylo do úrodné půdy našeho velkého Středozápadu zasazeno semě Sokolství. Připlulo k jeho břehům v myslích vlasteneckých, svobodu milujících mužů; zapustilo kořeny a zkvěťalo v této zemi, útočišti utlačovaných. Obsahovalo to nejlepší ze Zlatého věku Rečka, zápasů lidstva v začátcích křesťanství, vý-

sledků práce století a vznětů americké a francouzské revoluce. Světoznámí pedagogové, filosofové, zdravotníci, tvůrci mozky v oboru vědy a umění — všichni přispěli ze zdrojů pokladů své lásky k jeho síle v době klíčení v pevné důvěře v jeho růst. Pod paprsky teplého slunka svobody této veliké země — sokolské semě rostlo vytrvale a vyrostlo v úrodný strom. Krása jeho účelu a užitečnost jeho tělovýchovných metod získaly mu srdce a mysle tisíců za tisíci ušlechtilých mužů a žen. Pro zabezpečení jeho růstu věnovali všichni bezvýhradně svoje životy. A Spojené státy sokolstvem nesmírně získaly." Po potlesku, který následoval, pokračoval br. Charles Kropík v holdu pionýrům.

Řekl: "Dnes skláníme své hlavy v úctě před památkou těch, kteří zasadili a po celé staletí pěstovali v růstu símě, které vyrostlo v sokolské hnutí v Americe. Vzpomínáme St. Louis, Missouri, 14. února 1865, které se stalo kolébkou Sokolstva ve Spojených státech. Myslíme s pohnutím na význam dnešního dne 14. února, 1965, kdy se ve Washingtonu, D. C. dostává se uznání významu Sokolstva, jehož ideály byly stoletím nesené obětavými občany, z nichž každý obětoval pro ně vše to nejlepší." Br. Charles Kropík tlumočil rovněž díky Gen. Poštmistrovi za jeho úsilí, aby sokolská známka před celým světem stala se důkazem uznání vlády Spojených států Sokolstvu a ocenění jeho schopnosti pro plnění vládního programu výchovy národa k tělesné zdatnosti. Br. Kropík ukončil projev prohlášením, že pro Sokolstvo je jak sokolská známka, tak programový obsah jubilejního banketu a všech sokolských oslav zdrojem nových podnětů pro práci v druhém století jeho života, do kterého dnešního večera v plné své síle vstupuje. Dlouhý potlesk, který po projevu br. Kropíka následoval, byl krásnou poctou jubilantce — Americké Obci Sokolské.

Je možno bez nadsázky říci, že obecenstvo bylo tak nadšené, že nešetřilo uznalým potleskem jak všem řečníkům, tak umělcům, jejichž vystoupení v další části uměleckého pořadu programu večera bylo jedinečným úspěchem.

MILOŠ NEKOLNÝ, NÁŠ OPERNÍ PĚVEC-BARYTONISTA, NADCHNUL POSLUCHAČE K OVACÍM

skvělým přednesem arie "Non Piu Andrai" z Figgara od Mozarta, "In the Stillness of the Night" od Rudolfa Frimla a směsí slovenských písniček v úpravě Franka Kubiny. Když přešel ke svérázným lidovým písním, známým Slovákům, Polákům i Čechům "Pod tím našim okeniečkom", "Pridi Janik premilený, pridi k nám" a k bujně "Tancuj, tancuj, vykrucaj", obecenstvo potleskem tak bouřilo, že ani ráznému ceremoniáři nebylo možno je utišit, protože i celý hlavní stůl hostů tleskal sebou. A zcela spontánně povstáním projevilo svoje uznání obecenstvo Miloši Nekolnému za to, že je převedl do světa jejich mládež, kdy sami tyto lidové písničky zpívali, anebo se je od svých rodičů naučili zpívat, i zde v Americe.

(Dokončení příště.)

Sokolské prapory skláněly se k důstojné poctě hrdinům na Národním Arlingtonském Hřbitově.



Hold, který Americké Sokolstvo vzdalo 14. února, 1965 na Arlingtonském Hřbitově ve Washingtonu, D. C. padlým hrdinům a u hrobu pres. John F. Kenedyho, tvoří významnou část historie impozantních oslav sokolského jubilea.

Byl to nezapomenutelný pohled na husté řady účastníků pocty u hrobky Neznámých vojáků. Sokolstvo přišlo jako v nejslavnějších dnech ve vycházkových krojích s vlajkami a prapory všech sokolských organizací, sdružených ve Výboru pro sokolskou známku. I když v ulicích Washingtonu mrazivý vítr dotvrzoval vládu zimy, stovky sokolů, sokolic a jejich přátel stálo nehnuté za prapory a v pozorném tichu sledovalo tradiční obřad výměny stráží. Dojemné byly okamžiky, když Sokolky, sestry Bláza J. Čiháková, Anna Faltová z AOS. a ses. Pauline Jonesová z STJS. sestupovaly v doprovodu čestné vojenské stráže ke hrobce Neznámých vojáků a položily u ní věnec krásných květů. Ve slavnostním tichu přednesl br. Frank J. Vodrážka, člen Výboru pro sokolskou známku, anglický projev úcty, který přinášíme v překladu:

“Američtí Sokolové: Shromáždili jsme se na tomto krásném Arlingtonském hřbitově u hrobky Neznámých vojáků, abychom vzdali poctu těm, kteří přinesli nejvyšší obět’ v první a druhé světové válce a ve válce na Korei, abychom my mohli žít.

Ke vzdání holdu byl určen předseda Výboru pro sokolskou známku, kterému, bohužel, nepředvídané okolnosti zabránily, aby mohl být dnes mezi námi. Dovolte, abych za něho přednesl slova naší pocty:

Ó, svatyně národa, hrobko Neznámých vojáků, místo posledního odpočinku hrdinů, uložených zde z velkého počtu těch, kteří bojovali až padli. Nejsou to válečníci, ale občané — vojáci — beze jména, kteří zastupují zde všechny hrdiny pohřbené v zemi nebo pod vlnami v celém světě. Obětovali své životy nikoliv pro rozkoš z dobývání, ani pro divadlo dočasné slávy, nebo zkázy a ničení války, nebo podmaňování jiných národů. Zemřeli při plnění, tradicemi této země jim uložené povinnosti — v tragické mezihře jejich občanského života.

Byli příslušníky vrstev drobného lidu, milovaných a chráněných velkým emancipátorem a velkými Američany, kteří přišli po něm. Prolili svou krev — lidí příšlých z mnohých zemí, patřících k mnoha rasám a rozličným vírám. Oni znali cenu bohatství, svobody a volnosti. Proto bojovali, ano, i umírali pro uchování neocenitelného pokladu dědictví, jako učinili všichni, kteří je předešli. Jejich poslání je splněno. Budiž jim dopřáno věčného míru!”

Po doznění posledních slov tklivé poety Amerického Sokolstva, jímavé tóny večerky nesly se k srdcím shromážděných sokolů, jejich přátel a dalších stovek soukromých návštěvníků, sokolské vlajky a prapory skloněné, pohnutí ve tvářích účastníků svědčily o hlubokém dojmu, který obřad v jejich duších zanechal.

AMERICKÉ SOKOLSTVO U HROBU JOHN F. KENNEDYHO.



Miliony poutníků ze všech krajů Ameriky i celého světa ode dne tragické smrti 35. presidenta Spojených států John F. Kennedyho přišlo mu vzdát poctu. Americké Sokolstvo přišlo se poklonit jeho nesmrtelné památce v neděli 14. února, 1965 a svým holdem projevilo díky za jeho pochopení a propagaci významu výchovy národa k tělesné zdatnosti.

Zápis ze schůze Výboru jubilejního sletu AOS.,

konané v pátek 29. ledna, 1965, v budově ČSA.,
Cícero, Illinois.

Bratr James L. Čihák předsedal.

Přítomni dle presenční listiny.

Omluveni: ses. Prenerová, Nelsonová a br. Drnec.

Noví zástupci ses. Agnes Trajhanová, Havlíček-Tyrš, br. Vokůrka z Brookfieldu a br. Štulík z Berwynu.

Anglický zápis ze schůze 3. prosince byl čten ses. Čihákovou a schválen.

ZPRÁVY Z PŘEDSEDNICTVA:

Stan Musial oznámil, že se nemůže účastnit sletu. K účasti na sletu byl pozván Sokol Orel z New Yorku.

Dlouhý byl sokolský průvod. Veden poručíkem Stephen Reidem a čestnou stráží ubíral se zvolna po svahu stráně Arlingtonského hřbitova k místu, kde 26. listopadu 1963, provázen nesmírným žalem celého národa John Fitzgerald Kennedy byl uložen posledního odpočinku. Ani těm nejstarším sokolským pionýrům nebylo zatěžko dojít k místu hrobu, ohrazenému jednoduchým bílým plůtkem. Tiše, beze slov seskupili se všichni sokolští poutníci kolem malé, tak tklivé jednoduché zelené zahrádky, ve které odpočívá President-mučedník se svými dvěma dětmi. Plamínek věčného ohně, který 26. listopadu 1963 zapálila statečná vdova Jacqueline Kennedyová, hořel jasnou září. V ní, v tichém vzpomínání oživovaly dojmy z jeho četných projevů, z jeho návštěv nejrůznějších míst Ameriky i z jeho poslední cesty za věčným mírem.

Viděli jsme všichni v duchu četné řady státníků a představitelů vlád všech národů světa, kteří přišli vzdát mu poctu za své národy. I my sokolové jsme tak učinili ve dnech historických slavností sokolského jubilea. Ve chvíli, kdy sokolské vlajky a prapory se sklonily a sestry sokolky Čiháková, Faltová a Jonesová položily k hrobu věnec líbezných květů, opakovali jsme si v duchu slova prorockých vět, které John F. Kennedy napsal Americkému Sokolstvu: "I appreciate the part the American Sokol Movement has played in establishing physical fitness and good sportsmanship as major objectives of recreation, education and our way of life. In years to come, I hope American Sokol's example will inspire millions more to join in this pursuit of excellence."

Proto přišli 14. února 1965 Američtí Sokolové, představitelé a členové Americké Obce Sokolské, Amerického Dělnického Sokola, Českého Katolického a Slovenského Katolického Sokola, Polského Sokola, Slovenské Tělocvičné Jednoty Sokol, Kanadské Obce Sokolské, Ústředí Čsl. Sokolstva v zahraničí a představitelé národního života slovan-ských skupin v Americe k jeho hrobu vzdát mu poctu a dát výraz své hluboké vděčnosti za to, že dal příklad v uznání významu Sokolstva pro výchovu národa k tělesné zdatnosti. Americké Sokolstvo v duchu jeho snah ve druhém století své činnosti svým povinnostem dostojí.

Ses. Čiháková předkládá k úvaze objednání jubilejních medailí z bronzu nebo ze stříbra od vládního mincovního úřadu. Buďte k tomu třeba zákona. Schváleno doporučit V. V. objednání 5,000 kusů bronzových medailí.

ZPRÁVY ODBORŮ:

Zpravodajský: Česká tisková služba — ses. Žáčková — o propagaci sletu bylo dobře postaráno v blahopřáních k Vánocům ve všech krajanských novinách a v novoročním prohlášení AOS. Tisková služba pro slavnosti se známou také propagaci sletu posloužila. Po známkových slavnostech bude česká tisková služba rozvinuta.

Br. Prchal sděluje, že pro anglickou tiskovou službu je ještě brzy, ale bude v nejbližších týdnech zahájena.

Br. Čihák oznámil, že tisková služba před slavnostmi se známkou nám propagačně nesmírně prospěla a má velkou cenu. Po skončení slavností se známkou bude zahájena propagace pro slet.

Ubytovací: Br. Kropík doporučuje zahájení tiskové služby pro získání ubytování pro účastníky na sletu.

Ses. Prchalová oznamuje, že dvě jednoty si již objednaly ubytování v motelu.

Technický: Br. náčelník Halík podal zprávu o přípravách pro slet, žádá rozhodnutí o tisku úředního papíru pro náčelnictvo. Ses. Čiháková bylo připomenuto, že podle rozhodnutí z dřívějších schůzí výboru má být tištěn jen jeden druh dopisního papíru s hlavičkou náčelnictva.

Ses. Prchalová sděluje, že všechna prostná byla rozmnožena a rozeslána všem jednotám i župám v zemi i do zahraničí, také Polskému Sokolu a ostatním sokolským organizacím.

O nájem hudby bylo jednáno s Charles Diviškem. Schváleno najmout br. Franka Kubinu jako kapelníka hudby, Charles Diviška jako hostujícího kapelníka, aby bylo vyhověno uniovým předpisům.

Doporučeno náčelnictvem a usneseno zjistit ceny pro řádné fotografování sletu. Bude rozhodnuto o způsobu fotografování sletu soukromými osobami i o odznaku ke vstupu na sletišť.

Br. Čihák ke zprávám náčelnictva poznamenává, že máme dobré styky se všemi sokolskými organizacemi a že věří v dobrou spolupráci.

Hospodářský: Žádná zpráva.

Průvodový: Br. Šimánek žádá přesný program náčelnictva pro uspořádání příchodu průvodu na sletišť v Morton West. Budou zjištěny podmínky pro nájem policie a strážců. Bude jednáno o účast jednotek armády a námořnictva.

Programový: Br. Čihák sděluje, že je v práci krásný návrh na novou úpravu grafickou i obsahovou pro sletový Památník.

Vyjížděkový: Br. Smunt oznamuje, že v Marina City nepovolují skupinám prohlídky v sobotu. Ses. Žáčková zjistí, zda by byla možná výjimka pro naši výpravu.

Výstava: Br. Janečka sděluje, že vše je v přípravě plánů.

Nové záležitosti: Náčelnictvo doporučuje, aby při závodech o přebor bylo pro diváky určeno vstupné.

Br. Halík doporučuje tisk formulářů pro score soudcům při závodech. Ses. Čiháková získá nabídky.

Ses. Prchalová podala zprávu o všem, co bylo zařízeno v Morton West. Je jednáno s Pep Clubem o výzdobu. Schváleno umístění stánků s občerstvením ve středu tribuny.

Pro dobro: Ses. Čiháková žádá o krátké zprávy ze všech odborů pro Sokol Americký. Ses. Žáčková žádá o spolupráci pro zpravodajskou službu a dodávání včas všech novin.

Předseda br. Čihák žádá, aby v příštích schůzích všechny odbory podal své zprávy a hlavně doporučení písemně, aby usnášení bylo usnadněno. Oceňuje význam oslav ve Washingtonu, D. C. Ocenění a uznání, kterého se nám z vládních míst dostalo, bude mít příznivý vliv v přípravách i v průběhu sletu. Nabádá k posílání přihlášek za patrony do Památníku.

Ses. Čiháková čte přítomné zástupce.

Ujednáno, aby příští schůze Sletového výboru konala se v pátek, dne 26. února, 1965 o 7:30 hod. večer ve stejné místnosti.

Br. Čihák ukončil schůzi.

Jaromíra Žáčková, česká zapisovatelka.

Statě Českého národního hřbitova.

Přijde jaro, přijde, Usměje se slunce,
zase bude máj. usměje se háj.

Úsměv vyloodí jarní počasí, jež pravidelně zatláčuje zimu do pozadí, když slunce ozařuje krásu venkova i ulice města. I na obličej zahradníků, jejichž dlouholetá zkušenost mění drve zasvězené rovy v bohaté barvy jarních květin, zazáří jarem jakoby upozorňovaly ty, kdož až dosud objednávku pro zdobení hrobu na Českém národním hřbitově nezadali, aby tak učinili dnes, nejdéle zítra neb pozítří. Kdo drve přijde, bude drív obsloužen.

Nevěřte třeba nechcete-li, avšak ta hra už počíná. Vyletí zima přes neděli jako z komína. A vy, čtenáři milí, budete uvažovati, mysl vaše půjde zpět několik dnů neb týdnů, aby zjistila zdali onen hrob na Českém národním hřbitově bude letos okrášlen, zvláště proto, že krášlen nebyl již loni, ani předloni. A přece není zatěžko zdvihnouti telefon neb napsati lístek adresovaný hřbitovní úřadovně a není zatěžko zadati objednávku na okrasu hrobu neb opravu celého hřbitovního lotu. Telefon KEystone 9-8442. Adresa 5255 North Pulaski Road, Chicago, Illinois 60630.

"Hoj přírodo uvidíš, přírodo uvidíš, my ještě cos vyvedem spolu — tys od kořenů do vršku změníš, já od hlavy po patu dolů". Tak čelí básník Neruda přírodě v době jarní, kdy sloupne z růžového keře list a píská naň odrhovačku. Jaro je nejkrásnější dobou roční a to i na hřbitově, zejména na Českém národním hřbitově, kde zručné ruce zahradníků tvoří divy. Aby i na rodinném hrobě nebo lotě utvořen byl div, zadej ještě dnes neb co nejdříve objednávku pro ozdobení hrobů vašich nejdražších příbuzných.

Sokol Detroit In February 1965

February 15, 1965, was proclaimed as SOKOL DAY by the Governor of Michigan. The Centennial of the Sokol movement in America was celebrated. The program in Detroit was divided into three separate activities.

The first was on February 6th, 1965, at 10:45 A.M. in the Cadillac Square Bldg., where Governor Romney signed the Proclamation of Sokol Day. At this ceremony bro. Benes and bro. Valek were present as our delegates.

The second activity was on February 10, 1965, at 3:30 P.M. in the City County Bldg. in the Mayor's office, where the Mayor of Detroit paid his respects to our Centennial celebration. Bro. Benes and bro. Literak were representing us on this occasion.

The third activity will be on February 16, 1965, at 10:00 A.M. in the New Post Office Bldg. in downtown Detroit. On this occasion of the "Open-

ing sales of commemorative stamps in Detroit" bro. Dobbs and bro. Seidel shall represent us.

On all three occasions a small group of gymnasts, each representing an age class, shall be present symbolizing our only active Sokol organization in Detroit.

Bro. H. Valek is planning a daring program for our Gymnastic Exhibition (Veřejný) in July 1965. It will be an outstanding gymnastic exhibition with a special closing number which requires at least 160 gymnasts. The formation of the whole group will show an American flag. The same number will be presented at the District Slet in Cleveland on June 13, 1965, at the National Slet in Chicago on June 27, 1965, and in Toronto, Canada, at their Gymnastic Exhibition on July 4, 1965.

Our National Slet in Chicago will present 72 units in perfect coordination. All Sokols should visit this extraordinary event. Encourage the public to be present.

The accomplishments of the Fund Raising Committee in 1964 were excellent. All our members should be proud of the brothers and sisters serving on this committee. This year more members are needed to increase our profits. Report to their meeting in the Youth Center every 3rd Thursday at 8:00 P.M. You will have fun making money for your Sokol Unit.

Please be advised that the Fund Raising Committee is planning a Rummage Sale in May of this year. Save articles to be donated for this profitable drive.

For those who were not present, here are the names of our three new members: Bro. Walter J. Cortis, bro. Louis Vaclavek, and bro. Robert G. Talbot. We all welcome you and wish you all the pleasures in the Society.

The joint annual meeting of Sokol and Sokolice will be held on February 13, 1965. All should be present. Our Educational Director will present a film about Czechoslovak history covering the years 1918 through 1948. Nazdar! C. Novacek

St. Paul Sokol News

No doubt you all have been wondering just what has happened in St. Paul these past several months because you haven't heard from us.

To begin with quite a lot of interesting things and projects have been going on.

We have a very interesting monthly newsletter that our President Robert Vanyo publishes and titles "Sokol Slovo" and our members look forward to getting.

Anyone interested in receiving this Sokol Slovo contact Lucille Pavlicek, 1245 Edgecumbe Road, St. Paul, Minn.

Our classes started in October and are in full swing, this includes the little tots to the men and women's classes. There are a total of 89.

At Christmas time all classes participated in a planned program with little tots dressed as all seasons of the year and their teacher narrating. The first and second class girls sang appropriate songs in the background. The young boys presented a very effective scene by forming a Christmas tree with flashlights and narrating the story of the Christmas tree. The junior girls and women stood up in the balcony dressed in mufflers etc. amid red bows and greens singing Christmas carols. Finally Santa Claus arrived and gave the children bags of candy.

Thanks to our hard working and faithful Director of Women Georgiana Buzicky who for years served us all and oversees all these programs.

The senior Sokols had an enjoyable Christmas party that followed a short business meeting and installation of new officers.

I am very happy to say I had the opportunity and pleasure to initiate a very nice group of new members that same evening. Let's hope they always remember their joining at Christmas time.

The month of February brought Sibřinky, held at the CSPS. Hall with Czech dancers performing; guests came from Chicago and Canada in costumes to dance a number. There were many beautiful costumes.

Remodeling has been done in the kitchen and bar at the hall and the Sokols are ever so grateful to the CSA. Lodge as this made everyone more comfortable in performing their tasks.

Thanks to our good Sokol of long standing, bro. Joe Pavlicek, who took so much time to take the responsibility and everything that goes with it.

President Robert Vanyo was chairman of the dance and sis. Helen Kolash of the kitchen. Thanks for a job well done.

A teachers meeting was held to discuss the Sokol Exhibition (Veřejný) May 8th. May 1st will be junior girls and boys competitions.

A Western District meeting was held in Omaha, Nebraska (of which we are now a part). Hank Jansen was our delegate. He came back inspired.

Last but not least the St. Paul Sokol wishes to thank bro. James Cihak for his efforts and hard work on the Centennial Stamp, which was a tremendous success. We also hope he is on the road to recovery from his recent illness. Nazdar!

Lucille Pavlicek, Educational Director

Directory of the American Sokol Organization

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and James V. Hesoun, P. O. Box
44, Belcamp, Md. 21017. Financial
Secretary: Emil Dupal, 255 Hem-
lock Lane, Aberdeen, Md. 21001.
Director of Men: Martin Lago, P.
O. Box 281, Belcamp, Md. 21017.
Director of Women: Martin Lago.
Educational Director: Joseph Va-
chek, P. O. Box 32, Belcamp, Md.
21017.

Sokol Curtis Bay, Md. — Meet-
ings last Friday, American So-
kol Gymnastic Association, 1527
Cherry St., Baltimore 26, Md. —
President: James F. Zaruba, 4705
Virginia Ave., Baltimore 25. Fi-
nancial Secretary: Sophie Catter-
ton, 221 Sycamore Rd., Linthicum
Heights, Maryland.

Sokol Fuegner, L. I. C., N. Y.
— Meetings 3rd Tuesday, Bohe-
mian Hall, 29-19 24th Ave., Long
Island City 5, New York. Presi-
dent: Charles Zraly, 29 Holland
Court, Valley Stream, L.I.C., N. Y.
Secretary: Bertha Hochner, 45-35
Utopia Pkwy., Flushing, New York
11358. Financial Secretary: Robert
Moravec, 45-27 Parsons Blvd.,

tors: Alfred Swoboda, 5816 South
15th Street, Omaha, Nebr. 68107,
and Alfred Chab, Wilber, Nebr.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT, DALLAS, TEXAS

Meetings 2nd Tuesday, Sokol
Athletic Center, 7448 Greenville
Ave., Dallas, Tex. President: Jo-
seph Pokladnik, 6234 East Univer-
sity, Dallas, Tex. Secretary: Marie
Prevratil, 8623 Daytonia, Dallas
18, Tex. Director of Men: Joseph
Ehrenberger, 9125 Livenshire, Dal-
las, Texas. Director of Women:
Sylvia Laznovsky, Route #1, En-
nis, Texas. Educational Director:
Jim Kucera, 1936 Ayers, Corpus
Christi, Texas.

PACIFIC DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Meetings 1st Tuesday, Sokol
Hall, 500 N. Western Ave., Los
Angeles, Calif. — President: Emil
Nekuda, 22160 Costanzo, Wood-
land Hills, California. Secretary:
Bess Haralik, 1915B Scott Road,
Burbank, California. Director of
Men: Joseph Pokorny, 3211 Ty-
burn, Los Angeles 39, Calif. Di-
rector of Women: Florence Palas,
7823 Stewart & Gray Rd., Dow-
ney, Calif. Educational Director:
George Spanek, 1364 Drake Ave.,
Burlingame, Calif.

Flushing 55, N. Y. Director of
Men: Richard Kotmel, 46-50 162nd
Street, Flushing, N. Y. 11358. Di-
rector of Women: Vera Soukup,
23-56 31st Street, L.I.C. 5, N. Y.
Educational Director: Dinka Kol-
nik, 26-28 30th Street, Long Island
City 2, N. Y.

Sokol Little Ferry, New Jersey.
— Meetings 2nd Monday, Sokol
Hall, Main & Garden Streets, Lit-
tle Ferry, N. J. 07643. President:
Eugene Zabransky, Saddle Ridge
Road, Ho-Ho-Kus, N. J. Secre-
tary: Henry L. Vesely, 77 Liberty
Street, Little Ferry, N. J. Finan-
cial Secretary: Henry Mayer, 21
Mehrfhof Road, Little Ferry, N. J.
Director of Men: George Janakis,
15 Beech Street, Little Ferry, N.
J. Educational Director: Charles
Kuss, 941 Phyllis Lane, Oradell,
N. J.

Sokolice Little Ferry, New Jer-
sey. — Meetings 4th Wednesday,
Sokol Hall, Main and Garden
Streets, Little Ferry, N. J. 07643.
President: Augusta Svec, 35 Meh-
rhof Road, Little Ferry, N. J. Sec-
retary: Blanche Kubat, 16 Colum-
bus Ave., Little Ferry, N. J. Fi-
nancial Secretary: Elsie Machot-
ka, 26 Center Street, Little Ferry,
N. J. Director of Women: Myra
Nedelka, 50 Grand Street, Little
Ferry, N. J.

Sokol Newark, New Jersey. — Meetings 2nd Thursday, Bonemian Auditorium, 56 — 19th Ave., Newark, N. J. President: Ludmila Elkins, 664 Valley Street, Orange, N. J. Secretary: Frances Schamberger, 1656 Andrew St., Union, N. J. Financial Secretary: Anna Votapek, 664 Valley St., Orange, N. J.

Sokol New York, N. Y. — Meetings 4th Friday, Sokol Hall, 420-424 East 71st Street, New York, N. Y. 10021. President: Vladislav Slavik, 1646 Bogart Ave., Bronx 62, N. Y. Secretary: Lili Mayer, 174 West 76th Street, New York, N. Y. 10023. Financial Secretary: Marie V. Lier, 65-42 — 48th Ave., Woodside 77, N. Y. Director of Men: Frank Kubelka, 47-43 — 48th Street, Woodside 77, L. I., N. Y. Director of Women: Irene Wynnyczak, 340 East 74th Street, New York, N. Y. 10021. Educational Director: Dr. Vaclav L. Holy, c/o Sokol New York.

Sokol Philadelphia, Pa. — Meetings 1st Friday, Slovak Hall, 1150-54 N. 4th St., Philadelphia 23, Pa. President: Eugene Prostrednik, 920 Fanshawe Street, Philadelphia 11, Pa. Secretary: George Novak, 2003 E. Elkhart Street, Philadelphia 34, Pa. Financial Secretary: Elsie Novak, 2003 E. Elkhart Street, Philadelphia 34, Pa. Educational Director: George Novak.

Sokol Schenectady, New York. — Meetings 1st Wednesday, Czech-American Sokol Hall, 1309 Fifth Ave., Schenectady, N. Y. 12303. President: Alice Matura, 1 Larkin St., Scotia, N. Y. 12302. Secretary: Antonia Guthan, 2351 Consaul Road, Schenectady, N. Y. 12304. Financial Secretaries: Julia Kverek, 1541 Altamont Avenue, and Thomas Zak, 1013 John Alden Lane, Schenectady, N. Y. 12306. Director of Men: Frank Prokop, 1005 — 6th Street, Schenectady, N. Y. 12303. Director of Women: Marie Kozak, 1881 Greenpoint Ave., Schenectady, N. Y. 12306.

Sokol Washington, D. C. — Meetings 1st Friday. President: Matthew Neumann, 2071 Park Road N.W. Secretary: George Parma, 1528 — 62nd Place S.E. (27). Financial Secretary: Gerta Manhal, 1660 Lanier Place N.W. (9). Director of Men: Frank Stovicek, 2059 Park Road N.W. (10). Director of Women: Anna Dankulich, 2724 Porter Street N.W. Educational Director: Milada Leikova, 3630 — 39th Street N.W., 20216. All Washington, D. C.

Sokol Cleveland Hall, 20110 Harvard Ave., Warrensville Heights, Ohio 44122. President: Ralph Gruber, 3418 Colton Road, Shaker Heights 22, Ohio. Secretary: Wilma A. Sevcik, 5890 Cable Ave., Cleveland 27, Ohio. Financial Secretary: Bertha Cihula, 31713 White Road, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092. Director of Men: Robert Kunc, 11021 Greenwich Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44105. Director of Women: Ann Skoda, 12611 Britton Drive, Cleveland, Ohio 44120. Educational Director: Ferdinand Jirsa, 3715 Riedham Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

Sokol Detroit, Mich. — Meetings 1st Thursday, Youth Center, Greenfield & Michigan, Dearborn, Michigan. President: Henry Siedlik, 5651 Argyle, Dearborn, Mich. Secretary: Charles Schamanek, 28179 Schroeder Road, Farmington, Mich. Financial Secretary: Herman Kopecek, 5224 Chopin, Detroit, Mich. Director of Men: Harry Valek, 1780 S. Sheldon Rd., Bellville, Mich. Educational Director: Jan Sklenar, 681 West Hancock, Detroit, Mich.

Sokolice Detroit, Mich. — Meetings 1st Thursday, except August, Dearborn Youth Center, Michigan and Greenfield Ave., Dearborn, Michigan. President: Vlasta Nozicka, 4881 Korte Ave., Dearborn, Mich. Secretary: Jenny Pazdernik, 10333 South Morrow Circle, Dearborn, Mich. Financial Secretary: Josephine Hurych, 2020 Hubbell Ave., Dearborn, Mich. Director of Women: Lillian Teichman, 8977 Manor Ave., Allen Park, Michigan. Educational Director: Irene Kopecek, 5224 Chopin Ave., Detroit 10, Michigan.

Sokol Moravan, Toledo, Ohio. — Meetings 4th Sunday, Sokol Hall, 2401 Valentine, Toledo, Ohio 43605. President: Gotlieb F. Capoun, 5302 Grosse Pointe Parkway, Toledo 11, Ohio. Secretary: Elizabeth Penovich, 2130 Nevada, Toledo 5, Ohio. Financial Secretary: Hope H. Saleta, 1809 Rivard Rd., Toledo 7, Ohio.

Sokol Nova Vlast, Cleveland, O. — Meetings 2nd Sunday, Czech Hall, 4314 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102. President: John Galik, 4410 East Pleasant Valley Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44131. Secretary: Jeanette H. Wagner, 3872 Mill St., West Richfield, O. 44286. Financial Secretary: Anna Prech, 5117 Archmere Ave., Cleveland, O. 44109. Director of Men: George Kotlan, 5401 Clark Ave., Cleveland, O. 44102. Director of Women: Betty Hosticka, 2052 Ridgeview Drive, Seven Hills, O. 44131. Educational Director: Robert Kasper, 6791 Glenella Drive, Seven Hills, O. 44131.

Sokol Rip, Pittsburgh, Pa. — Meetings at SGUS. Hall, 2nd Wednesday, 849 Lockhart Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15212. President: Miloslav Janouch, 6307 Aylesboro Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15217. Secretary: Standa Prostrednik, 215 Saxonburg Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15238. Financial Secretary: Frank Guca, 908 Evergreen Ave., Milvale, Pa. 15209.

Sokol Tyrs, Cleveland, Ohio. — Meetings every other month, Board of Directors, 2nd Thursday each month, 3689 East 131st St., Cleveland, Ohio 44120. President: Robert E. Jirousek, 18424 Chagrin Blvd., Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120. Secretary: Maxine Dudek, 11305 Revere Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44105. Financial Secretary: Marie Whiteman, 6544 Highland Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44124. Director of Men: Charles Hantl, 13701 Bartlett Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44120. Director of Women: Libbie Jelinek, 12121 Darlington Rd., Cleveland Ohio 44125. Educational Director: Robert E. Jirousek.

CENTRAL DISTRICT, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Sokol Americky, Chicago, Ill. — Meetings 2nd Wednesday, 1536 W. 18th Street, Chicago, Ill. 60608. President: Rose Spale, 1313 W. 19th Street, Chicago, Ill. 60608. Secretary: Marie Hanke, 1313 W. 19th Street, Chicago, Ill. 60608. Financial Secretary: Mary Doubek, 1536 West 18th Street, Chicago, Ill. 60608.

Sokol Berwyn, Illinois. — Meetings 2nd Thursday, Sokol Berwyn, 6445 W. 27th Place, Berwyn, Ill. President: Edward W. Schnabl, 2503 S. Harvey, Berwyn. Secretaries: Frank R. Navratil, 2323 S. 14th Ave., No. Riverside, Ill., and Laddie Stulik, 82nd and Madison, Hinsdale, Ill. Financial Secretary: Ella Vydra, 6517 W. 27th Place, Berwyn. Director of Men: Richard Tlusty, 3206 Sunnyside Ave., Brookfield, Ill. Director of Women: Cheryl Savel, 2524 S. East Ave., Berwyn. Educational Director: Stanley Stamberg, 3450 So. Gunderson Ave., Berwyn, Ill.

Sokol Brookfield, Ill. — Meetings 1st Wednesday, National Hall, 3909 Prairie Ave., Brookfield, Ill. President: Rudolph Svoboda, 2343 S. 14th Ave., No. Riverside, Ill. Secretary: Irene Marek, 3514 Madison, Brookfield, Ill. Financial Secretary: Rose Fritsch, 3921 Forest, Brookfield, Ill. Director of Men: Joseph Mrstik, 4225 Lacey Road, Downers Grove, Ill. Director of Women: Jane Jirak, 9023 Lincoln, Brookfield, Ill. Educational Director: Irene Marek.

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Sokol Cleveland-Cech Havlicek, Cleveland, Ohio. — Meetings 1st

Sokol Cechie, Chicago, Illinois. — Meetings 3rd Tuesday, National Hall, 1643 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago, Ill. — President: Anton Hanuska, 1614 S. 61st Ct., Cicero, Ill. Secretary: Emilie A. Zibrid, 1040 S. Edgewood Ave., Lombard, Ill. Fin. Secretary: Henry Lizner, 4219 So. Elmwood Ave., Berwyn, Illinois.

Sokol Chicago, Ill. — Meetings 3rd Monday, Sokol Berwyn, 6445 W. 27th Pl., Berwyn, Ill. — President: Stanley Barcal, 2437 S. Harvey Ave., Berwyn, Ill. Secretary: Charles Zdenek, 9709 S. Mason, Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453. Fin. Secretary: Robert Barcal, 1522 S. 58th Court, Cicero, Ill. 60650.

Sokolice Chicago, Ill. — Meetings 3rd Monday, Lincoln Federal, 6055 W. Cermak Rd., Berwyn, Ill. President: Ann Falta, 2440 South Drake, Chicago, Ill. 60623. Secretary: Rose Barcal, 2437 S. Harvey, Berwyn, Ill. Fin. Secretary: Mildred Vesely, 2111 S. Highland Ave., Berwyn, Ill.

Sokol Fuegner, Chicago, Illinois. — Meetings 3rd Friday, 10756 Greenbay Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60617. President: Tom Bender, 10808 Greenbay Ave., 60617. Secretary: George Dvorscak, 10756 Greenbay. Financial Secretary: Frank DeMarco, 10818 Ewing Ave. Directors of Men: Hank Allovich, 10749 Mackenaw Ave., and Phil Hale, 10802 Avenue O. Both Chicago, Ill. 60617.

Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs, Chicago, Illinois. — Meetings 2nd Wednesday, Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs, 2619 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60623. — President: James Simaner, 1504 S. Cuyler Ave., Berwyn, Ill. 60402. Secretary: Frank Svambera, 3152 S. Komensky Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60623. Financial Secretary: Vaclav Zenisek, 2627 S. Karlov Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60623. Director of Men: Tony Kirch, 3041 So. Pulaski Road, Chicago, Ill. 60623. Educational Director: Vaclav Baloun, 2410 S. Millard Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60623.

Sokolice Havlicek-Tyrs, Chicago, Illinois. — Meetings 2nd Wednesday, Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs Hall, 2619 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60623. — President: Anna Basta, 2629 S. Maple Ave., Brookfield, Ill. Secretary: Jana Smolik, 1507 S. Grove Ave., Berwyn, Ill. Fin. Secretary: Louise Hladik, 5511 W. 23rd Place, Cicero, Ill. 60650. Director of Women: Emily Kirch, 2242 S. Cuyler Ave., Berwyn, Ill. 60402.

Sokol Milwaukee, Wisconsin. — Meetings 1st Thursday, Bohemian Hall, 1878 N. 12th Street, Milwaukee, Wis. 53205. — President:

August Shabart, 2847 N. 39th St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53210. Secretary: Fred C. Stankovsky, 3834 N. 38th Street, Milwaukee, Wis. 53216. Financial Secretary: Charles Richter, 2208B W. Garfield Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. 53205. Director of Men: Fred C. Stankovsky. Educational Director: Henry Zelenka, 2852 N. 78th Street, Milwaukee, Wis. 53222.

Sokolice Milwaukee, Wisconsin. — Meetings 1st Thursday, Bohemian Hall, 1878 N. 12th Street, Milwaukee, Wis. 53205. — President: Ethel Pivonka, 2600 N. 62nd St., Milwaukee 53213. Secretary: Christine Greiner, 3206 E. Grange Ave., Cudahy, Wis. 53110. Fin. Secretary: Mary Zelenka, 2852 N. 78th St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53222. Director of Women: Emily Falarsch, 4435 N. 49th Street, Milwaukee, Wis.

Sokol Mladocech, Racine, Wis. — Meetings last Wednesday, Sokol Mladocech Hall, 1313 Lincoln St., Racine, Wis. President: James J. Fetek, 1200 William St., Racine, Wis. Secretary: Steve J. Mostenan, 7914 — 20th Ave., Kenosha, Wis. 53140. Fin. Secretary: Frank Groulik, 2044 Erie Street, Racine, Wis. Director of Men: Melvin Smerchek, 2506 — 5½ Mile Road, Racine, Wis. Educational Director: Joseph Kucera, 3333 — 1st Avenue, Racine, Wis.

Sokolice Mladocech, Racine, Wis. Meetings last Wednesday of the month, Sokol Mladocech Hall, 1313 Lincoln St., Racine, Wis. — President: Grace Smerchek, Rt. 1, 2506 — 5½ Mile Road, Racine, Wis. Secretary: Dolly Mostenan, 7914 — 20th Ave., Kenosha, Wis. 53140. Fin. Secretary: Mary Fetek, 723 St. Patrick St., Racine, Wis. Director of Women: Alice Larson, 1629 Milwaukee Avenue, Racine, Wis.

Pizensky Sokol of Chicago, Ill. — Meetings 2nd Thursday, CSA Building Annex, Lombard Avenue and Cermak Road, Cicero 50, Ill. President: John P. Solin, 632 S. Catherine Ave., LaGrange, Ill. Secretary: LaVerne A. Bahr, 618 Hitchcock Ave., Lisle, Ill. 60532. Financial Secretary: Joseph Kilberger, 3735 Arthur Ave., Brookfield, Ill.

Sokol Rozvoj, Chicago, Illinois. — Meetings 1st Friday every 3rd month, Danish American Athletic Center, 4624 No. Pulaski Road, Chicago, Ill. President: Rose Masek, 1607 North Route 47, Woodstock, Ill. Secretary: Josephine Hajek, 4442 N. Springfield Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60625. Financial Secretary: Ann Bagel, 4906 W. Berwyn, Chicago, Ill. 60630.

Sokol St. Louis, Mo. — Meetings 2nd and 4th Monday. Write to Secretary. President: William Shana, 9145 Desmond Drive, St. Louis 26, Mo. Secretary: Frank L. Shiroky, 3439 Indiana, St. Louis 18, Mo. Financial Secretary: Anton Kylian, 4551 Varrelman Ave., St. Louis 16, Mo. Director of Men: Ronald Triska, 7029 Mardel, St. Louis 9, Mo. Director of Women: Helen Pesoot, 6401 Mardel, St. Louis 9, Mo. Educational Director: John Reinger, Sr., 633 Sandra Court, St. Louis 25, Mo.

Sokol Slavsky, Cicero, Illinois. — Meetings 1st Wednesday, CSA Bldg., 2138 S. 61st Court, Cicero, Ill. 60650. — President: Frank Sula, 2312 S. 22nd Ave., Broadview, Ill. Secretary: Vlasta Lindquist, 2500 S. 57th Ave., Cicero, Ill. 60650. Fin. Secretary: Frank Marecek, 2617 So. Clinton Ave., Berwyn, Illinois. Director of Men: John Satek, 1922 S. 57th Ave., Cicero, Ill. 60650. Director of Women: Marie Ptacek: 4320 S. Clinton, Berwyn, Ill. Educational Director: Charles Kalat, 1617 S. Harvey, Berwyn, Ill.

Sokol Stickney, Illinois. — Meetings 1st Wednesday, except July and August. Sokol Stickney, 4131 South Home Avenue, Stickney, Ill. 60405. — President: William Vrba, 4224 Home Ave., Stickney, Ill. Secretary: Margaret Sheridan, 3939 Clarence Ave., Stickney, Ill. Fin. Secretary: Edward Valaskovic, 4100 Grove Ave., Stickney, Ill. Director of Men: Richard Vachata, 8016 W. 46th Street, Lyons, Ill. Director of Women: Marie Vachata, 8016 W. 46th Street, Lyons, Ill. Educational Director: Joseph Sheridan, 3939 Clarence Avenue, Stickney, Ill.

Sokol Tabor, Berwyn, Illinois. — Meetings 1st Friday, Sokol Tabor, 1602 S. Clarence Ave., Berwyn, Ill. — President: Joseph F. Drnec, 1210 Morgan Avenue, La Grange, Ill. Secretary: Frank J. Neumann, 3934 So. Euclid Ave., Stickney, Ill. Financial Secretary: Leo Svrcek, 1647 S. 57th Avenue, Cicero 50, Ill. Director of Men: Martin Lukes, 1512 S. Ridgeland Ave., Berwyn, Ill. Educ. Director: Charles M. Prchal, 2419 Scoville Ave., Berwyn, Ill.

Sokolice Tabor, Berwyn, Illinois. — Meetings 1st Friday, Sokol Tabor, 1602 S. Clarence Ave., Berwyn, Illinois. — President: Zdenka Lessa, 6810 W. Roosevelt Rd., Oak Park, Ill. Secretary: Julia Kaspar, 1824 S. Grove Ave., Berwyn, Ill. Fin. Secretary: Helen De Klyen, 1329 S. Euclid Ave., Berwyn, Ill. Director of Women: Judie Liewald, 3321 Kenilworth, Berwyn, Illinois.

Sokol Town of Lake, Chicago, Ill. — Meetings 2nd Wednesday, Polish Highlanders Hall, 51st and Whipple, Chicago, Illinois 60632. President: Otto R. Faltyněk, 6337 S. Karlov Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60629. Secretary: Anton Smunt, 5342 S. Fairfield Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60632. Financial Secretary: Raymond T. Hemzacek, 822 No. Philippa St., Hinsdale, Ill. Director of Men: Joseph B. Chochola, Jr., 2553 W. Marquette Rd., Chicago, Ill. 60629. Educational Director: James L. Cihak, 405 W. 50th Place, Western Springs, Ill.

Sokolice Town of Lake, Chicago, Illinois. — Meetings 2nd Wednesday every other month, Polish Highlanders Hall, 51st and Whipple St., Chicago, Ill. 60632. President: Blanche Janes, 11911 Forest View Lane, Palos Park, Ill. Secretary: Anna Kuchler, 5249 S. Whipple St., Chicago, Ill. 60632. Financial Secretary: Blanche J. Cihak, 405 W. 50th Place, Western Springs, Ill. Educational Director: James L. Cihak, 405 West 50th Place, Western Springs, Ill.

Sokol West Suburban, Downers Grove, Ill. — Meetings 4th Monday, Lincoln School, 935 Maple Ave., Downers Grove, Ill. Mailing address: Sokol West Suburban, P. O. Box 181, Downers Grove, Ill. President Sylvia Pistorius, 342 W. Naperville Road, Westmont, Ill. 60559. Secretary: Mary Friedrich, 25 — 55th Place, Westmont, Ill. 60559. Financial Secretary: Caroline Dunovsky, 4917 Elm Street, Downers Grove, Ill. Director of Men: Robert Nicklas, 1813 S. Wisconsin, Berwyn, Ill. Director of Women: Elsie Fitzpatrick, 422 N. Grant, Westmont, Ill. 60559. Publicity and Educational Director: Mildred Bruno, 307 W. Naperville Rd., Westmont, Ill. 60559.

WESTERN DISTRICT, OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Sokol Cedar Rapids, Iowa. — Meetings 1st Monday, Sokol Hall, 415 — 3rd St. S.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa. President: James V. Cada, 190 — 16th Ave. S.W., 52404. Secretary: Fred Anthony, 932 Daniel Street N.E. Financial Secretary: Karel Jares, 1015 2nd Street S.E. Director of Men: Melvin Novak, 344 6th Ave. S.W. Educational Director: M. L. Hromadka, 1125 — 25th Street S.E. All Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Sokolice Renata Tyrsova, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. — Meetings 1st Monday, Sokol Hall, 415 — 3rd Street S.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa. President: Barbara Nemecek, 1348 Burch Ave. N.W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Secretary: Mana Zlatohlavek, 392 — 16th Ave. S.W., Cedar

Rapids, Iowa. Financial Secretary: Betty L. Petrzalek, 1501 — Second Street S.W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Director of Women: Betty Gallagher, Route 1, Swisher, Iowa.

Sokol Crete, Nebraska. — Meetings 1st Monday, Sokol Auditorium, 12th & Norman St., Crete, Nebraska. President: Stepan E. Pomajzl, R. 2, Wilber, Nebr. Secretary and Financial Secretary: Joseph Prasek, 815 Pine Avenue, Crete, Nebr. Director of Men: Elmer G. Pomajzl, Crete, Nebr.

Sokolice Libuse, Crete, Nebr. — Meetings 1st Wednesday, Sokol Hall, 136 West 12th Street, Crete, Nebraska. President Fannie Borecky, 845 Main. Secretary: Stepanka K. Novak, 830 East 13th. Financial Secretary: Marie Placek, 1242 Juniper. Director of Women: Irene Pomajzl, 1117 Oak. Educational Director: Irene Weidner, 719 Norman. All Crete, Nebr.

Sokol Fuegner-Tyrs, So. Omaha, Nebraska. — Meetings 1st Monday, Bohemian National Hall, 5601 S. 21st Street, Omaha, Nebraska. President: Edward Pavoucek, 2306 Jefferson, Bellevue, Nebr. Secretary: George Strnad, 1825 Ontario, Omaha, Nebr. Financial Secretary: Victor Novotny, 4621 Valley, Omaha, Nebr. Director of Men: Voimir Benak, 5919 S. 15th Street, Omaha, Nebr.

Sokolice Libuse, So. Omaha, Nebraska. — Meetings 2nd Tuesday, Bohemian National Hall, 5601 S. 21st Street, Omaha 7, Nebraska. President: Louise Tonar, 5009 S. 19th St. Secretary: Emma Benak, 5919 S. 15th St. Financial Secretary: Barbara Swoboda, 5816 So. 15th Street. Director of Women: Kathy Olsen, 5230 S. 21st Street. All Omaha, Nebraska.

Sokol Omaha, Nebr. — Meetings 2nd Wednesday, Sokol Auditorium, 2232 South 13th Street, Omaha 8, Nebraska. — President: Claude Jelen, 3843 Martha Street, Omaha, Nebr. Secretary: Joseph Bures, 2126 S. 38th Street, Omaha, Nebr. Financial Secretary: Joseph Tomanek, 1708 "B" Street, Omaha, Nebr. Director of Men: Raymond Lastovica, 4870 Vinton St., Omaha, Nebr. Educational Director: Simon Rokusek, 309 So. 49th Ave., Omaha, Nebr.

Sokolice Omaha, Nebraska. — Meetings 2nd Tuesday, Sokol Auditorium, 2232 S. 13th St., Omaha 8, Nebraska. — President: Helen Dusek, 2205 S. 6th, Omaha, Nebr. Secretary: Patricia Lastovica, 4870 Vinton, Omaha, Nebr. Financial Secretary: Mildred Krejci, 2428 S. 14th Street, Omaha, Nebr. Director of Women: Beverly Kil-

born, 4680 Nebraska Ave., Omaha 8, Nebr.

Sokol Schuyler, Nebraska. — Meetings 2nd Wednesday, Ed Varejcka, Basement, 418 East 14th St. President: Jaroslav Schmid, 209 East 15th. Secretary: Ed Varejcka, 418 East 14th. Financial Secretary: John Krca, 1009 "A" Street. Director of Men and Women: Ed Varejcka. Educational Director: Anna Kral, 1503 Denver. All in Schuyler.

Sokol Wilber, Nebr. — Meetings 1st Monday, Sokol Auditorium, Wilber, Nebraska. — President: Robert Stehlik. Secretary: June A. Kucera, P. O. Box 613. Financial Secretary: Lillie Kovar. Director of Men: Alfred Chab. Director of Women: Lois Chab. All Wilber, Nebr.

NORTHERN CIRCUIT OF WESTERN DISTRICT

Sokol Hopkins, Minnesota. — Meetings 2nd Saturday. — President: Josephine Poul, 129 — 9th Avenue North. Secretary and Fin. Secretary: Ludmila Kaminsky, 11401 N. Oakvale Rd. Both Hopkins, Minnesota.

Sokol Minneapolis, Minnesota. — Meetings 2nd Saturday every other month. — President: Edward Andrie, 4827 No. Bryant (30). Secretary: Fanca Hosek, 3350 Upton Ave. No. (12). Financial Secretary: James Forst, 4409 — 32nd Ave. So. All Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Sokol St. Paul, Minnesota. — Meetings 4th Friday, C.S.P.S. Hall, 381 Michigan Ave., St. Paul, Minn. President: Robert Vanyo, 446 Bay St., St. Paul 2, Minn. Secretary: Dorothy Mulko, 3441 Emerson Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn. Financial Secretary: Warren Anderson, 660 S. Lexington Parkway, St. Paul 2, Minn. Director of Men: Miro Verner, 1921 Munster Ave., St. Paul. Director of Women: Georgiana Buzicky, 1709 Rome Ave. (16). Educational Director: Lucille Pavlicek, 1245 Edgumbe Rd. (5). All St. Paul, Minnesota.

UNITS OUTSIDE OF WESTERN DISTRICT

Sokol Caldwell, Kansas. — Meetings 1st Sunday, Sokol Hall, 12 miles west of Caldwell, Kansas. President: Joseph Netahla, Freeport, Kansas. Secretary: Carrie Anton, Bluff City, Kansas. Fin. Secretary: E. E. Misak, Bluff City, Kansas.

Sokol Karel Jonas, Wilson, Kansas. — Meetings 4th Sunday, every 3rd month, Wilson Opera House, Wilson, Kansas. President: John J. Moeller, Wilson, Kansas. Secretary: Alice Sula, Wilson, Kansas.

SOKOL AMERICKÝ

SOUTHERN DISTRICT,
DALLAS, TEXAS

Sokol Corpus Christi, Texas. — Meetings 2nd Sunday, Sokol Hall, 1346 Daytona, Corpus Christi, Texas. — President: Frank Sacky, 3418 Brauner Parkway. Secretary: John Stasa, 1346 Daytona. Financial Secretary: Adela Sijansky, Route 3, Box 277. Director of Men: Charles Majek, 4050 Green Grove. Director of Women: Judith Majek, 4050 Green Grove. Educational Director: Roy H. Peal, 1334 Ormond. All Corpus Christi, Tex.

Sokol Fort Worth, Tex. — Meetings 4th Wednesday, Sokol Hall, 3221 N.W. 28th Street, Ft. Worth, Texas. — President: Bill Renfro, 2805 Skyline Drive, Ft. Worth, Texas. Secretary: Anna Hosek, Rt. 1, Box 292, Grapevine, Texas. Financial Secretary: Anna Milan, 2216 Loving Street, Fort Worth, Texas. Director of Men: Jerry Milan, 6208 Lakeside Drive, Fort Worth, Tex. Director of Women: Henrietta Milan, 6208 Lakeside Drive, Fort Worth, Texas. Educational Director: Ray Johnson, 5713 Buchanan, Fort Worth, Tex.

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