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Visit the Scandinavian Countries

The great XI. Slet of the American Sokol Organization will be held in Chicagoland June 24-27, 1965. After the Slet, we invite you to relax by joining one of the finest, most picturesque, outstanding, interesting and exciting tours we have ever offered.

We have arranged a beautiful escorted tour of the Scandinavian countries which will include, Norway, Denmark and Sweden.

It is a 21 day trip, all inclusive, including transportation, hotel accommodations, sight-seeing, English speaking guide, all meals and tipping.

We shall visit such famous places as Copenhagen, Odense, the birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen, Gothenburg, Bergen, Fossli, Oslo, Karlstad, Stockholm, Jonkop- ing and the beautiful Fjords.

Don't miss the opportunity to visit these countries. The tour will leave Chicago, Tuesday, July 13th, returning to Chicago August 3rd.

For a detailed day by day itinerary of the trip write to the Excursion Committee ASO.

A deposit of \$100.00 is necessary to assure your reservation.

Blanche J. Cihak, Tour Conductor

Calendar of Events

- 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.
JULY 11th—SO. OMAHA SOKOL DAY, NEBRASKA. Sokol Park, Highway 75. Dinner 11:30 to 1:30 P.M. Gymnastic Exhibition, games, rides—fun for all. Free admission.
JULY 25th—SOKOL BALTIMORE and CSA. picnic at Conrad's Ruth Villa.
JULY 25th—SOKOL ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA. Sokol Camp Picnic at Pine City, Minn. 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. 6th—SOKOL SLAVSKY, CICERO, ILL. 75th Anniv. Banquet — CSA. Peacock Room.
NOV. 21st—SOKOL CLEVELAND-CECH HAVLICEK, OHIO. — Bazaar.
OCT. 15-16 1966—SOKOL TABOR, Berwyn, Ill. 100th Year Anniversary.

Anna C. Wanek

Sokol Wilber has been dealt another blow with the death of sister Anna C. Wanek. This is the second time death has struck our ranks within a three week period.

Sister Anna Wanek was a member who could be depended upon when help was needed and she was ready to do more than her share.

She was born in Crete, Nebraska, on November 5, 1892, and was the daughter of William and Anna Nosil Kersenbrock. On October 12, 1920, she was married to Frank Wanek and the family farmed near Wilber for several years and in 1933 they moved to Wilber. Sister Wanek passed away at Lincoln, Nebraska, on February 18, 1965, after a lingering illness.

Surviving are her husband, Frank, of Wilber daughters, Mrs. Maryanne Soukup of Milligan and Mrs. Rose Marie Hannon of Lincoln, one sister, two brothers, and three grandchildren.

A group of Sokols attended the funeral at the St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Wilber. On behalf of all of the members of Sokol Wilber, I extend sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

June A. Kucera, Secretary

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THE CLARION CALL of the American Sokol Organization for the Success of the Sokols Centennial Year

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The Sokols Centennial Year was inaugurated with the historic issuance of the Sokols commemorative stamp honoring a century of the American Sokols fruitful training. The program of the Centennial events continues with the following:

June 5 and 6—The National Pilgrimage to St. Louis, Missouri, the cradle of the Sokols in America.

June 21-23—The X. National Convention of the American Sokol Organization, rick Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

June 24-27—The XI. Slet and competitions in Berwyn, Illinois.

We are marching into glorious, historically significant days! We are entering into a second century of work—Sokol training. The Sokols Physical Fitness Stamp has turned the attention of the entire nation and the whole world upon us. We highly value the recognition accorded us on February 13-15, in Washington, D. C., by the United States Government. We had been asked to cooperate in the training of the American nation in physical and spiritual values. At the XI. Sokol Slet we will present the results of Sokol training and proudly proclaim our adherence to such a distinguished system.

In the June days of this year the Sokol gymnasts of all classes will present themselves at the XI. Slet to the Sokols and American public. They have been preparing themselves diligently for this act for many years. They showed their mettle in their unit and district exhibitions.

June 25 and 26 they will compete. The trophies will go to the best and most perfect executions. On Sunday afternoon at the Hoffman Stadium of J. Sterling Morton High School West, in Berwyn, Illinois, they will participate in their famous mass calisthenics and special numbers.

Participants will come from the American Sokol Organization, D. A. (Workingmen's Sokol of America), Slovak Gymnastic Sokol USA., Canadian Sokol, Polish Falcons and Czechoslovak Sokols Abroad.

In the June days of the Sokols Centennial Year, the eyes of the world will be upon the Sokols of America, yes, even those trained to follow the Sokol ideals in Czechoslovakia, Poland and Yugoslavia.

The American Sokol Organization asks all of you: Brothers and sisters, contribute your help so that all of these Sokol Slet days will become a national holiday of our beautiful land and of the Sokols thruout the world.

We ask for the cooperation of the press, radio, fraternal organizations, cultural and professional groups, clubs and business houses, all their members, our friends and supporters in our general public.

The Slet Committee is working hard to assure the success of all events. Accede to their appeal and contribute your assistance so that the attendance at all of the Jubilee Slet ceremonies is large and thereby show your appreciation for the Sokols great role in our American life.

SUCCESS TO THE XI. SLET.

AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION

Charles M. Prchal, President

Blanche J. Cihak, Secretary

SCHEDULE OF COMPETITIONS JUNE 24, 25, 26, 1965

J. STERLING MORTON HIGH SCHOOL, WEST BRANCH,
2400 HOME AVENUE, BERWYN, ILLINOIS

Women**Men****THURSDAY, JUNE 24**

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| <p>5:00 p.m. Meeting of judges of High Division junior girls and women.</p> <p>7:30 p.m. High Division junior girls and women's competitions.</p> | <p>7:30 p.m. Men's meeting of judges and directors.</p> <p>(All directors and judges of each division will meet one-half hour before scheduled time for competitions of the division to which they are assigned.)</p> |
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FRIDAY, JUNE 25

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| <p>6:00 a.m. Meeting of judges and directors of Intermediate and Low Divisions and Intermediate Division of junior girls.</p> <p>7:30 a.m. Intermediate women and junior girls competitions.</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Low Division women's competitions.</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Afternoon will be utilized for rehearsals and spotting of district and other numbers on the Slet field. (Men, women, junior girls and junior boys.)</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Rehearsal for all special numbers to be presented in Gymnasticale Program. Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs, 2619 S. Lawndale Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.</p> | <p>7:30 a.m. Low Division junior boys' competitions.</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Intermediate Division junior boys' competitions.</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Low Division men's competitions.</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Intermediate Division men's competitions.</p> <p>2:30 p.m. High Division men's competitions.</p> |
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SATURDAY, JUNE 26

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| <p>6:00 a.m. Meeting of judges and directors of Low Division junior girls.</p> <p>7:30 a.m. Low Division "A" and "B" junior girls' competitions.</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Meeting of judges and directors for women's and junior girls' Championship competitions.</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Championship Division — men, junior boys, women, junior girls — in Boys' Gymnasium All do optional.</p> | <p>8:00 a.m. High Division junior boys' competitions.</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Championship men (compulsory only).</p> |
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SOKOL CENTENNIAL SLET**SUNDAY, JUNE 27**

- 8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Hoffman Stadium — Rehearsals for Slet Program.
- 1:00 p.m. Parade — Along Cermak Road from approx. Central Ave. (5600 West) westward through Cicero and Berwyn to Hoffman Stadium.
- 2:00 p.m. Hoffman Stadium — Assembly of Sokols and other participants on Slet Field.

PROGRAM (Tentative)

Lighting of Sokol Slet Flame
 National Anthems—Pledge of Allegiance
 Welcome Address
 Introductions
 Guest Speakers
 Calisthenics—Sokol Youth
 Special—Eastern District

Czechoslovak Beseda
 Calisthenics—Sokol Teens
 Apparatus Exercises—Sokol Champions
 Special—Northeastern District
 Special—Central District
 Calisthenics—Sokol Men and Women—
 "Salute to the Sokol Centennial"

ADMISSION: West Stands—General Admission: Adults \$1.75, students \$1.25, reserved section (adults) \$2.50, box of six \$30.00.
 East Stands—General Admission: Adults \$1.50, students \$1.00.

INSTRUCTORS – DIRECTORS

Information for Slet and Competitions

The junior girls will finish their calisthenics by waving a small American flag that has been concealed on their person during the drill. The flags are 8"x12" and will be distributed on Saturday during competitions. Please bear in mind that respect must be shown the flag at all times and care must be taken that it is not allowed to drop to the ground.

Judging sessions should be held for judges who will be sent by units. Work assigned will be mailed immediately after receiving names and addresses of judges on Entry Forms.

LOCKERS FOR PARTICIPANTS. Locker and locker room space will be provided for all contestants and performers. Bring your own lock, towel and soap.

SLET PARADE. All Slet participants, district presidents and directors, honorary guests and uniformed groups will take part in the parade, which will proceed west on Cermak Road from Austin Boulevard to Hoffman Stadium on Harlem Avenue and 24th Street. The main body of the parade will assemble from 58th Avenue to Austin Boulevard on Cermak Road beginning at 12:30 p.m. The seniors in gym uniforms will assemble from 21st Street to Cermak Road on 61st Court at 12:45 p.m. to join the parade at 61st and Cermak. The juniors in gym uniforms will assemble from 21st Street to Cermak Road on East Avenue at 12:45 p.m. to join the parade at East Avenue and Cermak Road. The children also in gym uniform will assemble from 21st to Cermak Road on Euclid Avenue at 1:00 p.m. to join the parade at Euclid and Cermak Road.

ENTRANCE TO GIRLS' AND BOYS' GYMNASIUMS in J. Sterling Morton High School and Jun-

ior College where competitions will be held: DIRECTIONS WILL BE POSTED FROM HARLEM AVENUE SIDE ON NORTH SIDE OF HOFFMAN STADIUM (thru Plaza parking lot). (Entering from Harlem Avenue is preferable because Home Avenue is a one-way street with traffic only northbound.)

On June 25th, Friday afternoon, a rehearsal will be held of special numbers (on field) to avoid loss of time on Sunday morning during rehearsal. A schedule for rehearsal on Sunday morning to be posted must be strictly adhered to.

ALL UNITS AND DISTRICTS ARE BEING REMINDED THAT WE DEPEND UPON THEIR PREPAREDNESS BEFORE COMING TO CHICAGO TO AVOID REPEATED REHEARSALS—BEFORE COMING BE SURE TO STRESS LINES SINGLE FILE AND ABREAST, MARCHING, TURNING CORNERS, POSTURE AND AGAIN STRESS LINES!

Instructors, leaders and directors must assist in quickly forming columns according to designation on chart which will be sent to each participating unit. Each participant should be taught to quickly obey instructions during mass line-up; **once in his column, he must remain in place**—stragglers are responsible for many mishaps during entrances.

Although we always stress the early return of preliminary survey sheets and request their return as soon as possible, only about 50% of them have been received. This makes it necessary now to depend upon the early return of the final Entry Forms. Assignments to judges, and charts showing the placing of each unit in the columns on the field for calisthenics, cannot be sent until all entries are received. **PLEASE COOPERATE!**

WELCOME!

The members of the ASO. Board of Instructors are looking forward toward greeting all of the gymnasts, members and guests who will participate in the competitions, exhibition and festivities of our Centennial.

The American Sokol is celebrating the most important milestone of its history to date.

We will also pay homage to the thousands of dedicated Sokol instructors that are no longer with us, whose work and sacrifices

in the technical field have made this manifestation possible. To you that have the privilege of celebrating this great moment with us and to all brothers and sisters who

have worked conscientiously in so many ways toward making this Slet a huge success, we bid WELCOME!

AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION
BOARD OF INSTRUCTORS

Edwin Halik, Director of Men
Stanley Barcal, Ass't. Director of Men

Mildred Prchal, Director of Women
Zdenka Tintera, Ass't. Director of Women

JAMES L. CIHAK

The Pilgrimage To St. Louis, Missouri

and

The Slet In the Centennial Year In Chicagoland

Two great events lie ahead of us in June. The Pilgrimage to St. Louis, the cradle of the Sokols in America, joined with the Central District's competitions and Slet will be a source of inspiration for every visitor, participant and spectator. How many of the faithful Sokols of bygone years would have considered such a journey as the fulfillment of their dreams and ample recompense for their years of devotion. Two thrill packed days await the Sokols. All St. Louis will greet them. From the moment of arrival, the tour thru the city, the banquet at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel, Saturday evening, June 5th, further tours Sunday morning, June 6th, and then the Slet itself in the Auditorium of the St. Louis University, Sunday afternoon, will create memories to be cherished.

(The bus tour from Chicago is only \$35.50 and includes round trip by bus, hotel accommodations, banquet and Slet admission, visit to the Anheuser-Busch Brewery and sightseeing of the City of St. Louis. This will be a great weekend and visual proof of the rejuvenating powers of the Sokol, when we view the new home of Sokol St. Louis.

What a fine way to start off the month and reinvigorated by our experience we plan to make the most of the great national Slet of ASO. in Chicagoland on June 24-27.

There have been many Slets in our past. Some were truly great, in participation and audience alike. As significant as many of them were, none of them could compare with the meaning of this, the XI. Slet of ASO. A century, a hundred years, a centennial of training generation after generation not just for good health but for a life rich in experience and above all for responsible citizenship.

Reports coming in, plans we read of in our unit's and district's papers, all point to an ever mounting

enthusiasm to be a living part of this Slet. Every unit is doing its utmost to have a large attendance especially among the younger gymnasts, the future leaders of Sokol in America. The present leaders know the value of Slet participation for their young charges, for was it not in the same way that they became devoted to the Sokol ideals for their entire lives?

The inspiration of attendance and participation in a Slet never wears off. Decades later every moment can be recalled and like a chain reaction buoy up lagging spirits. It gives a meaning to the day to day training, one that cannot be captured in any other manner. Organize your members and gymnasts to start on their road in building up their Sokol friendships on a national basis. These become priceless as time goes on and become another valuable part of Sokol life and membership.

Many Great Events in June—the Month of Slets

1. The Pilgrimage to St. Louis, Missouri, with the Central District competitions and Slet — June 5-6, 1965.
2. The Slets of every one of our Districts, for which many months of hard labor have been expended. They deserve full support and comprehension for their work.
3. The ASO. competitions and Slet in Chicagoland, June 24-27, 1965.
4. The ASO. Convention in Chicago June 21-24. This is a once in a century year—make the most of it. It is your centennial, your Sokol.

Nazdar!

R. A. GORMAN

SLET PUBLICITY

Brothers! Sisters!

The success of the XI. Slet depends upon you. It depends on the cooperation and enthusiasm with which you will publicize this great milestone in the one hundred years of

Sokol existence in America. Preparations are in full swing. All pressing details are being attended to with haste coupled with penetrating thoroughness. This gigantic task cannot be faced by the Chicago Sokols

alone. In every town where Sokol units are active we must reach the wide public. Tell your fellow citizens, your neighbors, your fellow-workers about the Sokol, its history, its hundred years of proud accomplishment. You have something to be proud of, then why not tell the world about it.

The XI. Slet will once again demonstrate in a dramatic, compelling way the unity, the harmonious co-ordination, the spirit and the physical fitness which have not escaped the attention of the leading personalities in our government. To the participants it will be a moment of glory, of pride, of rejoicing. To the thousands who will attend the Slet and to the tens of thousands who will read about it, hear about it, talk about it, the Slet will be a living proof of our Sokol solidarity, an overwhelming evidence that the Sokol seed planted in St. Louis in the winter of 1865 took roots and grew to a sound unifying force in every corner of the United States.

Your publicity committee alone cannot handle the tremendous task that lies ahead. Let each one of you be a fellow journalist, an informal reporter. Contact your newspapers, radio stations, TV directors. Tell them about the Sokol, about the Slet and prevail upon them to spread the news within their sphere of influence. If you need specific information, illustrations, statistics

with which to embellish the news release contact your Publicity Committee for all needed material. On the other hand send us every bit of news or comments about the Sokol that you will find in any news medium in your area. We need this material to distribute to other media and to broaden our scope and our mass impact upon the reading and listening and TV watching public.

If you are a Sokol, now is the time to show it. Exert yourself a bit more than usual. Talk about the Slet, write about the Slet, boast about the Slet. You have something big to bring to the attention of your community. Do it in a big way and let us know what you are doing. Show the world the true, underlying basis of Sokol idealism . . . Harmonious working together, devotion to a noble, unifying principle, a living proof of the maxim, "A sound mind in a sound body," these are the intangible contributions that the Czech people have made to America through the work and steadfast patriotism of the American Sokols. You know it . . . We know it . . . But now its up to all of us to let the rest of the world know it . . . Hence let's join hands and work toward one common goal . . . The biggest, most dramatic Slet to serve as a fitting climax to this year's Centennial celebrations of the American Sokol.

FRANK VODRAZKA

AN APPEAL

Sisters and Brothers:

One of the greatest achievements in the hundred years of existence of our organization, was the attainment of recognition from the Postmaster General John A. Gronouski, in the issuance of a 5 cent United States Physical Fitness Stamp, commemorating the Centennial of the Sokols.

Within the framework of ceremonial projects in this Centennial year the American Sokol Organization is celebrating its 100th Anniversary by presenting one of the greatest exhibitions of physical fitness, it has ever produced. Gymnasts from all parts of the United States, Canada and abroad, are scheduled to take part in the competitions and the Slet. The Centennial XI. Slet Committee is exerting itself to the fullest, in order to make this an outstanding event—

one that shall long be remembered.

The expenses are going to be huge, and in view of the fact that we are a service organization, without any source of steady income, we are dependent upon the voluntary help of the members of the Sokol units.

Recently you received from the Committee an appeal for a financial contribution to help finance the Slet. With this appeal we included a sheet and half of the Sokol Centennial Seals. If you have not as yet sent in your contribution, please do it now and become a real Sokol booster. If you have need for additional sheets we will be happy to send them to you.

We urge you to use these seals in sending out your mail. By doing so, you will help us in publicizing our Slet.

Zdar to our Centennial and XI. Sokol Slet.

BLANCHE J. CIHAK

HONORING ALL SOKOL MOTHERS

While thousands of us will be honoring our Sokol mothers on Sunday, May 9th, few may realize how far back into history the Mother's Day ceremonies extend.

The Greeks and Romans chose the 15th of March to honor a universal mother—Mother Earth.

Many ancient nations worshipped mother-goddesses.

But it wasn't until May 10, 1908, that mothers were formally honored anywhere in the United States. On that day, a Miss Anna Jarvis sponsored a church service in Grafton, West Virginia, to honor her late mother and other mothers of the community. After an intensive letter-writing campaign, she saw Mother's Day recognized in every state in the Union by 1911, and in 1914 President Wilson proclaimed it a national holiday.

Sokol Units throughout the United States included this celebration as one of their outstanding events of the year.

Some Units celebrated the event with observance of the oldest mother, and the youngest mother, the young mother with the newest baby, mother with the greatest number of children, and many other forms, all to show their respect and love for those that gave us life.

Sokol mothers should be especially honored and appreciated for their special interest in the health, culture and welfare of their children. They sent them to Czech schools and to our gymnasiums, just as soon as they were able to join the ranks at the age of 6. For the past 10 years the age limit has been lowered, since our tots classes have been initiated.

JAMES L. CIHAK

WHITHER AND WHY?

What is it that enters the minds of mature, enlightened men bringing about an action of far reaching consequences.

How can we explain a willingness, yes, even eagerness to embark upon a road clearly marked with signs of hard labor, years of effort, often dangerous, without a prospect of even securing recognition or well earned gratitude. Much less is there a chance for personal gain. We are referring to the deliberate assumption of roles in company with like minded individuals to achieve an idealistic and altruistic goal.

A life of ease and comfort, personal gain, so easily attainable because of their superior ability, and even fame itself, all of these the prime moving factors in the majority of lives are knowingly sacrificed. Why? Is there some hidden motive capable of repaying in some measure for such action? The answer must be no, as we compare what is given to the negligible alternative returns.

Today we see Sokol mothers and grandmothers as well still taking an active interest in their youngsters by either actively participating in Sokol themselves or at least attending the Sokol exhibitions and Slets. How proud they are when they can point out their children and grandchildren, to their neighbors and friends, in the calisthenics or on the apparatus. How thrilled they will be when these youngsters will be participating in the XI Slet.

We have seen many cases where, children, mothers and grandmothers from one family (three generations) all attend the gym classes. What a thrill.

On May 9th we shall be thinking and honoring all Sokol mothers in the United States and those scattered around the world, and we shall be thinking about their great love and devotion. Their patience is as great as it ever was, in listening to all our problems and woes, preparing us for life, instilling into us the better way of life, teaching us honesty, discipline, perseverance, patience and loyalty.

On this date we shall also pay special homage to those Sokol mothers that have left our ranks, to those pioneers that stood by our brother Sokols and helped them to create and build the Sokol Organization that we have today. May their memory be an everlasting inspiration to us.

Many of our units have mother and daughter banquets scheduled for Mother's Day. Other units are planning a combined Mother's and Father's Day celebration with a dinner and program.

But no matter what the case may be, we wish all of our dear Sokol mothers and grandmothers, good health and many many long years of happiness amongst their loved ones.

What then can induce individuals of such high caliber to pay such a high price and keep on paying it to achieve something not discernable to the great masses of their fellowmen? Have they been touched by the hand of destiny or has some ingredient been added to their minds and denied to others? Or are they members of that small but illustrious company called the "Creative Minority," by Arnold Toynbee.

Every individual is a product of heredity, circumstance, training and opportunity. Most have the opportunity to follow the star of their choice or plow thru life never raising their sights to something higher and nobler. The great masses just exist, mentally, materially and spiritually. A lot fewer can comprehend and become devoted followers. The exceptional ones, mindful of the dictates of their own conscience, susceptible to the teachings of the great thinkers of the world, molded by their own inner cravings for the beautiful and just and dedi-

cated to add their weight in the scales of the universe on the side of everlasting progress, they became the leaders, in their generation, of mankind's constant struggle upwards.

No nation or period of history has had a monopoly on them. Even the smallest nations and the darkest period have been enlightened and led by them. And as long as a spark of decency, justice and humaneness lingers in the human soul, they shall be recognized and revered.

The price of progress in the light of the ennobling characteristics of mankind is a high one. There is no easy road. The choice is ours. Thousands labored in the Sokol ranks with faith in the inevitable outcome. We saw it at the close of one century. Let our actions from now on prove to everyone our right to say we have followed Fuegner and Tyrs of our own volition because we too believed in humanity and the great principles to which we have become heirs as Americans.

Physical Fitness Conference In Maryland

On April 13, I attended a meeting of the Baltimore City Commission on Physical Fitness at which I gave a short talk on the Sokol Organization and answered questions about the Sokol system. It is evident that this group is interested in starting and promoting gymnastics in the Baltimore schools, but the main difficulty is the lack of equipment and gymnastic instructors. They are also interested in organizing physical fitness classes for adults.

During the meeting it was announced that Stan Musial, Special Consultant to the President on Physical Fitness, would be the guest speaker at a luncheon sponsored by the Maryland and Baltimore Commissions on Physical Fitness and the Maryland Junior Chamber of Commerce on May 7th. It was my opinion that Sokol should be represented on this occasion and I immediately reserved one table. I subsequently had to reserve two additional tables as members of Sokol Belcamp were also interested in attending. It was necessary to refuse more reservations from our members as there were no tables available.

On the day of the luncheon, which was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Lord Baltimore Hotel, there were more than 700 persons present, including government, state and city officials and a delegation of the Polish Falcons. The first speaker was Senator Joseph Tydings, who had advocated physical fitness during his years in the state legislature and who is aware of the Sokol through his contacts with Sokol Belcamp.

Members of the Sokol delegation were requested to stand and they received a very hearty ovation.

Bob Stewart, Administrator of the President's Council on Physical Fitness, in his talk stressed the

need for all persons to keep physically fit and announced that a program will begin shortly in Baltimore that will involve persons of all ages. He emphasized that keeping physically fit is not only for the youth, but for everyone.

Stan Musial, who received a standing ovation when introduced, spoke of the need for physical fitness for every man, woman and child and recalled the days of his youth spent in the Polish Falcon gym, stressing the benefits which proved to be of great value to him during the days that he spent on the baseball field. He also mentioned the low percentage of American youth who actually are the recipients of good physical fitness training and that for the welfare of the country, this condition cannot be permitted to exist.

I am sure that all of the persons who spoke at this luncheon and those who are members of the various physical fitness commissions are very sincere in their efforts to awaken the public to the fact that physical fitness is necessary for the well-being of every person and that everyone should be a part of the physical fitness program. However, it is evident to me that the main drawback to the program is the shortage of competent instructors. Today's activities in schools and colleges involve sports where the instructors have only one goal in mind: produce a winning team. The net result is that the strong and the fit participate, while the weak and unfit (those who need it most) remain on the sidelines. It is my belief that before this program can become successful that it will be necessary for all physical fitness groups to adopt a system similar to the Sokol system, which has gone through one hundred years of experience.

SOKOL COMMEMORATIVE STAMP A COURIER OF THE TRIUMPH OF SOKOL IDEALS

MEMORABLE IMPRESSIONS OF THE STAMP DEDICATION CEREMONIES IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

For three months the Sokols Commemorative Stamp, issued to honor the first century of the American Sokols activity, has traveled to all corners of the world. And from everywhere in publications and personal letters, comes happy news because the greatest democracy in the world appreciated the depth and strength of the Sokol ideals, that for a

hundred years, filled the hearts of thousands of men and women, inciting them to creative and self-sacrificing physical and spiritual training work. With justification the Sokols stamp is marked as a symbol of the triumph of Sokol idealism which was presented before the world, in Washington, D. C., on February 13, 14, and 15, 1965, as a source of bound-

less strength regenerating and increasing the physical fitness of the nation.

The ceremony of the issuance of the stamp on Monday, February 15, 1965, in the Interdepartmental Auditorium in Washington, D. C., already belongs to the splendid Sokol history. Its program was dignified and touching and left memorable impressions in the souls of the witnesses. Its historical significance is, however, so exceptional that its program deserves description.

The printed program was prepared by the Postal Department and distributed to the visitors as a tasteful invitation, with the Sokol stamp affixed and bearing the first day cancellation. The dedication program was opened promptly at 11 A.M. by Mr. Ira Kapenstein, special assistant to the Postmaster General, before an audience of more than one thousand. The flags were posted and Lyra under the direction of Mr. Frank Kubina sang our national anthem. Mr. Kapenstein, Master of Ceremonies, in his opening remarks, stressed the great meaning of the dedication of the Sokols Commemorative stamp. He stated that it was a rarity to have a commemorative stamp issued to a group that fosters physical training. By its issuance the entire nation is faced with the irrevocable necessity for physical training. He sincerely thanked the Slav press for its effective cooperation in the stamp campaign. Other speakers were Bob Stewart, Administrator of the President's Council on Physical Fitness, and Congressman Roman C. Pucinski. Both expressed their admiration for the results of Sokol training and stated that the honor that the Sokols are receiving has been conferred for the fulfillment of the Sokol ideals for the past four generations. Congressman Pucinski especially appreciated the harmonious cooperation of the Sokol organizations in the Committee for the Sokol Stamp and praised sis. Blanche Cihak for her unremitting efforts for the issuance of the stamp.

The artistic part of the program was enriched by the fine solo performance of Miles Nekolny and the choral singing of the Lyra under the direction of Mr. Frank Kubina. Bro. Nekolny sang selections from Czech and English songs and Lyra dedicated its "Friendship" to the Postmaster General.

The address of the absent President of the Committee, bro. James L. Cihak, was read by his wife, sis. Blanche J. Cihak. It was a remarkable analysis of the significance of the Sokol stamp and is as follows:

"Mr. Postmaster General, Congressman Pucinski, Distinguished Guests, Sokols and Friends:

"This is a rare moment in our lives. That the Sokols and their Centennial should have been selected when there were at least 3,500 other worthy applicants for this distinguished honor is still a source of wonder. We are not vain. For a century, the words for "Neither Profit Nor Glory," have guided our actions. They are deeply imbedded in the Sokol conscience. We fervently hope that the precedent established by past generations of Sokols and so influential in our lives, will become just as meaningful to the entire nation, in the future.

"Sokol is infinitely more than gymnastics and physical fitness. These are like the bedrock foundations for a magnificent edifice. In our case the foundation shows best in the sterling character it develops, the classic appreciation for beauty in the arts, and nature, the recognition and fulfillment of duties and obligations. Above all else rises the perpetual desire for self-improvement in every sphere of human development, consideration for and appreciation of the efforts of others and a deep and abiding love for this land.

"As we approach the appointed time for the issuance of the Sokols Physical Fitness Stamp, poised to fly to every spot on the globe, we deem it fitting to analyze its message.

"To the discerning the design of the stamp denotes many things. These of course depend upon the individual's acquaintance with the factors leading up to the creation of the Sokols and his knowledge of the deep significance of various periods of history. After a penetrating study of physical development through the ages, Dr. Tyrs selected the Golden Age of Greece and its tremendous accomplishments as a model. He was also aware of its weaknesses and had the added advantage of the perspective of the intervening 2300 years.

"The magnificence of that period led him to utter, 'Physical education, moral and spiritual strength, are the duty of all mankind even in periods of protracted peace.'

"The design certainly does not show our modern methods of training but what other could so beautifully exemplify the great ideals we have fostered for a century. The wording needs no elaboration—'United States of America.' In these memorable days for every Sokol, the concentration upon our early days evokes the image of great souls, great thinkers who plowed, harrowed and pampered the soil for a seed that would flower into the Sokol Movement. Not until we know intimately what it cost to establish and perpetuate this great land can we ever appreciate the enormity of the opportunity presented to us. So we come to the closing words 'Centennial of the Sokols and Physical Fitness.' A century of day to day labor has almost made them synonymous.

"As Sokols, as Americans, we owe so much for the opportunity to serve. May those who follow us become even more conscious of this debt to the Fundamental principles of a great nation and their obligation to protect them forever.

"Mr. Postmaster General, we thank you from the fullness of our hearts for your courteous consideration throughout the past two years and for your final approval of the Sokols Physical Fitness Stamp. Kindly also convey our thanks and best wishes to our President, Lyndon B. Johnson, for his moral support of our efforts."

Hearty applause accompanied the close of the beautiful address, so meaningfully presented by sis. Cihak.

POSTMASTER GENERAL GRONOUSKI GREETED WITH ENTHUSIASTIC OVATION

He was the main speaker and his address was a fine one, both in its contents and presentation. We

carried it in its entirety in the March issue of S.A.

It was plainly visible that the entire course of the three days events were personally relished by him. He seemed to take as much pride in the stamp as any lifelong Sokol. The applause had hardly died down when Mr. Ira Kapenstein announced that he had just received the news that President Lyndon B. Johnson had reappointed the Postmaster General to another four year term in office. The announcement received an instantaneous and enthusiastic reception, the audience rising and singing "Congratulations to You."

Lyra also immediately assembled and sang the well-known "Greetings" to the Postmaster, ending with the thunderous "Zdar, Zdar, Zdar." The Postmaster warmly thanked Lyra and grasped Mr. Kubina's hand in a hearty handshake.

The actual action of dedication was the presentation of an album containing an autographed sheet of stamps. Mr. Kapenstein announced that the first album would go to President Lyndon B. Johnson, the second to Vice-President Hubert Humphrey, followed by those to the Postmaster General, Stan Musial, Congressman Pucinski. Mr. Kapenstein called the names of the members of the Stamp Committee, and the Postmaster General with a

warm handshake presented them to: For bro. Cihak and for herself, sis. Cihak accepted the albums, next in order were bros. Charles T. Kropik and Frank J. Vodrazka.

The albums for the Sokol organizations were accepted by their representatives: For the American Sokol Organization, bro. Edwin Halik, D.A. Sokol, bro. William Pechar, Czech Catholic Sokol, Mrs. Marie Prusa, Polish Falcons of America, bro. Walter Laska, Slovak Catholic Sokol, bro. Paul Fallatt, and for the Slovak Gymnastic Union Sookl USA., bro. Andrew Valusek.

The Postmaster General also presented an album to Mr. Frank Kubina in appreciation of his efforts in the three days cultural program and his meritorious activities.

The singing of "America the Beautiful" by Lyra ended the historic act of presentation of the Sokols stamp to the general public. The enthusiastic audience, before departing, congratulated the organizers upon the complete success of the entire campaign and the Washington ceremonies. The happy spirit emanating from the Washington events will carry over, assuring the success of the great Slet in Chicagoland, June 24-27, and all other events in the Sokols Centennial Year.

Bro. Albert P. Kalabza of Sokol Fuegner, L. I., N. Y., Celebrating His 90th Birthday



Congratulations and best wishes to bro. and Mrs. Kalabza who are celebrating their 90th birthday's this year.

On July 4th bro. Kalabza will become 90 years of age.

Bro. Kalabza was a member of Sokol Cechie in Chicago from 1891, where he was a leading gymnast and very active competitor. In 1926 he transferred to Sokol Fuegner, L. I., and in 1930 he took over the leadership as director of our gym classes. He also conducted children's singing classes every Monday and Wednesday evening. In 1934 he resigned as director of our gym classes but continued to support our organization in every possible way. Our exhibitions would not be complete without bro. and Mrs. Kalabza in attendance.

He has contributed generously to the units, district and Sokol Camp. His moral support and devotion to the ideals of Sokol can be emphasized in many ways.

Our best wishes go to bro. and Mrs. Kalabza for continued health and happiness for many years to come and a sincere NAZDAR!

(Editor's Note—We add our hearty greetings and best wishes to bro. and Mrs. Kalabza for their many decades of support and inspiration in the Sokol ranks.)

SOKOL COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

Very few post offices have any Sokol Commemorative Stamps left. The demand immediately after their issuance cleared them out in short order. The demand is still

great because the stamp is unique and stands out boldly.

We were told by the Post Office Department, even before the stamp was issued,

that this rapid clearance would occur. They knew because of the orders placed for the stamp by local postmasters.

We still have a supply of the commemorative stamps and urge our units and members to purchase them and use them on all their correspondence. This is our Centennial year with many big events facing us, the Pilgrimage to St. Louis, the American Sokol Organization Convention in Chicago and the great Centennial year Slet in Chicagoland.

To every Sokol the success of all of these, as well as the many events scheduled for the fall of this year, are very important for many reasons. Chief among these is the desire to reactivate all of our people to as-

sure the future of the Sokol training for generations to come.

The Sokols Commemorative Stamp is a great advertiser and publicizer. Use it on every occasion, and by all means use it again and again.

Send in your order for the Sokols Commemorative Stamp now, urge your members and friends to do likewise. Use the stamps in our Centennial year and use it on your United States and foreign postage.

There was only one printing of the stamp. When this is gone, that's it. Send your order to the American Sokol Organization, 5611 W. Cermak Road, Cicero, Illinois 60650.

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

Held Tuesday, April 27th, 1965

Bro. Prchal presided.

Present: Bros. Barcal, Cihak, Halik, Rabas and Vrba. Sisters: Cihak, Falta and Ruzicka. Excused: Sis. Prchal.

Bro. Prchal welcomed bro. Cihak and wished him continued good health.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved as submitted.

REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICTS

Received minutes from meetings of the North-eastern and Pacific District.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Czechoslovak National Council of America extends an invitation to their annual meeting which will be held on May 8th and 9th in the CSA. Building. They will observe the 20th anniversary of the Prague uprising and end of the war. Bro. Prchal and sis. Cihak will represent the ASO. All members of the Executive Board are invited to attend.

The Federal Savings & Loan Insurance Corporation, representing the Marshall Savings & Loan Association sent a check in the amount of \$5,455.95. \$5,000.00 represents the amount in the savings account and \$455.95 is accrued interest to December 31st, 1964. This closes our account with Marshall Savings & Loan Association. Two weeks ago we were requested to send in our pass book which was done.

The check will be deposited in the ASO. checking account and the sum of \$3,000.00 will be issued in the form of a check to the Slet Committee as a loan as was previously approved.

The Czechoslovak National Council of America, Washington Chapter and Sokol Washington request the honor of our presence at the "Spring Ball" on Saturday, May 8th. Bro. Prchal and sis. Cihak are Patrons of the Ball.

The Polish National Alliance sent a ticket for the Speakers Platform for their Polish Constitution Day to be held May 2nd. The Executive Board will be represented.

Sis. Hilda Jelinek announced that she is giving up Sokol Supply Company tentatively as of June 30, 1965. The matter was discussed and a committee will meet with sis. Jelinek at her earliest convenience and will bring a recommendation. Bros. Halik, Vrba and a sister will meet with sis. Jelinek. Approved.

Sokol Seattle, Washington, would like to obtain information on accident and liability insurance for adult gymnasts. Bro. Halik will get the name of the insurance company that Sokol Tabor is using and we will pass the information on to Sokol Seattle.

Received a letter from Sokol Washington, D. C., regarding the stamp events—a photostatic copy of which was sent to bro. Prchal. Every act of the Stamp Committee was approved by the Executive Board. Any final decisions that had to be made in Washington, D. C., by the Stamp Committee have the sanction of the Executive Board of ASO. The celebration was conducted by the American Sokol Organization and five other National Sokol Organizations. Bro. Prchal asked that he be allowed to answer the letter. Approved.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

With bro. Cihak stopped in St. Louis, Missouri, on April 12th and met with sis. and bro. Ulrich and sis. and bro. Shana. We visited the new Sokol building which is under roof, and is going into the completion stage. The builder promised to have the building ready by June 1st. The gymnasium is very large and other facilities look very good. They are extremely proud of their accomplishments and have every right to be. They have worked long and hard.

Later that evening we attended the last meeting of Sokol St. Louis in their old building, which had been stripped of everything worthwhile, and the only thing that remained were some old benches and chairs. The building was scheduled to be demolished on Thursday, April 15th. They called the meeting a small one, but it was comparable to many in our units. What interested me most was the fact that almost every member was serving on some committee and all were presenting reports. They are taking their work seriously and at the same time enjoying it. They sold everything that was

saleable from the old building and nothing but the bare walls were left. I am certain that it was difficult parting with their old home, but they will find so much pleasure in their new one, as well as work, that they will soon forget about it. Bro. Ulrich gave me a picture taken in St. Louis at the time Bob Stewart presented Stan Musial with his Sokol Stamp Album in the office of C. C. Johnson Spink, publisher of the Sporting News. Also present were bro. Shana and Ulrich. The picture will appear on the front page of the April issue of S.A.

A letter was received from bro. Prokop V. Havlik, Secretary of the Canadian Sokol Organization, in reply to our letter and was happy to learn that the presentation of the new Canadian flag will be incorporated into the Slet events.

Recommend that this matter be turned over to the Slet Committee so that the presentation could be properly publicized. Approved.

The following contributions were received for the "Future Sokol Leaders Fund": In memory of Mr. Joseph Bitterman: Mr. & Mrs. Emil Wolf \$5.00 and Mr. & Mrs. H. Ellison \$5.00. Circle of Czech Women, Dallas, Texas, in memory of sis. Marie Rendl \$5.00. In memory of Mrs. Mary Heyduck — Mrs. Alice Novotny, Owatonna, Minn. \$5.00.

Received additional information on the commemorative medals. They cannot be ready for the Slet since it takes at least 6 months to process all the details and their manufacture.

It is suggested that we contact Congresswoman Lenor Sullivan from Missouri to introduce the Bill, since she heads this Committee. I would like to recommend that the matter be turned over either to the X. General Convention or the next Executive Board. We should consider the fact that we must purchase at least 5,000 of the medals and should compare this to our total membership. Approved.

Two publicity articles were prepared for Sokol Americky; one on the Pilgrimage to St. Louis June 5th and 6th, 1965, and the other on the ASO. Convention and XI. Slet.

Bro. and sis. Suster sent greetings from Paris and mentioned that they visited with the Sokols in London and France.

In the meeting of the Exec. Board held December 14th, suggested that a special committee be formed for the 1965 convention. The matter was placed on the agenda for a future date. Since that time many inquiries have reached us about the plans for the convention.

Recommend that committees be established at once, including Housing, Registration, Publicity, Hospitality, Entertainment etc. Decisions should be made regarding invitations of guest organizations etc. One of the most important things is the selection of a keynote speaker who is to replace the reading of reports of officers; these to be published in S.A. and also mailed to the delegates for study before the convention.

Also suggest that someone be secured to do the office work in the Convention office. Outside of reading my report as Secretary at the 1960 Convention I never heard another word. I am again representing my own Unit at this Convention, in addition

to being Secretary of the ASO. and will attend all the sessions.

With bro. Kropik spent 4 hours at the Pick Congress Hotel working out many details for the Slet and Convention. We were able to obtain reduced rates for the events as follows: Singles \$9.00, twins or doubles \$13.00, dormitory style 4 persons to a room \$4.00 each, dormitory style 3 persons to a room \$5.00 each, plus tax.

We spent some time with Mr. Fischer of the Catering Department about the banquet and looked over the Great Hall where it will be held. We inquired about space for the convention and meeting rooms. We have booked the Florentine Room for the Convention which is on the north end of the second floor and were able to get space for an office and 3 additional meeting rooms. They are willing to give us four if necessary. Two microphones will be furnished, one at the rostrum, the other at the back of the room. We may plug in our own tape recorders. It would be a good idea for the Convention Committee to look over the space that has been blocked off to see if it meets with approval.

Convention badges should be remembered. This is a sample of the guest badge issued at the Polish Falcons Convention.

Bro. Prchal is to appoint a three member Convention Committee to select members for all the necessary committees.

In the past we have never had a committee to organize the Convention and it is not too late to establish a new policy for this one.

Sokol Seattle, Washington, sent a report of their membership, meetings held, gymnastic activity, special meetings and social, cultural and other events held in 1964.

Bro. Tannich of Sokol Scio reported that their unit is very weak gymnastically and also in membership at the present time. The floods have caused considerable damage and the roads and power lines have been washed out. They had four feet of flood water in the Sokol Hall. All of these circumstances have set them back.

The United States Dept. of Interior, National Park Service, acknowledge receipt of the issue of the Historical Journal published in connection with the Sokol Stamp ceremonies for the American Museum of Immigration and express their appreciation for the valuable addition to their library collection.

President bro. Dr. Janko Jazbec of the Free Yugoslav Sokols in Argentina passed away recently. A letter of condolence was sent to the Unit.

Sokol St. Louis ordered a unit flag.

All correspondence was acknowledged and all orders for material, reports, jewelry, etc. expedited. All units, Directors of Men and Women received two reservation cards for housing at the Pick Congress Hotel announcing the new rates.

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

A long discussion took place regarding the hiring of a band for the Slet which has not been done to date.

A meeting was scheduled immediately to meet with bro. Zakrocky on April 28th at 6:30 P.M. to discuss the matter. Present will be bros. Halik, Barcal and Prchal.

Bro. Barcal read the report of the Director of Women.

Bro. Cihak reported as Educational Director.

He thanked for the cards he received and the concern over his illness. Nine unreported articles had been written for Sokol Americky, seven or eight articles requested by others and with sis. Cihak had been doing a lot of publicity work. Co-operating with the Museum of Immigration, the National Geographic Magazine, Dr. Svejda and Mr. Alexander J. Antuck of Strength and Health Magazine, and Dr. John Jakes.

The stamp has created a terrific amount of interest.

Sis. Falta reported that the Auditing Committee met and examined the records of the Financial Secretary which were found in order.

She further announced that Sokol Milwaukee dues have not been paid for the year 1964 and convention dues are unpaid for 1962, 1963 and 1964. Sokol Fort Worth, Texas, has not paid any dues for the year 1964 or convention fund. The dues of all other units are in order. Unless these dues are paid the units cannot attend the convention according to the By-laws.

The report submitted by sis. Falta was accepted and approved.

Sis. Cihak reported that she had not been able to work on the 1964 statistical report because units have not paid their dues. The report will be completed without them.

Bro. Prchal announced that he was not able to get a report from the Slet Executive Committee meeting, but that the seals are being mailed out from the office and that they should all be in the mail within the next few days.

The Slet office will be located in the CSA building and was rented at a cost of \$75.00 for the time needed for the Slet work. He also announced that he attended the Czech play of the Western Bohemian Fraternal Association and was given the privilege to invite the audience to the Slet.

Bro. Halik reported on the cost of diploma certificates for graduates of Sokol schools. The cost would be approximately \$35.00 per hundred. A sample will be submitted to the Executive Board.

Sis. Cihak reported that a tour had been arranged to Norway, Denmark and Sweden scheduled to leave Chicago July 13th. This has not been publicized. There is a group of people from former tours interested. The tour was approved and will be conducted on a Sokol level as was done in the past.

Sis. Welcl-Ruzicka announced that she extended an invitation to the people in Florida during her stay there this winter.

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

Blanche J. Cihak, Secretary

Financial Report ASO.

April, 1965

INCOME

Dues	\$ 2,292.50
Convention fund	39.25
Dividends	128.44
Marshall Savings & Loan Assn.	5,455.95
Sokol cap and emblem	6.00
Jewelry	48.24
Advertising and subscriptions	487.00
Plaques	60.80
Artistic Gymnastics and Manual	45.75
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	\$ 8,563.93

DISBURSEMENTS

Office supplies, plaques, office expense, rental, Public Service, etc.	\$ 229.36
Salaries ASO. and BOI.	523.35
District Director Collector of Internal Revenue—Withholding tax and Social Security	371.14
BOI postage and telephone	37.20
Sokol Americky	1,491.94
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	\$ 2,652.99

BALANCE

Totals brought forward:	
Western National Bank of Cicero checking account	\$ 2,822.44
Income — April, 1965	8,563.93
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	\$11,386.37
Disbursements	2,652.99
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	\$ 8,733.38

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

Held April 14, 1965, at Sokol Stickney

Bro. Halik presided.

Sis. Prchal was excused due to hospitalization. A card was sent from all the members.

Present: Sisters Barcal, Freiberg, Halik, Kos, Pokorny, Ptacek, Welcl-Ruzicka, Tintera, Udaykee; bros. Barcal, Fina, Freiberg, Halik, Lebloch, Linhart, Satek, Vorel, Vrba.

Excused: Sisters Dunovsky, Krizenecky, Liewald, Mach, Prchal, Schnabl; bros. Basta, Jenicek, Ptacek and Sula.

Sis. Tintera read the minutes from the notes that she had taken in last month's meeting. Approved.

Excerpts of the Executive Board minutes were read.

Recommendation from Women's BOI: To the Slet PUBLICITY COMMITTEE—Suggest they contact T.V. studios, American newspapers, radio stations, the Midwest Sports Show which is shown on ABC-TV on Saturdays, and gym instructors in all the local high schools should be contacted by sending them an invitation and complimentary tickets to the Slet.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter and report from the XI. Slet Committee was read.

Letter from the American Red Cross confirming application for their assistance during the Slet days.

Replies to our requests for photographers were read. Additional information will be secured and then considered.

Letter from the Chicago Federation of Musicians addressed to bro. Divisek, which had been forwarded to sis. Prchal.

Letter from the Eastern District requesting that bro. Divisek be chosen as head bandleader. A discussion was again held on music and musicians and it was decided that the two directors (sis. Prchal and bro. Halik) take care of same.

Letter from the Eastern District BOI. recommending that sis. Marie Provaznik be selected as an instructor at the instructors' school this year was read. It was reported that a School Committee has been set up with bro. Halik and sis. Prchal in charge. A letter is to be sent to the Eastern District BOI. informing them that forms will soon go out asking for available instructors, number of participants, etc.

Instructors' School: The camp fee is \$35.00. The BOI. recommends a registration fee of \$5.00 to be added to this. ASO.-BOI. recommends to the Executive Committee, that, as in the past, the Executive Committee of the ASO. subsidize some of the students. It was suggested that the School Committee select at least five instructors and add more if necessary.

Recommend a date be set for photographs of the members of the ASO.-BOI. for the Slet Program Book.

Sis. secretary was directed to send a letter to the Slet Management Committee suggesting that they contact the Morton Pep Club and ask them to decorate Hoffman Stadium.

Women's BOI. recommended a committee be set to handle the ceremonies for the Championship competitions. Bros. Barcal and Linhart will appoint someone. Bro. Lebloch moved the ASO.-BOI. select the masters of ceremonies for all Slet programs in which BOI. is involved, such as the Gymnasticale, Awards Night, Slet competitions and the Slet, etc. Approved. Selections are to be made next month.

To date, the Slet program has the following numbers listed: Parade, Lighting of the Flame, Anthems, Children's Calisthenics, Eastern District number, Beseda, introduction of celebrities (to give time for costume changes), Junior Calisthenics, Apparatus, Northeastern District number, Central District number and Senior Calisthenics.

Since the program is already so full, the BOI. must reject the requests from the Svaz Slovenského Orla a Katolíckého Sokola by their Mr. Stephen Martinek to perform Slovanic Dances (this would be a repetition of parts of the Beseda) and the request of Mr. Steve Burcian of the Slovak Catholic Sokol to perform their own calisthenics in the main Slet program. Each would require at least fifteen minutes time. We are willing to teach their groups our calisthenics just as we have offered to do so to other organizations.

Awards: Sis. Welcl-Ruzicka reported that letters are ready to be mailed out requesting donations towards the trophies, etc. Members of the Trophy

Committee are bro. Barcal, Vrba, sis. Vrba with sis. Welcl-Ruzicka as Chairman. Anyone with additional names for them to contact with these requests for securing funds for the trophies, please get in touch with sis. Ruzicka.

Members voted unanimously approving the following requests: Central District—sis. Vlasta Kazda, Jr. requested permission to compete with Sokol Slavsky women in the Low Division competitions; Northeastern District—Charles Bares, Jr., a junior boy, requested permission to compete in the Men's Int. Division with Sokol Detroit.

Diploma certificates' estimate per request, is attached.

Discussion on Memorial Day Parade at Bohemian National Cemetery in Chicago was held. BOI. recommends requests be made for approximately three more wreaths in order that they may be placed on graves of deceased Board members, since the cemetery is kind enough to supply them. Secretary is to send a letter to the Central District directing them to send letters to their Units asking them to send representatives to parade and to urge them to show more interest by participating in this affair.

Something for the ASO.-BOI. members to think about until next month—citations to deserving members.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 P.M.

Mili Udaykee, Secretary ASO.-BOI.

Report of the ASO. Director of Men

Am sending as best I can piano parts requested. Another recording session at Balkan Studios following a morning meeting of composers of drills, Sunday, Feb. 21.

Two BOI. meetings during this period. We are bogged down on musical director for the Slet.

Have not been feeling well since before trip to Washington. Have missed several meetings for this reason.

About 25 tapes have been sent out, there will be no charge for the music on the tapes, but those who received them will be asked to remit \$3.00 for cost of tape, etc.

Though the Balkan Studio (bro. Hlad) offered to press all the records of Slet music, we would need, I do not feel that any of the recordings so far have been of the quality that we need and it is now too late to do any others.

Talked to bro. Kubina and Zakrocky a number of times about music for the Slet. Bro. Kubina is quite put out by the long delay in getting authority to do the arrangements. Bro. Zakrocky is not pleased with the manner in which the music is being handled—both have expressed unwillingness to handle the music under the conditions existing.

Correspondence from AAU. regarding gymnastic meets in Philadelphia, Pa., and Houston, Texas.

Piano parts will cost \$3.00 to cover handling and printing for set of 3. Have distributed 10 sets of piano parts to date.

For the next Slet, recommend that there should be a Director of Music to control the preparation,

composition or arrangement of the music and to handle distribution of tapes, records, piano parts, orchestrations or band arrangements.

Correspondence from Morton West did not include Thursday evening Slet competitions—spoke to Mr. Black who has it on his work calendar—he suggests that when contract is finalized with Mr. Ondrus, that this be included.

With sis. Prchal, spent 2 weeks preparing the young people selected by the Central District for the program in Washington, preparing a number for the Akademie and one for the banquet.

The programs were quite impressive. This was truly a Sokol weekend—at our nation's Capitol.

I attended all the events. I must say that the Akademie program showed a great need for creativeness and ability to use the new material and ideas and trends in gymnastics.

I spoke to the Directors of the SGUS., Slovak Catholic Sokol, D.A. Sokol and Polish Falcons regarding participation at the Slet. The Slovak Catholic Sokol is having their own Slet at Bethlehem, Pa. in July and are learning their own calisthenics. From my conversations with the Director of the Falcons, it seems we will do better to deal with local groups.

I attended a Technical Committee meeting of the SGUS. at the Hilton Hotel in Washington. This meeting had been scheduled for Perth Amboy, N. J., but was transferred to Washington so that they might participate in the Stamp Ceremonies.

Had talks with ASO. people from several of our Districts regarding Slet and Convention programs.

Met with bro. Karol Bednar regarding the Sokol Manual and possible revisions in the next edition. Though at first, he was unwilling to consider any of my suggestions and recommendations, we did arrive at an understanding on how to approach the matter of revisions. This is another step toward better mutual understanding among our Sokol organizations.

The Slovak Catholic Sokol Men's Director has also expressed an interest in a universally acceptable text.

Have attended a number of the local Sokol Unit exhibitions.

Sis. Prchal became ill while in St. Louis and has gone to the hospital for a check-up. Discussed with her the involved problem of the music for the Slet.

All corrections will be ready for mailing this week.

Spoke to bro. Simaner regarding the combining of Slet and parade bands—he wants 2 bands for the parade and suggests that this be a combined contract for Slet rehearsals, Slet program and parade.

Spoke to bro. Zakrocky who has expressed an interest in helping solve our music problems. Am hoping to have a meeting with him, bro. Simaner and sis. Prchal soon.

Contestants entry forms—waiver forms, health check and school application forms and all Slet information material will be ready soon.

I must return to the Washington festivities. The thing that impressed me most was that all the Sokol organizations in this country were working together as brother and sister Sokols—I hope that

these contacts and this getting together will continue because we must all work together as Sokols if we are to get the full recognition we seek, and to do the job we want to do.

On Saturday, April 17, Anne and I attended an unusual program at Slovak American Sokol Krivan, Lodge 306, SGUS., at their new hall. The program was to be taped for WBKB's (channel 7) Sokol Telecast on ABC's Midwest Sport Special on Saturday, May 8, 4:30 P.M. Central Time. Originally, it was intended to tape a typical Sokol exhibition program—all classes, participating in the usual manner. The show started at 7:30 P.M. and it wasn't long before the TV show director started cutting calisthenics, special number, and some apparatus. Bro. Zakrocky's band hired to play the program actually played only two numbers and then sat out the evening.

I did get to discuss school problems with members of the Potter's Lake Camp committee and with bro. John Kerekes and Steve Banjak, who represented the SGUS. Supreme Lodge at the program.

Nazdar!

Edwin J. Halik

Report of the ASO. Director of Women

Could not attend Women's BOI. meeting or joint board meeting because of 8-day hospitalization.

On March 26th and 27th, I judged for First Open Gymnastic competitions for university women sponsored by the University of Missouri in St. Louis. 35 women from Seattle, Massachusetts, San Francisco, Southern Illinois, Missouri, and New Jersey competed. The competitions were very well organized and conducted. About ten of our St. Louis Sokol members attended the final session on Saturday evening as spectators. For the finals, the program opened with a march of all contestants preceded by four National Guardsmen with flags, hymns and pledge and short address. The same style of awards as the Olympic, red, white and blue wide ribbon with medal attached was placed around neck of contestant. The European influence is being more and more apparent in the discipline and attitude of the contestants.

Sunday morning, March 28th, before leaving for home, sis. Helen Pescoat, Women's Director, drove me to Sokol St. Louis where dismantling operations were in progress. 10 women and their instructor bro. Prihoda were present. Sis. Camille Ulrich played the piano while I checked and finished the women's Slet calisthenics. There were a few minor corrections, but generally, the calisthenics were taught very well.

I received a letter from the Red Cross acknowledging receipt of application for first aid service during Slet competitions and exhibition. I called the Berwyn Police Department and Fire Department for ambulance service. Bro. Joe Votava, Police Officer and member of Sokol Tabor, will take care of this but the Slet Committee should call again a couple of days before beginning of competitions.

Bro. Charles Divisek of New York called me on Friday, April 2nd, saying he had an arranger for music. The music will cost \$225.00. The musical ar-

ranger asked for a retainer of \$50.00. Bro. Divisek also asked for extra piano copies to be sent via special delivery.

Mrs. Charlotte Fik, Director of the Polish Falcons for this area, called me and requested a workshop for the women's calisthenics. We made arrangements for Thursday, April 22nd. Sis. Jane Jurew taught 30 women representing the nests throughout the Chicago area, including South Bend, Indiana. I want to sincerely thank sis. Jurew for taking care of this very important workshop.

So far only 15 survey sheets have been received.

I called Mr. Magro, who is in charge of the Morton West Pep Club. He said the only decorating they do is for their own football games—otherwise they are a group of cheerleaders and their activities have been terminated for the season. M. Prchal

FROM OUR DISTRICTS

EASTERN DISTRICT

Meeting held April 19 with 13 members present.

Letter of thanks from the ASO. Executive Board for the Eastern District and Southern Circuit participation and support in the Centennial Stamp events.

Recommendations of the BOI. and District to the Convention were read and approved.

Sokol New York submitted recommendations which will be presented to the By-laws Committee.

Gymnastic activity has been started in Islip, Long Island. A letter of congratulations will be sent. They will be invited to send a representative to the District meetings to observe how Sokol is organized and to invite them to join.

Sis. Zabka reported on unit activities, and the special number. Also on the book she wrote with sis. Provaznik on gymnastic activities and hand apparatus for girls and boys.

Bro. Capek reported: That competitions for children's classes are scheduled for May 15th at Sokol Hall, New York. Literature on coming events has been sent to all units. He would like to receive from the units, a list of the names of their students who will compete on June 4th and 5th.

Bro. Petlicka reported that an article written by bro. Vesely had been published in a New Jersey newspaper.

There will be no more foreign programs on station WWRL. There is a possibility that a Czech program may be held on another station. Bro. Petlicka will see what can be done about their terminating the contract.

Unit reports were submitted. Sokol Baltimore exhibition has been postponed.

Arlington National Cemetery services will be held.

The U. S. Pavilion at the World's Fair requested the Sokols to perform at the Pavilion.

Bro. Kalabza of Sokol Fuegner, who will celebrate his 90th birthday on July 4th, will be made an honorary member of the Eastern District. He has contributed to our district, to our units and New York Sokol Camp. A tour will not be conducted to Chicago, since the gymnasts will be attending competitions.

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

Meeting held March 17th, with 19 representatives present.

Sokol Tyrs gained 54 new members, Sokol Cleveland-Cech Havlicek secured 7, Sokol Nova Vlast enjoyed a gain of 14 members from January 1st, 1964, to March 17th, 1965.

Unit reports were submitted.

Sokol Nova Vlast sponsored a ski trip to Holiday Valley, New York. The women drilled the special number "Old and New" at the stamp ceremonies in Washington, D. C.

Sokol Moravan reported that their hall has been sold. The Unit still operates at 2401 Valentine Street, Toledo, Ohio.

Bro. Jirousek reported that the BOI. netted over \$400.00 at the card party held February 21st. Sokol Tyrs participated in the AAU. competitions at Brush High School.

Sis. Hantl reported that the district is practicing the Red, White and Blue number for the Slet. Competition dates are as follows:

Junior girls and boys—May 24th at Sokol Tyrs.

Little boys—June 4th at Sokol Tyrs.

Little girls—May 24th at Sokol Tyrs.

The Annual District Slet will be held at Odd Fellows Farm June 13th. Bro. Pekar reported on the trip to Washington, D. C. and is planning arrangements for the trip to Chicago in June. Assisting him will be bro. Holub.

Eight signs will be made for the buses from Cleveland to Chicago to identify the Northeastern District.

Identification markers for all district participants and guests to the convention will be prepared.

Bro. Suster announced that "Dare," a national magazine published in Cleveland, will carry an article on the Cleveland Sokols in its May issue.

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Meeting held Wednesday, March 24, 1965.

Received a letter from the president of the Sokol Commemorative Stamp Committee, bro. James Cihak, in which he thanked our district for a good job well done and complimented us on our representation in Washington.

Received a letter from bro. Ulrich of Sokol St. Louis on our order of sample souvenir license plates. Bill approved.

Bro. Lebloch, Director of Men, gave his report. The tournament in St. Louis will be held only for our units. The second class boy's tournament will be held May 22, bros. Satek and Kalat directing. The annual meeting of the Men's Board of Instructors will be held June 14. Bro. Lebloch conducted contract negotiations between Sokol St. Louis and the orchestra leader bro. Zakrocky. Attached to the report was the bill of the Games Committee, prepared by bro. Elmer Kulousek.

The report of sis. Schnabl was read. The instructions for the Czechoslovak Beseda will start April 4 at Sokol Slavsky. The Central District will make an attempt to coordinate our unit events especially during the unit exhibition season. The secretary will mail out letters to the units. An attempt will be made to obtain cooperation from other Czechoslovak organizations.

The committee of bros. Prchal, Vrba and Drnec will arrange with the officers of the CSA. for use of the gymnasium for the Beseda.

Because of the resignation of bro. and sis. Cihak from the Slet Committee the new president of the Slet is bro. Charles Prchal and the new Slet secretary is bro. Bretislav Vanek.

The \$250.00 worth of our Sokol stamps is being held by the treasurer, bro. Drnec.

WESTERN DISTRICT

Meeting held April 12th with 11 delegates present.

Sis. Drozda reported on the reproduction and distribution of tapes. She is preparing the Slet outline. Medals for Mid-Winter meet have been ordered. She is preparing a 15 minutes program to be presented on an Omaha TV station.

District workshop at Omaha, May 15 and 16th. Omaha Sokol Children's Camp begins July 11th.

Bro. Lastovica reported on several out of town exhibition dates by smaller groups, including one in Lincoln, Nebraska, on May 16th, but no details are available.

A special committee will be formed to participate on special occasions.

PACIFIC DISTRICT

Meeting held April 6, 1965, with 13 delegates present.

Sokol and Sokolice Los Angeles will participate in the program of Sokol Fresno on the occasion of their 25th anniversary.

Bro. Pokorny reported that he received a letter from bro. Tannich, Scio, stating that their activity is almost nil.

Sokol Fresno is preparing for their anniversary but their gym activity is not as good as it could be.

The Pacific District will take some action at this time to incorporate the District.

Sokol Detroit

Mr. Jakub Sobieraj, Mr. Shostek, and Mr. Cornelis applied for membership. After proper investigation they will be considered and recommended for membership.

ZCBJ. Lodge No. 249 put at our disposal \$3,000 for ten years interest free and donated \$100.00 to our Building Fund.

Bro. Valek reported beginning of classes in February. Also a new educational program about Sokol history in general shall be initiated.

Fund Raising Committee is planning a Rummage Sale for May 21 and 22.

For the month of April our financial status is \$57,563.87.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Attendance at the May meeting was somewhat better. It seems that the weather actually affects the activity of people and the coming summer creates more enthusiasm.

Mr. Chas. Bares and Mr. E. John Stodola applied for membership.

Bros. Cornelies, Shostak and Sobieraj were accepted as members. They will be initiated at our next meeting.

Lodge No. 164 of the Slovak Sokol will celebrate the opening of their new Cultural Center. Our gym-

nasts are invited to participate and perform. Bro. Valek shall organize the program.

Bros. Shamanek and Hurych are delegates to the District Centennial Banquet.

Mr. Talbot and Mr. Nozicka were initiated as members.

Donations to our Bldg. Fund last month were \$3,523.00. Lodge Pribyslava-Dennice alone donated \$3,000.00. We are very appreciative for this sizable donation. We all thank you.

Bro. Valek as usual reported a busy schedule of the BOI. All these activities are chronologically published to keep the members informed. It seems that everything is focused to the Sokol Slet in Chicago.

Bro. Eisenstein reported that the caretakers job is still available. May 16, 1965, was established as Camp Work Day. All members are requested to come and help to put the Camp in summer shape. It is expected in any society that members would take care of the club property. It is mandatory that our grounds be presentable and appealing to the public. The reputation of Sokol cannot depend only on its past glory. We must keep up the good work which our brothers and sisters in the past started so well. Just think a little. Who are we? We say we are Sokols. If that is so, live up to it, show in deed who Sokols are. And believe me that Camp of ours or the future building we shall soon have must be attended, must be serviced. Any mechanical instrument must get a few drops of oil for proper operation. Now, my dear brothers and sisters, it is up to you. Will this call be just another "talking to the wall" or shall we have proper response. I would like to remind you that Sokol Camp is not Joe Kovar's property. But sometimes it looks like it, doesn't it. It isn't fair to leave the work on the shoulders of one man. Take pride to be part of the team. Be there on may 16, 1965. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Bro. Semetko resigned from the Board of Directors. His place is taken by bro. Gogolin, who was elected by acclamation. Chairman of the Entertainment Committee reported that the New Year's dance will be at Local 900 Hall. See future publicity. On June 20, 1965, an outing on our new Sokol property is planned. Details shall be worked out with the City of Dearborn Heights. Read Sokol News for further details, this may result in a very fine event, take my word for it. On August 8, 1965, a Pop and Beer Party is scheduled in Sokol Camp. Admission is \$3.00 per car. If you do not have enough cars in the family get your neighbor's or see Hertz "Puts You in the Driver Seat." We have a lot of parking space. Do not crowd the driver. Be comfortable. Don't forget August 8, 1965, the Beer Day at the Camp.

Our stereo equipment brought us a clean profit of \$453.00. Good job. Just keep it up. Rummage Sale will be on May 20, 21, and 22.

Bldg Committee is in the process of collecting donations and pledges for our new building. Give them all your cooperation.

Our financial status for this month is \$60,691.15. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Nazdar!

C. Novacek.

VÝZVA AMERICKÉ OBCE SOKOLSKÉ ke spolupráci pro úspěch jubilejního sletu Sokolstva.

Sestry a bratři:

Sokolský jubilejní rok byl zahájen historickým vydáním sokolské pamětní poštovní známky k počtě stého výročí života Amerického Sokolstva; v dalším jeho pořadu jsou tyto jubilejní události:

- 5. a 6. června—Národní Pout' do St. Louis, Mo., kolébky sokolského hnutí v Americe.
- 21. až 23. června—Národní sjezd Americké Obce Sokolské v Chicagu.
- 24. až 27. června—Jubilejní sokolský slet a závody v Berwynu, Ill.

Jdeme do slavných, dějinně významných dnů! Vstupujeme jimi do druhého století práce — do naší sokolské práce. Vydání sokolské pamětní známky obrátilo k nám pozornost amerického národa a celého světa. Uznání vlády Spojených států, kterého se nám ve dnech 13. až 15. února, 1965 ve Washingtonu, D. C. dostalo, si nesmírně vážíme. Byli jsme požádáni o spolupráci při výchově amerického národa k tělesné a duchovní zdatnosti. Na XI. sokolském sletu ukážeme výsledky sokolské tělovýchovy a hrdě se k plnění tak významného výchovného úkolu přihlásíme.

V červnových dnech tohoto roku sokolští cvičenci všech tříd představí se na jubilejním sokolském sletu naší i americké veřejnosti. Přípravují se pro tyto velké dny pilně po několik let. Při generálních zkouškách na

veřejných cvičeních sokolských jednot a žup čestně obstáli.

24., 25. a 26. června budou závodit. Poháry obdrží nejlepší a nejdokonalejší výkony. 27. června na Hoffmanově Stadionu Mortonovy Vyšší školy v Berwynu, Ill. vystoupí ve společných prostných cvičenci Americké Obce Sokolské, Dělnického Amerického Sokola, Slovenské Tělocvičné Jednoty Sokol, Kanadské Obce Sokolské, Polského Sokola a Ústředí Čsl. Sokolstva v Zahraničí. V červnových dnech sokolského jubilejního roku budou k nám Americkým Sokolům opět upřeny zraky světa, bude k nám hledět náš věrný, sokolskými ideami odchovaný lid z Československa, Polska i Jugoslavie.

Americká Obec Sokolská Vás všechny žádá:

Bratři, sestry a přátelé, přispějte všichni svou spoluprací, aby všechny dny sokolského sletu byly celonárodními svátky naší krásné země a Sokolstva svobodného světa!

Žádáme o spolupráci — náš krajanský tisk, rozhlas, národní, bratrské a sesterské podpůrné organizace, kulturní spolky, kluby, a společnosti, všechno jejich členstvo, naše přátelé a příznivce v krajanské veřejnosti.

Sletový výbor pilně pracuje, aby úspěch všech sletových podniků byl zabezpečen. Vyhovte jeho výzvam a přispějte svou spoluprací, aby účast na všech slavnostech jubilejního sletu byla velká a jejich průběh manifestací lásky k Sokolstvu!

JUBILEJNÍMU SOKOLSKÉMU SLETU ZDAR!
AMERICKÁ OBEC SOKOLSKÁ

Karel M. Prchal, starosta

Bláža J. Čiháková, jednatelka

KAREL M. PRCHAL

NÁŠ JUBILEJNÍ SLET.

27. června vyvrcholí oslavy našeho století XI. sletem Americké Obce Sokolské.

Slet bude nejlepším průkazem síly a zdravotnosti Tyršovy ideje, jejíž podstata leží v oduševnělé práci a vytrvalé výchově. Bude strhujícím příkladem kázně a pořádku. Větev československého národa zaskvěje se v ten den novým, krásným květem síly a nadšení, vlije v srdce tisíců krajanů novou vzpruhu a sebevědomí.

Pořádáme slet, abychom jednotili lid, nadchnuli a rozohnili pro věc, která je Sokolstvu a věrným lidem svatou a jedinou: pro Spojené státy, pro kázeň a pořádek, pro práci, pro lásku k zemi, pro lásku a bratrství mezi našimi lidmi.

Amerika si uvědomila skvělé hodnoty sokolské výchovy a obdivuje ideu, která dovede přimět lidi k tomu, aby se podřídili dobrovolně disciplíně a nácviu sestav. Sle-

ty právě tyto hodnoty nejlépe ukazují, jsou výrazem našich nejkrásnějších ideových tužeb a byly svědectvím sokolské ideje i radostného, zdravého lidství.

Náš den, náš velký den se blíží. Sestry a bratři! — Dejte jeho plnému zdaru svá věrlá srdce, touhu svých duší a všestrannou svoji pomoc! K nejlepší vůli, vzájemnému bratrství a lásce, k upřímnosti a spolupráci Vás všechny volám. Posvět'te každý tep svého srdce úspěchu sletového díla. Pracujte tak, aby Vaše činy byly zárukou zdárnému dílu a dokladem Vaší lásky k ideálům.

Představujeme před světem nejslavnější ideu naší staré vlasti: její věčnou touhu po svobodě. Nikdy jsme nezklamali a vím, že tentokrát nebude jinak. Vytrvejme i nadále

jako až dosud, pevně a nerozborně na cestě před stoletím nastoupené, na cestě vedoucí až k metě nejvyšší!

Jděme za slavným sokolským heslem: "Ni zisk, ni slávu!" Nejsladší odměnou bude nám vědomí, že jsme vykonali, co jsme měli a mohli.

Zajistěme také svým přispěním nové vítězství sokolské myšlenky. Ať zdar sletu předčí všechno předešlé a bude novým listem do věnce úspěchů sokolské rodiny!

HLAVY A SRDCE VZHŮRU! AŽ NA NEJVYŠŠÍ METU!

Zdar Vám, sestry a bratři!

Zdar jubilejnímu sletu Americké Obce Sokolské!

JAROSLAV RABAS

Vzhůru na XI. slet Amerického Sokolstva.

Již jen několik týdnů nás dělí od vyvrcholení historických událostí — oslav století Amerického Sokolstva. Denně se stupňují přípravy. Vše je v plné činorodé práci, která je řízena láskou a nadšením, ať v jednotách, župách či v sletovém výboru a jeho odborech.

Ano, s největší pečlivostí se dokončují přípravy na XI. slet Amerického Sokolstva, aby tato velká manifestace dobrovolné kázně a společného úsilí i nadšení se plně vydařila. Bude to opět po několikáté přestávce vrcholný projev krásy a velikosti sokolské myšlenky, která je originelním přínosem naší národní skupiny, této velké americké zemi, naší nové vlasti.

Úspěch sokolského sletu není jen záležitostí sokolskou. Je záležitostí celé naší krajanské větve, všech Čechů a Slováků v USA., v Kanadě i ve svobodném světě. Všichni se musíme podílet nejen účastí, ale i veškerou podporou. Je to naše morální povinnost zvláště dnes, kdy vzpomínáme prvního stalet sokolské tělocvičné a výchovné práce a kdy i nejvyšší americké vládní kruhy uznaly tuto práci a počtily sokolské století vydáním pamětní poštovní

známky. V dnešní těžké době mezinárodních zmatků a konfliktů, jejichž obětí se stala i naše mateřská vlast a její veliké sokolské hnutí, musíme naším XI. jubilejním sletem manifestovat před celou svobodnou částí světa, že sokolské ideje a zásady znamenající zušlechťování těla, ducha i srdce jsou stále živé a potřebné pro mravní výchovu všech vrstev a pro pevnou ochranu lidskosti a národní svobody. Musíme znovu prokázat, že dobrovolná a svobodná vůle a nikoliv diktát, že bratrství a nikoliv zášť a nenávisť, že krása a ušlechtilost těla i duše a nikoliv hrubost, že pravda a ne lež a falešná propaganda, že výchova a vzdělání bez usměrnění či omezení, že toto vše je ten veliký sokolský přínos naší moderní, svobodné a demokratické společnosti. Právě tyto zásady musí nás soustředit všechny bez rozdílu na veliké sokolské manifestaci. Nikdo nesmí chybět.

Zcela určitě se účastněte XI. sletu ve dnech 24.-27. června t. r. Upozorněte i vaše přátele a známé a pozvete je na slet. Heslem těchto dnů musí být:

"Všichni na XI. jubilejní slet Amerického Sokolstva."

JAN REINER

NÁRODNÍ POUŤ DO ST. LOUIS, MO.

Přípravami na Jubilejní slet v Chicagu 27. června t. r. nesmíme opomenout Národní pouť do kolébky Amerického Sokolstva — města St. Louis, neb za jistě to bude historická událost, jaká se nám v životě nikdy více nenaskytne. Zrovna jako Sletový výbor v Chicagu činí široké přípravy k Jubilejnímu sletu, tak i Jubilejní výbor Sokola St. Louis připravuje na dny 5. a 6. června oslavu svého "Století", která bude zapsána v historii jednoty zlatým písmem! Vaší návštěvou z jiných měst dokážete, že oceňujete vše, co Sokol St. Louis za své 100leté čin-

nosti na poli sokolském vykonal, avšak též najdete posilu k činnosti další pohledem na novou a moderní sokolovnu, která je důkazem obětavosti členů St. Louiského Sokola i krajanů v našem okolí a která bude stát co pomník našim zakladatelům, nám i budoucím! Přinesete též i posilu nám, neb nesmíme zapomínat těch, které říkáme, že máme rádi.

V sobotu 5. června se budou konat závody Sokolské župy Střední AOS. přes den a večer je připraven v hotelu Chase Park Plaza Jubilejní banket s důstojným a bohatým programem. Reservace k ban-



ketu do 22. května přijímá ses. Božena Matějková, 3164 So. Compton Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63118, a cena je \$7.50 za osobu. Zašlete šek neb Money Order. V Chicagu organizuje zájezd ses. Blanche Čihák, 5611 West Cermak Road, Cicero, Ill. 60650.

V neděli 6. června se koná Slet Sokolské župy Střední v tělocvičně St. Louiské University, která pojme 2,500 osob. Vstupné je \$2.00 za osobu a \$1.00 za ditky do 12 roků.

Jednota též vydává Jubilejní památník, do kterého zaslal poselství president Spojených států následovně: "TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOKOL OF

ST. LOUIS, MO. Congratulations on your one hundred years of service to America. The Sokols can be proud of the part they have played in establishing physical fitness as a major public concern. — Building the GREAT SOCIETY is a task which will test our strength and staying power. I hope that you will continue to promote activities which develop and nurture these qualities. — Lyndon B. Johnson."

Budou to nezapomenutelné dny v dějinách Amerického Sokolstva! Přijedete? Těšíme se na vás!

KAREL M. PRCHAL

X. SJEZD.

Po stoleté práci, věnované posílení a povznesení lidu, chystáme svůj X. sjezd. Kořeny Sokolstva, věrné, houževnaté, jsou pevně zapuštěny v zemi našich předků, v půdě, do které byly před 100 lety zasazeny v St. Louis, Missouri. Věrně ideám a závazkům převzatým při samém založení, dostalo v tomto roce uznání jeho rozsáhlé práce, jako nikdy před tím.

Stojíme dnes vysoko v očích národa za služby mravní i fyzické podstatě národa, s čistým a hrdým vědomím a již 21. června sejdu se zástupci všech našich jednot k společným poradám k podrobnému projednání otázek druhého našeho století. Přistoupí k řešení cest k zvýšeným snahám za novými úspěchy.

Všechny zkušenosti jednotlivých jednot budou tu sneseny a stanou se tak majetkem společným a zdrojem rokováání. V prostředí provanutém duchem sokolských dějin představitelé jednot odkryjí své duše, po bratrstvu otevřeně promluví o cílech, jež Sokolstvu bude sledovat — i o povaze půdy, do níž kořeny sokolství byly uloženy.

Za podklad jednání, stanov i cílů jest nám učení Tyršovo. Tyršova idea o mravní povaze sokolského člověka, která je uskutečňována prostředkem tělesné výchovy. Idea zůstává základním pilířem programu Sokolstva. Idea stala se hřivnou, kterou sokolské generace odevzdávají další generaci, aby se jí hospodařila, jí rozhojňovala, aby tuto stručnou a přec tak na výsost výstižnou for-

mulí demokracie rozváděla podle toho, jak doba a vývoj poměrů vyžaduje.

V této chvíli obracím se k Vám, sestry a bratři, kteří budete rozhodovat o nové, dálné pouti našeho bratrstva, s velikou žádostí, ba prosbou: Jednejte tak, jak věříte, že nejvíce Sokolstvu prospějete! Nezapomeňte nikdy, po celou dobu sjezdu sokolského hesla: "Osoba nic, celek vše." Otevřte svou mysl a své srdce! Bďte úzkostlivě nad přísným zachováním kázně a bratrství! Nejde o lidi. Jde o věc velkou, o věc sokolskou. Jde o vítězství velké, dobré, poctivé a svaté věci.

Ke srovnání všech námětů je třeba silné vůle jedinců a celého sjezdu. Dejte to nejkrásnější, co nosíte ve svém nitru! Bez výhrad! At' průběh i výsledky budí v sokolských duších hluboké uspokojení a veliké naděje! At' ze dní sjezdových sálá tolik žhoucího ohně a chvějného dechu, který by prostoupil všechno naše členstvo, které by šlo pak za rozhodnutími mužně, se zjasněným čelem, pod sokolskými prapory, pod něž nás svedla láska k vlasti a na nichž svítí spásná hesla: "Rovnost, volnost, bratrství" — pod prapory, k nimž chceme státi pevně a věrně!

Sokolský den.

Naši sokolové a sokolice v tichosti připravují velkou národní událost, která se řadí do důstojného rámce stoletých oslav založení Sokolstva ve Spojených státech amerických. Sjednocení v útvar Spojeného Sokolstva na východě, činovníci Americké Obce Sokolské, Slovenského Sokola, Dělnicko-Amerického Sokola a Sokola Orel, pracují v mnoha výborech, které mají jediný cíl, dokázat americké veřejnosti, že sokolská výchova je vzorem a pomocníkem povoláním činitelům v plánování ke zlepšení nejen zdraví, ale i morálky občanstva. Není lepšího místa než Světová výstava v New Yorku, kde v neděli, dne 6. června, stadion Singer Bowl, sokolové a sokolice zaplní cvičicí plochu živými a stále nedostížitými ukázkami sokolské tělovýchovy.

Ano, bude to národní svátek nás všech, bez rozdílu, protože toho dne se všichni sejdeme, abychom se pochlubili návštěvníkům z celého světa. Toho

dne nesmí býti jediného Čechoslováka, který by nepřišel manifestovat naší sílu, at' už jako cvičící, nebo divák. Máme ještě v dobré paměti úspěch Československého dne z minulého roku a jsme přesvědčeni, že SOKOLSKÝ DEN bude dalším, na který budeme moci býti všichni hrdí. Pilné přípravy a obětavost pracovníků zaručují dokonalý úspěch. V rámci Sokolského dne se připravuje řada dalších podniků. V sobotu, dne 1. května, se bude konat společenský večer s tancem a banketem v sále Slovenského Sokola, 131 70. ulice, Guttenberg, New Jersey. V sobotu, dne 5. června v sokolovně v New Yorku tělocvičné závody a téhož dne o 8:30 hod. "VEČER VÍTĚZŮ" s odevzdáním cen a tancem.

Připravujte se k zájezdu a k účasti na mohutném "SOKOLSKÉM DNI" v New Yorku.

Jan Petlička, tiskový referent.

SOKOLSKÁ POŠTOVNÍ ZNÁMKA POSLEM TRIUMFU SOKOLSKÉHO IDEALISMU.

MOHUTNÉ DOJMY Z OBŘADU DEDIKACE ZNÁMKY VE WASHINGTONU, D. C.

Již tři měsíce letí světem sokolská poštovní známka, vydána k počtě prvního století života Amerického Sokolstva. A odevšad zní v tisku i v dopisech těch, kdo už ji používají, radost a nadšení nad skutečností, že nejsilnější demokracie světa — Spojené státy americké — ocenily hloubku a sílu sokolského idealismu, který po plných sto let plnil srdce tisíců mužů a žen a podněcoval je k činorodé a obětavé práci ve výchově k tělesné a duchovní zdatnosti. Právem je sokolská známka označována jako symbol triumfu sokolského idealismu, který ve dnech 13., 14. a 15. února, 1965 ve Washingtonu, D. C. byl světu představen jako zdroj neuvěřitelné síly — obrozující a množující fyzickou zdatnost národa.

Obřad odevzdání sokolské známky veřejnosti, který se konal v pondělí 15. února, 1965 v Inter-Departmental Auditoriu ve Washingtonu, D. C. patří už slavné sokolské historii. Jeho průběh byl důstojný i tklivý a zanechal v duších jeho svědků mohutné dojmy. Jeho historický význam je však tak mimořádný, že si jeho pořad zasluhuje vylíčení.

Program obřadu dedikace známky byl připraven kanceláří Gen. Poštmistra a rozdáván návštěvníkům jako vkusná pozvánka se sokolskou známkou a razítkem prvního dne vydání. Pořad obřadu byl zahájen o 11. hod. dopoledne p. Irou Kapensteinem, zvláštním asistentem Gen. Poštmistra, za přítomnosti více jak jednoho tisíce účastníků. Po aktu umístění vlajek zapěla Lyra národní hymnu za vedení sborníka Franka Kubiny. Pan Ira Kapenstein zdůraznil ve svém proslovu obřadníka velký význam dedikace sokolské známky. Řekl, že je fidejím zjevem, aby pamětní poštovní známka byla vydána skupině, která provozuje tělovýchovnou činnost. Jejím vydáním je do popředí zájmu celého národa postavena skutečnost, že tělovýchovy je národu třeba. Všele děkoval tisku slovanských skupin za velmi účinnou spolupráci ve známkové kampani.

Dalšími řečníky byli Administrátor Presidentova výboru pro fyzickou zdatnost Bob Stewart a kongresník Roman Pucinski. Obá vyjádřili svůj upřímný obdiv výsledkům sokolské výchovy a prohlásili, že pocta, které se Sokolstvu dostává — je poctou

práci pro plnění sokolských ideálů v době, která představuje naplnění životů dvou generací. Kongresník Pucinski zvláště uznale mluvil o harmonické spolupráci sokolských organisací ve Výboru pro sokolskou známku a pochválil ses. Blázu J. Čihákovou za neúmornou snahu, aby známka byla vydána.

V umělecké části programu vystoupili s velkým úspěchem solista Miloš Nekolný výběrem krásných anglických i českých písní a Pěvecký spolek Lyra zapěním zdravotní "Přátelství", věnované Gen. Pošt-mistrovi Gronouskému.

Projev za nemocného a nepřítomného předsedu Výboru br. James L. Čiháka, pozoruhodný analysou významu sokolské známky, přečetla jeho manželka ses. Bláza J. Čiháková. Citujeme projev v českém překladu:

"Prožíváme dnes vzácné okamžiky. Připadá nám jako zázrak, že právě Sokolové a jejich jubileum bylo vybráno pro tak vynikající poctu, když zde bylo více jak 3,500 žadatelů. Nejsme však pro to marní. Slova "Ni zisk, ni slávu" vedla po celé století naši činnost. Jsou hluboce zakořeněny v sokolském svědomí. Pevně věříme, že zásady a příklad, které nám zanechaly minulé generace sokolů a ovlivnily naše životy, v budoucnosti budou přejaty celým národem.

"V Sokolstvu," praví se v projevu br. Čiháka, "je nutno vidět něco více, než jen cvičení nebo tělesnou zdatnost. V našem případě sokolské zásady se projevují tvorbou skvělých charakterů, klasickým oceňováním krásy přírody a plným pochopením významu plnění povinností a závazků. Ve všem sokolském snažení vládne stálá touha po dokonalosti a zdokonalování v každé sféře lidského vývoje, oceňování a plné porozumění pro snahy druhých lidí a stálá, hluboká láska k této zemi. Ve chvíli, kdy se přibližujeme k okamžiku dedikace sokolské pamětní známky fyzické zdatnosti — připravené k letu do každého místa na zeměkouli, považujeme za potřebné analyzovat její poselství. Pro zkoumající zraky nákras známky znamená mnoho věcí. Jejich pochopení závisí na znalosti jednotlivce o původu zrození Sokolstva a hlubokém významu jednotlivých období jeho historie. Po vyčerpávajícím studiu vývoje tělovýchovy během všech věků, dr. Miroslav Tyrš vybral jako vzor Zlatý věk Řecka a výsledky jeho pokroku. Byl si ovšem také vědom jeho nedostatků a slabostí, se kterými ho seznámilo studium běhu událostí 2,300 let. Velkolepost tohoto období vedla ho k prohlášení zásady: "Výchova k tělesné, morální a duchovní zdatnosti je povinností všeho lidstva i v období trvalého míru."

"Nákras známky," vysvětluje br. Čihák v projevu, "samozřejmě neznázorňuje moderní metody tělovýchovy, ale co jiného může být zobrazením nádherných ideálů, pěstovaných po staletí! Doprovod slova "Spojené státy americké" nepotřebuje zvláštního výkladu. Pro každého Sokola, který v těchto dnech upírá pozornost ke zrození Sokolstva, vstává představa velikánů — myslitelů, kteří orali, vláčeli a zušlechťovali půdu pro semě, ze kterého vzklíčilo a zkvétalo Sokolské hnutí. Ani dnes si ještě neuvědomujeme a neznáme skutečnou cenu obětí,

kterých si vyžádalo zřízení a zabezpečení této země, proto také neumíme plně zhodnotit všechny příležitosti, které nám dává. Když se zamyslíme nad závěrečnými slovy "Centennial of the Sokols Physical Fitness" seznáváme, že dávají shodný význam práci den ze dne i uplynulému století."

Srdečný potlesk provázel závěr krásného projevu, pročitěně ses. Čihákovou přednášeného: "Jako Sokolové a Američané dlužíme mnoho za příležitost ke službě ideálům. Kéž všichni ti, kdož přijdou po nás, budou si vědomi svých závazků k základním zásadám velkého národa a své povinnosti věčně je ochraňovat. Pane Generální Pošt-mistré, děkujeme Vám zplna srdce za Vaše porozumění v uplynulých dvou letech a za Vaše schválení k vydání sokolské známky fyzické zdatnosti. Buďte tak laskav a tlumočte naše díky a přání všeho nejlepšího našemu Presidentovi, Lyndon B. Johnsonovi za morální podporu našeho úsilí."

GEN. POŠTMISTR JOHN A. GRONOUSKI UVÍTÁN NADŠENÝMI OVACEMI.

Byl hlavním řečníkem v pořadu dedikace sokolské známky a k ní se nesl celý jeho projev, paměti-hodný v celém svém rozsahu jak obsahem, tak i srdečným podáním, které prozradilo, že sám radost nad úspěchem sokolů prožívá. Uvádíme z něho v českém překladu několik významných pasáží:

"Na dnešní den jste dlouho čekali. Proto sdílím Vaši hrdost nad poštovní známkou, kterou dnes vydáváme k počtu století sokolského hnutí v Americe. Že je Vás zde tolik přítomno ze všech částí země, je skutečně nejvyšší počtou sokolskému hnutí a vyjadřuje také nejlépe Vaši jednotu ve spolupráci Výboru pro sokolskou známku. Přijměte všichni moje nejvělejší blahopřání k tak skvělé události, jakou je oslava výročí jednoho sta let Vaší práce a vydání sokolské pamětní poštovní známky. Doufám, že mi můj úřad a práce dovolí jednou navštívit také Váš stět. Můžeme být všichni hrdí na skutečnost, že Sokol a Falcon byli prvými tělovýchovnými organisacemi, které sloučily v tělovýchově úsilí o tělesnou zdatnost a vyspělost ducha. Demokracie obojí ke svému pokroku a udržení života bezpodmínečně potřebuje."

"Skutečnost také je," prohlásil pan Gronouski, "že Amerika se začíná teprve probouzet a uvědomuje si, že stojí čelem vážnému problému. Jako lidé rostli jsme k pohodlnosti a změkčilosti. Důsledkem pohodlného života jsou naše svaly ochablé . . . já nejsem žádnou výjimkou," přiznal se řečník upřímně a pokračoval ve výpočtu technických vynálezů, které pohodlnost zaviňují a řekl, že "na štěstí zájem o tělesnou výchovu se všude probouzí. Velkou zásluhu o povzbuzování tohoto zájmu má Presidentův výbor pro tělesnou zdatnost, zvláštěním poradcem Presidentovým na tomto poli je Stan Musial. On a jeho malý sbor spolupracovníků, pracující s omezeným rozpočtem, dosáhl v pravém smyslu slova pravých zázraků k probuzení Ameriky k vědomí nutnosti pro zlepšení programu výchovy k tělesné zdatnosti." Pan Gronouski citoval několik důkazů ze zprávy Stan Musiala Presidentovi a obrátil opět svou pozornost k sokolské poštovní známce a prohlásil:

"Sokolská poštovní jubilejní známka, kterou dnes vydáváme, měla by být příležitostí k ohlédnutí a vzdání pocty mužům a ženám, kteří v minulosti přispěli k velikosti a slávě sokolského hnutí. Je to také jejich poštovní známka. Byli to Vaši předkové, kteří před dvěma, možná i třemi generacemi přišli do Ameriky s odhodláním zabezpečit nový život pro sebe i své děti. Přišli do nové země za svobodu, za osvobozením od bídy, nesnášenlivosti a pronásledování. Amerika byla zemí jejich snů, zemí spravedlnosti a svobody."

"Je neštěstím," přiznal otevřeně Gen. Poštministr, "ale je to pravda, že emigranti ze slovanských zemí nebyli v tehdejší době vítáni s otevřenou náručí, protože tehda v mnohých částech Ameriky byl rozšířen názor, že má-li být člověk považován za skutečného Američana, museli jeho předkové přijet do této země na Mayflower, anebo při nejmenším bojovat v revoluční válce. U člověka, který chtěl být Američanem, bylo považováno za něco nekalého, když měl dlouhé a nevyslovitelné jméno, podle anglo-saxonského standardu. Ale časy se změnily! Byli to naši předkové, kteří pomohli tento názor změnit. Byly to jejich činy, jejich těžká práce, jejich oddanost a věrnost k této zemi, které prokázaly, že jsou dobrými Američany podle nejlepší tradice. Ve službě veřejnosti, v účasti v církvích a náboženství, v politické odpovědnosti, tito mužové a ženy prokázali, že znají smysl demokracie. A když bylo třeba k ochraně demokracie bojovat, oni bojovali a bojovali chrabře."

"Mnozí v tomto shromáždění se šedivými vlasy," řekl Poštministr, "budete jistě se mnou souhlasit, že v našich pamětech je zaznamenán pozoruhodný pokrok ve vymazávání vzpomínek na předsudky a diskriminace, které museli snášet a kterým museli čelit naši předkové. Ale vzdor velkému, téměř revolučnímu pokroku, který vidíme na poli lidských vztahů, jsou mezi námi stále ještě lidé s pokřivenou myslí, kteří si svůj názor o svém americkém spoluobčanu tvoří podle jeho rasové příslušnosti, víry a země jeho původu. Obracím se k Vám všem s výzvou, abyste vši silou a vlivem své organizace pomohli presidentu Johnsonovi v jeho křížáckém tažení proti všem zjevům diskriminace." Pak věnoval Gen. Poštministr pozornost chytané reformě emigračního zákona a vyložil jeho zásady, které umožní zlepšit vystěhovalecké kvoty doposud opomíjeným národům.

Potom znovu obrátil svou pozornost k poštovní známce, vyložil význam jejího nákresu, který má základ v obraze sochy řeckého vrhače disku, stojící blíže budovy Státního Departmentu ve Washingtonu a řekl, že bude natištěno 120 milionů známek. Svůj projev k dedikaci sokolské známky ukončil vzdáním pocty Sokolstvu:

"Nevím, kolik sběratelů poštovních známek máme v dnešním shromáždění, ale Vám všem, kteří nejste sběrateli jasně říkám, že není jisté, že každá organizace, nebo osoba, která by známku chtěla, také ji dostane. Každý rok dostaneme okolo 3.000 až 4.000 žádostí o vydání pamětní poštovní známky. Vvdáme jich každý rok jen patnáct. Tedy jen události největšího národního významu mohou být počteny novou poštovní známku. Sokolstvo v této

zkoušce obstálo. Vzdávám Vám poctu nejen za Vaše zásluhy o tělesnou zdatnost, ale také za duchovní hodnoty Vaším hnutím představované. Děkuji Vám!"

Ještě potlesk přítomných nedozněl, když si p. Ira Kapenstein vyžádal pozornost a sdělil, že právě dostal zvláštní zprávu z Bílého domu, že President Lyndon B. Johnson jmenoval Gen. Poštministra Gronouského pro jeho úřad na další čtyři roky. Toto oznámení vyvolalo znovu srdečný potlesk a obecnostvo projevilo svoje blahopřání povstáním.

Lyra ihned nastoupila (ač to neměla v programu svého vystoupení) a zaspívala panu Gronouskému srdečnou zdravici, za kterou stiskem ruky poděkoval jejímu sbormistrovi F. Kubinovi.

Vlastním aktem dedikace bylo odevzdávání albumů jednoho archu známky. Pan Kapenstein oznámil, že první albumy obdrželi President Lyndon B. Johnson, Vice-president Hubert Humphrey, Gen. Poštministr Gronouski, Stan Musial a kongresník R. Pucinski. Pan Kapenstein pak vyvolával jména členů Výboru pro sokolskou známku a Gen. Poštministr jim album se stiskem ruky odevzdával. Za br. J. Čiháka a pro sebe převzala album ses. Bláža J. Čiháková, pak dostali album br. C. T. Kropík, Frank Vodrážka a představitelé sokolských organizací: Za Americkou Obec Sokolskou náčelník Edwin Halík, za Dělnický Americký Sokol starosta William Pechar, za Český Katolický Sokol náčelnice Marie Průšová, za Polský Sokol starosta Walter Laska, za Slovenský Katolický Sokol hlavní správce Paul Fallat, za Slovenskou Tělocvičnou Jednotu starosta Andrew Valušek. Gen. Poštministr předal album také sbormistrovi Franku Kubinovi, byl to projev ocenění krásného uměleckého programu sokolských slavností i jeho záslužné činnosti.

Zapěním "O, America, the Beautiful" Lyrou byl ukončen historický obřad odevzdání sokolské poštovní známky veřejnosti. Účastníci rozcházel se nadšení a blahopřáli pořadatelům k nádhernému průběhu slavností. Dnes, sokolská známka letí světem jako vyslanec dobré vůle a hlásá zvěst o nejvyšší poctě, které se ve svobodné Americe dostalo svobodnému Sokolstvu. Duch radostného nadšení ze slavných dnů ve Washingtonu, D. C. přenáší se do dalších sokolských událostí jubilejního roku, prodchně naše srdce při Národní Pouti do St. Louis, Missouri, 5. a 6. června, spojené se sletem župy Střední AOS., a naplní ovzduší radostných dnů jubilejního sletu 24., 25., 26. a 27. června, 1965 ve Velkém Chicagu.

AMERICKÉMU SOKOLSTVU A JEHO BUDOUCNOSTI ZDAR!

Zápis ze schůze Výk. Výboru Americké Obce Sokolské,

konané v úterý, 27. dubna, 1965.

Br. Prchal předsedal.

Přítomni: Bři.: Barcal, Čihák, Halík, Rabas a Vrba. Sestry: Čiháková, Faltová a Růžičková. Omluvena ses. Prchalová.

Br. Prchal přivítal br. Čiháka a přál mu stále, dobře zdraví.

Zápis z minulé schůze byl dodatečně schválen.
ZPRÁVY ZE ŽUP

Došly zápisy ze schůzí župy Severovýchodní a Pacifické.

DOPISY

Čsl. Národní Rada Americká zve k účasti na výroční schůzi, která se bude konat 8. a 9. května t. r. v budově ČSA. Budou oslavovat 20. výročí pražského povstání a ukončení války. Br. Prchal a ses. Čiháková budou zastupovat AOS. K účasti jsou zváni také všichni členové výkonného výboru.

Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, která zastupuje Marshall Savings and Loan Association, poslala šek na \$5,455.95. \$5,000.00 činí vklad na bankovním účtu a \$455.95 jsou úroky do 31. prosince, 1964. Tímto je uzavřeno naše konto u Marshall Savings and Loan Association. Před dvěma týdny byli jsme požádáni o zaslání naší vkladní knížky, což bylo vyřízeno.

Šek bude uložen na šekovém účtu AOS. a obnos \$3,000.00 bude podle předchozího schválení poskytnut jako půjčka Sletovému výboru.

Odbočka Čsl. Nár. Rady Americké a naše jednota Sokol ve Washingtonu, D. C., žádají naši účast na "Majales" a jarním plesu v sobotu 8. května. Br. Prchal a ses. Čiháková jsou patrony plesu.

Polish National Alliance poslala vstupenku na řečnickou tribunu na oslavě Dne Polské Nezávislosti 2. května. Výkonný Výbor bude zastoupen.

Ses. Hilda Jelínková sdělila, že se hodlá od 30. června 1965 vzdát obchodu se sokolskými potřebami (Sokol Supply Co.). Po podrobné rozpravě byl navržen výbor br. Halík, Vrba a jedna sestra, který se sejde k jednání se ses. Jelínkovou. Schváleno.

Sokol Seattle, Washington, by rád dostal informace o úrazovém a povinném pojištění pro dospělě cvičence. Br. Halík zjistí jméno pojišťovny, kterou má Sokol Tábor a informace budou Sokolu Seattle poslány.

Došel dopis ze Sokola Washington, D. C., který se týká událostí sokolské známky, fotografií, jehož opis dostal také br. Prchal. Všechna činnost Výboru pro sokolskou známku byla schválena Výkonným Výborem. Všechna dodatečná rozhodnutí, učiněná Výborem pro sokolskou známku ve Washingtonu, D. C. byla Výborem schválena. Slavnosti byly konány AOS. a pěti jinými národními sokolskými organizacemi.

Br. Prchal požádal o dovolení, aby mohl sám na dopis odpovědět. Schváleno.

ZPRÁVA JEDNATELKY

S brem. Čihákem zastavila jsem se v St. Louis, Missouri 12. dubna a měla schůzku se ses. a brem. Ulrichem a ses. a brem. Shanou. Prohlédli jsme si novou sokolovnu, která je již pod střechou a je dokončována. Stavitel slibil, že budova bude hotová do 1. června. Tělocvična je velká a všechna zařízení velmi dobrá; jsou nesmírně hrdí na své úspěchy a mají k tomu plné právo. Pracovali všichni těžce a dlouho.

Později večer navštívili jsme schůzi Sokola St. Louis, konanou naposled ve staré budově. Z budovy bylo odneseno všechno cenné zařízení a zůstaly v ní jediné staré lavice a židle. Budova byla určena ke zbourání ve čtvrtek 15. dubna. Omlouvali se, že je to malá schůze, ale snesla srovnání s pravidelnou schůzí každé naší jednoty. Co mně nejvíce

zajímalo byla skutečnost, že téměř každý člen byl v nějakém výboru a všichni podávali zprávy. Berou svou práci nesmírně vážně a mají z ní radost. Ze staré budovy prodali všechny prodejné předměty a nechali v ní jen holé stěny. Jsem jistá, že se těžko loučí se starým domovem, ale z nové budovy mají velkou radost a práce budou mít hodně, že brzy zapomenou. Bratr Ulrich dal mi fotografii, pořizovanou St. Louis ve chvíli, kdy Bob Stewart odevzdával Stan Musialovi jeho album se sokolskou známkou v kanceláři C. C. Johnsona Spinka, vydavatele Sporting News. Při tomto aktu byli přítomni také br. Shana a Ulrich. Tento obrázek bude uveřejněn v dubnovém čísle Sokola Amerického.

Br. Prokop Havlik, jednatel Kanadského Sokola, poslal odpověď na náš dopis. Přijal s radostí naši zprávu, že přijetí kanadské vlajky bude zařazeno do programu sletových událostí.

Doporučeno, aby záležitost byla postoupena Sletovému výboru k příslušnému použití v tiskové službě k propagaci tohoto aktu. Schváleno.

Pro "Future Sokol Leaders Fund" došly tyto dary: K uctění památky Mr. Josepha Bittermana: Mr. a Mrs. Emil Wolf \$5.00, Mr. a Mrs. H. Ellison \$5.00. Kroužek Českých Žen v Dallasu, Texas, k uctění památky ses. Marie Rendlové \$5.00. Mrs. Alice Novotná věnovala k uctění památky Mrs. Marie Heyduckové \$5.00.

Došly dodatečné informace o pamětních medailích. Pro Slet nemohou být zhotoveny, protože celý proces jejich výroby si vyžádá šesti měsíců.

Je doporučeno, abychom požádali kongresnici Lenora Sullivan z Missourí o podání návrhu zákona, protože je předsedkyní příslušného výboru.

Doporučuji, aby tato záležitost byla předložena buďto X. sjezdu nebo příštímu Výkonnému Výboru. Je však třeba vzít v úvahu, že by muselo být zakoupeno nejméně 5 tisíc kusů medailí, v poměru k počtu našeho členstva je objednávka příliš vysoká.

Byly připraveny 2 propagační články pro Sokol Americký: Jeden pro Národní Pout' do St. Louis 5. a 6. června a druhý pro X. sjezd AOS. a XI. slet.

Ve schůzi Výk. Výboru 14. prosince 1964 jsem navrhla, aby byl vytvořen zvláštní výbor k přípravě sjezdu v roce 1965. Záležitost byla určena k vyřízení v budoucnosti. Od té doby dostali jsme několik dotazů, týkajících se sjezdu.

Doporučuji, aby tento výbor byl ihned ustaven pro ubytování, registraci, tiskovou službu, pohostinství, zábavu atd. Mělo by být rozhodnuto o pozvání hostů i organizací jako hostů atd. Mezi nejdůležitější patří rozhodnutí o hlavním řečníkovi (Keynote Speaker), který by nahradil čtení zpráv úředníků. Tyto zprávy budou uveřejněny v Sokole Americkém a poslány k prostudování delegátům před sjezdem.

Také navrhuji, aby byl někdo získán k obstarání kancelářské práce ve sjezdové kanceláři. Připomínám, že kromě přečtení své zprávy jednatelky, z celého jednání sjezdu v r. 1960 neslyšela jsem ani slova. Jako jednatelka AOS. jsem také opět delegátkou své jednoty na X. sjezdu a účastním se všech schůzí.

S brem. Kropíkem ztrávili jsme 4 hodiny v Pick Congress hotelu a provedli jsme některé přípravy pro sjezd i slet. Získali jsme tyto snížené ceny pro oba podniky: Pokoje s jednou postelí \$9.00, dvoupostelové, nebo s dvojitou postelí \$13.00, společné ubytování pro 4 osoby, \$4.00 za osobu, společné ubytování pro 3 osoby \$5.00 pro osobu mimo daně.

Jednali jsme také s Mr. Fisherem v hotelu o večeri pro banket a prohlédli jsme si velký sál, ve kterém se bude konat. Snažili jsme se také získat informace o místnostech pro sjezd a jeho výbory. Zamluvili jsme Florentine Room pro sjezd, která je na severní straně v druhém poschodí a můžeme dostat místnost pro kancelář a 3 další místnosti. Jsou ochotni dát nám 4 místnosti, když to bude třeba. Ve sjezdovém sále budou umístěny dva mikrofony, jeden na podiu, druhý v zadu místnosti. Můžeme zapnout také náš vlastní aparát pro zvukové pásmo. Bylo by velmi dobré, kdyby sjezdový výbor si prohlédl zajištěné místnosti, zda vyhovují a schválil je.

Mělo by být pamatováno také na sjezdové odznaky. Předkládám vzorek odznaků pro hosty, používaných na sjezdu Polského Sokola.

Br. Prchal bude jmenovat tříčlenný sjezdový výbor, který navrhne výběr členů pro všechny potřebné výbory.

V minulosti jsme sice nikdy neměli výbor k organizování sjezdu, ale ještě není pozdě ku zkoušce nového způsobu organizace pro nastávající sjezd.

Sokol Seattle, Washington, poslal zprávu o stavu členstva, konaných schůzích, tělocvičné činnosti, zvláštních schůzích, společenských, kulturních a jiných podniků v roce 1964.

Br. Tannich ze Sokola Scio hlásil, že v této době jejich jednota vykazuje velmi slabou činnost tělocvičnou i stav členstva. Zátopy způsobily velké škody, komunikační spoje — silnice i vedení elektrického proudu byly odplaveny. V sokolovně měli 4 stopy vody v době zátopy. Všechny tyto okolnosti ochromily činnost Jednoty.

United States Department of Interior, National Park Service, potvrzuje příjem Památníku (Historical Journal) vydaného u příležitosti vydání sokolské pamětní známky, pro American Museum of Immigration a oceňuje ho jako hodnotný příspěvek pro sbírku v jejich knihovně.

Br. Dr. Janko Jazbec, starosta svobodného Jugoslávského Sokola v Argentině, zemřel. Jednotě byl poslán projev soustrasti.

Sokol St. Louis objednal pro jednotu sokolskou vlakku.

Všechna korespondence byla vyřízena a všechny objednávky materiálu, zpráv, odznaků atd. byly odeslány.

Všem jednotám, náčelníkům mužů a náčelnicím žen byly poslány objednávací listky pro rezervace ubytování v Pick Congress hotelu s oznámením cen.

Br. Halík četl zápis ze schůze náčelnictva a zprávu náčelníka mužů.

Dlouhá rozprava byla věnována objednání hudby pro slet, která nebvala doposud zabezpečena.

Byla ihned ujednána schůzka s brem. Zákroc-kým 28. dubna o 6:30 hod. več., k projednání této záležitosti. Účastní se jí br. Halík, Barcal a Prchal.

Bratr Barcal přečetl zprávu náčelnice žen.

Bratr Čihák podal zprávu jako vzdělavatel AOS.

Br. Čihák poděkoval za pozdravy, které obdržel v době nemoci a za zájem o jeho zdraví.

Sděлил, že bylo napsáno 9 článků doposud nehlášených pro Sokol Americký, sedm nebo osm bylo vyžádáno ještě z dalších míst a ses. Čiháková udělala hodně z tiskové činnosti — spolupráce s Museum of Immigration, the National Geographic Magazine, dr. Švejdou a Mr. Alexandrem J. Antuckem ze Strength and Health Magazine a Dr. John H. Jakesem.

Sokolská pamětní poštovní známka vyvolala úžasný zájem o činnost Sokola.

Ses. Faltová sdělila, že Dozorčí odbor se sešel, prozkoumal účetní knihy a doklady a zjistil vše v pořádku.

Oznámila dále, že Sokol Milwaukee nemá zaplacené příspěvky za rok 1964 a sjezdové příspěvky nemá zaplacené za rok 1962, 1963 a 1964. Sokol Fort Worth nezaplátil žádné příspěvky za rok 1964. Jestliže tyto příspěvky nebudou zaplacené, jednoty nemohou být zastoupeny na sjezdu v červnu podle stanov.

Zpráva, předložená ses. Faltovou, byla schválena.

Ses. Čiháková sdělila, že nemůže připravit statistickou zprávu za rok 1964, protože jednoty nezaplátily své příspěvky. Zpráva bude připravena bez nich.

Br. Prchal oznámil, že nemohl dostat zprávu z Předsednictva Sletového výboru, ale že nálepky sletové jsou rozesílány z úřadovny AOS. a budou expedovány v několika dnech.

Sletová kancelář bude v budově ČSA. za obnos \$75.00 pro celé období.

Br. Prchal oznámil dále, že navštívil české divadlo Západní Česko Bratrské Jednoty v Chicagu a dostalo se mu příležitosti k pozvání obecnstva na slet.

Br. Halík oznámil cenu diplomů vysvědčení pro absolventy sokolských škol. Cena bude asi \$35.00 za 100 kusů. Vzor bude předložen výkonnému výboru.

Ses. Čiháková sdělila, že je připraven zájezd do Norska, Švédska a Dánska k odjezdu z Chicaga 13. července, 1965. Nebyl doposud oznamován. O tento zájezd je již skupina zájemců.

Zájezd byl schválen a bude proveden na sokolské basi jako všechny minulé zájezdy.

Ses. Růžičková oznámila, že během svého zimního pobytu na Floridě pozvala mnoho osob ke sletu.

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

Bláža J. Čiháková, jednatelka.

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