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Annual Summer Verejny at Sokol Camp, Sandy  
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AUGUST—SOKOL TYRS, CLEVELAND, OHIO.  
Picnic—I.O.O.F. Camp.

AUG. 21st—SOKOL DETROIT, MICHIGAN.  
Summer Festival at the Sokol Camp.

OCT. 17th—SOKOL CLEVELAND-CECH HAVLI-  
CEK, OHIO. — Annual Pork, Dumpling and  
Sauerkraut Dinner.

NOV. 6th—SOKOL SLAVSKY, CICERO, ILL.  
75th Anniv. Banquet — CSA. Peacock Room.

NOV. 21st—SOKOL CLEVELAND-CECH HAVLI-  
CEK, OHIO. — Bazaar.

OCT. 15-16 1966—SOKOL TABOR, Berwyn, Ill.  
100th Year Anniversary.

## Za Františkem J. Kobesem.

Poslední dřevec zlámán na kolbišti života bratra  
Františka J. Kobese, po 58 let člena Sokola Crete,  
Nebr. Zemřel dne 22. února 1965, po dlouhé, trap-  
né nemoci.

K Sokolu Crete přistoupil v červnu, roku 1907.  
Po dlouhou řadu let byl cvičencem, závodníkem,  
borcem, přeborníkem a cvičitelem. V pozdějších  
letech, kdy přestal cvičit, účastnil se administrač-  
ní činnosti v úřadech v různých odborech a výbo-  
rech. Po deset roků byl ředitelem budovy a výbo-  
rem majetku, kde se vši vervou se staral o finanční  
prospěch Sokola. Teprve před dvěma roky, násled-  
kem těžké nemoci, byl nucen vzdáti se členství ve  
výboru majetku a říditelství síně.

Roku 1957 byl mu odevzdán zlatý odznak pade-  
sátiletého členství. V roce 1962 byl zvolen doživot-  
ním členem jednoty a předán mu diplom čestného  
členství.

Byl členem řádu Nebraska, čís. 3, ZČBJ., kde též  
získal odznak padesátiletého členství. Po 24 roky  
sloužil městu Crete co jeho mayor, nad čím jsme  
my, občané českého původu, právem hrdými. Po  
mnoho let byl členem Sboru dobrovolných hasičů  
našeho města a sloužil sboru co pokladník po 25  
roků.

Nad jeho rovem, v tichém bolu se sklání man-  
želka Otilie, syn, plukovník Frank J. Kobes ml.,  
West Point, N. Y., dcera, paní Hubert (Mary Jo)  
Winter, Elkhorn, Nebr., šest vnoučat a široký, ši-  
roký kruh přátel a známých po celém okolí.

Bratře Kobesi, Tvoje památka nevyhyne! Bratře  
Františku odpočivej v pokoji!

Tichou vzpomínku Ti věnuje

Franta J. Prášek.

Tělocvik není jen k tomu, aby otužil a vzpružil  
tělo, nýbrž i ducha. Člověk tělesně vycvičený ne-  
leká se tak snadno nebezpečností, nepozbývá ihned  
mysli, on jest smělý, zmužilý. — Dr. Kodým.

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## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY OF THE AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I am presenting to you, my report as Secretary and Financial Secretary of the American Sokol Organization. I would like to remind you that I DID NOT ACCEPT this office at the last convention in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1960, with the firm belief that someone would be found to fill it. When the tasks facing the Executive Board kept increasing and no one showed the willingness or good will to become the Secretary, I continued to do the work so that all the directives of the IX. Convention could be fulfilled.

Presented to you here are my reports as Vice-President, Secretary and Financial Secretary. It is for you to decide whether I have conducted these offices for the benefit of the Sokol idea. I assure you that I have always endeavored to work faithfully, with all my strength, and in accordance with the dictates of my conscience, led by my love for the Sokol interests.

The results of my efforts and the statement of my work are summarized in this report in both languages, Czech and English. The term "summarized" is used because the report would require many more pages if I were to go into detail, even if the importance of the matter deserved it, — and figure out, how much extraordinary work was required by the big projects of ASO., organized since the IX. Convention.

But it is necessary for you to know that I did my work with the fullest devotion, never counting the hours, days or weeks, that I disregarded evenings, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, that I devoted so that all the tasks of our office, growing out of many offices and far exceeding them, would be expedited in time and brought the desired results.

I would be deeply grateful to all you delegates of the X. General Convention if you would carefully read the entire report as presented. Briefly, soberly and summarized you will see what had been accomplished. While studying and judging it, please bear in mind the circumstances under which it was done. In every sentence you will see that I faithfully, in every way, endeavored to uphold the administration of ASO., especially maintaining good contact with the units and districts of ASO., and our public for the publicizing of the good name and tradition of the American Sokol Organization. I always bore in mind safeguarding the financial self-sufficiency of the office by organizing profitable ventures, which besides bringing in a handsome in-

come for the period between conventions, also brought educational and social benefits. (See Financial Report of the Treasurer.)

It is certainly in order to accent the extraordinary amount of work required to secure the Sokol Commemorative Stamp and everything connected with it. I believe that the issuance of the stamp greatly contributed to heightening the attention of our own and the American public to the Sokols Centennial. Recognition of the importance of our Sokol training, which we received from the American government, without a doubt contributed to the prestige of the American Sokol Organization.

I deeply regret that we cannot show the same success in the campaign for new members. In the statistical report on membership, in the last years, we show a loss of 42 men and a gain of 98 women. You will get a better picture of the situation by carefully studying the report and viewing the losses in the units, and see how unsatisfactory was the result of the campaign for new members. Only a few units showed a marked gain. After making a survey of a number of our units, I find that the average age of our Sokol members is 58-62 years. Only in rare cases do the new young members continue in our Sokol ranks, in the majority of cases they are suspended, resign or are expelled for non-payment of dues after two or three years. We must admit then, that we are not capturing these young people, and that we must depend upon our older members to keep our organization alive financially. The Executive Board of ASO. initiated the membership drive on January 1, 1964, to end March 31, 1965. Out of a total of 74 units only 50 percent show a gain, which, after subtracting the loss of membership in the other units, bring us the meagre gain of 98 women. I want to draw your attention to a serious reality, that there are a number of very weak units which show a very low membership and consider their rescue and revitalization as one of the main tasks of the units themselves, their districts and the Executive Board of ASO. I have no doubt that the statistical report on membership in the units will become an item for the serious consideration and discussion of the convention, because only if we correct this situation and secure a substantial increase in membership will we secure an increase in income. This will enable us to initiate the program of work dictated to us by our Sokol obligations.

This report is divided into the following categories:

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

The Executive Board of the ASO. held a total of 48 regular meetings, one special meeting and one meeting of officers.

Meeting attendance of Executive Board members:

	Present	Excused
Charles M. Prchal .....	49	0
Blanche J. Cihak .....	47	2
Edwin Halik .....	44	3
Ann Falta .....	43	5
James L. Cihak .....	42	7
Mildred Prchal .....	41	8
Jerry Rabas .....	40	5
Charles T. Kropik .....	39	6
Joseph Brouk .....	37	3
Frank Vodrazka .....	27	11
Emilie Welcl-Ruzicka .....	26	16
William Vrba .....	25	5
Stanley Barcal .....	23	7

Prepared all minutes in Czech and English—copies mailed each month to Executive Board members and each District.

Prepared minutes of many committees, Slets, Commemorative Stamp, etc. and special meetings.

Prepared and mailed resolutions from the IX. Convention in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1960.

Prepared new roster of District and Unit officers for Sokol Americky every March for 5 years. Changes of address are a big problem as well as time consuming. Prepared special plates of Presidents, Directors of Men and Women, Educational Directors and Slet Committee to facilitate expediting of mail.

Served as Secretary of Commemorative Stamp Committee, 1961 Slet Committee, 1965 Slet Committee up to the time of bro. Cihak's illness, and was named to serve on practically every committee of the Executive Board.

Prepared and helped edit 1960 By-laws for printing. Prepared permanent record of Future Sokol Leaders Fund in bound volume.

Composed and mailed hundreds of greetings, messages of condolence, letter of thanks for "Future Sokol Leaders Fund" contributions.

12 resolutions were sent to newspapers on various occasions.

27 special letters to government officials.

43 special reports to newspapers, etc. Helped check By-laws of other Sokol units, scores of publicity material to all newspapers regarding Centennial of the Sokols in Czechoslovakia, Stamp Drive, Tours, Slet, Pilgrimage, Conventions.

Fulfilled IX. Convention recommendations.

Plaque placed at Oetz, Switzerland and another at Hus Memorial in Constance. Contributions for these plaques made by Sokol units and individuals.

At the request of bro. Simaner, President of the Central District, organized a Tour to St. Louis to the Pilgrimage.

Prepared six different letters for 1965 Convention. In addition many necessary forms to accompany them.

Prepared and mimeographed list of 1965 Convention delegates twice, since many changes have been

made, program for opening of convention, statistical report, expense, vouchers, voting procedure according to unit membership and number of votes, etc.

57 notices and directives sent to units and districts, includes articles for units, districts and general publicity.

11 proclamations and manifestos to newspapers.

Special individual letter to all U.S. Senators and Representatives and State Governors regarding Centennial of Sokol in CSR.

12 governmental reports.

Moved from Sokol Chicago to new quarters in 1961.

Special vote to units regarding site of 1965 Slet. Handled films for units.

Stenciled and mimeographed hundreds of copies of "History of Physical Training" sent to units and courses. Prepared lectures for bro. Cihak's visit to Pacific District. Wrote to units, fraternal organizations and lodges to set up program, and schedule their meetings to coincide with his visit.

**Mimeograph Work**

Thousands of copies of Slet calisthenics and competitions were turned out for the X. and XI. Slet, as well as other materials for the BOI. At least 400 stencils were turned out for the Board of Instructors. This work does not fall into the duties of the Executive Secretary, but was done voluntarily on my part.

Directives, letters, publicity material, news releases, reports, minutes, scores of forms etc. were run off at a great saving of time and expense. Song books for tours, material for courses and many other items were mimeographed.

All requests for manuals, Artistic Gymnastics, jewelry, quarterly reports, membership cards and applications for membership, mailed out promptly.

**SOKOLS COMMEMORATIVE STAMP  
CAMPAIGN AND CEREMONIES IN  
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

The Commemorative Stamp campaign and preparations for stamp sales and ceremonies in Washington, D. C., require a paragraph of their own. It is important to state that this campaign required more than 2 years of work from its inception and is still a part of our Centennial ceremonies and Slet.

Served as Secretary of the Committee. A project of this scope took two years time in developing the campaign from the first contact to the actual "First Day Ceremonies." At least 20,000 pieces of mail left the office. Mailings ran from individual letters to mass appeals of 8,000 pieces. On two occasions every U.S. Senator and Representative received letters and memorandums. The Governors of all the States were written to four times. A heavy correspondence was carried on with all the Sokol organizations and especially with our own units urging them on at every step of the campaign. With the help of many fine volunteers arranged all matters pertaining to the Tour, Akademie, Banquet and First Day Ceremonies and placing of wreaths at Unknown Soldiers Tomb and President Kennedy's grave. 217 participated in the Tour to Washington from Chicago.

Directed the work of expediting over \$100,000.00 worth of stamp orders. For months spent from 13 to 16 hours a day at the office, 7 days a week, including holidays. Success of entire project and attending favorable publicity has tremendous impact on our future.

#### RADIO — VISITS TO UNITS — ARTICLES IN S.A.

68 articles and reports were published in Sokol Americky.

Conducted Calendar of Events in Sokol Americky.

81 visits were made to Sokol units and districts where speakers role had to be filled. These included banquets, anniversaries, business meetings, initiations, installations, etc.

39 radio broadcasts. Interviewed many times on Radio Free Europe and cooperated with the Voice of America.

These figures do not include social visits or attendance at public exhibitions. There were many of these every year, including unit celebrations.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Kept a record of the receipts and disbursements each month. Each year completed form 990 for the Treasury Department, Collector of Internal Revenue, required for all non-profit organizations that are exempt.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

One of the most successful events during this period was the Centennial of the Sokol Organization celebrated with a truly magnificent banquet and program at the Pick Congress Hotel in December, 1962.

#### SPECIAL LETTERS

72 letters of various types were composed and mailed.

#### TOURS AND EXCURSIONS

Conducted group of 87 participants on Tour of Europe in 1962 that included the Slet of the Free Sokols in Vienna, placing of plaque at Oetz, Austria, where Dr. Miroslav Tyrš lost his life and another in Constance at the John Hus Memorial.

Another fine Tour of 57 participants to Hawaii, still another excursion to the International Folk Fair in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and 3 buses to Czechoslovak Day at the New York World's Fair and Washington, D. C.

#### VISITS TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OR PUBLIC EVENTS

57 visits were made to other organizations or public events.

#### COURSES — SCHOOLS

Conducted administration of 1961 course at Potter Lake. Supplies and material sent to all schools every year.

New publicity folder was prepared and printed and distributed by the office.

#### CONCLUSION

Sisters and Brothers:

My report ends with my sincere thanks to all of you, who in your units and districts, while carrying on your Sokol duties, have eased my task as the executive and financial secretary. It is also to your credit that so many important tasks were successful. Without that cooperation we would never have been able to so happily celebrate the Centennial of the Sokols in America. What we had achieved is also the result of your understanding and love for the Sokol ideals, the legacy of those thousands of brothers and sisters who preceded us.

I feel it is my duty, dictated by my conscience, to especially thank the brothers and sisters who aided me and stood loyally by my side every time when their assistance in the many projects of ASO. required it.

In the first place it is my husband, James Cihak, Educational Director of the American Sokol Organization, upon whom I could depend in every matter and at all times. After working hard in his own business every day, he worked for Sokol at home and in the office. Only with his aid were we able to surmount the flood of original work, English articles and preparation of program books and other tasks needed. After his convalescence following his unexpected illness, he returned to his place as a faithful assistant. Thank you, brother Cihak.

Sister Ann Falta, member of the Executive Board of ASO., was my constant assistant during the entire five year period.

When our longtime Treasurer, bro. Joseph Brouk, died, it was bro. Frank Vodrazka who took over the office, conducted it well and made my work much lighter. I also thank all of the members of the Executive Board, with bro. Charles Prchal, President, who helped me in fulfilling many tasks.

In the office we have a very good, dependable and capable helper in sis. Jaromira Zacek. I recall a long list of brother and sister volunteer workers who come to the office to enable me to overcome the mounting task load. I feel it my duty to especially mention my own Unit Sokol and Sokolice Town of Lake who supplied most of the volunteer workers.

Finally I present to you an amendment to this report with my recommendations to help solve the pressing problems of the near future.

I ask you to consider and act upon them and believe that only a sincere desire to realistically appraise our future activity led me to present them to this Convention.

I believe that their adoption will not only successfully maintain our position but will lead to a rebirth of the life of the American Sokols in the years of our entrance into a second century. Let us all strive to build a new good road leading to new and wider horizons in accordance with the directives given us by Fuegner and Tyrš. That shall be our "Task, Aim and Goal" in the Sokols second century.

Nazdar!

BLANCHE J. CIHAK, Secretary  
American Sokol Organization

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE X. GENERAL CONVENTION of the AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

On June 21, 22, and 23, 1965, the delegates from our Sokol Units, District Presidents, Directors of Men and Women and the following officers of the Executive Board of the American Sokol Organization: President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Educational Director, Editors of Sokol Americky and Directors of Men and Women will convene in the Florentine Room of the Pick Congress Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, for participation in the X. National Convention and its committees. The convention is the highest authority of the American Sokol Organization and has a precisely designated role according to the By-laws.

The Convention will specify the course and goal of the American Sokol Organization for the next five year period—the first five years in the second century of Sokol life in America and in the entire free world. The X. Convention, however, had acquired greater significance and responsibility in planning for new objectives, dictated by the circumstances of the last five years. To determine these new objectives is the most serious duty of the delegates comprising this convention. Therefore their responsibility does not end with the election of a new Executive Board and its officers. The responsibility of all the delegates is not fulfilled by merely indicating the means by which the goals will be reached that we inherited from the century we have just finished.

The duty of all of us for the complete success of the X. convention of ASO. lies in the complete understanding of the new and long expected role, emerging from our complete participation in the government's program for the physical fitness of the entire nation. Following are some recommendations which developed as a result of my office in the Executive Board:

- a) Full cooperation with the President's Council on Physical Fitness.
- b) Determining the course by which this cooperation will bring the desired results both for the life in our gymnasiums and for the nation.
- c) Assuring a steady and affective training of a larger number of leaders, instructors, educa-

tional directors, officers of units and districts, capable of assuring the life of the units and fulfilling new tasks, growing out of the cooperation while aiding the government program for physical fitness and training the individual to accomplish these goals.

- d) Every effort should be made to reactivate the many units that might be dissolved within the next five year period if special attention will not be given to them.
- e) Utilizing all new means of publicity to acquaint the public with the work, mission and ability of the Sokol organization in physical fitness training in the sense of the fundamentals of Tyrn and Fuegner.
- f) Finding roads and methods to create the conditions for a permanent cooperation with the other Sokol organizations in the United States and the free world to reach the above goals. Finding new sources of revenue to be able to carry on the completion of this work and program.
- g) The above outlined tasks do not exhaust the responsibility laid upon the shoulders of the delegates to the X. Convention, their units and districts. Our road to new horizons, to new achievements in a new century must be exactly planned and determined, to reach our goals.

It was our good fortune in the last five years to have the goodwill, friendship and cooperation of our compatriot public and gratefully acknowledge it. The Sokols commemorative stamp is visible proof of this cooperation.

Our XI. Slet will prove our maturity for fulfilling all tasks which the Sokol's goals of the future assign to us. The X. National Convention has the responsibility of setting the course to them.

America expects that the Sokols will be an army of teachers of a healthy and affective national training program. Our X. Convention must give America a guarantee in its decisions and declared goals that it can depend upon the Sokols.

Nazdar!

BLANCHE J. CIHAK, Secretary  
American Sokol Organization

### REPORT OF THE ASO. DIRECTOR OF MEN X. Convention – American Sokol Organization

Brothers and Sisters of the American Sokol Organization:

It has been an honor to serve you and our Sokol in the Office of Director, though there were many times when it had not been exactly a pleasure. Probably the biggest disappointment of all was the final realization that some people around me were

not working for the same goals and that some who did not see "eye to eye" were willing to scuttle the program because of personal differences.

I had thought that my predecessors, bros. Jarka Jelinek and Oldrich J. Kudrnovsky, both experts in the field of gymnastics, who had given much to the Sokol cause, both of whom stood head and

shoulders above my efforts at directing an effective Sokol program, were too severe and too direct in their handling of the board and had not given enough responsibility and enough voice in the operation of the gymnastics program, so I gave more voice, more responsibility in the preparation and direction of the program. Result—disagreement, confusion, awkward delays and little accomplishment. In fact, some assumed that they were the policy makers rather than an advisory board devoted to carrying out policy and performing services.

I set up committees and in some cases asked certain people to prepare and activate a number of projects such as a Sokol Songbook for group singing, First Aid Charts or handbooks for emergency procedures, handbook for directors, change of uniforms, rules revisions, by-laws, awards, competitions, calisthenics and an educational committee for our department. Some of these projects never got off the ground. Others did and so we have improved uniforms, a number of rules revisions, many good by-laws committee recommendations, and of course, our calisthenics and apparatus exercises. The educational committee came up with some good proposals plus an offer to serve on the ASO. educational committee. They were never called upon.

At the convention in Cedar Rapids in June 1960, I presented a report in which I pointed out that we needed real initiative, real purpose, real leadership at all our organizational levels and that we must look ahead and plan boldly and creatively an attractive and interesting program, not only in our gymnastic and physical fitness department, but in the classic arts, our social activities, in our educational program, in our membership campaigns and fund raising activities and while I am primarily concerned with the physical fitness (physical training) and the gymnastic program, (and this should be the main concern of the American Sokol Organization) I am also aware that the Sokol program calls for the development of the whole man, by developing and presenting programs in education and information, in the classic arts, in organization and administration. In order to develop a good image for ourselves and our organizations in our communities, our teachers, our leaders, our administrators must continually seek out, develop and establish friendly and active contacts in all the media of communication, keeping them well supplied with material for publication and presentation. We must not only communicate with our communities, we must communicate with each other and we must at last realize that by understanding our problems and by understanding each other through cooperative effort, we can come up with a good program.

First of all, we must define our Aims, Tasks and Goals—we do not have the same interpretation of our Sokol goals. We must decide just what it is we are trying to do and spell it out exactly for all to understand just what we mean. Then we have the task of deciding how we are going to do it and then we must select the people to do it—people who are willing to devote the time, and energy needed

to carry out this program. No matter how hard and how well prepared we are to carry out such a program, and no matter how badly we need it, we must come up with a sound workable arrangement for increasing the revenues of the national treasury. We just cannot provide better schools, more clinics, workshops, visiting or traveling instructors, more teaching aids and material, representation to other organizations, representative teams or exhibition groups, lecturers and speakers for local areas and organizational and promotional services on the present income of the American Sokol Organization.

Sokol Instructor: We have had several editors in the past few years and as we changed from sis. Prchal to bro. Slavik and then to sis. Hantl, we became aware of the differences of opinion in the use of gymnastic terminology and the need for a definite policy regarding it. Here more than anywhere else, we need to speak the same language in order to be sure that we understand each other and that others understand us.

The editors did a great job in putting out this publication which was always rich with information, teaching materials and instructional aids, but never enough copies to go around. We must establish a definite publishing policy for preparing and editing the Sokol Gymnast. We need people to edit and publish it, we need people to prepare and furnish the material we need, not an editor, but an editorial staff. This is one of the areas where cutting costs hurts the whole program.

Schools: Our training school program has been stepped up. More District schools are being conducted. There is still a great need for training our leaders at the Unit level preparing them for leadership and for additional training in District schools. Five of our Districts have been conducting schools or training programs annually for several years, four of them on a regular basis with assistance from the ASO. We must produce more leaders at Unit and District levels, and only more schools will produce them.

Since I have been National Director, I have conducted and taught one school in the Northeastern District, three in the Central District, two in the Western District, and three in the Southern District and the 1961 ASO. National School. Our sixth District, the Pacific, has not benefited by this program of training leaders in District schools, partly because the great distance between Units discourages getting together, partly because there is a lack of real desire in the Units themselves to train new leaders, and partly (and most important)—there just isn't enough money to do it, **but do something we must!** With the population explosion and the population drift to the far west, we have great potential to carry out an energetic program to increase our membership there and to establish new Sokol Units throughout the western states. We will then find that increased membership and increased activity means more income which in turn means more and even better training programs. We must continually strive for the fulfillment of the entire program and to do this, we must provide sufficient operating funds.

Our competitive program in gymnastics has been increased but the caliber of our gymnasts has not improved. We should try to bring our Championship division up to a level capable of international competition. Other organizations, SGUS. among them, have surpassed us in this area. Our instructors and directors are increasingly aware of the changes taking place in gymnastics and are quickly moving to catch up.

The type of national competitions as conducted in Cleveland in 1963, where only the top gymnasts in each division (juniors and seniors) from each District competed, should be encouraged. These should be conducted in a different District each non-Slet year at the same time the host District conducts its District Slet. This gives us a limited national competition and also improves communications and closer association between Districts and the ASO.

Our sports program is lagging. Track and field, swimming and diving events should be a part of our program. We should work at them and become competitive in them. There are other activities which could be included in our program to make it more versatile and attractive to more and more people.

Some Districts have been conducting volleyball tournaments. Central District has been competing in volleyball and basketball for many years at junior and senior levels. They also have a bowling league.

Our scoring and tabulating procedures have been revised and are working. We have taken several steps towards the standardization of trophies and awards, but now must do this at all levels, Unit, District and ASO.

The testing program has bogged down completely, partly because we had too many things to do in the last few years and partly because we did not push it too hard. I still feel we should come up with several testing programs such as physical fitness tests, gymnastic skill tests, sports and game skill tests.

Our Slet periods are four years while our convention periods are five years and in 1965, our Centennial year, both events fell in the same year. Add to this other activities as the Centennial Stamp ceremonies in Washington, D. C. in February, the St. Louis Pilgrimage combined with the Central District Slet and competitions, June 5th and 6th, the Convention June 21-23, the Centennial Competitions and Slet, June 24-27, with preparation for these and other functions and activities during this time, we were kept busy, and prevented from doing the more thorough job we could have done if all these affairs had not competed with each other for our attention.

We must not forget that the SGUS. is conducting their National Slet and Convention in the New York area next year and it is our duty to make a good showing there.

Reporting Attendance: The last convention approved a new reporting procedure and a new class attendance record. The reporting procedure has been in operation for several years but is not working as it should. A little more co-operation by Unit and District Directors would make it work. Central

District has not reported attendance for two years. I believe that mandatory attendance reporting to the Districts and to the ASO. along with the financial reports will be the most effective procedure. The new class attendance records did not get executive committee approval because of the large quantities of the old forms still on hand.

Terminology: Most of us, even the die-hards, are now familiar with the calisthenics terminology and are using it. With some modifications, clarifications and more explanations of the rules governing the use of calisthenic terminology, it will be much easier to understand. I have had several meetings with bros. Bednar, Babuska, Walko, Skapik and Cierny explaining my views and recommendations and we seem to be in agreement on any changes when preparing the second edition of the manual. In marching terminology, there are a few areas of contention, but these can be solved. The apparatus (gymnastic) terminology seems to be running into severe resistance, not only from people outside our organizations, but from our instructors and our gymnasts as well. There is much to be done here. The terminology for acrobatics, tumbling, and for dance is causing much concern. We must do a lot of work in this area.

Traveling Instructors: In the 1920's and the 1930's, we had those wonderful and devoted Sokols, bros. Kos, Prihoda and Kadlec traveling around the country visiting our Units and our Sokol Organization was really active and prosperous. They not only stimulated activity in the gymnasiums, they bolstered morale at the administrative level as well. They also encouraged and promoted social and cultural activities. We need some such program to give our Unit and District leaders that "shot in the arm" at regular intervals to keep them working. Even a part time program prepared as weekend projects (workshops) might instill in these people the desire to grow and to progress.

I have always felt that we should improve our relations with other Sokol organizations and other groups who are also working in the physical fitness, gymnastic and other areas similar to ours. I feel we should be represented at their programs and clinics, that ASO. representatives should attend national affairs of national organizations and Units and Districts should send participants and observers to these affairs. We must improve the image of our organization at the national level.

Our Eastern, Northeastern, and Southern Districts have strong ties with the AAU., in fact they provide much of the driving force in their areas. Eastern has been working closely with the SGUS. in Slets and competitions. Northeastern has been working closely with the Canadian Sokols. Pacific has ties with both the Federation and the AAU. Western District Units participate in competitions conducted in their areas. Central District has limited contact with AAU., Midwest and Federation through bros. Fina and Carr, and sis. Prchal, otherwise there is little communication here.

Uniforms: Recent changes in gymnastic uniforms have been as a whole very good, there is, however, some dissatisfaction with the quality of materials and the fitting. Sokol Supply Co. (sis. Hilda Jeli-

nek) is closing up shop. We will need a new source of supply for uniforms. Several people in the Chicago area are interested. I feel that some system of supply should be worked out with our National headquarters acting as agent for many services such as gymnastic uniforms, parade or dress uniforms, gymnastic equipment and supplies, books, manuals, teaching aids and materials, Sokol jewelry, ribbons and banners, Sokol literature, drills, dances (with music for same), audio visual aids (films and tape) on training procedures, also educational, cultural, social, and fund raising information.

**Insurance Protection:** There are now a variety of group protection plans available and should be provided with the cost to be passed on to the participating members and children. I strongly urge all Units to use some group protection plan, but most important of all, we must be safety conscious, teach and practice safety at all times. We must improve our spotting practices and procedures.

Thank you for having given me this privilege of serving the Sokol Organization. Thanks to you

who gave unselfishly your services and assistance whenever called upon to do so. Thanks to my wife, my daughter and my son, who were forced to share me, my time, my interests and my energies with Sokol. Thanks to my school superiors who sort of looked the other way while I conducted Sokol business on school time, yes, even through the school board office using school facilities and equipment and to my fellow teachers who filled in for me when I took time off.

My early Sokol training led me to choose teaching as a career, a career of service which is what I have tried to give you. I tried to improve our program, to improve our image, to instill in our membership a pride in belonging and a spirit of togetherness. If we have made progress, it is because so many of you did understand and your support and assistance made it so. If we have not done so well, it is only because I did not work hard enough at it. I tried—

Nazdar!

EDWIN J. HALIK

## REPORT OF THE ASO. WOMEN'S DIRECTOR 1961 - 1965

The Women's Board of Instructors beside striving to improve all classes was to continue introducing the new trend of gymnastics for girls and women in all districts. The inclusion of this new phase was necessary if we were to continue to call our Sokol system progressive. By this time the Tots' classes had been added to our curriculum and were proving very successful.

After the Convention in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1960, I composed 3 parts of the women's calisthenics for the 1961 Slet to be held in Chicago. Then in August, I visited five Sokol units in the Southern District, Ft. Worth, Dallas, Ennis, Houston, and Corpus Christi. I taught the women's calisthenics in three of the units. This tour was at my own expense.

In October, sis. Krizenecky and I taught calisthenics and competition exercises in one of our finest units, Sokol Detroit, for one day; sis. Krizenecky returned home but I remained for the whole week to give an evening clinic in artistic gymnastics. I paid my own expenses.

The new ASO. Board of Instructors consisted of 12 members, almost all who had served during the previous seven years.

In December the Board of Instructors recommended that I visit the Gymnastic Clinic in Sarasota, Florida—expenses were paid by the ASO. While there I judged for competitions and attended meetings.

### 1961

In January I attended an Instructors' Banquet sponsored by Sokol Tyrs in Cleveland, Ohio. Next day, Sunday, before leaving for home, I checked the women's calisthenics and distributed more copies to those requesting them.

In February, sis. Zdenka Tintera, 1st Assistant Director, and I left for Cedar Rapids. Sis. Tintera

taught junior girls' calisthenics which she had composed for the Slet and I taught women's calisthenics. Starting the next day I conducted and taught an artistic gymnastic clinic for six evenings. This had been efficiently organized by sis. K. Smith, Director of the unit. It was very well attended and included students of the University of Iowa, both men and women. While there, I also taught at the University of Iowa and gave a short talk on the Sokol to 50 students at the request of Prof. Gladys Scott, head of the Physical Ed. Dept.

The Women's Division was very busy during March, April, May and June. Most of the members had teaching commitments in their own units for annual exhibitions and district programs, beside Slet preparations in the BOI. A carefully organized school program for girls and women was recommended—some of it was utilized later. Much correspondence was taken care of and activities and reports from all districts were carefully studied. Preliminary Survey Forms for the Slet and exhibition competitions are not returned soon enough, if at all, and most preparations for the X. Slet were made from past experience. The X. Slet and Tournament program of Slet events were published in the Sokol Americky in the February issue of that year. In April sis. Z. Tintera and I corrected and taught women's and junior girls' calisthenics at Sokol Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; junior girls and women of Sokol Mladoccech, Racine, Wisconsin, were present. We visited many units of the Central District, checking and teaching calisthenics and exercises. I cut many stencils of material for the Central District clinic, Slet and competitions, information bulletins and instructors' school material. I translated much of the very good Czech Sokol material that was still being received from Europe in the '40s.

**JUNE (Slet month)**

This was a month of intense work. Even with the many hours spent in preparations and the careful precautions taken to guard against all errors that were likely to occur during any of the events but most of all during the Sunday public exhibition, even this did not prevent the occurrence of two avoidable incidents that marred an otherwise good but lengthy program.

Girls and women's competitions are conducted simultaneously, girls on one side of the gymnasium, women on the other. Two sets of all apparatus are utilized; we were fortunate in having a very fine and capable committee of tabulators, scorers, etc. 438 junior girls and women competed in the 1961 competitions. The participation in Slet calisthenics was as follows: 1st class girls, 243, 2nd class girls, 260, junior girls, 394, and women, 372, a total of 1,269. Of these, 18 2nd class girls, 69 junior girls, and 55 women were from the SGUS. This was 359 more participants than in the 1957 Slet. The Directors of all girls' and women's divisions turned in a written report of the proceedings during competitions. These were printed in Sokol Americky after the Slet.

In October, upon the request and sponsorship of the Western District, I conducted a clinic in Omaha, Nebraska, for 3 days; detailed report was also published.

Since November 1957, I had conducted the Sokol Gymnast in the Sokol Americky each month, sometimes 4 pages, usually 8 pages. My editorship expired with the convention in 1961; however, upon request, I edited the column up to December of 1961. A Federation bulletin was mimeographed for a few months after that but because of lack of cooperation from contributors, it was discontinued.

In December, I attended the first annual Western Clinic at the University of Arizona in Tucson at my expense.

**1962**

In January I taught in 3 sessions of the Central District Clinic. Upon request of the Western District, sis. Krizenecky taught junior girls' and women's calisthenics on March 18th in Omaha.

Preparations for the 1963 Mid-Slet in Cleveland, Ohio, were begun. Sis. M. Pokorny composed the women's drill, sis. Schnabl and Zdenek wrote the 1st and 2nd class drills, sis. Z. Tintera the junior girls' calisthenics.

Attended meetings to set program for Central District Course. Worked out program for one, two and 3-week schools, also daily schedules and charts. Cut many stencils of material for low beam, jump rope, children's dances, bulletins for posting, duties of orderlies and students and some illustrated material. I still have a supply of this. Bro. Prchal designed and lettered charts for district courses and these were mailed to district directors.

On June 21st I attended an SGUS. convention session held in Pittsburgh, Pa. and extended greetings from the women's Board of Instructors. Judged during the SGUS. competitions and attended their banquet. 336 ASO. junior girls and women par-

ticipated in competitions and exhibition during the SGUS. Slet.

In July I taught in the two-week Central District School, cutting stencils of additional material and later this was handed out to the students.

Judged for CSA. drill team competition, also attended their victory banquet at the Pick-Congress Hotel as a guest.

In August I was on the staff of instructors for the National Gymnastic Clinic at the University of Michigan in East Lansing for 5 days. Gave a talk on the Sokol System while there.

August 27, 28, and 29, I taught a system of progressive artistic gymnastics to 14 Central District instructors. These instructors were to assist during a 2-week evening clinic for Central District girls and women conducted in September. This clinic later proved very successful. All instructors cooperated fully.

On October 6th, I left for New York to teach during the Columbus Day weekend. On October 8th, I visited Sokol Fuegner in Astoria, L. I.; on Wednesday, I visited Sokol New York. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday I taught a total of 17 hours. 3 units were represented, Sokol Fuegner, New York and Little Ferry. I was very impressed with the high quality of instruction in both units I visited. This clinic was financed by the ASO.

In November, Physical Fitness Tests were sent to all districts. Stencils for these and for sis. Pokorny's calisthenics in both Czech and English were cut by myself.

Worked on tableaux for the Centennial Banquet held in Pick-Congress Hotel in Chicago on December 8th, 1962.

**1963**

Assisted at ceremonies for awarding of medals to Legionnaires by the city of Darney, France, held February 24th.

Attended Central District Unit Directors' Conference on February 16th and 17th.

Upon request from the Southern Section of the Eastern District, also financed by them, I conducted a clinic in Baltimore and Belcamp April 19th to 21st inclusive. Bro. Paul Fina, who was in the east at that time, assisted. This section is very enthusiastic and active; there are many talented girls and boys in both Baltimore and Belcamp.

For the 1964 season the SGUS. requested my permission to use my 1955 composition for junior girls.

On June 22nd and 23rd, I attended the Northeastern Invitational Meet and exhibition.

Attended Central District Conference on June 29th.

During August, I translated and cut 40 stencils for junior girls' and women's calisthenics upon request from the Central District for their 1964 activities and Slet. Also cut 12 stencils of a physical fitness composition suitable for children of all ages. This material was distributed during the Central District Instructors' course held in August. August 27, 28, 29, I taught for the Central District evening course. Compiled material and cut 12 stencils for tumbling and floor exercises for junior girls, also for the Central District competitions. Assisted in

selecting and compiling exercises for women's competitions.

The first meeting of the newly organized women's board for 1964 was held September 3rd: Z. Tintera, Ass't. Director, Mili Udaykee, 1st Ass't., EllenJeanne Schnabl, Sylvia Freiberg, Geri Krizecky, Marie Ptacek, Mary Pokorny, Rose Barcal, Vlasta Pekarek, Caroline Dunovsky and Blanche Kos.

In October I received a bid for II. class girls' calisthenics for the 1965 Centennial from sis. E. J. Schnabl and Mili Udaykee.

October 24th to 27th I taught in a Western District Clinic in Omaha. While there, sis. Bo Drozda and I participated in an interview on a colored TV program. Sokol Omaha receives much publicity both TV and newspaper.

At this time the composing of Slet calisthenics for 1965 was discussed. After a long period of negotiations and much investigation, New York found it impossible to procure a suitable stadium to conduct this Slet and it was again decided to hold the Centennial in the Chicago Metropolitan area. While the men and women were to have separate calisthenics as decided upon in the directors' conference, the National BOI. decided that a combined set of calisthenics would be more impressive. My own opinion is that the women's calisthenics have drastically changed during the last decade and they should be separate from the men. The music required for women's work, if properly interpreted, cannot be used for men's calisthenics and vice versa.

At the request of the Central District Men's Board, I taught floor exercises to men and junior boys for two hours on a Sunday morning.

#### 1964

January 18th and 19th, a Western District Weekend Instructors' Clinic was held in Sokol Stickney. Five Western District units were represented, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, South Omaha, Omaha, Wilber, Nebr., and St. Paul, Minnesota. 27 experienced adult instructors participated. This was a first in that a district came to Chicago for material, paying their own expenses or sponsored by their units. They became acquainted with most of the Board of Instructors and ten of the Board taught during the two days.

Work was started on calisthenics for the 1965 Centennial Slet. During the spring season when exhibitions are being prepared, all members of the Board of Instructors are involved in their own units. I assist wherever possible teaching special numbers or calisthenics. This is also the time of year when numerous competitions are being conducted by local schools and organizations such as the AAU., Little Ten, USGF., Midwest, etc. I try to assist in judging whenever I can to keep contacts with all groups.

I taught in the Central District Course at Potter Lake, Wis. This was a combined SGUS. and ASO. school. I also judged for the Polish Falcons National meet and taught for a couple of hours at their instructors' school.

In November I left for California to teach artistic gymnastics. Visited and taught in Los Angeles, Fresno, and San Francisco during my 25-day stay—

also taught women's calisthenics in all 3 units. ASO. paid transportation to L.A. The Pacific District paid for transportation and hotel room while traveling.

After my return I composed floor exercises for 6 division of junior girls' and women's competitions. At this time, upon request I also composed and illustrated two floor exercises for the new USGF. Rules book that has just been published.

Bro. Halik and I met with bro. Kubina twice regarding music for calisthenics. Preparations for the Slet were accelerated—duties were assigned to members.

#### 1965

A special meeting was held on January 17th for the purpose of preparing a program for the second Western District Instructors' Clinic which was held January 22, 23 and 24, in Sokols Tabor and Stickney. Details are also in Sokol Americky.

In February I taught floor exercises to 3 Central District girls and worked on tableaux for the Washington Centennial Stamp Banquet. Though I did not intend to go to Washington originally, it occurred to me that the trip would give me the opportunity to visit New York to check the calisthenics and be of some assistance. On Sunday after the ceremonies in Washington I left for New York and taught both in New York and Little Ferry. Thanks to bro. Hrbek for transportation; bro. Walko, director of the SGUS., members of the D.A. Sokol, Sokol Fuegner, Sokol New York and SGUS. women were in the class. The tour to Washington and the trip to New York were at my expense.

Filled forms for 1st Aid Service from Red Cross and called Police and Fire Dept. for ambulance service during Slet competitions. Visited the Morton High School concerning facilities a couple of times. Corresponded with bro. Chas. Divisek concerning music for the Slet. Spoke to bro. Bastar about arrangements for hiring 18 musicians, later changed to 20 because of union rules. Asked for piano rehearsal on Friday to eliminate possibility of crowding during Sunday rehearsal. Since we were unable to have Slet music instrumentation written in Chicago, I requested bro. Divisek to help us out. Fortunately he was able to contact Mr. Russell Dunn. The music was written and forwarded to bro. Bastar. I sent a retainer fee of \$50.00 to Mr. Dunn at the time arrangements were made. The bill for the music was \$225.00.

The members of the women's committee have been very busy with their unit exhibitions, district competitions and pilgrimage to St. Louis. Our women's meetings are always very well attended and some of the members have been in the committee throughout the 12 years of my office. Two of our members passed away during the last term of office, sis. Lillian Sramek and sis. Bessie Polacek, who have dedicated a lifetime to working for the Sokol.

We are now busy preparing for our Centennial competitions and exhibition. Our participants entries are still coming in—already we have over 450 junior girls and almost 400 women beside a few hundred small girls entered for the Sunday mass drill.

80 more junior girls have entered competitions than in 1961.

In addition to the Sokol activities, I have tried to keep in contact with other organizations; at present I am a member of the United States Gymnastic Federation women's committee and have judged for their nationals. During the last four or five years, I have compiled and illustrated artistic gymnastic material and published a book "Artistic Gymnastics" which is being sold throughout the country, Canada and European countries as well.

In the performance of my duties during the 12 years of my office, in my effort to contribute something to the progress of our Sokol, I have sometimes unthinkingly offended some sisters or brothers, no doubt. For this I am sincerely sorry.

I have many wonderful memories of association with our fine Sokol people—especially vivid pictures of hundreds of classes of bright young faces that stood before me throughout the years. Uniform

changes passed before me—sailor blouses, Balkan blouses, long bloomers—I even remember the era of the "ban on corsets" in gymnasiums; right down to our present short briefs and leotards, but the faces, enthusiasm, and youth remain the same.

Sister and brother delegates: After all convention deliberations are over, I know your efforts will be rewarded during the weekend of Slet events and the Sunday exhibition, and that you will all agree with me that your work has been productive and successful.

My sincere thanks to the members of the Women's Board of Instructors, and especially to bro. Prchal for his great assistance and tolerance.

To the directors of the districts: Thank you for your work in the districts you direct and for your cooperation which I sincerely solicit for the new Director of Women of the ASO. Board of Instructors. — Nazdar!

MILDRED PRCHAL

## REPORT OF CHARLES M. PRCHAL President, American Sokol Organization X. Convention — June 1965

### Sisters and Brothers:

In 1960 at the Sokol convention when I was elected to the office of President of the American Sokol Organization I thought ahead to the next 5 years, resolving that they would be good, fruitful and successful years for our units, districts and Obec. Years which would go down in history unblemished.

It was my deep conviction that our heritage and traditions should be adhered to and respected. In my heart I had high hopes. The years held good promise. I thought of all the previous years when at all times and at every opportunity I had tried to strengthen the Sokol ties. The Sokol Ideals meant everything to me.

Not all that was planned was realized. Dedicated workers are missing. The word was not always followed by the deed. I did not waste time in futile complaining when something went wrong—devoid of selfishness, pettiness and personal ambition—I had in my mind only brotherhood. I am presenting a very brief report of the last five years of my office as President:

Edited the minutes of the IX. Convention which after approval of convention secretaries were published in Sokol Americký.

The By-Laws were prepared for publication according to instructions of the last Convention.

### Sokol Jubilees:

I paid tribute to these units at their anniversaries:

- 100 yrs. Sokol St. Louis.
- 95 yrs. Sokol Tabor, Berwyn, Ill.
- 95 yrs. Sokol New York.
- 90 yrs. Sokol Baltimore and 100 yrs. of Sokol Organization.
- 85 yrs. Sokol Omaha.
- 75 yrs. Sokol Fuegner, L.I.C., New York.
- 75 yrs. Sokol Town of Lake, Chicago. Here officers of the Western Bohemian Fraternal Associa-

tion, bro. M. L. Hromadka and Chas. H. Vyskocil, presented their gift of \$3,000.00 to our organization as allocated by their Convention.

70 yrs. Sokol Mladocech, Racine, Wis., and 50th anniversary of Women's Division.

60 yrs. Sokolice Renata Tyrs, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

50 yrs. Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs, Chicago.

50 yrs. Sokol Berwyn.

25 yrs. Sokol Stickney, Ill.

20 yrs. Sokol Belcamp, Md.

15 yrs. Sokol Washington, D. C. and 100 yrs. of Sokol Organization.

At many of these occasions I also installed new members and presented long-time members with honorary mention.

I was asked to speak at many Sokol affairs, i.e., Goodwill tour in Nebraska: Wilber, Crete, Omaha, So. Omaha, Schuyler.

At annual meetings of districts.

Sokol Cedar Rapids celebration of 100th anniversary of Sokol.

Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs banquet commemorating Past Presidents.

At special meeting of New York unit where the men's and women's units were joined.

Regularly on weekly Sokol broadcasts in Chicago.

On short wave broadcasts for Radio Free Europe and Voice of America.

Representing the Sokol Org. I spoke at:

40th anniv. of Masaryk Legionnaires.

Czechoslovakia's Independence Day anniv. celebration conducted by Czechoslovak National Council of America and First Legionnaire group.

Toronto, Ont., Canada. Attended several Czechoslovak Days and Sokol Slets.

Annual Moravian Days in Chicago, preceded by parade participation and at their annual banquets and installation of officers.

Czechoslovak Day at New York World's Fair in 1964.

In Oetz, Tyrol, where Dr. Miroslav Tyrs died tragically, we placed a memorial plaque.

In Constanuce, at the place where John Huss, the famous Czech religious reformer, was burned at the stake. We placed a plaque on the John Huss building.

We conducted a collection to refinish the plaque on the granite block at this spot.

Visited the Conventions of CSA., ZCBJ., JCDaP. and thanked them for their support.

Participated and spoke at the memorial service for President John F. Kenedy at the Bohemian National Cemetery in Chicago. — Visited and spoke at Czechoslovak Days and conferences of Czechoslovak National Council of America.

At the Bohemian Home for the Aged attended dedication of Chrastka Infirmary and their annual Czechoslovak Days, inspections and Memorial Day programs, also instalation of officers.

At Miami, Florida, at T. G. Masaryk celebration in American Czechoslovak Club and visited with Dr. Alice Masaryk.

The 75th aniv. of the Polish Sokols and later at their Convention.

Attended the Czech Catholic Days every fall.

Attended many meetings of units, districts, and installed their officers.

Installed officers or invited to speak at meetings and affairs of other organizations, i.e., legionnaires, etc.

Every year attended the exhibitions of almost all the units in Chicago and suburbs, also Racine, Milwaukee and spoke there as well. Attended gym exhibition in Little Ferry, N. J.

Was elected President of the X. Slet and again the XI. Slet.

Fulfilled the many duties, conducted many meetings connected with these busy events. Spoke at many functions regarding the Slet and extended invitations.

Was named to membership of the National Committee of AAU.

Attended the New Year celebrations of CSA., the banquets at Conventions of CSA., JCDaP. and ZCBJ.

Attended Briefing Conference conducted by the State Dept. in cooperation with Chicago Council on Foreign Relations.

Was President of the Masaryk Champion of Liberty Postage Stamp Committee which sponsored the issuing of the stamp. Disbanded Committee after Stamp Ceremony in Washington, D. C.

I was member ex-officio of the committee for issuing the Sokol commemorative stamp.

Inasmuch as we are in constant need of instructors, I requested that schools be conducted.

Representing the Sokol, I was a member of arrangement committee to conduct concert in memory of Prof. Hrusa who cooperated with us in many of our programs.

The Northern District was discontinued as a district owing to decrease in membership and it was annexed as a circuit to the Western District.

Arranged a booth promoting Sokol at well-attended Fair given by Lincoln Federal Savings in Berwyn.

With sis. Cihak was appointed to State of Illinois Physical Fitness Commission.

Attended programs sponsored by City of Chicago Captive Nations Committee.

At times, when it was necessary and welcome, I assisted in the office of the American Sokol, which I visited regularly.

Extended every effort in acquiring the present headquarters of the ASO. and moving its properties to new quarters from Sokol Chicago.

Central District presented Sokol St. Louis with a flag which I designed.

Contributed articles, addresses, proclamations to important events and replied to many letters. Exhibited part of my Sokol collection at Slet exhibition. — Was delegate of Sokol St. Louis at Central District.

Organized banquet in honor of Czechoslovak Legionnaires who had participated in the Battle of Darney, France, on June 30, 1918, and were given medals. American Sokol was also honored with a medal. Bro. Kropik was master of ceremonies. The medals were from the City Council of Darney and the Consul General of France, Mon. J. Beliard, officiated. We made a collection for a flag to the City of Darney.

I believe that I have attended all meetings of the Executive Board and presided. I attended many meetings of units, districts in various cities.

I visited the sick—among them Jarka Jelinek, whom we were very sorry to lose. Not only the old, even the young have left us. I have spoken at many services for departed members, or members of their families. Of the prominent members to whom I paid personal tribute was the President of the Southern District bro. Prevratil, the traveling instructor bro. Jos. Kos in Texas, the technical pedagogue Max Younger, bro. J. Vena Welcl, editor of Sokol Americky for many years, our veteran instructor and ASO. Treasurer Josef Brouk, and the last of these—Vaclav Simaner, for a number of years President of the Central District and holder of many offices in our organization during his lifetime. — Vac. Fisher, musician — Cyril Popelka, the last of six members who signed the agreement between the Národní Jednota Sokolská and župa Fugner Tyrš in Illinois which gave rise to our Americká obec sokolská.

Attended the Memorial Day parade and services conducted every year in Bohemian National Cemetery and laid wreaths at graves of our Past Presidents. Here lie Jan Siman, Josef Plaček and Josef Cermák. We pay them a lasting tribute of affection and respect. They have shown us a glowing example of unselfish dedication.

I took office as your President in January 1934. During the span of 31 years 6 months, with fellow members, we did our utmost to further the growth of our Sokol organization. I like to recall when we started, as poor people, without means, but filled with love for the work and determined to do our job. The task brought us closer together. Then, too, there were times when we were under duress and the hurt is still there. It would be well for everyone of us to assess how much grief he has caused. First test oneself—not shift the blame on others

Then, make peace with everyone—forget all that was bitter and look ahead.

I am leaving my office. The work brought me many joyous moments and personal happiness. I place the office of President of the American Sokol into your hands, brothers and sisters. It gave me honor and your trust, responsibility and work. I leave with the most sincere and deepest thanks to the membership for the confidence placed in me and for the cooperation given. Please keep the Obec in your hearts.

PLEDGE yourselves to work faithfully towards

greater goals. There are many brothers and sisters in our ranks whom I came to know and whom I'll remember as long as I live. They are proudly carrying the Sokol banner, perpetuating its lifeline by their devotion. They believe deeply in the Sokol mission.

All our brothers should believe in our strength—and we gain strength in believing. We go into our Convention and the future in unity. Through unity we achieve. Express your loyalty and affection for Sokol by your accomplishments and let us prove that we surpass the criticism of others.

## REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR for the X. Convention of the American Sokol Organization

The multiplicity of large scale projects requiring concentrated attention for months, and in the case of the commemorative stamp years, limited seriously the time I should have devoted to purely educational efforts. These were matters that had to be attended to and in an overall sense may be also considered as educational. At least I learned a great deal from them. Many district and unit directors as well as members who did not hold the office have done a fine piece of work. To them go my sincerest thanks for their initiative and efforts.

Following is a partial listing of the activities of the Educational Director:

108 articles of various kinds and lengths had been written for Sokol Americký.

53 articles written for other publications, units, district and general.

17 visits had been made to units and districts at their request to fulfill specific roles.

24 visits to other organizations as speaker.

15 directives to units.

19 historical dates columns in Sokol Americký.

9 lectures at courses and elsewhere.

18 day tour and study course to Pacific District.

12 times initiated new members into Sokol units.

Wrote ritual for initiation of new members and installation of officers.

Prepared memorandum for Commemorative Stamp and Historical Journal for First Day Ceremonies.

Served as Chairman of Stamp Committee.

Prepared Programs for:

1961 Slet,

1962 Sokol Centennial,

1965 Stamp Ceremonies,

1965 Slet Historical Program.

2 publicity leaflets.

3 memorandums.

4 special reports studied and answered.

Worked on By-Laws of IX. Convention.

Wrote many publicity articles and carried on a heavy schedule of informing newspapers, magazines, government officials and influential individuals.

Now working on Historical Journal for XI. Slet, and collecting material for future publications.

Long program and informative memorandum on Sokol furnished for Mr. D. L. Hackett, Assistant Attorney General of the United States. Every opportunity was used to publicize and inform about Sokol.

As can be seen from the above, many roles were filled circumscribing the time that should have been devoted to purely educational matters. The new Executive Board must be composed of at least 25 members, experts in various fields, to avoid the necessity of carrying on three or four projects, by a few individuals, at the same time.

My debt to the Secretary, sis. Blanche J. Cihak, is a great one, for typing, mimeographing and expediting all of my material.

Nazdar!

JAMES L. CIHAK, Educational Director  
American Sokol Organization

### Dr. Frank J. Vitek.

Pozdě večer, 22. března, ve stáří 72 let, zemřel náhle bratr Dr. Frank J. Vitek. Pronesl toho nešťastného večera přednášku a promítal nádherné filmy pro Suburban Cinema Club. Odnášel si promítací a zvukové vybavení do svého vozu, když se shroutil mezi svými přáteli, kdy dozníval ještě potlesk a slova ocenění.

Byl výborným fotografem, především filmařem. Jeho obrázky, ostře zachycené, byly obohacením mnohých schůzí, mnohých programů Sokola a So-

kolic Tábor, a hudební doprovod skytal teplo a klid do duší posluchačů. Přednášel u nás, přednášel i jinde. Slova jeho poutala, mladí i staří skorem nedýchali a pozorně poslouchali.

Zlatá byla jeho povaha ke všemu co spojovalo k posílení jednoty. Zastával mnohé úřady a co předseda ředitelstva dal Sokolu nespočetné platné služby. Při rozlučných slovech zalkali ti, kterým byl dobrým bratrem.

Nám bude zářit jeho vznešený charakter. kmp.

1960 — 1965

## AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

	Year Ended 12-31-60	Year Ended 12-31-61	Year Ended 12-31-62	Year Ended 12-31-63	Year Ended 12-31-64	Year Ended 3-31-65	TOTAL
<b>RECEIPTS</b>							
Dues .....	\$19,519.30	\$17,962.89	\$18,848.70	\$18,281.75	\$18,859.75	\$ 4,996.70	\$ 98,469.09
Convention Fund .....	1,302.30	1,051.95	1,891.75	1,787.55	2,155.90	1,310.50	9,499.65
Dividends and interest .....	1,697.22	2,460.97	2,058.10	2,398.46	2,203.71	674.99	11,493.45
Jewelry and plaques .....	387.53	574.66	411.12	339.06	590.68	66.62	2,369.67
Advertising in S.A. ....	892.20	897.70	956.50	874.00	854.00		4,474.40
Manuals and text books .....	19.74	30.79	121.70	277.93	110.50	5.50	566.16
Sokol caps .....			58.50	15.40	70.42	5.50	149.82
Course income .....		4,990.00	69.00				5,059.00
Sale of T.G.M. stamps .....	652.60	650.00	200.00	300.00	2,000.00		2,002.60
Cancelled checks .....				34.00	42.32		76.32
Donations .....	605.50	570.00	20.00	3,500.00	35.00	6.00	4,736.50
Miscellaneous income .....	187.21	72.82	783.59	171.19	263.30		1,478.11
Refund of travel expense .....					245.24		245.24
Supplies .....	16.89	328.01					344.90
Slet income .....			9,645.36				9,645.36
Excursions .....	419.53		5,000.00	3,893.35	4,000.00		13,312.88
Centennial Banquet .....				1,142.94			1,142.94
Darney Medal Dinner .....				355.50			355.50
Matured Treasury Note .....					5,000.00		5,000.00
Film deposit .....	100.00						100.00
T. G. Masaryk celebration .....		100.00					100.00
<b>SUB TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$25,799.72</b>	<b>\$29,689.79</b>	<b>\$40,064.32</b>	<b>\$33,371.13</b>	<b>\$34,630.82</b>	<b>\$ 7,065.81</b>	<b>\$170,621.59</b>
Transferred from Savings and Loan account ...	2,000.00	5,500.00					7,500.00
Redeposit of checks.....	201.45						201.45
Repayment of advance X. Slet .....		1,000.00					1,000.00
Future Sokol Leaders Fund .....	2,730.00	3,516.25	5,507.64	1,014.37	2,026.97	447.50	15,242.73
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$30,731.17</b>	<b>\$39,706.04</b>	<b>\$45,571.96</b>	<b>\$34,385.50</b>	<b>\$36,657.79</b>	<b>\$ 7,513.31</b>	<b>\$194,565.77</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>							
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT.</b>							
Salaries .....	\$ 3,890.40	\$ 4,190.40	\$ 3,903.90	\$ 4,323.13	\$ 5,394.70	\$ 1,762.88	\$ 23,465.41
Withholding tax .....	765.60	765.60	886.50	743.10	694.80	142.74	3,998.34
Social Security deduction .....	276.00	288.00	337.50	336.00	174.00	27.20	1,438.70
Travel expense .....	790.01	1,238.61	2,403.77	567.23	1,416.86		6,416.48
Rent .....	465.00	921.50	1,164.50	1,140.00	1,171.10	285.00	5,147.10
Telephone .....	292.01	309.32	454.28	462.42	444.65	345.48	2,308.16

	Year Ended 12-31-60	Year Ended 12-31-61	Year Ended 12-31-62	Year Ended 12-31-63	Year Ended 12-31-64	Year Ended 3-31-65	TOTAL
Postage and express .....	299.48	308.42	339.40	327.05	351.17	408.43	2,033.95
Janitor supplies and services .....	120.00	117.00	196.11	223.11	245.00	72.00	973.22
Insurance .....		79.97	132.84	25.00	100.00		337.81
Public Service .....		3.32	43.38	40.33	61.22	12.70	160.95
Printing and supplies .....	849.92	409.78	976.60	1,077.43	782.23	326.30	4,422.26
Advertising and radio .....	310.00	343.75	432.50	190.00	201.24	67.00	1,544.49
Safety deposit vault .....	4.40		12.90	6.50	4.95		28.75
Dues and fees .....	2.00	1.00	1.00	5.95	8.65	15.60	34.20
Miscellaneous expense .....	46.00	101.48	329.36	41.60	426.84		945.28
Refund .....	50.00		4.50				54.50
Furniture and equipment .....		280.08	226.32	267.72	657.07		1,431.19
Donations .....	182.16	5.00					187.16
Maintenance of office .....							
Equipment .....	28.50	30.14	27.70	66.26		28.04	180.64
District Leader Conference .....			567.72				567.72
Bank exchange and service .....	3.15	4.40		.74		2.70	10.99
Cancelled checks .....	201.45						201.45
Interest on loan .....	6.00	4.13					10.13
Audit of books and records .....		200.00					200.00
Treasurer's salary and expense .....	18.00	16.10					34.10
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$ 8,600.08</b>	<b>\$ 9,618.00</b>	<b>\$12,440.78</b>	<b>\$ 9,843.57</b>	<b>\$12,134.48</b>	<b>\$ 3,496.07</b>	<b>\$ 56,132.98</b>

#### EDUCATIONAL DEPT. BOI.

Salaries .....	\$ 2,161.64	\$ 2,135.40	\$ 2,334.32	\$ 2,591.00	\$ 2,249.00	\$ 556.65	\$ 12,028.01
Withholding tax .....	483.60	483.60	360.90	481.20	618.04	52.80	2,480.14
Social Security deductions .....	155.25	162.00	126.57	189.01	206.52	15.60	854.95
Travel expense .....	585.42	574.63	931.56	841.02	291.12		3,223.75
Training School for Instructors .....			182.13	170.01	1,378.51		1,730.65
Supplies and printing .....	98.39	107.76	323.24	512.85	644.55	38.90	1,725.69
Postage and telephone .....	274.18	176.95	161.36	126.96	74.86	204.57	1,018.88
Association dues .....	35.00	60.00		50.00	60.00	10.00	215.00
Trophies and Slet expense .....			261.74				261.74
Miscellaneous expense .....			90.20	3.30		71.82	165.32
BOI. Conference .....			201.93				1,201.93
Course expense .....	440.00	7,221.42	870.00				8,531.42
Sokol Gymnast .....	244.50	223.00			308.40	40.76	816.66
Traveling instructor .....	40.00	620.00					660.00
Administrative service .....						34.88	34.88
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$ 4,517.98</b>	<b>\$11,764.76</b>	<b>\$ 6,843.95</b>	<b>\$ 4,965.35</b>	<b>\$ 5,831.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,025.98</b>	<b>\$ 34,949.02</b>

SOKOL AMERICKY PUBLICATION	Year Ended 12-31-60	Year Ended 12-31-61	Year Ended 12-31-62	Year Ended 12-31-63	Year Ended 12-31-64	Year Ended 3-31-65	TOTAL
Editorial Staff .....	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,440.00	1,440.00	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 7,560.00
Mailing list .....	300.00	429.25	300.00	300.00	300.00	75.00	1,704.25
Printing .....	7,745.86	7,616.22	7,971.44	5,962.21	5,736.16	1,033.11	36,065.00
Mailing .....	296.50	440.58	300.29	286.30	202.26	199.40	1,725.33
Binding .....				108.00			108.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$ 9,782.36</b>	<b>\$ 9,926.05</b>	<b>\$10,011.73</b>	<b>\$ 8,096.51</b>	<b>\$ 7,678.42</b>	<b>\$ 1,667.51</b>	<b>\$ 47,162.58</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>							
Jewelry .....	\$ 179.64	\$ 528.97	\$ 209.99	\$ 209.54	\$ 607.21		\$ 1,735.35
Text books .....	263.53	60.00					323.53
Sokol caps .....				96.34			96.34
T.G.M. Commemorative Stamp Drive .....	558.32						558.32
Convention expense .....	5,543.77	35.77					5,579.54
Slet expense .....	112.57	1,011.30			238.50	9.00	1,371.37
15% share ASO. Slet to Central District .....			1,444.92				1,444.92
Darney Medal Dinner .....				333.86			333.86
1962 Centennial Banquet .....			131.19				131.19
Sokol Centennial Stamp .....				505.37	2,301.16	856.19	3,662.72
Moving .....		118.50	84.00				202.50
Remodeling of office .....		410.23					410.23
U.S. Postmaster—deposit postage meter .....						500.00	500.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$ 6,657.83</b>	<b>\$ 2,164.77</b>	<b>\$ 1,870.10</b>	<b>\$ 1,145.11</b>	<b>\$ 3,146.87</b>	<b>\$ 1,365.19</b>	<b>\$ 16,349.87</b>
Transfer from Income to Future Sokol							
Leaders Fund .....			50.00				50.00
Future Sokol Leaders Fund .....	2,730.00	3,516.25	5,507.64	1,014.37	2,026.97	447.50	15,242.73
Savings and Loans account .....			12,000.00	8,000.00	5,000.00		25,000.00
T. G. Masaryk postage stamps .....	1,000.00						1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$ 3,730.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,516.25</b>	<b>\$17,557.64</b>	<b>\$ 9,014.37</b>	<b>\$ 7,026.97</b>	<b>\$ 447.50</b>	<b>\$ 41,292.73</b>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>							
Administrative Department .....	8,600.08	9,618.00	12,440.78	9,843.57	12,134.48	3,496.07	56,132.98
Educational Department .....	4,517.98	11,764.76	6,843.95	4,965.35	5,831.00	1,025.98	34,949.02
Sokol Americky Publication .....	9,782.36	9,926.05	10,011.73	8,096.51	7,678.42	1,667.51	47,162.58
Miscellaneous .....	6,657.83	2,164.77	1,870.10	1,145.11	3,146.87	1,365.19	16,349.87
Transfer of funds .....	3,730.00	3,516.25	17,557.64	9,014.37	7,026.97	447.50	41,292.73
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$33,288.25</b>	<b>\$36,989.83</b>	<b>\$48,724.20</b>	<b>\$33,064.91</b>	<b>\$35,817.74</b>	<b>\$ 8,002.25</b>	<b>\$195,887.18</b>

SOKOL AMERICKÝ  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS**

	1-1-60	Deposited	Withdrawn	3-31-65
<b>DEPOSITED IN SAVINGS AND LOANS</b>				
Capital Federal .....	\$ 4,500.00		\$ 2,500.00*	\$ 2,000.00
Central Federal .....	5,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	1,500.00	5,000.00
Citizen Savings and Loan .....	4,000.00			4,000.00
Civic Savings and Loan .....	5,000.00			5,000.00
Fidelity Savings and Loan .....		5,000.00		5,000.00
Guaranty Savings and Loan .....	4,500.00		4,000.00	500.00
Labe Savings and Loan .....		5,000.00		5,000.00
Lincoln Federal .....		3,000.00		3,000.00
Marshall Savings and Loan .....		5,000.00		5,000.00
Mid America Savings and Loan .....		3,000.00	1,500.00*	1,500.00
Olympic Savings and Loan .....	4,000.00	1,000.00		5,000.00
Prospect Savings and Loan .....	6,500.00		6,000.00*	500.00
Second Federal .....	1,000.00			1,000.00
Talman Savings and Loan .....	5,000.00			5,000.00
Western Federal .....	5,000.00			5,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$45,000.00</b>	<b>\$23,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,500.00</b>	<b>\$52,500.00</b>
U.S. Gov't. Bond Series "K" .....	3,500.00			3,500.00
U.S. Treasury Note .....	5,091.28		5,091.28	
T. G. Masaryk postage stamps .....	1,350.00		1,350.00	
Future Sokol Leaders Fund .....		15,242.73		15,242.73
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$54,941.28</b>	<b>\$38,242.73</b>	<b>\$21,941.28</b>	<b>\$71,242.73</b>

\* Withdrawal from Savings and Loan used to purchase \$10,000 of 5c Sokol postage stamps by ASO.

### RECAPITULATION

Bank balance January 1, 1960 .....	\$ 4,143.85
Receipts 1-1-60 thru 3-31-65 .....	194,565.77
	\$198,709.62
Disbursements 1-1-60 thru 3-31-65 .....	195,887.18
Bank balance 3-31-65 .....	\$ 2,822.44
Invested funds .....	71,242.73
Interest due and accrued .....	374.99
<b>TOTAL ASSETS as of 3-31-65</b> .....	<b>\$ 74,440.16</b>

This comparative statement of cash receipts and disbursements has been prepared for the period of January 1, 1960, through March 31, 1965, showing receipts, transfers from savings and loan associations during the years of 1960 and 1961, and the Future Sokol Leaders Fund.

Disbursements had been categorized on the basis of departments, namely administrative, educational (BOI.) and publicity (Sokol Americký).

There are three sources from which we derive income: dues, dividends and interest from invested funds, and the ASO. Slet. During the five year period, these totaled \$119,607.90. This was \$13,577.68 short to cover the expenses of the adminis-

trative and educational departments, and the publication of the Sokol Americký. With additional income of \$4,474.40 from advertising purchased in S.A. and \$13,312.88 from excursions, we were able to offset this deficiency.

Not included in this report is the accounting of receipts and disbursements of the recent excursion, banquet, purchase of postage stamps, first day covers and souvenir program book, connected with the issue of the 5 cent Sokol Physical Fitness postage stamp. This will require considerable work and could not be completed in time.

FRANK J. VODRAZKA,  
Treasurer

## Echoes From Baltimore

On May 16 the boys and girls of the Okrsek—Baltimore, Belcamp and Washington—competed to show what they learned during the past year. Classes are somewhat stronger this year, perhaps the result of intensified pressure to show that in this 100th anniversary the Sokol in USA. is very much alive. Also the approval and actually urgent insistence on physical fitness by several successive Presidents of the nation add impetus, more enthusiasm and understanding for the need and benefits of sustained body and mind developing through exercise.

That is the impression to be gained by observers of the competitive drills—they seem to go into it with more zest and eagerness to succeed and excel. Even the token rewards are appreciated, deserved and worth striving for.

Following the distribution of awards the director and executor of the program bro. Ed. Stetka surprised the assembled visitors with an impromptu exhibition.

In spite of unadvertised fanfare we were treated to a fine show that acted on all present as a rare, delightful treat.

Opened by the national anthem and pledge to the flag and short welcome address by bro. President Kolomaznik.

Girls enter and with only here and there a scarce delayed movement, give a lively performance in calisthenics.

Boys follow and match with equal vigor and commendable precision their share in perpetuating

the 100 years old yet always ever young aim and purpose—physical fitness.

Many viewers were astonished and even alarmed by the feats of skill and daring by women and junior girls that are executed today on uneven bars. Especially us oldsters that were brought up on dainty raised knee and arm and occasional bend, gape at the complicated twists, turns and flips of the women of today as they land on their feet—erect and in one piece. No more the weaker sex. (After all, they never were.)

A duo of girls, P. Mentlik and B. Chamberlain, presented a combination of esthetic calisthenics and dance that was pleasant to the eye and executed with grace and feeling.

Combined group of women and junior girls displayed a classic in motion that must have come out of the mind and soul of a master—harmony of grouping and evolution which makes the participation of women in Sokol indispensable from the attractive view as the brawn and force of man does from the point of endurance and strength.

And finally but not least, we were treated—in comparison of late to see men and boys on apparatus. Both showed that we will again witness—as the Sokols sang—“Jen dál a dál, jen výš a výš.”

It was a memorable afternoon. 100 years have not diminished the thrill, the lift Sokol efforts roused in the hearts of all good men and women of the nation and preserve the faith in a long and beneficial future.

On to the next century. Nazdar! Josef Bilek

T. B. HLUBUČEK:

## Náš jubilejní slet více než ukázkou tělocviku.

Před sty lety, když skupina českých emigrantů položila v městě Saint Louis, Missouri, základy k první sokolské jednotě na půdě své nové vlasti, měla na mysli úchovu národnostního citění. Stejně jako Fuegner a Tyrš podložili svůj tělovýchovný program netajeným vzdorem proti útisku a poddanství, při tom láskou k národu a touhou sloužit mu zdravým tělem a jasnou myslí, tak i náš americký Sokol neměl za svůj jediný cíl tělocvik. Byla tu touha přenést do americké krve to nejkrásnější, čím se náš národ vyznamenal a principy sokolství stály v popředí. S odstupem let a výměnou generací se tato touha naplnila. Sokol se rozrostl od moře k moři, školy a university zaváděly do svých tělocvičen základní metody sokolské tělovýchovy.

Sokol však upozornil Ameriku na sebe a svoji činnost i jiným způsobem, nežli tělocvikem. Z jeho středu vstupovali do života tělesně a mravně vyspělejší mužové a ženy. Za obou světových válek, odchovanci Sokola procházeli vojenským výcvikem rychleji a úspěšněji, nežli druzí. Jméno “Sokol” stalo se synonymem řádného a odpovědného občana, mládež sokolská se jen zřídka dostane do sporu s juvenální provinilostí. Nejedem cvičenec zaujal místo prominentního učitele tělovýchovy neb sportu

na vyšších školách a universitách. Vydání poštovní známky v rámci 100letí amerického Sokola nebylo jen pouhou formalitou, nýbrž zaslouženým uznáním velké, soustavné práce!

Proč si toto vše připomínáme právě v době všesokolského sletu? Rozhodně ne jen proto, abychom sami sobě kladli vavříny kolem hlavy, ale spíše proto, abychom pochopili a byli sobě vědomi významu letošních oslav. Těch jedno sto let, jež uplynulo od založení první sokolské jednoty na půdě Ameriky v městě Saint Louis jest historickým faktem. Nadcházející slet jest však více, nežli ukázkou tělocviku! My, příslušníci čsl. národnosti, musíme v něm vidět manifestaci velké myšlenky světového formátu zaměřenou ve výchovu tělesně, duševně a mravně vyspělejšího muže a ženu, jichž vrcholným cílem jest vybudování světa, v němž nebude válek a všechny národy budou mít právo na sebeurčení a svobodu!

Až budeme v neděli 27. června ze stadionu Morton West vyšší školy v Berwynu sledovati přehlídku tělovýchovného programu amerického Sokolstva, připomeňme sobě, že podkladem jsou vznešené hodnoty občanské ukáznenosti a odpovědnosti — přínos naší čsl. národnosti této zemi, jež nám otevřela brány do svobodného světa.

## MEMBERSHIP STATISTICAL REPORT 1960 - I. qtr. 1965 inclusive

	1960		1961		1962	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
<b>EASTERN DISTRICT</b>						
Sokol Baltimore .....	102		111		108	
Sokolice Baltimore .....		95		94		100
Sokol Belcamp .....	53	32	52	32	66	42
Sokol Curtis Bay .....	27	40	27	39	23	39
Sokol Fuegner, L. I. ....	51	38	47	36	46	36
Sokol Little Ferry .....	97		103		105	
Sokolice Little Ferry .....		71		83		90
Sokol Newark .....	12	25	12	25	10	25
Sokol New York .....	130	122	149	117	130	107
Sokol Philadelphia .....	42	29	44	29	44	29
Sokol Schenectady .....	54	46	55	47	57	48
Sokol Washington, D. C. ....	41	42	42	48	43	45
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>609</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>561</b>
<b>NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT</b>						
Sokol Cleveland-Cech Havlicek .....	93	115	94	120	91	127
Sokol Detroit .....	169		170		168	
Sokolice Detroit .....		143		156		164
Sokol Moravan .....	28	36	28	35	27	32
Sokol Nova Vlast .....	81	85	76	94	75	90
Sokol Rip .....	41		37		33	
Sokol Tyrs .....	166	192	154	178	144	166
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>578</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>579</b>
<b>CENTRAL DISTRICT</b>						
Sokol Americky .....	12	18	11	16	10	16
Sokol Berwyn .....	59	93	55	87	56	82
Sokol Brookfield .....	29	37	27	43	31	39
Sokol Cechie .....	24	25	24	23	24	23
Sokol Chicago .....	104		90		91	
Sokolice Chicago .....		98		88		87
Sokol Fuegner .....	71		94		108	
Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs .....	151		151		152	
Sokolice Havlicek-Tyrs .....		170		165		162
Sokol Milwaukee .....	73		71		66	
Sokolice Milwaukee .....		119		112		109
Sokol Mladocech .....	44		40		39	
Sokolice Mladocech .....		59		55		55
Plzensky Sokol of Chicago .....	85	114	84	111	85	109
Sokol Rozvoj .....	14	17	14	17	14	17
Sokol St. Louis .....	175	43	171	43	166	54
Sokol Slavsky .....	130	148	132	141	129	139
Sokol Stickney .....	36	42	41	42	43	55
Sokol Tabor .....	145		151		142	
Sokolice Tabor .....		144		147		161
Sokol Town of Lake .....	100		99		101	
Sokolice Town of Lake .....		116		120		113
Sokol West Suburban .....	39	74	23	40	16	27
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>1291</b>	<b>1317</b>	<b>1278</b>	<b>1250</b>	<b>1273</b>	<b>1248</b>
<b>WESTERN DISTRICT</b>						
Sokol Cedar Rapids .....	160		155		145	
Sokolice Renata Tyrsova .....		173		170		167
Sokol Crete .....	18		16		16	
Sokolice Libuse-Crete .....		72		67		64
Sokol Fuegner-Tyrs .....	103		102		106	
Sokolice Libuse—So. Omaha .....		67		68		69
Sokol Omaha .....	171		167		163	

## AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION 1960 - I. qtr. 1965 inclusive

1963		1964		I. qtr. 1965		Gain or Loss 5 Yr. Period		Membership Drive Gain	
Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
119		122		122		20		3	
	107		103		103		8		
67	44	64	44	63	43	10	11		
19	36	18	33	18	32	-9	-8		
48	36	47	38	48	38	-3			2
116		123		123		26		7	
	96		105		105		34		9
10	23	10	23	10	22	-2	-3		
135	111	135	114	135	114	5	-8		3
43	29	40	28	42	30		1		1
57	48	52	48	52	49	-2	3		1
50	48	52	47	48	45	7	3		
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664	578	663	583	661	581	52	41		
89	124	86	130	86	129	-7	14		5
173		174		176		7		3	
	167		183		185		42		18
26	32	25	31	25	31	-3	-5		
76	91	76	95	78	96	-3	11	2	5
30		27		27		-14			
143	168	162	191	168	197	2	5	25	29
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537	582	550	630	560	638	-18	67		
10	15	8	16	8	16	-4	-2		1
53	80	42	74	45	74	-14	-19		
36	44	41	45	42	47	13	10	6	3
22	21	21	22	21	22	-3	-3		1
83		72		70		-34			
	80		73		72		-26		
110		93		117		46		7	
150		151		149		-2			
	153		151		153		-17		
61		61		61		-12			
	102		99		96		-23		
50		53		53		9		3	
	54		63		64		5		10
82	103	80	105	80	102	-5	-12		
14	17	14	16	14	15		-2		
169	84	168	91	169	91	-6	48		7
115	162	115	161	112	160	-18	12		
39	59	51	71	53	80	17	38	14	21
142		120		118		-27			
	166		152		160		16		
98		96		96		-4			
	112		116		117		1		5
15	28	15	13	13	31	-26	-43		3
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1249	1280	1201	1288	1221	1300	-70	-17		
145		143		142		-18			
	167		181		181		8		14
18		17		17		-1			
	64		62		62		-10		
106		120		142		39		36	
	71		84		87		20		16
146		153		158		-13		12	

## AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION 1960 - I. qtr. 1965 inclusive

	1960		1961		1962	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
<b>WESTERN DISTRICT (Cont'd.)</b>						
Sokolice Omaha .....		176		172		166
Sokol Schuyler .....	16	9	15	9	15	9
Sokol Wilber .....	54	85	57	86	55	82
Sokol Hopkins .....	9	10	7	8	7	9
Sokol Minneapolis .....	11	8	11	8	10	8
Sokol Pine City .....	8	8	8	8		
Sokol St. Paul .....	31	43	37	47	38	48
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>581</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>622</b>
<b>UNITS OUTSIDE WESTERN DIST.</b>						
Sokol Caldwell—Kansas .....	13	9	11	8	11	8
Sokol Karel Jonas—Kansas .....	6	9	6	8	6	8
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>SOUTHERN DISTRICT</b>						
Sokol Corpus Christi .....	33	34	32	33	37	37
Sokol Fort Worth .....	32	21	33	21	31	14
Sokol Galveston .....	6	10	6	10	6	10
Sokol Houston .....	50	39	51	36	49	37
Sokol Karel Havlicek—Ennis .....	84	32	72	31	61	28
Sokol Karel Havlicek—Yukon .....	17	20	18	20	18	21
Sokol Praha—Oklahoma .....	9	2	8	2	8	1
Sokol Zizka—Dallas .....	82	68	89	73	90	79
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>313</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>227</b>
<b>PACIFIC DISTRICT</b>						
Sokol Fresno—California .....	35	36	32	33	34	34
Sokol Los Angeles .....	140		150		149	
Sokolice Los Angeles .....		143		132		135
Sokol Portland—Oregon .....	11	9	11	9	11	9
Sokol San Francisco .....	95		99		99	
Sokolice San Francisco .....		64		67		67
Sokol Scio—Oregon .....	27	24	25	19	22	21
Sokol Seattle—Washington .....	15	21	15	20	18	24
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>323</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>290</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>						
<b>EASTERN DISTRICT</b>						
New York, New York .....	609	540	642	550	632	561
<b>NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT</b>						
Cleveland, Ohio .....	578	571	559	583	538	579
<b>CENTRAL DISTRICT</b>						
Chicago, Illinois .....	1291	1317	1278	1250	1273	1248
<b>WESTERN DISTRICT</b>						
Omaha, Nebraska .....	581	651	575	643	555	622
<b>SOKOL CALDWELL and SOKOL</b>						
<b>JONAS—Kansas</b> .....	19	18	17	16	17	16
<b>SOUTHERN DISTRICT</b>						
Dallas, Texas .....	313	226	309	226	300	227
<b>PACIFIC DISTRICT</b>						
Los Angeles, California .....	323	297	332	280	333	290
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b> .....	<b>3714</b>	<b>3620</b>	<b>3712</b>	<b>3548</b>	<b>3648</b>	<b>3543</b>

## MEMBERSHIP STATISTICAL REPORT 1960 - I. qtr. 1965 inclusive

1963		1964		I. qtr. 1965		Gain or Loss 5 Yr. Period		Membership Drive Gain	
Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
15	163	14	169	12	168	- 4	- 8		5
54	79	51	73	48	70	- 6	-15		
7	9	5	9	5	9	- 4	- 1		
10	8	10	8	10	8	- 1			
						- 8	- 8		
41	50	45	57	47	59	16	16		
<u>542</u>	<u>620</u>	<u>558</u>	<u>652</u>	<u>581</u>	<u>653</u>	0	2		
11	8	10	6	10	6	- 3	- 3		
6	8	6	8	6	8		- 1		
<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>	- 3	- 4		
34	35	38	38	43	40	10	6	9	5
27	13	30	16	30	17	- 2	- 4	3	4
6	10	7	8	7	8	1	- 2	1	
49	37	44	41	44	41	- 6	2		4
63	28	68	31	68	31	-16	- 1	5	3
18	22	19	23	17	24		4		2
8	1	7	1	7	1	- 2	- 1		
89	75	88	75	88	75	6	7		
<u>294</u>	<u>221</u>	<u>301</u>	<u>233</u>	<u>304</u>	<u>237</u>	- 9	11		
29	28	33	31	33	31	- 2	- 5	4	3
130		150		143		3		13	
	143		143		137		- 6		
11	8	9	10	9	11	- 2	2		3
107		109		109		14		2	
	65		74		74		10		9
21	24	18	19	18	19	- 9	- 5		
19	27	17	23	17	23	2	2		
<u>317</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>336</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>329</u>	<u>295</u>	6	- 2		
664	578	663	583	661	581	52	41		
537	582	550	630	560	638	-18	67		
1249	1280	1201	1288	1221	1300	-70	-17		
542	620	558	652	581	653	0	2		
17	16	16	14	16	14	- 3	- 4		
294	221	301	233	304	237	- 9	11		
317	295	336	300	329	295	6	- 2		
<u>3620</u>	<u>3592</u>	<u>3625</u>	<u>3700</u>	<u>3672</u>	<u>3718</u>	-42	98		

Total Paying Members—MEN ..... 3672

Total Paying Members—WOMEN ..... 3718

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP ASO. .... 7390

DR. ANTONÍN HŘEBÍK:

## Československé Sokolstvo a Sokolstvo v Americe.

(K XI. sletu AOS. v červnu 1965.)

V letošním roce, kdy Sokolstvo v celém svobodném světě oslavuje 100. výročí založení první sokolské jednoty ve Spojených státech — v St. Louis, Mo. — a 100 let sokolské práce na americké půdě, znovu si připomínáme sílu a věčnou svěžest sokolské myšlenky, která se již v roce 1962 dožila 100. výročí svého vzniku v Praze a která v roce 1965 slaví své stoleté trvání ve Spojených státech.

Mezi Sokolstvem doma — ve staré čs. vlasti — a Sokolstvem v Americe trvaly vždy nejužší bratrské styky — již od dob Tyršových.

Když se v roce 1878 sokolské jednoty ve Spojených státech spojily ve svou prvou společnou organizaci — Národní Jednotu Sokolskou, jedním z jejích prvních činů bylo, že v roce 1880 jmenovala Dr. Miroslava Tyrše svým čestným členem. V diplomu, který byl tehdy zakladateli Sokolstva zaslán, bylo mimo jiné uvedeno: "Uznávající velké zásluhy Dr. Miroslava Tyrše o zavedení tělocviku v Čechách, jakož i o vše šlechtné, nemůžeme jinak, než zasloužilému náčelníku Sokolstva vyslovit nejhlubší úctu a uznání — a těmto svým citům dát projev jmenováním otce českého tělocviku čestným členem Národní Jednoty Sokolské ve Spojených státech Severoamerických."

Zakladatel Sokolstva Dr. Miroslav Tyrš ve svém poděkování za tuto poctu krásně tehdy vystihl, co bylo od počátku jeho snem a oč Sokolstvo od svého vzniku usilovalo. Dr. Miroslav Tyrš tehdy napsal: "Vážím si Vaší pocty tím více, že Vaše slova pocházejí ze země, kde každý projev, neznající nátlaku, přistíjí ze svobodných mužných prsou, ze země opravdové volnosti, ze země, v níž klaně pablesky zneužívaných zvůcných hesel ni jednotlivce, ni celé národy v porobu uvrhnout nechtějí a nemohou!"

Po celých 100 let bylo České — a později Československé Sokolstvo v nejužším spojení a v nejkrásnějších bratrských stycích se Sokolstvem v Americe. Posílalo mu zkušené sokolské cvičitele, kteří pomáhali udržovat sokolskou činnost ve Spojených státech na stejné výši, jako tomu bylo doma — ve staré čs. vlasti — a z nichž mnozí, jako na př. vynikající sokolský náčelník bratr Jarka Jelínek, získali si o rozkvět Amerického Sokolstva nezměrných zásluh.

Čs. Sokolstvo a Sokolové v Americe si vzájemně vyměňovali sokolské příručky, sokolská cvičení, sokolské hudební doprovody, sokolské časopisy i všechny jiné pomůcky.

Největší význam však měly a největší vzájemně povzbuzování vždy znamenaly zájezdy Amerického Sokolstva do staré čs. vlasti a zájezdy Čs. Sokolstva do Spojených států.

Američtí Sokolové se zúčastnili — s výjimkou XI. všesokolského sletu v roce 1948, při němž na protest proti komunistické diktatuře svou účast odřekli — všech všesokolských sletů v Praze — od I. v roce 1882, řízeného osobně zakladatelem Sokolstva Dr. Miroslavem Tyršem, až do X. v roce 1938. Přijeli i na chystaný II. slet, který se měl konat na

oslavu 25letého trvání Sokolstva v roce 1887 v Praze a který byl takřka na poslední chvíli rakousko-uherskými úřady zakázán. Prožívali tehdy se svými českými bratry trpké zklamání z tohoto zákazu, cvičili s nimi na závodech, které byly tehdy — místo zakázaného sletu — na rychlo uspořádány v Českém Brodě, a vrátili se do své americké vlasti s tím větším odhodláním, že budou pomáhat své staré čs. vlasti a Sokolstvu v jejich úsilí a boji za svobodu a samostatný stát.

Čs. Sokolstvo uspořádalo za dobu svého trvání celkem pět zájezdů k sokolským bratřím a sestrám do Spojených států. Prvým z nich byl zájezd k IX. závodům a veřejnému cvičení Národní Jednoty Sokolské v roce 1909 v Chicagu, který vedl starosta České Obce Sokolské Dr. Josef Scheiner, který pak tento významný zájezd podrobně zachytil ve své historické knížce, která byla po řadu let jednou z nejzajímavějších a nejvyhledávanějších sokolských knih. Rád vzpomínám, jak i my — mladí sokolští chlapečci — jsme v Sokolském museu s nadšením vždy prohlíželi všechny ty různé poháry, štíty, sochy, vlajky, atd., jež sokolské výpravy přivážely domů ze svých zájezdů do ciziny. Vzpomínám, jak mocně na nás působila Socha Svobody, kterou sokolská výprava do Spojených států v roce 1909 přivezla darem od sokolských bratří z New Yorku, a nádherné poprsí amerického presidenta Abrahama Lincoln, jež výprava v roce 1909 přivezla do Prahy, jako dar sokolského bratrstva z Chicagu.

Druhá výprava, vedená místonáčelníkem ČOS. bratrem Rudolfem Bílkem, byla uskutečněna k I. sletu Americké Obce Sokolské, který se konal v roce 1921 v chicagském Coliseu. Cílem třetí výpravy, kterou vedl člen předsednictva ČOS. br. Dr. Rudolf Křovák, byl III. slet Americké Obce Sokolské, který se konal v roce 1929 na Vojínově poli v Chicagu. Čtvrtou výpravu vedl starosta ČOS. br. Dr. Stanislav Bukovský na IV. slet Americké Obce Sokolské v roce 1933, který se konal u příležitosti Světové výstavy v Chicagu a který byl současně II. sletem Svazu Čs. Sokolstva v Americe, ve kterém bylo sdruženo České a Slovenské Sokolstvo ve Spojených státech.

Po 14leté přestávce — po skončení druhé světové války — byl v roce 1947 uskutečněn pátý zájezd Československé Obce Sokolské do Spojených států. Cílem tohoto — až dosud největšího zájezdu Čs. Sokolstva do Ameriky — byl VII. slet Americké Obce Sokolské, který byl současně V. sletem Svazu Čs. Sokolstva v Americe — a který vyzněl v mohutnou sokolskou manifestaci na Vojínově poli v Chicagu. Výprava tehdy navštívila nejen Chicago, ale i řadu sokolských jednot a žup od amerického východu až po Omahu a St. Louis na americkém středozápadě — a mimo to řadu míst v Kanadě, dále Londýn v Anglii a Paříž ve Francii.

Jako vedoucí této výpravy, rád vzpomínám na tento mohutný sokolský zájezd, na krásné bratrské přijetí ve Spojených státech — i na chvíle, které

jsme tehdy mezi americkými bratry a sestrami prožili a na něž se nezapomíná!

Čs. ministr zahraničí, dlouholetý věrný sokolský bratr Jan Masaryk, při několika příležitostech — v Tyršově domě, v Malostranské sokolovně v Praze a v československém parlamentě — ocenil význam tohoto sokolského zájezdu, konaného ve vážných již tehdy dobách našeho národa, o němž prohlásil: "Vracím se z Ameriky. Nevíte ani, jak moc mi tam prospěl zájezd ČOS. Ne u Čechů a Slováků, ti nás znají, ale u americké veřejnosti! Sokolové, kteří byli v Americe, mi tam moc pomohli a ulehčili situaci. Ukázali tam, jací doopravdy jsme!"

Všechny dosavadní přípravy k letošnímu XI. sletu Americké Obce Sokolské, který se bude konat ve dnech 24. až 27. června 1965 v Chicagu, potvrzují, že tento jubilejní slet na oslavu století Americké-

ho Sokolstva vyzní v mohutný projev jednoty všeho Sokolstva, neboť se ho zúčastní všechny složky Sokolstva ve svobodném světě. V duchu budou s námi při tomto sletu i naši věrní sokolští bratři a sestry doma — v komunisty porobené čs. vlasti.

Oni i my budeme při slavnostních chvílích XI. sletu Americké Obce Sokolské naplněni pevnou vírou, že — jako všechny diktatury v dějinách — i komunistická diktatura musí jednou skončit, že Československé Sokolstvo znovu nastoupí svou novou vítěznou cestu ve znovu svobodném Československu, že pak budou opět pokračovat další a další zájezdy svobodného Československého Sokolstva k Sokolstvu do Spojených států a že ve svobodné Praze budeme znovu vítat své věrné americké sokolské bratry a sestry při všech příštích sletech svobodného Československého Sokolstva!

## CENTRAL DISTRICT GIRLS COMPETITIONS

The Central District Women's Board of Instructors has completed its annual II. class girls' competitions, held at Sokol Tabor on Sunday, May 16.

The High Division had 9 teams, with 58 contestants. Three team trophies and 29 individual awards will be given. The Low Division had 11 teams with 66 individuals. Four team trophies and 30 individual awards will be given.

### HIGH DIVISION

#### Teams

	Points
1. SOKOL TABOR I .....	867.30
2. SOKOL BERWYN I .....	853.10
3. SOKOL SLAVSKY II .....	850.00
4. SOKOL SLAVSKY I .....	820.30
5. SOKOL BERWYN II .....	802.90

(9 teams competed)

#### Individuals

	Points
1. Karen Sanko, Berwyn I .....	177.50
2. Holly Peroutka, Tabor I .....	175.80
3. Marie Palambo, Slavsky II .....	174.30

4. Sheryl Vorlicky, Berwyn I .....	172.10
5. Janice Roti, Tabor I .....	171.90

(58 individuals competed)

### LOW DIVISION

#### Teams

	Points
1. SOKOL WEST SUBURBAN I .....	875.90
2. SOKOL HAVLICEK-TYRS I .....	856.70
3. SOKOL WEST SUBURBAN II .....	837.80
4. SOKOL SLAVSKY .....	831.80
5. SOKOL TABOR III .....	813.00

(11 teams competed)

#### Individuals

	Points
1. Pat Bertino, Havlicek-Tyrs I .....	178.40
2. Carol Drenth, West Suburban I .....	177.10
3. Rene Spahn, West Suburban I .....	174.00
4. (tie) Barb Kral, West Suburban I .....	173.40
4. (tie) Chris Malmgren, W. Suburban II ..	173.40
5. Karen Ernest, West Suburban I .....	172.10

(66 individuals competed)

## CENTRAL DISTRICT, ASO. JUNIOR GIRLS AND WOMEN'S COMPETITIONS

HELD JUNE 5th, 1965, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

### JUNIOR GIRLS LOW "B"

#### Teams

1. Sokol Tabor, Berwyn, Ill. ....	692.7
2. Sokol West Suburban, Downers Grove, Ill. ....	656.9
3. Sokol St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo. ....	652.9
4. Sokol Stickney, Stickney, Ill. ....	648.6

#### Individuals

1. Janice Pazdernik, St. Louis .....	147.9
2. Judy Edwards, Tabor .....	145.5
3. Frances Bagnyolo, Tabor .....	145.4
4. (tie) Kathy Kotek, Tabor .....	144.8
4. (tie) Kim Rushford, West Suburban ....	144.8
5. Gail Capitan, Tabor .....	143.1

(22 individuals competed)

### JUNIOR GIRLS LOW "A"

#### Teams

1. Sokol Tabor, Berwyn, Ill. ....	851.2
2. Sokol West Suburban, Downers Grove, Ill. ....	833.3
3. Sokol Berwyn, Berwyn, Ill. ....	744.9
4. Sokol Stickney, Stickney, Ill. ....	667.3
5. Sokol Slavsky, Cicero, Ill. ....	634.3

#### Individuals

1. Terri Schild, Tabor .....	148.9
2. Janet Stechly, Tabor .....	146.0
3. Laura Muelhausen, West Suburban .....	144.7
4. Linda Simek, West Suburban .....	143.3
5. Sally Slott, Tabor .....	143.0

(37 individuals competed)

## JUNIOR GIRLS INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

## Teams

1. Sokol Brookfield, Brookfield, Ill. ....	370.2
2. Sokol Tabor, Berwyn, Ill. ....	366.2
3. Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs, Chicago, Ill. ....	363.4
4. Sokol Slavsky, Cicero, Ill. ....	325.9

## Individuals

1. Alicia Prusa, Brookfield .....	128.90
2. Carolyn Polt, Havlicek-Tyrs .....	128.50
3. Brenda Lebloch, Tabor .....	127.90
4. Sue Basta, Brookfield .....	126.20
5. Pat Breston, Havlicek-Tyrs .....	121.90

(19 individuals competed)

## JUNIOR GIRLS HIGH DIVISION

1. Marie Foltyn, Tabor .....	133.40
2. Lily Jo Vesely, Slavsky .....	130.10
3. Barbara Vondra, Stickney .....	127.80
4. Mildred Foltyn, Tabor .....	126.60
5. Marie Konvalinka, Tabor .....	121.90

(10 individuals competed)

## WOMEN'S HIGH DIVISION

1. Vivian Navratil, Tabor .....	142.80
2. Mary Ann Latino, Slavsky .....	137.90
3. Carol Drozd, Slavsky .....	133.10
4. Jeanette Votava, Tabor .....	132.80
5. Helen Pesoat, St. Louis .....	101.00

## WOMEN'S LOW DIVISION

## Teams

1. Sokol St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo. ....	598.0
2. Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs, Chicago, Ill. ....	580.0

## Individuals

1. Mary Ann Satek, Slavsky .....	123.7
2. Dorothy Pazdernik, St. Louis .....	121.9
3. Carolee Michalek, Havlicek-Tyrs .....	121.4
4. Ellen Komarek, Slavsky .....	121.3
5. Mariann Duewell, St. Louis .....	120.8

(18 individuals competed)

## WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

## Teams

1. Sokol St. Louis #2, St. Louis, Mo. ....	526.5
2. Sokol St. Louis #1, St. Louis, Mo. ....	491.2
3. Sokol Stickney, Stickney, Ill. ....	401.5

## Individuals

1. Irene Svancara, Tabor .....	138.0
2. Jane Matula, St. Louis #2 .....	136.3
3. (tie) Jeannie Burda, Slavsky .....	136.1
3. (tie) Rita Huizinga, Stickney .....	136.1
4. Nancy Prines, Stickney .....	135.8
5. Mariann Pesout, St. Louis #2 .....	134.4

(14 individuals competed)

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

Held Tuesday, May 25, 1965

Bro. Prchal presided.

Present: Bros. Halik, Kropik, Rabas and Vodrazka. Sisters: Cihak and Falta. Bro. Cihak and sis. Prchal excused.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved as submitted.

### REPORTS

Received and read minutes from meetings of the Eastern, Western and Pacific Districts.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Bohemian Home for the Aged extend an invitation to their Garden Party at the Home on Memorial Day, May 30th, 1965.

Sokol Fuegner-Tyrs, So. Omaha, extend an invitation to all members of the Executive Board to their Annual South Omaha Sokol Day celebration July 11th. A greeting will be sent.

Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences in America, Inc., express their gratitude for the album of Sokol stamps from the Centennial events in Washington, D. C., which will be placed in their archives. They also congratulate us on the success of the issuance of the stamp and on the 100th anniversary of the founding of the first Sokol unit in the U.S.

Federation of Czechoslovak Organizations in Zurich, Switzerland, extend an invitation to participate in the 500th anniversary of the death of Mistr Jan Hus and 50th anniversary of the Masaryk liberation movement for freeing the Czech and Slovak nation.

The celebration will be held in Constance. A letter of congratulations for every success was sent.

After the 1962 ASO. Tour to Europe and to Constance, it was suggested that funds be raised to have the lettering on the large boulder marking the spot where Mistr Jan Hus was burned at the stake be repaired. Several contributions for this work were received. A smaller sum was also left over from the monies collected for the two plaques placed in Oetz and Constance. A letter was sent to Rev. Premysl Pitter in Switzerland asking him to obtain an estimate on the work to be done. The cost would be \$65.00, and it must be completed before July 4th, the date of the Pilgrimage to Constance. The recommendation that the \$65.00 be sent to Switzerland was approved.

Sokol Tyrs announced that bro. Jerry Vencl, Sr. Vice-President of their unit, would represent Sokol Tyrs at the St. Louis Pilgrimage.

Oscar and Associates, Inc., photographers, offer their services for our 1965 events.

Sokol Corpus Christi requested information on the election of a delegate to the convention and financial support for gymnasts. The letter was acknowledged stating that the unit still had time to send a delegate and that financial aid to gymnasts attending the Slet is not given by the ASO.

The United Sokols of the East extend a cordial invitation to Sokol Day at the New York World's Fair on June 6th. They express their regrets that the event falls on the same date as the St. Louis Pilgrimage, but it was the only date available.

They further request that a representative from the ASO. be sent. Due to the fact that most of the

Executive Board members will be in St. Louis, bro. Joseph Hrbek, President of the Eastern District, will be asked to represent the ASO. and extend greetings on its behalf which will be sent to him .Approved.

Stephen N. Sestanovich, Attache for Public Affairs in Helsinki, Finland, wrote to us about the issuance of the Sokol stamp. In his reply to our letter he mentioned that he is very interested in the Slet (being a former Sokol member) and plans to attend. He commended us on the fine work of the Sokol Organization and the part we are playing in the President's Physical Fitness program. He is a consul of the United States and a Consular as well. He offers his services while in Chicago should we be able to use him as a speaker.

#### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Sis. Welcl-Ruzicka sent greetings from Tokyo and asked to be excused to the end of May.

Received the following contributions for the "Future Sokol Leaders Fund": Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Liska in memory of bro. Frank Kourim \$5.00, American Czechoslovakian Club of Seattle, Washington, \$100.00, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kos in memory of Dr. Frank J. Vitek \$2.00.

Received a number of letters and several long distance calls regarding the opening of the convention and the date set for the work of the By-laws Committee.

Prepared letter to Units appealing for their use of the Sokol stamps in the Centennial year. Only 60% of the mail reaching our office carry Sokol stamps. Bro. Vodrazka prepared the financial report for the year 1964, which was stenciled and mimeographed. Prepared the 990 report for the Department of Internal Revenue for organizations exempt from payment of income tax.

Received letter from Sen. Hruska requesting information on the ASO. exemption. A reply was sent.

Attended: Polish Constitution Day with bro. Prchal, May 2nd at Humboldt Park. Present were Vice-President Humphrey, Mrs. Humphrey, Congressmen Pucinski and Derwinski, with whom we had an opportunity to speak. Everyone recognizes us best when we say Sokol Physical Fitness. Spoke at the Mother's and Father's Day celebration of Sokol and Sokolice Chicago, Annual Mother's and Father's Day celebration of the Federation of Czechoslovak Legionnaires and the celebration at our own units Sokol and Sokolice Town of Lake. Spoke about Sokol in general and all of the events of the Centennial year.

Office activity: Much of the Slet work is being done in our office. Mimeographed stencils for the BOI. Mimeographed many letters for the Slet office. Mimeographed 6,000 letters, 6,000 forms and addressed 6,000 envelopes for the second mailing of the Slet Committee. The second mailing was all done from our office with the voluntary assistance of sisters Falta, Kos, Kratky and Vokoun, bros. Cihak and Prchal.

The office is listing all of the contributions for Slet seals and the mail for these is being opened by sisters Cihak, Falta and Zacek. Also expediting

orders for decals, badges and shoulder patches, along with first day covers and stamp orders. Assisting bro. Cihak with the Slet program and preparing for the Centennial banquet.

Our secretarial assistant, sis. Zacek, has done a tremendous job in gathering and preparing Czech publicity Slet material. All of this work has been mimeographed and expedited from the ASO. office.

The old mimeograph has been cleaned up, the drum has been boiled and is operating well.

Bro. Madera and sis. Sotka continue to come to the office as often as time permits, including Sundays, to assist wherever they can. All correspondence was acknowledged, all material expedited.

Bro. Halik did not receive the minutes from the Secretary of the BOI. and presented a verbal report.

Bro. Barcal and sis. Tintera are in charge of the Akademie. Several names were submitted as possible M.C.'s for the Slet.

A very long discussion took place regarding the approaching ASO. advanced course to be held at Potters Lake.

Bro. Halik suggested a formula for financial aid. On the basis of 60 students five teachers are recommended. ASO. will give financial support to only those students that attend the course for a period of three weeks. A motion was made that we limit the school to 60 students and that the ASO. pay 30% of the student board, emergency medical expense and transportation of baggage if necessary. Not more than 5 instructors and not less than 3 instructors. Approved. The BOI. will allocate the number of students per unit and district who will receive financial support. Since the supply of gymnastic manuals is limited, they will not be offered to the students as has been done in the past.

Bro. Halik read his report as Director of Men and sis. Prchal's report as Director of Women.

Sis. Cihak read the minutes of the Slet Committee meeting held April 30th.

It was decided to have the following pictures taken for the Slet Program: Entire Slet Committee, the Slet officers, the Executive Board of the ASO. and the Board of Instructors.

The pictures will be taken May 28th at 10:30 P.M. Approved.

Sis. Cihak pointed out that no arrangements or program has been prepared for the convention. There are many inquiries and no information to present.

Bro. Prchal names bro. Vodrazka and sis. Cihak and himself to plan a program. Transportation for delegates was discussed. Bills for first class rail or first class transportation by air will not be honored. Only the lowest economy or coach air fare will be recognized.

The By-laws Committee will convene on Friday, June 18, at 10 A.M. Three days have been allowed for the work of this committee.

The convention will convene on Monday, June 21st, at 10 A.M.

The committee will meet on Thursday to make further arrangements and to prepare a program.

Bro. Halik reported that with bros. Prchal and Vrba they met with sis. Hilda Jelinek regarding the business "Sokol Supply." It was moved and approved to get in touch with sis. Jelinek and express our regrets that we are not in a position to accept her offer under the organizational setup. A 10% commission will be paid from the sale of Slet tickets to all ticket agencies.

Sis. Cihak again reminded the officers that all reports must appear in the next issue of S.A. which must be published before the convention.

One more meeting of the Executive Board will be held before the convention.

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

Blanche J. Cihak, Secretary

## Report of the ASO. Director of Men

Met with bros. Prchal, Barcal, Vrba and sis. Prchal to arrange for band directors. Later we met with bro. Zakrocky who did not accept. Sis. Prchal was to speak to bro. Bastar.

Met with Mr. De Brette of Norshore Film Associates of Evanston. Showed him Morton Field and facilities, then later at Sokol Berwyn, he showed some films. Bros. Barcal and Lebloch also spoke to him. Estimate enclosed.

Attended Sokol Stickney's exhibition and Slovak Sokol Lodges 39 and 40 V.S. exhibition.

Bro. Jirousek, Sokol Tyrs, Cleveland, called for information about competition schedules.

Bro. Pazour, Cedar Rapids, called to arrange a visit to the Chicago area to correct and clarify exercises—date set for Sunday, May 23, to visit at Sokol Slavsky gym.

Mailed corrections and clarifications and entry blanks for BOI. meeting May 12.

Met with Mr. Black at Morton West with bros. Drnec and Jenicek and sis. Prchal. Left same day for Champaign and State Track Meet. While there visited Dr. Charles Pond, U. of I. gymnastic coach.

Met with sis. Prchal and bro. Bastar to set music for entries of Slet numbers, etc. Sis. Prchal and I later worked on Slet details, the finale of the senior calisthenics and the instructors school plans. I worked on the forms—sis. Prchal cut the stencils.

Sis. Cihak called in reference to use of Sokol stamps on all BOI. mail.

Met with bros. Prchal and Vrba and sis. Jelinek to discuss future status of Sokol Supply Co.

Brother Satek delivered the judges pads.

Bro. Hlad of Balkan Studio called regarding request to tape the Beseda music.

Bro. Walko sends list of SGUS. staff for school.

Cedar Rapids—four men and four women visited at Sokol Slavsky gym for corrections of exercises; bros. Ptacek, Barcal and sis. Krizenecky worked with them.

Sis. Prchal called about receiving school forms from ASO. office.

Sent hotel rate cards to SGUS. headquarters and district directors, also to D.A. Sokol and to Canadian Sokol directors.

E. J. Halik

## Report of the ASO. Director of Women

On April 28th attended special meeting about band conductor. As per decision I called bro. Bastar the same evening. He agreed to hire musicians and correspond with bro. C. Divisek of New York regarding preparations for the Slet music. Two days later bro. Bastar gave me an itemized estimate for musicians to play in parade, rehearsal and Slet program. He also said that the union minimum of musicians for a ball field is 20. All of this information I presented to the Slet Committee on May 5th.

Bros. Jos. Drnec, Jenicek, Halik and I met with Mr. Black at Morton High School, West Branch, for clarification of expenses for the use of the gymnasiums and equipment. The matter of Thursday evening competitions for women and junior girls was satisfactorily explained.

I wrote out competition schedule and other Slet information for the May Sokol Americky. I cut 4 stencils with material pertaining to the instructors' school, also 3 stencils of competition program and entry forms. These were sent out as soon as received to all units and organizations. Sis. Cihak ran these stencils off on the mimeograph for which I thank her. I also wrote 15 letters of invitation to VFW, AMVETS, etc. for the Slet Committee.

Sis. M. Linhart, Chairman of the Scoring Committee, is preparing all material, in readiness for the competitions.

Went to Balkan Studio where I had four copies of tapes made for girls' and women's floor exercises. These were sent to those who requested them.

Met with bro. E. Halik regarding finale to men and women's mass drill.

I have been teaching a special number for the Central District women—this and preparations for the competitions, correspondence, etc. is keeping me very busy.

I judged for the Chicago Park District at Lake Shore Park.

M. Prchal

## Financial Report ASO.

May, 1965

### INCOME

Dues .....	\$ 1,303.50
Convention Fund .....	21.50
Jewelry .....	103.46
Interest and dividends .....	126.30
Advertising and S.A. subscriptions .....	186.00
Miscellaneous .....	8.43
Artistic Gymnastics .....	5.75
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	\$ 1,754.94

### DISBURSEMENTS

XI. Slet Committee loan .....	\$ 3,000.00
Salaries .....	757.85
Postage, supplies, Public Service, rent, janitor service, mimeo, repair, telephone...	394.82
Slet expense .....	32.86
Sokol Americky .....	871.85
Board of Instructors .....	35.71
Printing .....	30.05

New engraving on Hus memorial in Constance .....	65.00
	\$ 5,188.14

**BALANCE**

Totals brought forward:	
Western National Bank of Cicero checking account .....	\$ 8,733.38
Income — May, 1965 .....	1,754.94
	\$10,488.32
Disbursements — May, 1965 .....	5,188.14
	\$ 5,300.18

**FROM OUR DISTRICTS****CENTRAL DISTRICT**

Meeting conducted by president bro. James Simaner. 24 delegates present.

Minutes of the March meeting accepted.

Secretary gave a report on a special Executive Board meeting April 9. Main item was the excursion to St. Louis for non-gymnasts and the general public. Cost \$35.50, which includes bus fare, sightseeing, hotel, banquet and admission to the exhibition.

At this meeting a committee was elected to design a "First Unit Flag" to be presented to Sokol St. Louis. On the committee: sister Schnabl, bros. Lebloch, Prchal, Simaner. The details for presentation in St. Louis will be arranged by bros. Simaner and Lebloch.

Bro. Simaner will represent the Central District May 8th, at the arrangement meeting of the Bohemian National Cemetery Memorial Day celebration. Effort will be made to increase attendance at the Memorial Day celebration of the Bohemian National Cemetery. A notice will be published in the newspapers for the above occasion.

Received the March minutes of the Executive Board meeting of the ASO., also literature from the Czechoslovak National Council.

The correspondence of the Publicity Committee for the XI. Centennial Slet was read. \$10.00 was approved for the XI. Slet seals. \$50.00 was passed for a full page in the Slet Historical Journal. Brothers Prchal and Simaner will arrange this page with a short history of the district in English and a picture of present officers of the district.

Three exceptionally good quarterly reports were read from Sokol Berwyn, Fuegner, Stickney with a total increase in membership of 45.

Report of the director of men: Meeting of the BOI. April 12, II. class boys tournament April 22, probably at Sokol Brookfield. Free calisthenics for junior boys, also to be held April 22, first three boys will perform in St. Louis. During the month bro. Lebloch made arrangements for the St. Louis exhibition and tournament. He also discussed the appropriate marches and music with bro. Zakrocky. With sister Schnabl he attended a special meeting with bro. Reiner from Sokol St. Louis, who was in Chicago April 23rd. He attended the exhibitions of

Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs and Slovak Sokol Krivan. The exhibition of Sokol Krivan will be shown on Channel 7 television station, Saturday, May 8, at 5:30 p.m. Bro. Lebloch feels he should make at least one more trip to St. Louis to arrange the technical details. His expenses will be paid by the district.

The report of sister Schnabl, director of women: In their last monthly meeting of the BOI. the sisters worked on the details of the St. Louis exhibition and tournament. Entry blanks for gymnasts were distributed and information for judges sent out. Clinic for judges was held immediately after the meeting. II. class girls tournament will be held May 16, Sokol Tabor, sis. Pekarek in charge. In charge of the junior girls in St. Louis sis. Udaykee, women, sister Ptacek. The Beseda practice was stopped for a few weeks, not enough interest.

During the month the free calisthenics music was taped. The design of the special uniforms for the Central District special number at the XI. Slet, prepared by sister Prchal, was passed on to the units. Sister Schnabl arranged for the women from the Physical Dept. of the University of Illinois to visit the gym classes of Sokol Tabor and Sokol Slavsky May 6.

Sister Schnabl reports that the expense for trophies should be covered in a large part by the entry fees and proceeds from the efforts of the Sokol St. Louis trophy committee.

The members of the BOI. were asked to promote discussion in their units on the coming convention of the ASO. district annual meeting, and about the possibility of a track and field meet in autumn. Also if it is possible to conduct a tournament for first class girls in the future.

Bro. Simaner excused himself for being unable to attend the exhibition of Sokol Stickney. He reports that there are several reservations for our St. Louis excursion.

Bro. Prchal gave a report on arranging the rental of the CSA. gym for Beseda. At the request of sister Schnabl, bro. Simaner will contact sis. Jonas on the payment of the rent.

Sis. Udaykee will make a personal effort to reorganize the Beseda practice sessions.

Bro. Prchal gave the delegates posters for the St. Louis exhibition. Delegate of Sokol Cechie read an article in a suburban newspaper dealing with the attempts to organize a Sokol unit in the Lombard-Glen Ellyn area.

Sokol Stickney exhibition May 1, Sokol Slavsky will perform May 2 at Stefanik Hall, to help out the Slovak Sokol.

The president and both district directors will have their expenses to St. Louis paid by the district.

**WESTERN DISTRICT**

Meeting held May 10th with 16 delegates present.

Bro. Lastovica announced that a workshop will be held in Omaha, May 15 and 16.

Sis. Drozda reported on preparations for a 10 minute TV program KMTV (Channel 3) on May 28th at 12:35 P.M. KMTV and WOW-TV (Channel 6) will film portions of the District workshop for

presentation and the Omaha World Herald is also to take pictures.

Bro. Swoboda preparing Sokol Handbook for gymnasts. It contains basic questions and answers on Sokol. Part II. and III. will be prepared at a later date. Part I. to be distributed to district gym classes for study prior to the Slet.

Medals and ribbons from the Mid-Winter Meet will be presented at the workshop May 15. Junior boys and girls from various units were asked to participate in So. Omaha Sokol Day. Beseda dancers from Sokol units were also invited. Sis. Dusek, retired treasurer, thanked the District for the plaque presented to her at the Omaha exhibition.

#### PACIFIC DISTRICT

Meeting held May 4, with 10 delegates present.

Bro. Kohoutek requested to prepare history for XI. Slet program book for ½ page ad.

Bro. Pokorný reported on requests he received for children's drill, tape recording for Sokol Fresno, and copy of Beseda for Sokol San Francisco. Sokol Los Angeles will be represented in Fresno during their 25th Anniversary celebration.

Sis. Palas reported that she visited Sokol Fresno and taught drills for the event.

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Special meeting was held on May 29, in Fresno, California. Present were 19 delegates.

Special meeting was called for the purpose of considering the matter of incorporation of the Pacific District of ASO.

Bro. Nekuda spoke of the benefits of incorporating the District. Bro. Nachtigal spoke in detail on the reasons for the incorporation and pointed out the many future benefits stemming from it. He also stressed the economy of doing this now inasmuch as the Los Angeles units have already contracted for legal services in this matter and the additional cost of filing more or less identical documents in the name of the Pacific District would only involve filing fees and a very nominal additional amount of legal fees.

Sokol Portland and Sokol Scio approved the incorporation by proxies. All other units were represented by delegates and all voted in favor of the incorporation.

Officers of the Pacific District of the ASO. will proceed accordingly.

## Zápis ze schůze Výk. Výboru Americké Obce Sokolské,

konané v úterý, 25. května, 1965.

Br. Karel Prchal předsedal.

Přítomni: Bři. Halík, Kropík, Rabas a Voдрážka. Sestry Čiháková a Faltová. Br. Čihák a sestra Prchalová omluveni.

Zápis z poslední schůze dodatečně schválen.

#### ZPRÁVY ZE ŽUP

Byly čteny zápisy ze župy Východní, Západní a Pacifické.

#### DOPISY

Česká Útulna pozvala ke "Garden Party", kterou pořádá ve své zahradě v Den Zdobení Hrobů, 30. května, 1965.

Sokol Fuegner-Tyrš, So. Omaha, zve všechny členy Výk. Výboru k účasti na jeho výročním Sokolském dnu 11. července. Bude poslán pozdrav.

Čsl. Společnost pro Vědu a Umění v Americe, Inc. posílá projev vděčnosti za Album sokolské známky z jubilejních slavností ve Washingtonu, D. C., který zařadí do svého archivu. Blahopřeje také k vydání sokolské poštovní známky k počtě výročí 100 let od založení první sokolské jednoty ve Spojených státech.

Federace čsl. spolků v Zurichu, Švýcarsko, zve k účasti při vzpomínkové oslavě výročí 550. let od upálení Mistra Jana Husa a 50. let od zahájení odbojového hnutí T. G. Masarykem pro osvobození českého a slovenského národa. Oslava bude se konat v Konstanci. Byl poslán dopis s přáním plného úspěchu.

Po zájezdu AOS. do Evropy a do Konstance v r. 1962 bylo rozhodnuto, aby byl vytvořen fond k obnovení nápisu na velkém balvanu označujícím místo, kde byl Mistr Jan Hus upálen, když takové opravy bude třeba. Pro tento fond obdrželi jsme několik příspěvků. Zbyl také menší obnos ze sbírky pro plakety, umístěné v Oetz a Konstanci. Požádali jsme Rev. Přemysla Pittera ve Švýcarsku o zaslání rozpočtu pro potřebnou opravu. Sdělil nám, že obnovení nápisu si vyžádá \$65.00. Práce musí být udělána do 4. července, kdy se koná pout' do Konstance. Schváleno, aby do Švýcarska bylo posláno \$65.00.

Sokol Tyrš oznámil, že br. Jerry Vencel, st., místopředseda, bude zastupovat jednotu na Národní Pouti v St. Louis, Mo.

Oscar a spol., Inc., fotografové, nabízejí svoje služby pro naše oslavy v r. 1965.

Sokol Corpus Christi, Texas, požádal o informace o volbě delegáta na sjezd a o finanční podpoře pro cvičence. Dopis byl vyřízen odpovědí, že jednotu může ještě svého zástupce oznámit a že AOS. nepřispívá k úhradě výdajů cvičenců.

Spojené Sokolstvo na Východě poslalo srdečně pozvání k Sokolskému Dnu na Světové Výstavě v New Yorku 6. června. Vyslovují také politování, že tento jejich podnik koná se ve stejný den jako Národní Pout' do St. Louis, ale toto datum bylo jediné k získání. Žádají dále o vyslání zástupce AOS. na jejich Sokolský Den.

Protože většina členů Výk. Výboru AOS. bude v St. Louis, bude br. Joseph Hrbek, starosta župy Východní, požádan, aby AOS. zastupoval a vyřídil pozdrav, který mu bude poslán. Schváleno.

Stephen N. Sestanovich, atašé pro veřejné vztahy v Helsinku, Finsko, psal o vydání sokolské známky. V odpovědi na náš dopis se zmínil, že se velmi zajímá o Slet, protože býval také členem Sokola a má v úmyslu se Sletu účastnit. Vyjádřil svoje uznání krásné činnosti Sokolské organizaci a naší účasti v Presidentově programu pro fyzickou zdatnost. Je konsulem Spojených států a nabízí své služby jako řečník v době svého pobytu v Chicagu.

## ZPRÁVA JEDNATELKY

Ses. Welclová poslala pozdrav z Tokya a žádá o omluvení až do konce května.

Fro "Future Sokol Leaders Fund" došly následující dary: Mr. a Mrs. Rudy Liška k uctění památky br. Franka Kouríma \$5.00, Americko-Ceskoslovenský klub v Seattle, Wash., \$100.00, Mr. a Mrs. Joseph Kos k uctění památky br. dr. Franka Vítka \$2.00.

Došlo několik dopisů a meziměstských volání ve věci zahájení sjezdu AOS. a určení data pro zasedání výboru pro stanovy.

Připravila dopis pro jednoty s výzvou k používání sokolské známky v jubilejním roce. Jen 60 procent dopisů došlých do úřadovny nese sokolskou známku. Br. Vodrážka připravil finanční zprávu pro rok 1964, která byla napsána na bílou a rozmnožena. Připravila formulář 990 se zprávou pro Department of Internal Revenue vyžadovaný od organizací za účelem zproštění od daní.

Sen. R. Hruškovi byly poslány informace o daňových úlevách AOS., o které nás požádal.

Navštívila: Den Polské Nezávislosti s brem. Prchalem v Humboldt Parku 2. května. Byli přítomni Vice-President Humphrey a Mrs. Humphrey, kongresníci Pucinski a Derwinski, se kterými jsme měli příležitost hovořit. Jakmile jsme se představili jako Sokol Physical Fitness, každý se k nám hlásil. Promluvila na Dnu Matek a Otců Sokola a Sokolic Chicaga, na výročním Dnu Matek a Otců v Ústředí čl. legionářů a oslavě vlastní jednoty Sokola a Sokolic Town of Lake. Všude mluvila o Sokolstvu a všech událostech jubilejního roku.

## ČINNOST ÚŘADOVNY

Mnoho práce potřebné pro Slet je děláno v úřadovně. Mimiografovala blány pro náčelnictvo a mnoho dopisů pro sletovou úřadovnu. Dále rozmnožila 6,000 dopisů, 6,000 formulářů a adresovala 6,000 obálek pro druhé vysílání Sletového výboru, které bylo uděláno a vysláno z naší úřadovny za dobrovolné pomoci sester Faltové, Kosové, Krátké a Vokounové, br. Čiháka a Prchala. V úřadovně jsou zaznamenávány všechny příspěvky za sletové nálepky. Dopisy s peněžními příspěvky jsou otevírány ses. Čihákovou, Faltovou a Žáčkovou.

V úřadovně jsou také vyřizovány objednávky nálepek na auta, odznaků, štítky na ramena, současně s objednávkami obálek prvního dne vydání a sokolských známek. Pomáhá br. Čihákovu v přípravě Sletového Památníku.

Naše spolupracovnice v úřadovně ses. Žáčková udělala kus dobré práce při shromažďování a přípravě české sletové zpravodajské služby, která byla mimiografována a vyslána z úřadovny AOS.

Starý mimiograf a jeho buben byl vyčištěn a pracuje dobře.

Br. Madera a ses. Sotka docházejí do úřadovny tak často, jak jim to čas dovolí, včetně nedělí a pomáhají, kdekoli je toho třeba.

Všechna korespondence byla vyřizována a materiál vyslán.

Br. Halík nedostal zápis od jednatelky náčelnictva a podal zprávu ústně. Sdílel, že br. Barcal a sestra Tintěrová jsou pověřeni vedením Akademie (Gym-

nasticale), povedou pořad nebo vyberou obřadníka. Pro sletového obřadníka bylo navrženo několik jmen.

O připravovaném cvičitelském kursu AOS. byla provedena dlouhá rozprava. Cvičitelský kurs pro pokročilé žáky bude se konat v Potters Lake.

Br. Halík navrhl způsob finanční pomoci. Při počtu 60 žáků bylo doporučeno 5 učitelů. AOS. dá finanční podporu jen těm studentům, kteří budou kurs navštěvovat po dobu celých tří týdnů.

Byl schválen návrh, aby počet studentů byl omezen na 60, nejvíce 5, nejméně 3 učitelé. AOS. zaplatí 30 procent výdajů za ubytování a stravování studentů, naléhavé léčebné výdaje a v případě potřeby dopravu zavazadel. Náčelnictvo určí počet studentů, kteří dostanou finanční podporu v jednotlivých jednotkách a župách. Protože je malá zásoba tělocvičných pomůcek, nebudou studentům nabízeny, jak se dělalo v minulosti.

Br. Halík četl svou zprávu náčelníka mužů a zprávu ses. Prchalové jako náčelnice žen.

Ses. Čiháková četla zápis ze schůze Sletového výboru, konané 30. dubna. Bylo rozhodnuto obstarat fotografie pro Sletový Památník: Celého Sletového výboru, úředníků Sletového výboru, Výkonného Výboru AOS. a náčelnictev.

Fotografování je zjednáno pro 28. květen o 10:30 hod. večer. Schváleno.

Ses. Čiháková upozornila, že pro sjezd AOS. nebyly doposud učiněny žádné přípravy a také program nebyl ještě určen. Je mnoho dotazů a pro odpovědi nejsou informace.

Br. Prchal jmenoval br. Vodrážku, ses. Čihákovou a sebe k přípravě programu pro sjezd. Byla provedena rozprava o dopravě delegátů. Účty za jízdné drahou první třídy i dopravu jiného druhu první třídy nebudou hrazeny. Bude honorováno jen nejnižší jízdné coachem drahou i letadlem. Schváleno.

Výbor pro stanovy zahájí svou činnost v pátek, 18. června o 10. hod. dop. Výboru jsou určeny tři dny pro jeho práci.

Sjezd bude zahájen v pondělí 21. června o 10. hod. dopoledne.

Výbor se sejde ve čtvrtek k projednání dalších sjezdových opatření a programu.

Br. Halík oznámil, že s brem. Prchalem a Vrbou měli schůzku se sestrou Hildou Jelinkovou v záležitosti obchodu se sokolskými potřebami. Bylo schváleno, aby sestře Jelinkové bylo tlumočeno naše politování, že organizační zařízení nám znemožňuje přijmout její nabídku.

Všem agencím, které budou prodávat vstupenky na Slet bude placeno 10 procent provise.

Ses. Čiháková opět připomněla všem úředníkům, že všechny zprávy musí být uveřejněny v příštím čísle Sokola Amerického, který musí být vytištěn před sjezdem.

Schůze Výkonného Výboru bude se konat ještě jednou před sjezdem.

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

Bláza J. Čiháková, jednatelka.

## Minutes of the Meeting of the ASO. Centennial Slet Committee

Held March 26, 1965, in the CSA. Building

Bro. Charles Prchal presided.

The English minutes of February 26, 1965, meeting were read by sis. Prener and on motion accepted. Opposed bro. J. Drnec.

Minutes of the Executive Committee were read by bro. B. Vanek. The Executive Committee named bro. James Cihak Honorary Chairman, and sis. Blanche Cihak Honorary Secretary of the Slet Committee. Bro. Prchal accepted chairmanship of the Slet Committee. Bro. Vanek was elected Secretary, and bro. Vodrazka elected Treasurer of the Slet Committee. Sis. Irma Janecka was appointed chairman of the Slet Exhibit Committee. All elections and appointments approved. Extend invitation to Postmaster General Gronouski to attend the Slet as our honored guest. Letterheads to carry names of officers and committee chairmen. Official address—5611 W. Cermak Foad, Cicero, Ill. 60650. Slet seals to be printed. Bro. J. Cihak has written letter to be sent with the seals.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

**Publicity.** Sis. J. Zacek. For publicity purposes recommends special heading in newspaper—Bulletin; news reports from units and districts; articles by prominent people; reports of committees; Slet report bi-weekly; special Slet information articles; establish news headquarters; publish news under heading: NEWS XI. SOKOL COMMEMORATIVE SLET; and that one page in Sokol Americky be reserved for Slet technical and publicity information. Approved. Bro. Prchal reported bro. Vrzal will publicize our Slet via radio in Chicago, bro. Prazak in Cleveland on the Bohemian hour, and bro. Petlicka in New York.

**Housing.** Sis. B. Cihak reported rates for Slet and convention have been obtained from Congress Hotel: \$10.00 single, \$14.00 double or twin bedded rooms, dormitory \$4.00—4 people to room, and \$4.00—3 people to room. This will be published in Sokol Americky as well as a list of motels.

**Management.** Bro. J. Drnec. All work is being done. Mr. Black preparing cost of our exhibition. All arrangements made for pre-Slet events. Asks check be sent to Sokol Berwyn.

**Financial.** Bro. F. Vodrazka. 150,000 Slet seals in 6 colors have been ordered. 50 stamps per sheet. Donations to be voluntary. Approved. Dorian tumbler 11 oz. glasses with Slet emblem—cost 17c per glass. Recommend 2 gross be purchased. Embroidered emblem (patch) of fade-proof material, blue background, white and red stitching, approximately 28c each if 1 bolt of material is used. Request permission to order. Motion duly seconded and passed. Opposed bro. Drnec. Bumper stickers—do not recommend purchase. Approved. Pennants, obtained price of 10c each in thousand lots. Recommend 300 be purchased. Approved. Tickets. Recommend general admission:

West side of stadium—adults \$1.75, students \$1.25. East side of stadium—adults \$1.50, students 1.00.

Reserved seats—west side (outside of the boxes in the grand stand proper) \$2.50. Reserved seats will not be numbered.

Akademie: \$1.50—order 750 tickets. Awards Night: \$1.50—order 1,200 tickets. Farewell Night: \$1.50—order 500 tickets.

Chips. Recommend that chips on hand be checked, counted, properly marked and used for all Slet festivities. Approved. Our thanks to the women of Havlicek-Tyrs who will make the money aprons for the souvenir sellers.

**BOI.** Bro. E. Halik. Recommendation of float for Polish Independence Day was turned down. Attendance at several local Memorial Day parades recommended instead. Opposed bro. Drnec. Score pads for judges to be printed by Chicago Imprinting Co. Approved. Requests for tapes (music) are being filled as received. Recommend organization of a committee (or assignment of a musical director) for producing musical accompaniment for future Slets. Recommend Senator Roman Hruska as guest speaker on Slet program. Accepted, subject to approval of the Executive Committee. Invoice for music (piano part) present to Financial Committee. Eternal flame is recommended as opening and closing feature of Slet program with representatives participating from all attending gymnastic organizations. Approved. Gymnastic organizations attending our Slet: SGUS., D.A. Sokol, Canadian Sokols in Exile, Polish Falcons—Chicago, Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

**Sokol Exhibit.** Sis. Irma Janecka reports all is in readiness for the exhibit opening the first week in June. Frames are available for each unit—size 24" x 36". Question of insurance coverage of valuable items referred to the Executive Committee.

Motion duly made and seconded that we reconsider the matter of bro. Janecka's resignation as a member of the Slet Committee and that he be reinstated as a member of this committee. Passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Betty Prener, Recording Secretary

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### MEETING HELD APRIL 30, 1965, IN THE CSA. BUILDING

Bro. Charles Prchal presided.

The Czech minutes of March 26, 1965, meeting were read by sis. J. Zacek and on motion accepted as read.

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of April 15, 1965, were read by bro. B. Vanek. Have request from bro. Cech, Owosso, Michigan, for teaching material, also requests information regarding housing. BOI to reconsider the number of musicians for Slet program proper. Music is taped for Akademie and recommend there be no dancing after program. For Saturday obtain Frank Zakrocky—5 musicians. For Sunday Farewell Dance, obtain Rudy Rozum—4 musicians. Price of admission to banquet is \$7.50. CSA. band will be invited to take part in parade. Signing of checks—2 out 3 signatures: Prchal, Vanek, Vodrazka. To Financial Committee for reconsideration, the payment of 10% commission to souvenir sellers on Sunday. Publicity Committee to work up Slet poster. Expenditure of \$500 for parade requested. Recommend Senator

Paul Douglas as Honorary Parade Marshal. Invitations to be extended to Senator Roman Hruska and Mr. Bob Stewart to be our guests at the Slet.

Bro. Jim Cihak, who had been ill, was welcomed back to our midst by bro. Prchal.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

**BOI.** Bro. E. Halik reported on competition schedule, Sunday rehearsal schedule, assembly of Slet participants. The entire program, without speeches, will take 2½ hours. Units and Districts have been requested to bring their flags. Trophy Committee—Letter sent out requesting donations. Contacts being made for photographing of Slet and Slet competitions. Request a voice in matter of Master of Ceremonies in all programs where BOI. participates. Regarding music—orchestration is being written in New York. Motion recommending bro. Bastar as the local conductor and Divisek as guest conductor was passed.

**BOI.** Sis. M. Prchal was excused, but sent written report read by sis. B. Prener. Red Cross First Aid Service will be had during Slet competitions and exhibition. Berwyn Police and Fire Departments will furnish ambulance service. Bro. C. Divisek advised he had an arranger for Slet music—cost \$225.00. Retainer fee of \$50.00 required and sis. Prchal sent personal check. Attended special meeting regarding hiring of musicians for the Slet. After careful consideration decision reached that bro. Bastar hire 18 musicians—conducted by C. Divisek of New York. Bro. Bastar to hire two bands for the Slet parade. Women's mass calisthenics have been corrected and finished, and taught in several districts. Sis. Jane Jurew taught mass calisthenics to 30 women, representing all nests of Chicago and South Bend areas of the Polish Falcons, who have been invited to participate in our Slet.

**Parade Committee:** Bro. J. Simaner reported as follows: Invitations to be sent to: 1) Senator Paul Douglas, 2) bands to participate, 3) uniformed organizations, and 4) Sokol Tyrs, Cleveland (Sokol band). CSA. bands (Senior and Junior) will attend. Band of Moravské Spolky may attend. Is working closely with bro. Vanek—assistance offered by bro. Vodrazka. Polish band (approximately 500) will be personally contacted by bro. Simaner and Cihak. Parade assembling point—56th Avenue. Bro. Simaner will contact bro. Bastar re: bands for parade. Also requested \$500 be budgeted for expense of Parade Committee. Report accepted.

**Management Committee:** Bro. J. Drnec reports receipt of contract from bro. Frank Zakrocky for 5 musicians to play 3 consecutive hours. Discussion followed. Decision reached—arrange for time not necessarily consecutive. Motion seconded and passed (2 against). Farewell Dance—recommend securing Rudy Rozum—4 musicians sufficient. Will call combined meeting of BOI. and Management Committee to coordinate efforts re: Friday night program. Will meet with Mr. Black shortly to settle details.

Bro. Halik explained meaning of Gymnastical. On motion made, seconded and passed, our tickets will be imprinted using term Gymnastical. Motion made, seconded and passed that music and refreshments will follow Gymnastical program.

**Housing Committee:** Sis. B. Cihak reported bro. Kropik was excused due to pressure of business. Reduced rates were obtained from the Pick Congress, \$9.00 for single, \$13.00 for double or twin, \$4.00 per person dormitory—4 people to room, \$5.00 per person—3 people to room. Recommend obtaining additional space at another hotel if necessary, to take care of our people.

**Banquet Committee:** Sis. B. Cihak reported bro. Kropik has secured the Great Hall dining room for our banquet. Will accommodate 1,000 people. Room has a nice stage. Hammond organ available for dinner music. Contacting Jim McClain to see if he would furnish organ music. CSA. Men's and Women's choral groups under the direction of bro. Frank Kubina will participate in program. Invitations are printed—price recommended \$7.50 per person. Approved.

**Financial Committee:** Bro. F. Vodrazka presented a proposed budget for the XI. American Sokol Slet. Anticipated receipts and expenditures were presented. Souvenirs are ordered and some have already been received and sent out to districts and units. Approved. Will endeavor to get helpers from units to increase sales of souvenirs.

Check for \$3,000 as a loan to Slet Committee by ASO. was turned over by sis. B. Cihak.

**Publicity Committee:** Sis. J. Zacek sent out 2 news reports announcing all Slet activity. Sent letter, in English and Czech, to all units giving all instructions. Prepared letter for 25 news correspondents. Must publicize via Radio Free Europe broadcasting to Czechoslovakia; also to France and Canada. Appealing to all Sokol units to stress Slet activity at Mother's Day programs. Recommendation that our Czech and Slovak radio stations report our Slet activity. (Newspaper ads to carry invitation to all fraternal and social organizations to attend our Slet.) Also spoke at CSA. meeting where delegates from 250 lodges were present.

Bro. Prchal reported he spoke at ZCJB. in favor of our Slet. Bro. Gorman is in charge of the English publicity. Bro. Chmelicek, too, will assist with English publicity as will sisters Koubek and Savel. Presented suggestion for Slet poster. With slight modification poster was approved.

**Souvenir Program Committee:** Bro. J. Cihak reported format will be 8½x11—cost of advertising: \$50.00 full page; \$30.00 half page; \$18.00 quarter page; \$10.00 eighth page, and Well Wishers \$1.00 per line. Cost of printing on better paper \$21.50 per page. Requests units send in their history. Sent about 50 letters to outstanding individuals and Sokol leaders to send greetings. Motion passed that our Souvenir program be printed on better paper.

**Sokol Exhibit Committee:** Sis. Irma Janecka received floor plan from Lincoln Federal. Layout of exhibit is being prepared. Some Sokol material has already been received. Would like to distribute Sokol brochure to interested people, also souvenirs could be sold here. Insurance—what type was decided on and when does it go into effect. Anyone having anything for the exhibit notify the Exhibit Committee.

For the good of the order: Sis. J. Zacek called attention to discrepancies in our letterhead. Changes

will be made and new letterheads imprinted. Approved.

Presentation by Canadian Sokols of Canadian flag to ASO. will be effected during Slet activities. Executive Committee will appropriately place in our program.

Financial Committee to appoint 3 people to open mail received in response to the Slet seal drive.

Plastic badges for judges will be ordered by bro. Vodrazka.

Bro. Lada Stulik introduced his friend bro. Engler from Augsburg, West Germany, who followed our proceedings with keen interest. Bro. Prchal welcomed him to our midst.

Meeting adjourned.

Betty Prener, Recording Secretary

## Sokol Detroit Board of Instructors

All gym classes are in progress and most classes have completed their Slet calisthenics. Men and women have completed at least three parts of the N.E. District special "Red, White and Blue Number," which will be presented at the Slet in Chicago.

Some of our gymnasts are taking advantage of using the Wayne University gymnasium facilities on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00 P.M. If you can find the time go down there and get extra practise in for your apparatus tricks.

The "Judges Clinic" will be held at the Sokol Camp, on June 6th, "Camp Opening Day" for all gymnasts volunteering their services as judges for the Slet.

The BOI. passed a resolution that all gymnasts participating in the Chicago Slet contribute \$10.00 each to help defray travel expenses, payable by June 4th. This is necessary due to our limited funds, as you all know we are in the midst of "Fund Raising Drives" for the construction of our new building.

On May 23rd, the N.E. District instructors will pay us a visit and correct and teach, if necessary, any changes in our Slet calisthenics and the "Red, White and Blue Number."

During the course of the year we will participate in the N.E. District Slet in Cleveland on June 12th and 13th, the 18th Annual Sokol Slet and Czechoslovak Day in Masaryktown, Toronto, Canada, on July 3rd and 4th, and at the ZCBJ's "Dozinky" on August 15th in Flint, Michigan. Of course besides these activities we will be at the Chicago Slet in Chicago June 24th through the 27th and our own "Veřejní" at Sokol Camp on July 11th.

We plan on starting kindergarten gym classes very soon, these to be handled by Gerry Sedlar and Betty Jane Mackie.

The Sokols received a little bit of publicity on Saturday, May 1st, when Charles J. Bares, member of the North Farmington High School gymnastic team, performed on TV, Channel 7, along with his team. They commented on the fact that he is also a member of the Sokol Organization.

About all for now except that we from the BOI. ask everyone that can make it, to make it a point to

support all of our gymnastic activities and have a large visitors' turnout for the Chicago Slet. Nazdar!

Charles Bares, Secretary

Sokol and Sokolice—Detroit BOI.

## Návštěva u bratra starosty.

Před několika málo týdny zavítal jsem do Chicaga, kde jsem pochopitelně navštívil ústředí Americké Obce Sokolské. Široká Čermákova třída, kde se naše kancelář nachází, je plná obchodů, restaurací, peněžních ústavů a mezi nimi je sokolská kancelář. A v ní pilně, bez ohlížení se doleva či doprava úřaduje tajemnice sestra Bláža Čiháková. Kancelář Obce by nebyla úplná bez "hlavy" Sokolstva — starosty bratra Karla Prchala. Jako vždy, stále usměvavý, klidně hovořící, přívětivý, vyptávající se na všechny novinky v župě a jednotách i s dotazy na jednotlivce. Po projednání a prodebatování sokolských záležitostí, dostalo se mě pozvání k návštěvě rodinného domku Prchalových. Rád jsem přijal, v domněnkách, že je to formální návštěva, v normálním rodinném domku. Svůj názor jsem okamžitě změnil, když jsem procházel místnosti. Úžas jaký jsem projevoval při této návštěvě nezůstal nepovšimnut bratrem starostou a sestrou Prchalovou. Dům našich dvou čelných sokolských pracovníků je domem, který se klidně může nazvat "Národní museum" nebo i "Sokolské museum". Ty nespočetné vzácné, dnes již dávno rozebrané knihy, starého i novějšího vydání, jsou pečlivě uloženy v knihovnách. Mnohé jsou podepsány autory jako ku příkladu Vrbou, Jiráskem, Benešem, atd. Jedna z vzácností, kterou sestra Prchalová starostlivě ochraňuje je stará rodinná kronika z roku 1746, psaná schwa-bachem. Na stěnách pokud místo dovoluje je mnoho diplomů, štítů a čestného členství, čestného občanství z míst v Americe a v Československu. Vzácné fotografie s podpisy T. G. Masaryka, dr. Eduarda Beneše, Jana Masaryka a jiných, jejich dopisy, to vše je v úschově bratra Prchala. Dále sošky, vlajky a odznaky zaplňují všechny místnosti. Můj údiv nebral konců, protože dovedu sám ocenit hodnotu těchto vzácných a historických dokumentů našeho národa a naší krajanské větve ve Spojených státech amerických. Velmi pochybuji, že kdokoli, kdekolí se může "chlubití" takovými dokumenty, které jsou nedocenitelné hodnoty. Zasloužily by čestného a významného místa, plného respektu všech nás. Zaslouhují také obdivu nad péčí jakou Prchalovi věnují těmto vzácnostem. Bratře starosto a sestro Prchalová, jsem skutečně vděčen za to, že jsem byl pozván do vašeho příbytku, netušíc překvapení, kterého se mě dostalo prohlídkou "drahokamů" naší literatury a ostatních neméně cenných předmětů. Bohatství jaké vlastníte musí být zachováno na věky a není skutečně lepší opatrovníků nad vás. Děkuji vám ještě touto cestou.

Jan Petlička, vzdělavatel Východní župy.

Lykurg nařídil, aby nejvyšší péče bylo dbáno při tělesném vychování dívek, jsa přesvědčen, že čím ženiv silnější, tím statnější na duchu i těle budou jejich dítky. — Platon.

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The camp for children staying by the week, officially opens July 4, under the direction of bros. Bob Sheridan and Bill Vrba, Jr., both majoring in Physical Education at Eastern Illinois University and Illinois State University at Normal respectively. Both have a Sokol background since the age of five years, have both graduated from beginners, intermediate, and advanced courses conducted by the Sokol Leaders Program of the ASO. They have been instructors at Sokol Stickney until going away to school. We are very proud these young men have learned this year's men's calisthenic drills while away at school and each came back to participate in our exhibition and will also participate in the St. Louis and National Slets. We feel they are truly Sokol leaders of the future and are qualified and looking forward to their summer assignment at Sokol Camp. Incidentally, it was here at the Willow Springs Camp they both took their beginner's course under the direction of bro. Ed Halik, Director of Men, ASO.

Many improvements are being planned for Sokol Camp, however, since the transfer of management has been late in the season, we hope the few we have made for this summer will be an example of our interest in maintaining the camp for the Sokols. We hope your patronage will make it possible to fulfill our many aspirations. For further information call ST 8-3059 (bro. Vrba) or ST 8-0503 (bro. Sheridan).

## Frank Kouřím.

Po delším utrpení, zemřel 27. dubna ideální, zdatný národní a sokolský pracovník, br. Frank Kouřím. Byl členem Sokola Tábor. Osud mu dopřál 73 léta plodného života.

Na zájezdu AOS. do Evropy u příležitosti sletu svobodného Sokolstva ve Vídni, v roce 1962 bral se svoji manželkou plnou účast a těšil se z každého kroku, z každého počínu.

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Zanechal nezacelenou mezeru v řadách našich pracovníků. V Sokole a hlavně v Československé Národní Radě Americké. Zaslouhuje si náš vděk a ti, kteří ho poznali, budou vzpomínat.

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