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Convention Opening Address by Charles M. Prchal

Brothers and Sisters:

Once again we have assembled—this time to officially open the 10th General Convention of the American Sokol Organization, and to unite our hearts and minds and our willing hands to see that the work that lies ahead is brought to a fruitful conclusion. It has been my honored privilege to address these recurrent gatherings on numerous occasions in the past and I am grateful and highly appreciative of this opportunity to again set the stage in this centennial year of the American Sokol Organization Convention. As we gather here at this convention no doubt many of our thoughts will fly back on the wings of time to other such meetings. . . . There were days of happiness, days of sorrow, hope and despair that hung heavily over some of our past proceedings. Clouds of war, days of epidemics, times of economic fear with its poverty and hunger, all these we experienced and survived during the one hundred successful years.

But to continuously revel in the past attainments, to constantly pat ourselves on our collective backs saying "What a swell job we have done during this past century!", this is not the Sokol way, this certainly cannot be our way. A Sokol never stands still. . . . He must be always plunging ahead, always seeking greater goals and new mountainous peaks to ascend. Time is a relentless force, it keeps changing like the surface of the ocean, one wave of events sweeping over the other, changing the color and force and turbulence of the restless surface. But in all the restlessness of the unchanging principles to guide them, and keep them in line, so as to mold them into a powerful united group.

What are these cohesive principles, what are the unchanging ideals that make any Sokol a brother, a coordinated fellow-traveler on the sometimes treacherous and uncertain road of life? Let me enumerate these briefly. There is in every Sokol a steadfast adherence to the principles of true democracy, and a firm belief in the brotherhood of man. Every Sokol knows and feels and works toward the basic concept of a sound mind in a sound body, which means physical fitness developed through voluntary discipline and an ever goading thirst for knowledge and understanding. The phrase "Good Sokol" is almost synonymous with the phrase "Good Citizen" and this in the broadest sense means a good citizen of the country of his origin, the country of his adoption and of the changing world at large. Patriotism and Sokol enthusiasm, go hand in hand, they have proven this in the past and will continue to demonstrate it in the future. To this we must all re-dedicate our efforts, lest we shall lose sight of our noble heritage in the changing days ahead.



The world we are facing today is not the same as the world we were born into and accustomed to. Our material acquisitions, and our scientific accomplishments, our rapid communication and transportation facilities, all these require reorientation on our part. Above all, we must bear in mind that man is no longer content within the confines of this earth and is reaching out into space, performing feats of daring to challenge our faith and imagination. Yet in spite of all these changes, we, the Sokols, must sharply redefine our objectives, re-state our principles, and once again declare our firm determination to firmly hold our ranks, and go hand in hand into the challenging tomorrow.

Let me again remind you, if you need reminding, that all we do today will fall by the wayside unless we secure the full cooperation of our young generation, American trained and educated grandsons and great-grandsons, granddaughters and great-granddaughters of those who came to America's beckoning shores. We must capture their minds and their hearts, we must show them that Sokol and its ideal are not some worn-out, antiquated residue from days of another generation. . . . Show them, prove to them, convince them that Sokol of today is as alive and as needed as ever. Before in order to enlist them into our ranks we must give them food for thought in a language they will understand. Patiently answer their questions, sweep away their doubts, counter their cynicism, and if we succeed in doing this, then you and I can rest assured that the future of the American Sokol is safe and secure for another century.

Now I declare the 10th Convention of the American Sokol Organization convened.

Success to its proceedings.

MINUTES OF THE TENTH CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION PICK CONGRESS HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

MONDAY, JUNE 21, 1965

MORNING SESSION

Convention called to order by the President of the ASO. Charles Prchal at 10 a.m. in the Pick Congress Hotel in Chicago. Requesting the cooperation of all and closing with a resounding "Nazdar" and applause he closed with a request for posting of the colors.

Presentation of colors by Frank Capek and Edwin Jirousek, District Directors of New York and Cleveland.

National anthems were sung by the delegates, piano accompaniment by bro. Stetka.

Pledge to the flag led by Chief Physical Director bro. E. Halik.

Bro. Prchal then formally opened the Convention. His remarks attached to these minutes.

Bro. Prchal presented IN MEMORIAM—giving tribute to members who passed away in the last few years—naming many who have given of themselves to the Sokol organization.

S. Matoska, B. Prevratil, Jos. Zajicek, Jos. Kos, Lillian and Rudolph Langer, Louis Prince, Marie Rendl, Stanley Houdek, William Matousek, Terezie Waters, J. Vena Welcl, Jarka Jelinek, Jerry Husa, Josephine Volenec, Frank and Olga Stepanek, Leo Vsetecka, Max M. Younger, C. Zajicek, L. Chvilicek, M. Kovarik, I. Faltus, Jos. Brouk, C. Popelka, Kat. Kubicek, Jos. Fetek, Jos. Mares, Rose Tichy, Jan Rompotl, Vac. Simaner.

The delegates stood for one minute of silent tribute.

Credential Committee: Bro. Shana requested permission for sis. Agnes Trajhan, Vice-President of the Central District, to be empowered to represent the Central District in the vacated place of James Simaner who passed away last week. The by-laws make no provision for this procedure. The BOI requested that bro. Alfred Chab be empowered to replace bro. Ray Lastovicka of the Western District. The Cred. Comm. requests that in the future all units and districts send in their names in ample time. The Committee thanked sis. Cihak for her assistance.

Bro. George Basta moved that recom. be granted and report accepted. Approved by show of hands.

Assembly proceeded to election of Convention officers.

Bro. Zahradnicek nominated bro. Anthony Suster.

Bro. Sula nominated bro. Frank Vodrazka.

Bro. Geo. Basta requested permission to digress from regular procedure in nominations and in respect to the recently deceased President of the Central District remembered bro. James Simaner. He seconded nomination of bro. Suster.

Bro. Shana of St. Louis nominated bro. James Cihak. Sis. A. Falta seconded.

Bro. Suster accepted nomination. Bro. Vodrazka asked that we work for one goal and declined the nomination. Bro. Cihak thanked Sokol St. Louis and

recommended that all should vote for bro. Suster for President of the Convention. Delegates were asked for vote by show of hands. Voting unanimous.

Bro. Prchal presented the Convention gavel to bro. Suster with wishes of good luck.

Bro. Suster opened with a short speech stating that he remembers well his arrival as a newcomer in Cleveland and his first Convention in 1950 where he was elected Secretary. He asked for cooperation of all.

Bro. Prchal introduced delegates who have served as members of the Executive Board since the last Convention: Sis. Falta, bro. Cihak, bro. Barcal, sis. Cihak, bros. Kropik, Vodrazka, Halik, sis. Prchal, and two members of the Executive Committee, not delegates, sis. Welcl-Ruzicka and bro. Rabas. Bro. Suster presented bro. Prchal.

Bro. Suster opened nominations for two or more vice-presidents. Following a discussion as to the number of vice-presidents to be elected, it was moved and passed (Neuman and seconded by bro. Hrabina) that two vice-presidents be elected.

Bro. Pavoucek nominated bro. Vodrazka, seconded by sis. Falta.

Bro. Hrbek, New York, nominated bro. Zraly, seconded by bro. Neumann.

Bro. Neumann moved and seconded by br. Kohoutek that voting be by acclamation. Bro. Hrabina questioned voting by acclamation when two candidates are nominated.

Nominations were formally closed and Convention proceeded to vote. Hands were counted. Bro. Prchal and bro. Halik reported 65 votes for bro. Vodrazka—count for bro. Zraly was not announced.

Nominations for 2nd Vice-President were opened. Bro. Zraly's name was placed in nomination by bro. Vodrazka. Emil Prevratil placed bro. Pokladnik's name for 2nd Vice-President.

Nominations were closed and results of election were 62 votes for bro. Zraly. Bro. Cihak moved that we follow procedure of previous Conventions and elect 3 vice-presidents with bro. Pokladnik as 3rd Vice-President. Motion passed and unanimously agreed upon. Bro. Pokladnik elected.

Bro. Suster opened nominations for position of two Czech secretaries: F. Palas, Los Angeles, nominates E. Welcl-Ruzicka. Seconded by bro. Vodrazka, who reported that she is not a delegate and her election depends on the Convention. Bro. Suster asked E. Welcl-Ruzicka if she accepts.

Sis. Prchal nominated sis. Anna Basta, Havlicke-Tyrs. Sis. Basta in her first Convention says she will try.

Sis. Nekuda was nominated and declined.

Bro. Barcal moved that the Convention vote in favor of sis. E. Welcl-Ruzicka to be elected Czech Secretary of Convention without vote, since she is not a delegate.

There being no other nominations, motion carried and both were elected Czech secretaries.

Nominations were opened for English secretaries. Sis. Prchal nominated sis. Zraly, who declined. Since there were no other nominations the Chair requested permission to meet with the Vice-Presidents to find candidates.

Frank Sula was elected Sergeant-at-Arms.

Appointment of Committees by Convention Chairman. Bro. Vodrazka reminded us of importance of these members and moved that the District Presidents meet with the Convention President and establish Committees to enable Convention to elect them.

Further nominations and elections were suspended until afternoon session.

Guests: Bro. Frank Vodrazka, President of the Czechoslovak Society of America, presented a greeting in Czech.

Bro. Halik asked the BOI. to meet in room prior to afternoon session.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. by bro. Suster to convene at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Emilie Welcl-Ruzicka — Anna Basta
Secretaries



EMILIE WELCL-RUZICKA
Convention Secretary



GEORGE SPANEK
Convention Secretary



EMILIE ZIBRID
Convention Secretary

ANN BASTA
Convention Secretary
(Photo missing)

MONDAY, JUNE 21, 1965

AFTERNOON SESSION

The X. Convention was called to order by Convention Chairman bro. Suster at 1:30 p.m. Roll call of delegates by Districts. Absent bro. Joseph Kucera, Racine, Chas. Kropik and Edw. Valha, Sokol Pilsen, sis. B. Vokoun, Sokol Americky, bro. Alfred Hasterdlo or Walter Korisko, Western District. Sis. Ludmilla Elkins, Sokol Newark, Eastern District, omitted in error from list. All Executive Committee and BOI. members present except bro. Kropik. Bro. Kropik and sis. Vokoun arrived later.

Bro. Suster read congratulation from Z.C.B.J. signed by M. L. Hromadka and Chas. H. Vyskocil. Personal greeting sent by bro. Vaclav Konecny, Sokol Slavsky and former ASO. secretary.

Sis. Vlasta Vraz, National President of the Czechoslovak National Council of America, addressed the Convention in Czech and English.

Bro. Prchal, Central District, nominated bro. Spanek, Pacific District, as Czech secretary, seconded by _____ Sister Nemecek, Western District, nominated sis. Emilie Zibríd, Sokol Cechie, for secretary, seconded by sis. Vrba, Sokol Stickney. Both nominees accepted and were elected.

English minutes of the morning session were read by sis. Welcl-Ruzicka. Correction by bro. Prevratil, Southern Dist., regarding nomination for vice-president. Minutes approved as read with corrections noted.

Bro. Neumann, Eastern Dist., nominated bro. Prchal as Honorary Chairman of the Convention, seconded by bro. Kohoutek, Pacific Dist. Unanimously approved.

Bro. Suster named delegates to the various committees, copy attached and distributed to delegates.

Bro. Suster mentioned that three additional members will be added to Nominating Committee, depending on the location of the ASO. offices. By-Laws Committee will remain for duration of convention till new members are elected to serve for next convention. All committees were asked to meet after this session to appoint Chairmen and report to bro. Suster. Reports of ASO. officers not presently completed as bro. Prchal and Kropik will submit reports later. Sis. Cihak has report enclosed in portfolio as well as bro. Cihak. Bro. Halik passed his report to BOI. members. Sis. Prchal will complete her report later.

Nomination by sis. Falta, seconded by sis. Sima, to elect sis. Blanche Cihak as Honorary Secretary of Convention. Approved.

Bro. Zraly, Eastern District, Chairman of By-Laws Committee, passed copies of proposed changes as recommended by By-Laws Committee. Delegates asked to review proposals.

Bro. Suster called for discussion of location of ASO. seat, presently located in Chicago area. Bro. Neumann, Eastern District, stated ASO. office must remain in Chicago area of Central District in view of largest membership. Motion by bro. Jirsa, Northeastern District, seconded by bro. Pavoucek, Western District, that location of ASO. remain in the Chicago metropolitan area. Delegation approved with some opposition of Chicago delegates. Bro. Vodrazka, Central District, offered explanation that in many cases the same members are on ASO., District and Unit committees and as officers, thereby most of the work falls on the same individuals. Bro. Suster pointed out that in view of the fact that the seat of the ASO. will remain in Chicago, three members of the Central District will be added to the Nominating Committee. These to be appointed at a caucus and presented at next Convention session.

Bro. Zraly, Eastern District, Chairman of By-Laws Committee, read recommended changes to Declaration of Principles. Bro. Zraly offered an explanation to bro. Halik regarding "Sokols" as used in wording. Motion made by bro. Kohoutek, Pacific District, that declarations be accepted as read, seconded by bro. Stetka, Eastern District. Motion carried. Bro. Suster requested bro. Zraly to proceed with by-laws changes. Bro. Basta, Central Dist., questioned wording of "must not be" on page 13, change 8. Bro. Zraly stated the purpose was to have ASO. hire secretaries so that delegates do not have to serve and can represent their units in convention matters. Bro. Suster reread wording and finds it to be correct.

Bro. Shana, Central District, states that change 4 conflicts with St. Louis tax exemption status. Sis. Cihak made explanation of tax exemption status. Stated that very few units applied for exemption and she had hoped more would take advantage to make it unanimous. Br. Milan, Southern District, stated an organization book issued by the federal

government listed ASO. as tax exempt. Sis. Cihak stated original charter was for American Sokol Union, the revised charter in Illinois reads American Sokol Educational and Physical Culture Organization. Units can file for tax exemption providing they have no business enterprises on their premises such as club rooms, restaurants, etc. This would not make the units eligible. Bro. Vodrazka, Central District, questioned article 10, part 3, paragraph d, concerning vacancy created by combining two offices, be reviewed by By-Laws Committee.

Five minutes recess declared by bro. Suster. Convention met again at 3:10 p.m. Bro. Prchal, Central District, recommended 6 members to Credentials Committee, one for each district. Bro. Vodrazka, Central District, recommended that one delegate from each district be elected, referred back to By-Laws Committee.

Bro. Vodrazka referred to article 21-c to read "to try and promote membership drive, to create an incentive to secure new members for all units, Also that art. 10, part 3, par. e, to read that the Executive Board shall elect three additional members from the Convention. Referred to By-Laws Committee.

Bro. Halik called attention to change 28, calling attention to the fact that some units hold elections in June, thereby making March directory obsolete. Bro. Suster called for vote of hands regarding elections, majority hold elections in December, other units not complying with by-laws.

Bro. Hurych, Detroit, called attention to art. 56, regarding membership of non-Slavic people. He stated that often younger members stray away from Sokol movement due to this limitation. He questioned if this be referred to New Business; feels two year limitation on membership too severe, Convention should consider shortening this. Bro. Barcal, Central District, stated this same question arose at last convention and we have considered our organization a private club. Bro. Pokladnik, Southern District, stated our organization by-laws are not that tight to leave an opening for people interested in Sokol and willing to co-operate with districts or units, thus permitting qualified people who desire membership. Recommended by-laws regarding Slavic descent be considered for protection of our organization. Bro. Hurych feels perhaps that units deviate slightly from by-laws to permit membership to interested people. Bro. Pokladnik suggested associate memberships be granted and then accepted as full members if proved satisfactory. Bro. Schamanek, Detroit, questioned if this type of membership meets with by-laws. Bro. Suster called attention to page 47 re UNITS, which state each Unit can draw constitution to suit their needs, however, basically be guided by ASO. by-laws. Bro. Capek, Eastern District, made motion, seconded by sis. Peifer, Eastern District, that changes to by-laws as read be postponed to next session to give delegates opportunity to review them thoroughly.

Bro. Suster reminded committee members to meet after the adjournment and report their Chairmen to him. Bro. Halik also requested BOI. to meet at once after adjournment. Delegation then

joined in singing of "Spějme dál," accompanied by bro. Stetka, Eastern District. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m. Bro. Suster reminded morning session begins promptly at 9:30 a.m.

Submitted by Secretaries
Ann Basta and Emilie Zibrid

TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 1965

MORNING SESSION

The third session called to order by bro. Suster at 9:30 a.m. Bro. Pokorny, Pacific District, lead the assembly in Pledge of Allegiance to Flag.

Bro. Suster called Roll of Units, informing them of number of votes due each unit as per ASO. by-laws, governing convention under Article V—Voting Procedure of Convention. Total unit votes for this convention is 762. Delegates from units not present: Sokol and Sokolice Mladocech, Racine, Wis., Sokol Fuegner, Sokol Yukon, Okla., Sokol Praha, Okla., Sokol Crete, Nebr., Sokol Wilber and Schuyler, both of Nebr., Sokol Hopkins and Minneapolis, both of Minn., and Sokol Caldwell and Karel Jonas in Wilson, Nebr., of Nebr. All District presidents present, Executive Board officers temporarily excused bro. Kropik and sis. Prchal, District Directors all present with correction of Alfred Chab for Western and Jerry Milan of Southern District.

Sis. Melsha, Cedar Rapids, called for correction of totals, was informed by sis. Cihak that due to late reports, figures used as per 4th quarter of 1964 totals.

Motion made by sis. Hantl, Northeastern District, that printed minutes of Monday afternoon session be approved as received by delegates.

Bro. Suster named three additional Central District members to Nominating Committee, these are bro. Shana, bro. Prchal and sis. Falta. Chairman of this Committee is bro. Prchal. Bro. Suster also read Chairmen of the various Committees (each delegate received copy).

Bro. Suster introduced sis. Marie Prusa, National Physical Director of the Czech Catholic Sokol, who addressed the Convention in Czech, also present for Catholic Sokol was bro. Frank Nevsimal, Physical Director.

Bro. Anton Hrebik, President of Sokol Abroad, addressed the delegates in Czech, recalling the gigantic preparations for the 1948 Slet in Prague with 350,000 enthusiastic participants. Brought greetings from members of his organization with units located throughout the world.

Bro. James V. Krakora, National Executive Secretary of the C.S.A., addressed gathering in Czech and English, recalling that both CSA. and Sokol were founded in St. Louis, Mo. Both organizations worked in harmony during the years.

Guests from Central District introduced were sis. Ella Vydra, Fin. Secy. of Sokol Berwyn, Mildred Svoboda, Treas. of Sokol Berwyn, and Irene Marek, Secretary of Sokol Brookfield.

Bro. Suster read congratulations to Convention from Unity of Czech Ladies and Men, signed by Josephine Drnec and Emilie A. Zibrid, bro. Franta Prasek, Crete, Nebraska, Sbor Damska Matice,

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Pavla Hromadka, Pres., Rose Polehna, Secy., Vladimir Spatny, editor of Denni Hlasatel, Czech daily newspaper in Chicago. Bro. Suster asked bro. Hrebik to convey thanks to Hlasatel and asked for copies of daily paper to delegates present. Telegram from Union of Catholic Sokols, George J. Knotek, Secy. Letter from bro. John M. Babuska, Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol.

Bro. Suster asked bro. Zraly, Chairman of By-Laws Committee, to take over with proposed by-laws changes as read in Monday afternoon session. Bro. Basta, Central District, referred to page 9 of mimeographed sheet regarding recommendations by By-Laws Committee. This was to be referred to and discussed by bros. Zraly and Basta with Committees. Bro. Zraly called attention to recommendations of bro. Vodrazka re 21-c. Sis. Melsha, Cedar Rapids, suggested change of wording to read "to promote" instead of try. BOI. recommends insertion of paragraph G to read "Editor and Staff," the periodical will include four center pages of teaching aids and instructions prepared by BOI. under title SOKOL GYMNAST.

BOI. recommends that page 25, art. 19, paragraph 4, delete last two sentences and add "he shall be represented in ASO.-BOI."

Bro. Suster called for any additional by-laws changes. Bro. Barcal, Central District, called attention to page 22 regarding quarterly BOI. meetings, BOI. suggested authority be given the Directors to call additional meetings as needed. Bro. Zraly called attention to the presence of BOI. Directors in monthly Executive Board meetings. Bro. Barcal called attention to page 24, to add paragraph g, which wording is covered on page 22 of Conference Rules, "to select competent representatives to AAU. and other non-Sokol organizations."

Sis. Matura, Eastern District, felt need for annual membership drives. Bros. Zraly and Suster both pointed out that membership drives are continuous and the extra efforts be left to the decision of units and districts.

Sis. Udaykee, Sokol Berwyn, ASO.-BOI. Secretary, referred to page 31, act. 25, regarding proper use of dress uniforms. Bro. Zraly felt this was to be left to units and districts for decision. Sis. Welcl-Ruzicka suggested special rules regarding proper use of uniforms be published after Convention and furnished each unit.

Bro. Kohoutek, Pacific District, made a motion that by-law changes as presented by the By-Laws Committee be accepted, seconded by bro. Capek of Eastern District. Delegation voted to accept changes as read.

Bro. Suster then officially declared that the X. Convention delegates have accepted proposed changes. He thanked bro. Zraly and members of his committee who spent many hours working on these changes. He also asked that all members of the various committees meet immediately after adjournment to prepare reports for afternoon session.

Bro. Suster read a letter from Mayor Ralph S. Lokor of Cleveland extending congratulations to delegates of X. Convention and inviting membership to consider City of Cleveland for convention

site in 1970. Letter also sent by Convention Directory of City of Cleveland regarding same.

Bro. Suster referred the letter of the Czechoslovak National Council of America to bro. Kropik, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, for action.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. to be in session again promptly at 1:30 p.m.

Bro. Valha of Pilsen Sokol called attention to his presence in Monday's session.

Submitted by
Anna Basta and Emilie Zibrid

TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 1965

AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m. by bro. Suster, Convention Chairman. Minutes of the morning session read by sis. Basta and approved as read. Sis. Trajhan, Vice-President of the Central District, greeted the Convention.

Sokol and Sokolice Los Angeles have submitted a written request to bro. Suster, who referred it to the Grievance Committee for action.

Bro. Zraly, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, opened discussion of the recommendation of the By-Laws Committee which were to be accepted in this session. (Last paragraph of sheet on by-laws changes.) He pointed out that the by-laws as read in this morning session and approved are in force and govern the ASO. effective prior to election of ASO. officers since some changes pertain to the election of officers at this X. Convention. Also requested deletion of "corporation" to read only LAWYER to re-word the new by-laws. Motion made by bro. Capek, Eastern District, seconded by bro. Zahradnicek, N.E. District. Bro. Hrabina, Southern District, questioned the need of hiring a lawyer and felt the money could be spent to a better advantage. Bro. Suster stated that it need not be an expense to ASO., as several of our members are lawyers and could be asked to donate their services in this matter. Bro. Zraly stated several units had requested streamlining of by-laws and felt only an attorney could handle this satisfactorily. Bro. Jirsa agreed with need for re-writing by-laws but stated in the 2 year revision time a supplement mimeograph copy could be used. Bro. Vodrazka stated the editing of the new by-laws would be done by a lawyer. Bro. Zraly called attention to the fact that by-laws are accepted, only dealing with recommendation of the Committee. Bro. Satek, Central District, requested recommendation be read as corrected. Bro. Vodrazka again pointed out that the 1960 by-laws as amended by this convention now stand. Motion made and carried that we accept recommendation of By-Laws Committee.

Bro. Zahradnicek, Chairman of the Educational Committee, read his report. Thanked bro. James Cihak for his work as Educator of ASO. Called attention to pages 24-26 listing duties of Educator. Recommendations of Committee are that Educational Director appoint at least 2 members to assist him. Tapes be prepared pertaining to Sokol history at a level for children as well as juniors, be sent to Districts for use by all units, slides or

movies also be prepared giving history of Tyrs, founding of Sokol as well as other Slet activities, etc. be sent to Districts for use by units. Also recommended rituals for initiation of new members and also for funeral services of deceased and distributed to each unit. Motion made by bro. Milan, Southern District, seconded by sis. Hantl, N.E. District, that recommendations of Educational Committee be accepted. Motion carried.

Bro. Cihak, Sokol Town of Lake, stated that in editing the Pamatnik or Souvenir Book for the X. Convention and XI. Slet an attempt had been made to make this a historical issue. Requested all units to send history to him for future editing. Bro. Cihak thanked bro. Zahradnicek for his compliments and promised his whole hearted support to the Educational Committee. Bro. Vodrazka again thanked bro. Cihak for his fine work in the educational field.

Bro. Pokladnik, Chairman of the Reports Committee, recommended acceptance of bro. Prchal's report, calling attention to last paragraphs calling for continuance of Sokol work, as well as unity and loyalty to the Sokol movement. Also recommended acceptance of reports of Vice-President Kropik, as well as sis. Cihak's report as Secretary and Fin. Secretary. Commended sis. Cihak on her accomplishments in past 5 years and for her hard work.

Report of Treasurer and Auditing Committee to be accepted as submitted. Thanked bro. Vodrazka for taking over unexpired term of bro. Brouk. Bro. Cihak's report as Educational Director also to be accepted as submitted, this report was brief, complete and to the point. Recommends acceptance of Director bro. Halik's report as submitted. Contents reveal need for closer support and co-ordination of BOI., Executive Board, districts and units. Sister Prchal's report not submitted to his Committee as yet.

Bro. Pokladnik recommends that future reports be brief and concise and all submitted prior to convention. Finds reports show lack of co-ordination and communication between all offices and levels of ASO. Suggests delegation and authority of recognition be given to districts and units when and where necessary. Committee recommends we use our funds now to get wheels of progress started. Motion made by bro. Pavoucek, Western District, seconded by bro. Kohoutek, Pacific District, that report and recommendations be accepted as read. Motion carried.

Bro. Suster called attention to the 5 years membership report as submitted by sis. Cihak. Called attention to the considerable drop in membership during this period. He also questioned the membership drive as announced by the ASO. office. Sis. Cihak read the gains during this membership drive from her printed report. Bro. Vodrazka called requested delegates to consider problems of membership and reactivation of units for Wednesday morning session for open discussion.

Bro. Sula, Sergeant-at-Arms, presented sis. Josephine Drnec, National President of the Unity of Czech Ladies and Men, who addressed the convention and closed with expression of sympathy over the loss of our bro. James Simaner, President of the Central District.

Bro. Basta, Chairman of the Financial Committee, reported on two meetings, and are working with aid of bro. Vodrazka to be presented at next session.

Bro. Barcal, Chairman of the Organization Committee, presented recommendations to obtain services of organizer for ASO. to work with traveling instructor or if possible one person to handle both jobs; conduct membership drive for 1965-1969 period, with awards on percentage basis, reactivate units with aid of districts and help of organizer. Units to establish building funds for future relocations. Motion by sis. Nekuda, Pacific District, seconded by sis. Udaykee, Central District, for acceptance of report and recommendation. Motion carried.

Bro. Suster moved that recognition be given N.E. District for obtaining 87 new members, Western District with 83 and Central District with 81. Units to be recognized are Sokol Tyrs, with 54, Sokol Fuegner-Tyrs with 36 men, Sokol Stickney with 35 members, seconded by bro. Zahradnick. Bro. Barcal called attention that membership drive was conducted on percentage basis as prescribed by ASO. Bro. Neumann, Eastern District, called attention that Sokol Washington, D. C. had gain of 93 and no losses; their membership in unit is about 50 percent of all Czechs. Bro. Satek called attention that this was to be discussed further in Wednesday's morning session.

Bro. Cihak, Chairman of the Public Relation and Publicity Committee, presented a temporary report as another meeting will be held prior to Wednesday's session, thus far contact with President's Council on Physical Fitness regarding Slet and Convention, publicity regarding same to local English papers as well as facilities of Pick-Congress Hotel.

Bro. Kropik, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, thanked his effective Committee. Moved and recommended the following resolutions be sent:

1. President Lyndon B. Johnson, seconded by bro. Hrbek, Eastern District.
2. Hon. Richard J. Daley, Mayor of Chicago, seconded by bro. Wagner, N.E. District.
3. Bro. Chas. M. Prchal, seconded by bro. Satek—standing acclamation.
4. Sis. Blanche J. Cihak, Stamp Committee and Executive Secretary—standing acclamation.
5. Bro. E. J. Halik, Director of Men—standing acclamation.
6. Sis. Mildred Prchal, Director of Women—standing acclamation.
7. Bro. A. J. Suster, Chairman of the Convention—standing acclamation.
8. To all officers of the X. Convention—standing acclamation.
9. To ASO. Slet Committee with aid of Central District.
10. To C.S.A., J.C.D.&P., Z.C.B.J. and Slovanic Ben. Order of Texas for their aid and support of the Sokol movement.
11. To Bohemian National Cemetery Assn. for aid and support of the Sokol movement. Sis. Welcl-Ruzicka called attention to the donation of wreaths used in the Memorial Day service by

the Bohemian National Cemetery. Resolutions 9 thru 11 to be followed by copy to each organization.

12. Czechoslovak National Council of America—ASO. endorses work and aims of the Council and recommends that units and members affiliate with the Council. Bro. Hrabina, Western District, asked for repeat reading of resolution. Units will take into consideration and vote on same in Wednesday's morning session.

Bro. Kropik stated his Committee would have 3 more resolutions ready for the next session. Bro. Vodrazka thanked bro. Kropik and his Committee for a job well done.

Bro. Valha, Central District, suggested resolution to Gov. Otto Kerner.

Meeting recessed at 3:15 p.m.

Bro. Suster called meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., followed by roll call of districts. Entire Executive Board, district officers and directors as well as BOI present. Few delegates delayed due to committee sessions. Resolution Committee asked for brief meeting before reporting. Bro. Zraly asked bro. Pokladnik to conduct meeting in view of his many speeches regarding by-laws.

Board of Instructors report submitted by bro. Halik. BOI. voted on recommendation that a School Board be formed to establish instructors, material and other needs to conduct Sokol Schools. In the future when uniform changes are made, districts be contacted. Statistical reports be used till stock is depleted. Also favor Inter-District meets with sanction of BOI.; also favor Mid-Slets. In competition of Intermediate Division favor 3 man team instead of 5 man. BOI. presented proposed budget to Finance Committee.

If no full time traveling instructor is available, begin training program on weekends or other available time.

Purpose of providing training courses for adult instructors.

Recommend that ASO. and SGUS. jointly publish rule book on competitions.

Develop gymnasts at district level of Olympic caliber. Sis. Hantl, N.E. District, seconded motion to accept BOI. report.

Rules and Order Committee, Chairman bro. Jelen, reported they have done all work requested of them; will hold another meeting and report later.

Bro. Prevratil, Western District, Chairman of the Grievance Committee, called meeting at the end of present session.

Bro. Prchal, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, requested permission to delay report pending another meeting.

Sis. Prchal calling a meeting of the BOI. at the conclusion of session.

Sis. Cihak in answer to many requests regarding exemption from income tax, taxes on tickets, etc., stated we should discuss possibilities of a combined effort toward securing same.

Bro. Pokladnik turned meeting over to bro. Suster.

Bro. Suster reminded committees of meetings after present session.

Discussion on income tax matters followed with the following taking part in discussion: bro. Milan, Western Dist., bro. Capek, Eastern Dist., bro. Suster, N.E. Dist., sis. Cihak, bro. Shana, Central Dist., bro. Kohoutek, Western Dist., and bro. Jelen.

Mrs. Flo Pokladnik, wife of the 3rd Vice-President, was presented.

Bro. Suster requested report tomorrow of Finance, Nominating, Resolution, Rules and Order Committees.

Delegates joined in singing "Lvi silou" prior to adjournment at 4:15 p.m.

Submitted by
Anna Basta, Emily Welcl-Ruzicka, Emilie Zibrid

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 1965

MORNING SESSION (FINAL)

Convention was called to order at 9:45 by Convention Chairman Anthony Suster.

Roll call—all present except several delegates temporarily absent from room in committee rooms.

Chairman called for motion on minutes of yesterday's afternoon session which with minor additions or corrections were passed. (Correct yesterday's minutes that Sokol Karel Jonas and Sokol Caldwell are in Kansas.)

Letters of greetings were received from: Sdruzení Cs. Exulantů v Chicagu, J. Rabas, President, M. Stross, Secretary. Telegram from Oldrich Kudrnovsky, former ASO. Director.

Guests: From Eastern Dist. bro. Zabransky, bro. and sis. Hron of Miami, Florida, ASO.-BOI. members Blanche Kos and Mary Pokorny, President of Sokol Tabor bro. Jos. Drnec, sis. Kostka of Wilber, Nebr., bro. Eugene Prostrednik from Philadelphia, bro. and sis. Vitek of Stickney, bro. Frank Vorel of Sokol Chicago, Henrietta Milan of the Southern District, Mildred Novak of Belcamp, Md., Linda Prevratil, junior girl of Sokol Zizka, Dallas, Tex., Ann Halik, wife of bro. Edwin Halik, sisters Ulrich, Jecmen and Shana of St. Louis, sis. Poul of Hopkins, Minn., sis. Jaromira Zacek, representative of the Voice of America, sis. Betty Prener of Sokol Slavsky, bro. Pohajda of St. Petersburg, member of Sokol Pilsen, bro. Pribyl of New York, bro. Kucera of the Pacific District and sis. Pokorny.

Finance Committee—bro. George Basta, Chairman, presented report for the 5 year proposed budget (copy attached). He introduced members of his committee and thanked them for cooperation. Bro. Wagner, N.E. District, moved that the budget be accepted, seconded by bro. Neumann, Eastern District. Unanimously passed. Bro. Suster called attention to the fact that a \$1.00 assessment per year was included in this proposed budget and reminded delegates to convey this to their units. Bro. Hrabina explained the use of funds from savings and special assessment. Bro. Pavoucek inquired when the assessment is due. Reply: due in the 4th quarter report December 31, 1965.

Bro. Valha, Sokol Pilsen, inquired why was this assessment necessary.

Bro. Hrabina explained that in order to balance the budget more funds are necessary. Funds are in

need for the BOI. and for an organizer and traveling instructor. The unused portion allocated for traveling instructor will divert to the districts for their use (annually) and the ASO. has the responsibility of policing the Districts to see that they spend the money for this purpose. The amount of \$6,500 is solely for this use.

Bro. Stanley Barcal, Chairman of the Organizational Committee, reported that the Committee tried to determine the reason for loss of members and recommended that we try to secure new members by reaching them through our children attending classes.

Bro. Suster passed the gavel to bro. Vodrazka and was given the floor. He inquired about the winners of the past membership drive.

Bro. Suster moved that the Executive Board determine winners basing their decision on rules as prescribed.

Bro. Barcal presented recommendations re: membership drive and reactivating units.

Report accepted. Bro. Kohoutek moved and was seconded by bro. Novak.

Bro. Zraly explained reason for membership drive as perpetual rather than in closed periods.

Bro. Barcal introduced members of his committee and bro. Suster thanked him for his excellent report.

Sis. Emily Welcl-Ruzicka read excerpts of a prepared recommendation in which ideas for use of gyms during the day was presented and it was unanimously accepted after bro. Vodrazka urged the immediate use of these. Each delegate will receive a copy of this. Moved by sis. Nekuda, seconded by sis. Hurych.

Bro. Suster reminded the next Executive Committee to send information to units as soon as possible regarding the special assessments.

Bro. Kropik, Chairman of the Resolution Committee, presented the letter from the Czechoslovak National Council of America inviting the American Sokol to affiliation and moral support. Bro. Kropik presented the resolution in a new form. Moved and seconded that resolution as recommended be approved by bro. Hrabina.

Resolution No.

13. Governor Kerner.
14. Sokol Centennial Stamp Committee.
15. Mr. John Gronouski, Postmaster General.
16. Stan Musial.
17. To all Czech newspapers and radio stations.

Sis. Prchal moves that a letter of greeting be sent to our honorary member bro. Simon Rokusek in Omaha. Approved.

Bro. Vodrazka asked for Finance Committee to leave the convention for a few minutes to discuss an item.

Grievance Committee report. Bro. Prevratil Chairman. Committee considered the letter of the L. A. Sokols. A written reply will be made by the committee to the unit and there being no other matters, the committee has closed its business. He presented members of his committee.

Bro. Pokladnik, Committee on Reports: Recommendations made that we accept Secretary's recom-

mendation in her report and cooperate with President's Council on Physical Fitness, etc. He presented his committee and expressed thanks to all who turned in their reports on how well they were prepared.

5 minute recess called. 11:15 a.m.

Bro. Vodrazka appealed to delegates to visit booth in lobby and purchase souvenirs, to help offset expense with Slet.

Publicity Committee—bro. J. Cihak. Report accepted, moved by bro. Prchal, seconded by sis. Vrba.

Rules and Order Committee. Committee has nothing further to report.

BOI.—bro. Halik reported on allocations of Finance Committee which was stricken from his report. He introduced members of BOI. and District Directors.

Need for new Sokol supplier of uniforms, etc. Nominated Oldrich Kudrnovsky as honorary Director of Men and Emilie Welcl-Ruzicka as honorary Director of Women.

Steps to be taken that members of BOI. be placed on President's Council. Recommended Mid-Slet in Southern District. Announced election of Edward Linhart as new Director of Men.

Report accepted, moved by bro. Wagner, seconded by bro. Lebloch.

Bro. Suster thanked bro. Halik for an excellent report.

Sis. Prchal: Reported that the Director of Women has not been selected and election postponed to September. Introduced members of Physical Director in districts and BOI.

Sis. Wagner moved to accept, seconded by sis. Agnes Hantl.

A rousing round of applause was given to departing directors.

Bro. Pavoucek moves that a letter of greeting be sent to bro. Kopecky of Omaha. Approved.

Add to list of deceased bro. Matousek of the Eastern District. Moved by bro. Zraly. Approved. Little Ferry instructor.

Marie Rendl and Stanley Houdek of the Southern District. Bro. Prevratil moved. Approved.

Bro. Suster opens New and Unfinished business.

Bro. Zraly moves that we send greetings to bro. Albert Kalabza on his 90th birthday.

Appoint Balloting Committee: Eastern District—Ludmilla Elkins, N.E. District—Ann Skoda, Southern District—Marie Prevratil, Central District—Anna Marsalek, Western District—Karla Pokorny, Pacific District—Louise Nekuda.

Bro. Prchal—We had a standing By-laws Committee elected at the last convention. Moved that every member of the By-laws Committee have one vote in the next convention. Seconded by sis. Wagner, N.E. District.

Saturday morning we should make a trip to the Bohemian National Cemetery to lay wreaths on graves of the Past Presidents of our organization, and also stop at the Bohemian Home for the Aged.

BOI. report—sis. Mildred Udaykee—Recommends large national clinic run on business basis, invite other organizations and individuals. Details listed

re: promotion etc. Seconded by bro. Edward Stetka. Sis. Basta—Explained type of clinic which might be possible.

Bro. Busch questioned if it pertained to all age groups.

Bro. Prchal, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented his report. He introduced members of his committee who did an excellent job, all of them attended all of the meetings.

Bro. Prchal read the slate of candidates recommended by Nominating Committee.

President—Stanley Barcal.

Vice-President—George Basta.

Vice-President—Blanche Cihak.

Secretary—Betty Prener.

Financial Secretary—Ann Falta.

Treasurer—Frank J. Vodrazka.

Educational Director—James Cihak.

Editor—Charles Prchal.

Public Relations—Ann Basta.

Organizing Director—Emilie Welcl-Ruzicka.

Members of the Executive Board—Frank Svambora, Ann Fara, Jerry Rabas.

Alternates—Jerri Domansky, Rudy Svoboda, Lorraine Zdenek.

Auditing Committee—Caroline Dunovsky, Ann Marsalek, Charles Richter, Frank Sula.

Director of Men—Edward Linhart.

Director of Women—To be open till September.

Bro. Suster inquired of By-Laws Committee regarding candidates.

Bro. Zraly, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, stated that according to the new by-laws titles of secretaries of ASO. are Secretary and Financial Secretary, no mention of Executive Secretary made. Correction made.

Bro. Hrbek moved report of Nominating Committee be accepted. Seconded by bro. Jirsa.

Sis. Hibler questioned office of vice-president, if in office as named, 1st being next after President.

Bro. Prchal stated we do not have 1st and 2nd, both are Vice-Presidents.

Sis. Hibler raised the question in case of a vacancy who would take over.

Bros. Vodrazka and Suster explained that first one named would.

Voting on the report of the Nominating Committee followed. Accepted.

Bro. Suster questioned bro. Prchal if all candidates accepted. All had accepted.

Bro. Suster opened nominations from the floor. Approved to vote on candidates individually.

Bro. Sula moved that bro. Stanley Barcal be elected unanimously. Seconded by sis. Pavoucek. Approved.

Bro. Suster proclaimed bro. Barcal the new President of the ASO., followed by a tremendous applause from the delegates. Bro. Suster assured bro. Barcal of our cooperation and offered congratulations on behalf of all the delegates.

Bro. Suster opened nomination for 1st Vice-President.

Sis. Pavoucek, Western District, nominated sis. Cihak for 1st Vice-President. There being two candidates, bro. Basta and sis. Cihak, vote by ballot necessary. Rules & Order Committee called upon

to prepare for balloting.

Bro. Zitny, Central District, spoke on selection of Vice-President in order as given, as agreed by Nominating Committee. Bro. Pavoucek, Western District, member of Nominating Committee, reported that members of Nominating Committee were of the opinion that only two vice-presidents, one for men and one for women without division of 1st or 2nd, were slated. Bro. Milan moved, seconded by sis. Hantl, that nomination be closed.

Bro. Suster explained we are governed by Roberts Rules.

Sis. Udaykee, Central District, on point of order, called attention to page 13 of our ASO. by-laws stating TWO vice-presidents. Bros. Jelen, Milan Zraly and Vodrazka spoke on this matter. Nominating Committee called for brief recess.

Bro. Zraly, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, suggested provision be made in by-laws for 1st and 2nd vice-presidents. Bro. Hrabina moved to amend present by-laws to include provision to elect 1st and 2nd vice-presidents. Seconded. Motion carried.

Bro. Suster sent messenger to Nominating Committee to advise them of this new amendment. There being no further recommendations from Nominating Committee, proceeded with elections. Ballots passed out by committee in charge headed by bro. Jelen and sis. Prevratil.

While ballots were being counted the following announcements were made:

Bro. Pokladnik, Southern District, complying with BOI. recommendation of a Mid-Slet in 1967 in Texas, invited all delegates present to attend this event, at a location to be determined by the Southern District.

Bro. Kropik called for a short meeting of the Executive Board, Slet Committee and Presidents of Districts following this session. Inquired of delegation if they have information regarding public transportation facilities for further events taking place in the suburbs.

Sis. Cihak announced checks for travel expense of delegates were ready for distribution.

Delegation agreed on sending greetings to the following:

Bro. Hromadka, requested by Western District.

Bro. Rokusek of Omaha, requested by sis. Prchal.

Bro. Kopecky of Cedar Rapids, requested by bro. Pavoucek.

Bro. Kalabza of the Eastern District, on his 90th birthday, requested by bro. Zraly.

Bro. Barcal read list of Slet competitions and activities, giving dates, location and time of events.

Bro. Suster also made announcement of Sokol Exhibit now open for viewing at Lincoln Federal Savings and Loan Association on Cermak Road in Berwyn. Also informed delegates of sale of souvenir program book on sale at the banquet tomorrow.

Bro. Jelen reported that convention has 713 votes plus 7 votes allowed for By-Laws Committee, total 720, with 361 needed to elect. Results of balloting were: Blanche Cihak 424, George Basta 295, not valid 1. Total 720.

Bro. Suster announced sis. Cihak elected 1st Vice-President.

Nominations opened for 2nd Vice-President. Bro. Zraly moved that bro. George Basta accept office of 2nd Vice-President, which he did, and was unanimously elected.

All other officers as nominated by the Nominating Committee and listed in the minutes were then individually and unanimously elected.

Bro. Suster then presented to the Convention the newly elected officers and extended congratulations and best wishes for a successful term.

Bro. Barcal made his acceptance speech which was accepted with enthusiasm and a standing ovation.

Bro. Prchal moved that present members of the By-Laws Committee remain in session until the next convention. Approved. Bro. Zraly re-elected Chairman of the By-Laws Committee in a special meeting held by the Committee.

Selection of the next convention site. Bro. Suster on behalf of the officers of the N.E. District invited the ASO. convention of 1970 to Cleveland, Ohio. Bro. Prchal moved to approve, seconded by bro. Pavoucek. Motion carried.

Bro. Cihak thanked presiding Convention officers for their work.

Bro. Kohoutek, Pacific District, nominated bro. Charles Prchal honorary member of the ASO. Approved with standing ovation.

Delegates asked that the following members be added to list of deceased ASO. members: Bro. Louis Prince, Pacific District; Marie Rendl and Stanley Houdek, Southern District; Wm. Matousek, Eastern District; Lillian and Rudolph Langer, Western District. Requests made by bro. Prevratil and Zraly, and sisters Nekuda and Melsha.

Sis. Palas called for a Women's BOI. meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Bro. Suster requested delegates to join in singing "God Bless America," accompanied by bro. Stetka.

Bros. Capek and Jirousek retired the colors. There being no further business, bro. Suster officially adjourned the X. Convention meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Submitted by
Emilie Welcl-Ruzicka
Ann Basta and Emilie Zibril



BETTY PRENER
Secretary

DELEGATES X. GENERAL CONVENTION AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION

PICK CONGRESS HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILL. — JUNE 21-23, 1965

EASTERN DISTRICT—NEW YORK, N. Y.

	Delegates	Alternates
Sokol Blesk, Baltimore, Maryland	Edward Stetka	William Kolomazník
Sokolice Baltimore, Maryland	Sylvia Peifer	Sophie Kolomazník
Sokol Belcamp, Maryland	Frank G. Novak	James V. Hesoun
Sokol Curtis Bay, Maryland	Charles Zraly	Charles Zraly
Sokol Fuegner, L. I., New York	Blanche Zraly	Blanche Kubat
Sokol Little Ferry, New Jersey	Henry L. Vesely	
Sokolice Little Ferry, New Jersey	Augusta Svec	
Sokol New York, N. Y.	Lillian Pribil	
	Frank Vesely	
Sokol Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Elsie Novak	
Sokol Schenectady, New York	Alice Matura	
Sokol Washington, D. C.	Matthew Neumann	

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT—CLEVELAND, OHIO

Sokol Cleveland-Cech Havlicek, Cleveland, O.	Ann Skoda	Celia Jirsa
	Ferdinand Jirsa	Wilma A. Sevcik
Sokol Detroit, Michigan	Victor Hurych	Herman Kopecek
	Charles Schamanek	Suzanna Wimmer
Sokolice Detroit, Michigan	Libby Schamanek	
Sokol Moravan, Toledo, Ohio	Anthony J. Suster	
Sokol Nova Vlast, Cleveland, Ohio	Jeanette Wagner	
	Otto Wagner	
Sokol Rip, Pittsburgh, Pa.	Anthony J. Suster	Wencl Teslik
Sokol Tyrs, Cleveland, Ohio	Robert E. Jirousek	
	Charles Zahradnicek	
	Marie Sima	
	Marie Hibler	

CENTRAL DISTRICT—CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Sokol Americky, Chicago, Illinois	Bessie Vokoun	Marie Hanke
Sokol Berwyn, Illinois	Mili Udaykee	Bob Vydra
Sokol Brookfield, Illinois	Roy Zitny	Rudy Svoboda
Sokol Cechie, Chicago, Illinois	Emilie Zibrid	Anna Bilek
Sokol Chicago, Illinois	Stanley Barcal	Frank Batista
Sokolice Chicago, Illinois	Ann Falta	Mary Toman
Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs, Chicago, Illinois	Frank Svambera	
	George Basta	
Sokolice Havlicek Tyrs, Chicago, Illinois	Anna Marsalek	Fred C. Stankovsky
	Anna Basta	Emily Stankovsky
Sokol Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Charles Richter	Vinc. Struhelka
Sokolice Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Jarmilla Richter	Anne Kropik
Sokol Mladocech, Racine, Wis.	Joseph Kucera	Anne Valha
Plzensky Sokol of Chicago, Illinois	Charles T. Kropik	Rose Masek
	Edward Valha	Camilla Ulrich
Sokol Rozvoj, Chicago, Illinois	Josephine Hajek	
Sokol St. Louis, Missouri	William Shana	
	Charles Jecmen	
	Frank Ulrich	
Sokol Slavsky, Cicero, Illinois	Frank Sula	Agnes Drozd
	John Satek	Edith Kral
	Sylvia Frieberg	Marie Ptacek
Sokol Stickney, Illinois	Violet Vrba	William Meyer
Sokol Tabor, Berwyn, Illinois	Charles Prechal	Joseph F. Drnec
Sokolice Tabor, Berwyn, Illinois	Zdenka Lessa	
	Julia Kaspar	
Sokol Town of Lake, Chicago, Illinois	James L. Cihak	Bretislav Vanek
Sokolice Town of Lake, Chicago, Illinois	Blanche J. Cihak	Blanche Janes
Sokol West Suburban, Downers Grove, Ill.	Caroline Dunovsky	

WESTERN DISTRICT—OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Sokol Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James V. Cada	Karel Jares
Sokolice Renata Tyrs, Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Betty Petrzalek	Barbara Nemecek
	Libbie Melsha	
Sokolice Crete, Nebraska	Stepanka K. Novak	
Sokol Fuegner Tyrs, So. Omaha, Nebr.	Edward Pavoucek	James Strnad
Sokolice Libuse, So. Omaha, Nebr.	Bea Pavoucek	Louise Tonar
Sokol Omaha, Nebraska	Alfred Hasterdlo	Walter Korisko
	Claude Jelen	
Sokolice Omaha, Nebraska	Blanche Buresh	
	Anna Mach	
Sokol Hopkins, Minnesota	Clara Pokorny	Josephine Poul
Sokol St. Paul, Minnesota	Dorothy Mulko	

SOUTHERN DISTRICT—DALLAS, TEXAS

Sokol Corpus Christi, Texas	Marie Prevratil	
Sokol Fort Worth, Texas	Mary Renfro	
Sokol Galveston, Texas	Marie Prevratil	
Sokol Houston, Texas	Elmer Busch	Emil Kuropata
Sokol Karel Havlicek Borovsky, Ennis, Tex.	Annastazie Jurcik	
Sokol Zizka, Dallas, Texas	Emil Hrabina	
	George Prevratil	

PACIFIC DISTRICT—LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Sokol Fresno, California	Marty Lizak	Emil Prudek
Sokol Los Angeles, California	Emil Nekuda	Adolf Lesovsky
Sokolice Los Angeles, California	Louise Nekuda	Margaret Pokorny
Sokol Portland, Oregon	Josephine McDonald	
Sokol San Francisco, California	A. J. Kohoutek	George Spanek
Sokolice San Francisco, California	Vlasta Kucera	
Sokol Scio, Oregon	George Spanek	
Sokol Seattle, Washington	Josephine McDonald	

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AGNES TRAJHAN, Vice-President	CENTRAL DISTRICT ASO.
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JOSEPH POKLADNIK, President	SOUTHERN DISTRICT ASO.
EMIL NEKUDA, President	PACIFIC DISTRICT ASO.

BOARD OF INSTRUCTORS

FRANK CAPEK, Director of Men	EASTERN DISTRICT
NORMA ZABKA, Director of Women	EASTERN DISTRICT
EDWIN J. JIROUSEK, Director of Men	NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT
AGNES HANTL, Director of Women	NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT
PAUL LEBLOCH, Director of Men	CENTRAL DISTRICT
ELLENJEANNE SCHNABL, Director of Women	CENTRAL DISTRICT
ALFRED CHAB, Director of Men	WESTERN DISTRICT
BOZENA DROZDA, Director of Women	WESTERN DISTRICT
JERRY MILAN, Director of Men	SOUTHERN DISTRICT
SYLVIA LAZNOVSKY, Director of Women	SOUTHERN DISTRICT
JOSEPH POKORNY, Director of Men	PACIFIC DISTRICT
FLORENCE PALAS, Director of Women	PACIFIC DISTRICT

APPROVED CHANGES OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS AT THE 1965 ASO. CONVENTION

Charles Zraly, Eastern District—Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

Members

Ann Falta—Central District
Anthony G. Kohoutek—Pacific District
Barbara Nemecek—Western District
Joseph E. Pokladnik—Southern District
Anthony J. Suster—Northeastern District

The Committee which convened on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 18-20, 1965, submits the following recommendations to the X. American Sokol Convention delegates for approval:

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

The first Sokol unit on American soil was founded at St. Louis, Missouri, in 1865. From the basic ideals upon which it was founded, has grown the present American Sokol Organization, which unites the member organizations located in almost every part of the United States.

The Sokol idea has stemmed from the spirit of the Czech nation. The Czech national heritage, includes democratic feeling, moral earnestness, and a yearning for liberty. A Sokol values strength and fortitude, fulfilled by brotherly love, beyond the wealth of the world. He is unalterably opposed to every ideology—regardless of the name—which deprives people of the right of free choice in their own land.

The Sokol movement has evolved from the great idea that bodily health produces mental and moral health. The Sokols strive for physical improvement, moral purity and nobility, concord, equality and sincerity.

In the gymnasium, the Sokols instill in adult and junior members the ideals of directness, manliness and self-respect. Towards the United States and its citizens, they feel a bond of loyalty which nothing can alter.

The Sokols have never hesitated to sacrifice their possessions or lives, when the welfare, freedom, and prosperity of the United States has required it. They have defended the priceless ideals of independence and the American way of life against the covetous hands of selfish interests. They have shielded these ideals against all attacks. The annals of two World Wars are replete with their deeds, and the graves which mark the far-flung battlefields of the world attest to this fact.

The Sokols require one obligation of all their members—that they live their lives honorably, be faithful to the truth and be proud of their citizenship in this great and just country.

The Sokols have pledged themselves to help in the creation of a better world, peopled by an improved and more united humanity; to aid in bringing about an age of good faith which would guarantee democracy to all men and women—an age in which life would be free from disturbances so that

men and nations would be convinced that it is impossible to build prosperity and happiness on the unhappiness and suffering of others.

The Sokols pledge themselves to help in the mobilization of all the energy of men and machines for useful production, and are prepared to make all sacrifices. Thus have the Sokols progressed in the past, and thus they intend to advance till the end of time.

CHANGE

1. Page 6—Article 3—paragraph K—omit the word "other."
2. Page 7—Art. 5—par. C—line 4—\$15.00.
3. Page 8—Art. 5—par. D—the first sentence should read as follows: the request for membership shall be acceptable only if it includes all elected officers and the instructors.
4. Page 8—Art. 6—par. b)—Second line to read: The dissolving or withdrawing unit shall surrender its gymnastic equipment, apparatus and gymnastic material to its District; the records, archives and all possessions of the unit shall be surrendered to the Executive Board of the ASO. through the District.
5. Page 9—Art. 6—par. e)—to read: In case of a dissolved, withdrawn, or expelled unit—etc. . . .
6. Page 12—Art. 10—par. b) . . . Fund; in units having more than 200 members two delegates shall be paid. In units having more than 401 members an additional delegate shall be paid.
7. Page 12—Art. 10—par. e)—change last word "District" to read: ASO. convention fund.
8. Page 13—Art. 10—part II—par. h)—The officers of the convention shall be: A presiding chairman and two vice chairmen. The Executive Board shall provide two secretaries. One for the Czech and one for the English language. Secretaries to be paid by the ASO. Executive Board at the prevailing rate. Secretaries must not be delegates to the convention.
9. Page 13—Art. 10—part III—par. d)—Insert after proper management of the ASO. The terms of all elected officers to be limited to two consecutive terms in the same office effective with the 1965 convention. Election into another office is permissible.
10. Page 13—Art. 10—part III—par. d)—starting with the line: The members of the Executive Board shall be as follows: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Men's Director, Women's Director, Educational Director, Organizational Director, Public Relations Director, and the Editor of the official monthly publication. Leave out: . . . and 4 members of the Auditing Committee.
11. Page 14—Art. 10—part III—par. e)—the convention shall elect 3 additional members to the Executive Board and 3 alternate members. Par. f)—change seven to six members on Constitution and By-Laws

12. from g) to k) change as follows:
 Par. g)—In the event of death, illness or absence from the District, the District shall have the authority to select a new delegate with the approval of the Executive Board;
 Par. h)—The convention shall elect from the assembly four (4) members to the Auditing Committee to serve during the inter-convention period. These shall not be members of the Executive Board.
 Page 14—g) becomes i), h becomes j), i become k); under k) after ASO. add: upon the unanimous recommendation of the Executive Board.
13. Page 15—Art. 10—part V—after the word contributions—add: prior to the convention. After the word delegates—change to read—provided the unit shall make an explanation acceptable to the credential committee.
14. Page 17—Art. 11—par. i) to read: to approve or reject reports of its officers;
 Par. k)—change 5 man to six member after the word delegates (one from each district).
 Par. l)—delete entire 2nd paragraph of l).
 Par. m)—second line change the words a substitute to read an alternate.
15. Page 18—Art. 11—par. n)—last paragraph—3rd and 4th sentences to read: These representatives shall be required to participate in the meetings of the Executive Board twice during the interim. The dates of the plenary sessions shall be determined by the ASO.
16. Page 18—Art. 12—after first paragraph change to read:
- 1—Auditing
 - 2—Board of Instructors
 - 3—Constitution and By-Laws
 - 4—Educational
 - 5—Organizational
 - 6—Public Relations
- The following sentence should read: The chairmen of the standing committees shall be members of the Executive Board with the exception of the Auditing Committee.
17. Page 19—Art. 13—par. two—shall read: The vice president shall perform the duties of the president in his absence.
 Next paragraph after **The Secretary** leave out the **financial secretary**.
 After the ending of sentence: approved by the Executive Board make new paragraph and start it as follows:
 The Financial Secretary shall take charge, etc. . . .
18. Page 20—Art. 13—last two paragraphs change words substitute to read: alternate.
19. Page 21—Art. 14—last par.—to read: at the end of the fiscal year immediately prior to the convention the Executive Board will secure an audit of the books of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer by a certified public accountant. A copy of the financial audit shall be sent to each District.
20. Page 22—Art. 15—Meetings — change each month to quarterly.
 Second paragraph to read: combined meetings

- shall be held quarterly except in a Slet year. Conference—last paragraph delete.
21. Page 23—Art. 16—par. e)—change to read: Directors shall have overall charge of all activities and shall assign to the Assistant Directors the responsibilities of the children, juniors and seniors.
 Add f)—Page 30—Art. 23—and add in the last sentence after ASO. . . . and are selected by the BOI.
22. Page 24—Art. 17—par. e)—last sentence add after the word exercises—and sports events.
 Page 23—Art. 17—par. e)—to read: In a Slet year the ASO. BOI. automatically becomes the Slet technical committee and is responsible for the preparation of mass calisthenics and competition exercises and other sports events.
 Par. f)—delete word over and insert and assist.
23. Page 24—Art. 18—par. b)—last sentence change the word **President** to **Chairman**.
24. Page 24—Art. 19—par. 2)—Delete the part of sentence "and judges the work of its own officers."
 Paragraph 3)—change to read: Decides upon the recommendations of the Educational Committee of the Districts and Units and prepares them for approval by the ASO.
25. Page 25—Art. 19—par. 4)—Delete second sentence. Add: He shall be represented in the ASO.-BOI.
26. Page 26—Art. 20—First sentence to read: The six members of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall have the following duties:
 Par. d)—change to read: to meet 12 months before the convention in the ASO. headquarters city on instructions of the Executive Board, for the purpose of deciding upon changes and amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws; Paragraph e)—DELETE technical advisor and insert chairman.
 Paragraph g) to read: Administrative assistance to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall be provided by the central office of the ASO.
27. Page 27 and Page 28—Art. 21—delete entire article and replace with
Article 21 — Heading: Organizational Committee.
1. The chairman to be elected by the Convention and shall be a member of the Executive Board.
 2. The Committee shall be charged with responsibility to
 - a) organize new units,
 - b) assist inactive units in re-activation,
 - c) to promote membership drives and create an incentive to secure new members for all units.
 3. All activities of the Organizational Committee shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Board of ASO.
- Article 22 — Heading: Public Relations Committee.**
 Public Relations Committee shall be charged with the responsibility of promoting the American Sokol movement before the general public.

It shall use the common public and press relations practices with all media throughout the USA.

It shall suggest to Districts and Units methods for securing the best results in publicity and special promotions.

Its activities shall promote securing of new members, creating interest in the Sokol movement and maintain active contact with other physical and educational organizations in the USA. and throughout the world.

Public Relations Committee shall advise the Executive Board on public talks and presentations given by members of the Board. The Committee shall work closely with the BOI. Educational Committee Chairman and the Editor of the Sokol publications.

The chairman of the committee shall be elected by the Convention and shall be a member of the Executive Board.

The committee shall be appointed by the chairman and approved by the ASO. Executive Board. It shall consist of as many members as necessary but no more than nine.

All activities of the Public Relations Committee are subject to the approval of the Executive Board of the ASO.

28. Page 28—Article 22 change to 23.

Paragraph 2)—to read: The name of the publication shall be **AMERICAN SOKOL** instead of **SOKOL AMERICKY**.

Page 29—Art. 23—change paragraph starting with "the required official content . . ." to read: The editorial policy of the periodical shall be set forth by the Executive Board of the ASO. upon recommendations from the Editor and his staff. The periodical will include 4 center pages of teaching aids and instructions prepared by the BOI. under the title "Sokol Gymnast."

All items a) through o) delete, with the exception of f) which changes to read—**AMERICAN SOKOL**.

Page 30—same article—delete h) to o)—change sentence "The articles shall be" to read: **The articles shall be published in either Czech or English.**

The words **AMERICAN SOKOL**, to be used hereafter in place of **SOKOL AMERICKY**.

29. Page 30—Art. 23—Traveling Instructors—transpose to article 16, page 23, item f) as corrected.

30. Page 31—Art. 24—par. b)—delete **requests**, change to **applications**.

Paragraph g) to read: long term membership pin 10, 25, 40 and 50 years.

31. Page 31—Art. 25—Delete the first paragraph. Second paragraph to read: Dress uniforms for men and women shall be as approved by the IX. convention.

32. Page 32—Art. 30—**HEADING**: change to read: **Remuneration and Other Compensation**.

First paragraph change to read: Remunerations for services performed shall be determined by the Executive Board.

In second paragraph:

on orders change to read: with the approval and
ten dollars change to **fifteen dollars**.

33. Page 38—**SOKOL DISTRICTS AND CIRCUITS**. Change the word **Organization** to **Organizational**.

34. Page 40—Art. 39—District Annual meeting. Second sentence to read: The annual meeting shall be held at the beginning of the year. For technical reasons the BOI. shall hold their elections in summer.

35. Page 41—Art. 39—par. c)—Leave out first five lines—change: The District shall have the right to determine the number of delegates.

Par. d)—change **educational** to **Sokol program**.

Par. e)—insert after financial secretary, **Educational Director**.

Par. f)—delete last three lines.

36. Page 42—Art. 39—part II—par. b)—to read . . . shall establish the remuneration for services performed.

Paragraph c)—to read: shall elect from those present district officers, president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, financial secretary, educational director, organizer and public relations director and at least two members of the auditing committee.

Paragraph e)—delete last two lines.

37. Page 43—Art. 39—par. h)—change in 4th paragraph the words **on orders** to read **with the approval**.

Change in the same paragraph of **ten dollars** to read **fifteen dollars**.

38. Page 45—Art. 42—Activity and Jurisdiction of the District BOI.—par. c)—delete **biennial**.

39. Page 46—Art. 44—Headline change to read: **Organizational and Public Relations Committees of the District**.

For information see Articles 21 and 22.

40. Article 47—last sentence the word **Article 23** to read **Article 16**.

41. Page 47—**UNITS**—change **organization** to read **organizational**.

42. Page 48—top paragraph—line 5—change to read **Constitution and By-Laws Committee**.

43. Page 50—Art. 56—par. b)—delete **our**, change to read **Sokol**.

44. Page 52 and 53—Art. 59—pars. c) and d) to combine—change letters of paragraphs to correspond ending by h).

45. Page 55—Art. 62—par. e)—delete the words **low and**.

46. Page 55 and 56—remove **RE**: par. a) and place to follow par. a).

Remove **RE**: par. b) to f) and place to follow par. f).

Remove **RE**: par. g).

47. Page 57—Art. 64—par. c)—Delete the word (**examining**).

48. Page 58—Art. 64—par. e)—to read **Organizational**.

Par. f)—to read **Educational**.

Par. g)—to read **Public Relations**.

49. Page 58—Art. 65—par. b)—to read "to establish remuneration for services provided."

- Par. c)—after Financial Secretary add Educational Director and other elected members. After these officers, delete together with educational director.
50. Page 60—Art. 67—par. g)—delete substitutes, change to alternates.
51. Page 61—Art. 69—third par.—second sentence to read: **The results of the elections of the BOI. . . .**
52. Page 63—Delete the word **ELECTIONS** at the beginning of the paragraph.
53. Page 64—Art. 73—Change headings to **WAYS AND MEANS**, and also throughout the article.
54. Page 65—Art. 74—Delete the present article and **CHANGE HEADING TO READ: Public Relations Committee of the Unit.**
Add: The Unit Public Relations Committee is governed by the same rules as the Public Relations Committee of the ASO. and the District within the framework of its own unit.
See article 22.
55. Article 75—Omit last paragraph.
56. **SOKOL PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
change to: I take this oath etc.
(Eliminate stating of the name.)
57. **ORDER OF THE DAY.**
1. Call meeting to order—omit: followed by group singing and add: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the USA.

It is the recommendation of the By-Laws Committee that a lawyer be obtained by the Executive Board of the ASO. to rewrite and revise the By-Laws in clear, concise modern terminology within

a two year period after this Convention. Such a draft shall be submitted to the newly elected Constitution and By-Laws Committee for review. It would then be submitted to the Executive Board of the ASO. and all units of the ASO. for review. The final draft to be approved at the next Convention. The committee also recommends that the newly elected By-Laws Committee meet one year prior to the Convention to make it's final recommendations to the Convention.



ANN FALTA
Financial Secretary

RESOLUTIONS OF THE X. CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The delegates assembled in Chicago, Illinois, from June 21 to June 23, 1965, at the X American Sokol Organization Convention and the thousands of Sokols journeying from all parts of the United States who shall present a manifestation of physical culture and engage in gymnastic and athletic competitions, extend greetings to you.

For the past one hundred years, the American Sokol Organization has trained the youth of this country to become physically fit and morally sound. You are to be commended for your interest in these activities and for your efforts in informing the people of our nation of the vital importance of physical fitness.

Sincerely yours,

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Hon. Richard J. Daley
Mayor of the City of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Mayor:

The delegates assembled at the X American Sokol Organization Convention in Chicago, Illinois, from June 21 to June 23, 1965, and the thousands of Sokols journeying from all parts of these United States to participate in the Gymnastic Exhibition, extend our greetings and best wishes to you.

We take this opportunity of thanking you and the people of this great metropolis for the many courtesies and kindness extended to us.

We shall take home with us fond memories of our enjoyable stay in your fair city, and it is our sincere hope that you and the people of Chicago, will continue to understand, and render active cooperation in our valuable and worthwhile civic program of Sokol activities in the Chicago area.

Sincerely yours,

RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS, the American Sokol Organization has been fortunate in having as its president for the past 30 years, Karel M. Prchal, one of the outstanding Sokols of this generation; and

WHEREAS, Karel M. Prchal has conducted the office of president of the American Sokol Organization for the past 30 years in a very efficient manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates assembled at this X American Sokol Organization Convention, by a rising vote of thanks, extend their appreciation to Karel M. Prchal for his excellent conduct of the office of president of the American Sokol Organization for the past 30 years.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, many Sokol members have contributed much of their time and effort in order to have the American Sokol Organization achieve its goals; and

WHEREAS, a few Sokol members have expended much more time and effort than their respective offices and positions called for; and

WHEREAS, one of such few Sokol members may be found in the personage of Blanche J. Cihak, who has undertaken the additional duties of serving on the Sokol Centennial Stamp Committee, conducting Sokol excursions, and aiding other Sokol officers of the Executive Board of the American Sokol Organization when called upon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of the time and effort expended by Blanche J. Cihak, above and beyond the call of her duties, the delegates assembled at this X American Sokol Organization Convention, by a rising vote of thanks, express their appreciation to Blanche J. Cihak for her meritorious service rendered to the American Sokol Organization.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

WHEREAS, the main purpose of the American Sokol Organization is to provide for the physical and moral training of its members and their children in accordance with the Sokol principles of Dr. Miroslav Tyrs, and

WHEREAS, Edwin J. Halik, for the past seven and one-half years, as Director of Men of the American Sokol Organization Board of Instructors, has conducted a realistic and practical training program for our youth in such activities, and has supplied the American Sokol Organization with leadership in matters of a technical nature, and

WHEREAS, due to Edwin J. Halik's promotion of a physical fitness program in which we have had the benefit of his teaching, we are better able to meet the daily demands of life, and to fulfill our obligations to our community and our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Edwin J. Halik's devotion and extra effort, expended in the conduct of his office as Director of Men of the American Sokol Organization Board of Instructors, above and beyond the call of his duties, the delegates, assembled at the X American Sokol Organization Convention, by a

rising vote of thanks, express their appreciation to Edwin J. Halik for his outstanding work.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

WHEREAS, the main purpose of the American Sokol Organization is to provide for the physical and moral training of its members and their children in accordance with the Sokol principles of Dr. Miroslav Tyrs, and

WHEREAS, Mildred Prchal, for the past 12 years, as Director of Women of the American Sokol Organization Board of Instructors, has conducted a realistic and practical training program for our youth in such activities, and has supplied the American Sokol Organization with leadership in matters of a technical nature, and

WHEREAS, due to Mildred Prchal's promotion of a physical fitness program in which we have had the benefit of her teaching, we are better able to meet the daily demands of life, and to fulfill our obligations to our community and our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Mildred Prchal's devotion and extra effort, expended in the conduct of her office as Director of Women of the American Sokol Organization Board of Instructors, above and beyond the call of her duties, the delegates assembled at the X American Sokol Organization Convention, by a rising vote of thanks, express their appreciation to Mildred Prchal for her outstanding work.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

WHEREAS, the delegates assembled at this X American Sokol Organization Convention have been very fortunate in having Anthony J. Suster preside as Chairman of this convention, and

WHEREAS, said Anthony J. Suster has conducted the sessions of this convention in a proficient and able manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates assembled at the X American Sokol Organization Convention, by a rising vote of thanks, extend their appreciation to Anthony J. Suster for the excellent services he has rendered as Chairman of this Convention.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

RESOLVED, that the delegates assembled at this X American Sokol Organization Convention, by a rising vote of thanks, extend their appreciation of the work performed by the following Convention officers:

Karel M. Prchal	.....	Honorary Chairman
Frank J. Vodrazka	.....	First Vice-Chairman
Charles Zraly	.....	Second Vice-Chairman
Joseph Pokladnik	.....	Third Vice-Chairman
Emilie Welcl-Ruzicka	.....	Secretary
Emilie Zibrid	.....	Secretary
Anna Basta	.....	Secretary
George Spanek	.....	Secretary
Blanche J. Cihak	.....	Honorary Secretary
Frank Sula	.....	Sergeant-at-Arms

RESOLUTION NO. 9

WHEREAS, the members of the Central District Slet Committee have expended many hours of tire-

less efforts in making preparations for our comfort and enjoyment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates assembled at this X American Sokol Organization Convention express their appreciation for the successful accomplishment of their monumental task of making said preparations for this convention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the Slet Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 10

WHEREAS, the American Sokol Organization appreciates the aid and support that it has received from certain Czech Fraternal Benefit Societies, and

WHEREAS, the American Sokol Organization is in need of the continued support of these Fraternal Benefit Societies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all of the delegates assembled at the X American Sokol Organization Convention held in Chicago, Illinois, on June 23, 1965, by a rising vote of thanks, express their appreciation to WESTERN BOHEMIAN FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION, CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIETY OF AMERICA, SLAVONIC BENEVOLENT ORDER OF TEXAS, and UNITY OF CZECH LADIES AND MEN, for their unselfish aid and support given to the American Sokol Organization in its efforts to promulgate the teachings of Fuegner and Tyrs on the American soil.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the above named Fraternal Benefit Societies.

RESOLUTION NO. 11

WHEREAS, the American Sokol Organization appreciates the aid and support that it has received from the Bohemian National Cemetery Association of Chicago,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all of the delegates assembled at the X American Sokol Organization Convention held in Chicago, Illinois, on June 23, 1965, by a rising vote of thanks, express their appreciation to THE BOHEMIAN NATIONAL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO, for its aid and support given to the American Sokol Organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to The Bohemian National Cemetery Association of Chicago.

RESOLUTION NO. 12

WHEREAS, the American Sokol Organization was one of the organizations instrumental in the founding of the Czechoslovak National Council of America almost 50 years ago; and

WHEREAS, both organizations are prompted by the same ideals of freedom and loyalty to the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, both organizations have co-operated on important projects of interest to our Czechoslovak people and our Sokol Organizations; and

WHEREAS, this Convention recognizes the achievements of the Czechoslovak National Council of America for the preservation of freedom in the

United States and for the perpetuation of the Czechoslovak Cultural Heritage, of which Sokol is a glowing example;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates assembled at the X American Sokol Organization Convention in Chicago, Illinois, fully endorse and proclaim their full moral support of the work and aims of the Czechoslovak National Council of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the American Sokol Organization appeal to all Sokol members that they co-operate with the Czechoslovak National Council of America.

RESOLUTION NO. 13

Hon. Otto Kerner
Governor of the State of Illinois
Governor's Mansion
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Governor Kerner:

The delegates assembled at the X American Sokol Organization Convention in Chicago, Illinois, from June 21 to June 23, 1965, extend greetings to you.

The Sokols are well aware of your concern for the physical fitness of the citizens of this State and of your efforts to promote a greater appreciation for physical fitness coupled with moral and spiritual integrity.

Your manifested support of the efforts of Sokols on many occasions as well as your personal knowledge of the Sokol idea and ideals are well known to all of us.

Your membership in our Sokol ranks is pointed to with pride. As Sokols, we have dedicated ourselves to do everything within our power to help you and our government achieve the high goals continuously facing us as a perpetual challenge.

Sincerely yours,

RESOLUTION NO. 14

WHEREAS, the IX Convention of the American Sokol Organization held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from June 20 to June 23, 1960, assigned to the newly elected Board of the American Sokol Organization the task of using every honorable means to secure the issuance of a commemorative stamp honoring the centennial of the Sokols in America, and

WHEREAS, a committee consisting of five members of the Executive Board was appointed to plan, direct and lead a campaign to secure this official recognition, and with appropriate ceremonies, to receive fruits of their efforts, the Centennial of the Sokols Physical Fitness Stamp, and

WHEREAS, through the diplomacy and drive of the Sokol Centennial Commemorative Stamp Committee, six great national Sokol Organizations were enrolled and welded into one unit with a single purpose, and

WHEREAS, our great and friendly national fraternal, cultural, social and varied ethnic societies became staunch allies of the Sokols, and thousands of their members together with the large Sokol family performed yeoman service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates assembled at the X Convention of the American Sokol Organization in Chicago, Illinois, from June 21 to June 23, 1965, proclaim with justifiable pride, "Mission Accomplished."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for its accomplishments, the Sokol Centennial Commemorative Stamp Committee shall have the gratitude of generations yet unborn, for this committee has opened the door for them into a great future, where they can point with the same pride to the record of their predecessors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the delegates assembled at the X American Sokol Organization Convention in Chicago, Illinois, from June 21 to June 23, 1965, by a rising vote of thanks extend their appreciation for the monumental work performed by the following members of the Sokol Centennial Commemorative Stamp Committee:

James J. Cihak, Chairman
Blanche J. Cihak, Secretary
Charles T. Kropik, Member
Frank J. Vodrazka, Member
Charles M. Prchal, Member

RESOLUTION NO. 15

Hon. John A. Gronouski
Postmaster General of the
United States of America
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Postmaster General:

The delegates assembled at the X American Sokol Organization Convention in Chicago, Illinois, from June 21 to June 23, 1965, extend greetings to you.

The honor conferred upon the Sokols in America by your issuance of the Centennial of the Sokols Physical Fitness Stamp is one we highly value. It is a recognition of the magnificent precedent by our forefathers, a precedent we intend to follow.

We are deeply indebted to you and thank you for having favorably considered our request for the issuance of the Centennial of the Sokols Physical Fitness Stamp. We are further grateful for your courtesy and cooperation prior to and during the First Day of Issue ceremonies.

Sincerely yours,

RESOLUTION NO. 16

Stan Musial
Consultant to the President
on Physical Fitness
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Stan:

The delegates assembled at the X American Sokol Organization Convention in Chicago, Illinois, from June 21 to June 23, 1965, extend greetings to you.

It is the unanimous sentiment, not only of the delegates assembled here, but of the entire membership, that the fullest cooperation should be tendered to the President's Council on Physical Fitness.

The results of the Sokol ideals and methods of training have proven their value for the past century.

We wish the greatest success to you in this vital field of preparing our youth for responsible citizenship, worthy of the great heritage given to all of us.

Sincerely yours,

RESOLUCE ČÍS. 17

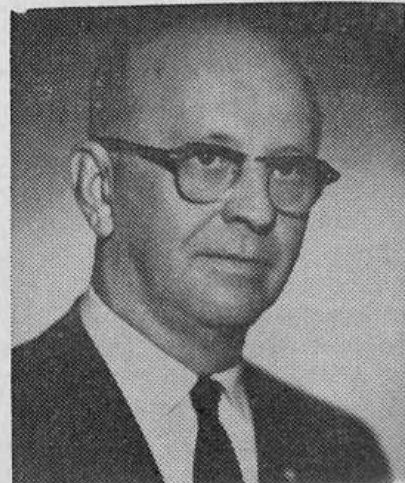
Resoluce o tisku a rozhlasu.

Desátý sjezd Americké Obce Sokolské se usnáší na této resoluci:

Americká Obec Sokolská děkuje srdečně a bratrsky všemu krajanskému tisku a československému rozhlasu, které podporují sokolské snahy a pracují v duchu sokolských ideálů. Krajanský tisk a československé rozhlasové stanice stejně jako americké Sokolstvo slouží české věci a uveřejňování zpráv o našich sletech, akademiích a veřejných vystoupeních stává se pojítkem mezi všemi jednotami, vzdálenými od sebe na tisíce a tisíce mil. Tisk a rozhlas touto spoluprací s AOS. jen potvrzují důležitost krajanských časopisů a rozhlasů a nutnost jich zachovat pro nás i pro budoucí.

Zároveň X. sjezd AOS. děkuje československému oddělení Radio Free Europe za práci, kterou koná pro Sokolstvo. Jsme si vědomi toho, že prostřednictvím této rozhlasové stanice se sestry a bratři doma ve staré vlasti dovidají o naší práci a jsou tím posilováni ve své věrnosti k sokolské myšlence. Dovidají se pravidelně, že Sokol nezahynul, i když byl ve své mateřské zemi potlačen, ale žije a vrátí se ze svobodných Spojených států zpět do země Tyršovy, Fuegnerovy a Masarykovy, až bude osvobozena od svých utlačovatelů.

All resolutions were submitted by the Resolutions Committee of the X General Convention: Charles T. Kropik, Chairman, Victor J. Hurych, Betty L. Petrzalek, Anastazie Jurcik, Henry L. Vesely and Florence Palas—and signed: X General Convention of the American Sokol Organization by A. J. Susster, Chairman, Anna J. Basta, Secretary.



JAMES J. CIHAK
Educational Director

JAMES L. CIHAK

GREAT CELEBRATION OF THE AMERICAN SOKOLS CENTENNIAL

June 5th and 6th, 1965, in St. Louis, Missouri

The long awaited Pilgrimage to St. Louis, Missouri, the cradle of the Sokols in America, was at hand. Enthusiasm ran high for this was to be another great event in the series of centennial celebrations. Sentiment, if nothing else, would make the Pilgrimage a long remembered participation. Sokol St. Louis proved the vitality inherent in the Sokol if the members showed their faith and backed it up with concerted effort. When their old home was claimed by the State for a superhighway, they immediately made provisions for a new home that is the pride of all Sokols.

Busloads of gymnasts departed Friday from all points in the Midwest, followed early Saturday by many more carrying hundreds of Sokols anxious to be witnesses to the deep feelings of devotion and gratitude accompanying the events in St. Louis, and they were all well repaid. From the moment of arrival to that of departure next evening a treasurehouse of fond memories was filled to overflowing. Old friends from Chicago, Racine, Milwaukee, Cedar Rapids, Cleveland, Omaha, Baltimore, Texas and Oklahoma warmly greeted each other and were enthusiastically welcomed by St. Louis. There were stars in everyone's eyes showing the depths to which they were touched by the significance of what was transpiring.

Tours of the city were made Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, including a visit to the Anheuser-Busch brewery and a visit to the cemetery where a wreath was laid at the grave of bro. John Erben, one of the three founders and early leaders of the Sokol. Short addresses of appreciation for the founders were made by bro. C. Prchal, President of the ASO., sis. Blanche Cihak, Vice-President, and bro. James Simaner, President of the Central District ASO. The beautiful, new Sokol Home, even though incomplete, made a deep impression on the guest Sokols, to whom a Sokol home had always been an integral part of their lives. Time flew by too fast as everyone tried to

savor to the hilt the invigorating, refreshing atmosphere of appreciation for the finest meaning of Sokol.

Throughout the day the Central District held its competitions. The large attendance of gymnasts was capably handled by bro. Paul Lebloch and sis. EllenJeanne Schnabl, District Directors, and their capable staffs. They also conducted the Slet on Sunday afternoon so efficiently that the rich program was completed in three hours.

The entire corps of visitors was housed at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel and it was in its beautifully decorated ballroom that the Centennial banquet was held on Saturday, June 5th, at 6:30 P.M. Not one chair was vacant as the Master of Ceremonies, bro. John Reiner, a pillar of Sokol St. Louis, for many years its president and president of the Centennial Committee, after a delicious dinner, welcomed the assembled guests. His fine sense of humor endeared him to all as he wittily and proficiently conducted the program. Sis. Camilla Ulrich and bro. Joseph Eichner sang the American and Czechoslovak hymns and later enriched the program with solo and duet performances. The mixed chorus "Hlahol-Vlasta," whose history of capable performance goes back many decades, showed the versatility of our Sokols in St. Louis. Their performance under the direction of sis. Camilla Ulrich was warm and enthusiastically received.

The speakers, interspersed thru the program, were well aware of the evening's importance as well as of the Sokols value in America. In well thoughtout and chosen words each one conveyed his message concisely.

They were bros. Wm. Shana, President of Sokol St. Louis, Charles M. Prchal, President of ASO., James L. Cihak, Educational Director ASO., sis. Blanche Cihak, Vice-President of ASO., bro. James Simaner, President of the Central District, and sis. Marie Matejka, President of Sokolice Vlasta, St. Louis. The M.C. presented many guests,

among them bro. Frank Vodrazka, President of the CSA., bro. Antonín Hrebik, President of the Czechoslovak Sokol Abroad, bro. George Schultz, Treasurer of WBFA., and the many representatives of Sokol units. He also read many congratulatory letters, including one from President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Long term membership pins were then awarded, many of them showing more than 60 years of adherence to our Sokol ideals. The beautiful and imposing program was concluded with warm thanks from bro. John Reiner for the large attendance and moral support given to Sokol St. Louis.

After the program, many of the guests went to the new Sokol hall to celebrate the success of the Pilgrimage. In a fine spirit of camaraderie a few hours were spent in song and reminiscing. Bro. James Simaner and his wife sis. Ella Simaner beamed with pleasure at the evening's success and the large attendance of the Central District units gymnasts and members. It was the cooperative efforts of bro. Simaner and sis. Blanche Cihak that had helped make the large attendance from Chicago possible. At the stroke of midnight sis. Cihak announced that we were now celebrating the 40th anniversary of the happy marriage of bro. and sis. Simaner. A toast was offered and the smiling and happy Simaners were caught by the colored camera of bro. Jerry Madera. No one suspected that within a matter of weeks we would be parting with one of the stalwarts of the American Sokol, bro. James Simaner.

Sunday, June 6th, the large gymnasium of St. Louis University witnessed one of the largest district Slets in years. Unit after unit proudly marched in carrying their flags. The floor was filled as the colors were posted and the national anthems were played. After the pledge of allegiance the assembly was greeted by bro. Wm. Shana, President of Sokol St. Louis, and bro. James Simaner, President of the Central District. The gymnastic program from the children to the Slet calisthenics of the juniors and Sokols showed the hours of practice and painstaking training. The applause each group received was well earned.

A special number performed by the men and women of Sokol St. Louis was com-

posed and directed by one of the great teachers of ASO., bro. Frank Prihoda, instructor of Sokol St. Louis for many decades. It showed his grasp for the Sokol training and the showmanship it can bring forth. Thunderous applause was their reward. They regrouped and faced a delegation from the Central District marching toward them to present to Sokol St. Louis the American flag that flew over the capitol in Washington, D. C. on February 15, 1965, during the Sokols Physical Fitness Stamp Ceremonies, and a beautiful new unit flag presented by the Central District. Brother James Cihak presented the American flag with a few words of official commendation. The flag was handed to bro. Wm. Shana by bro. Paul Lebloch, District Director of Men. The unit flag was presented by bro. James Simaner on behalf of the District. His presentation was short but so effective that many an eye was moist. Bro. Antonín Hrebik, President of the Czechoslovak Sokols Abroad, then tied a pennant to the new unit flag, a gift from Sokol Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. In his remarks he stressed the feelings of Sokols throughout the world for what happened a century ago, and for the fact that the Sokols in America are still holding the torch of that idealism aloft.

As a truly touching finale to these great moments, Sokol St. Louis presented a plaque to bro. Frank Prihoda, its instructor and leader for so many years, as a token of their love, respect and appreciation for everything he meant to them. Perhaps herein lies the secret of our Sokol, the depths of emotion that can be sounded and the heights of pure elation we can reach in our frank avowal of our appreciation for the honest and unfeigned efforts of those we can honestly respect for what they have done, following only one course, that dictated by a rigid conscience and a pure heart. Charlatans, regardless of how high a position they may reach, are eventually discovered and go to their graves in disgrace. Those who were men while they lived and worked will always be regarded as such, brothers Cermak, Simaner, Jelinek, Kos, Prevratil, and Prihoda belong to this tribe.

Only those are real Sokols.

Nazdar!

CHAS. M. PRCHAL

WE REMEMBER . . .

In these days of Sokol rejoicing let us not forget those who—with the passing of time—have departed from our ranks.

Brothers and Sisters:

Love is a force that knows no limitation. . . .

It is a binding force that makes life worth living. . . .

It is a unifying force that reaches beyond the grave.

In life and in death man comes face to face with love, savors its sweet solace, enjoys its comforting contentment, drinks deeply of its invigorating nectar.

It is this all-embracing love for the Sokol ideal which held together the ranks of our brothers and sisters who have gone from our midst, and are today but a pleasant memory, an inspiration and a motivating force to those of us who are still here. We, who are here as delegates to the 10th Convention of the American Sokol Organization, are held by this same deep affection, to recall those who preceded us and bow in solemn gratitude before their shining example. They have gone through life, as the unsung heroes of Sokol idealism, never seeking personal gains, never in quest of personal glory, always acting, thinking and working for Sokol.

It was in their deep devotion to the Sokol dream that they built for the future and found fulfillment in their own individual lives. They lived for the brotherhood exemplified by the Sokol principle and even in death their actions speak the eloquent language of work well done.

Realizing the arduous task facing the early Sokol leadership they gave unselfishly of their time and all, preparing themselves for the burdens of tomorrow. Once their ranks were solidified they began the slow patient task of teaching others, of aiding those who needed assistance, of helping

wherever and whenever their nation and their Sokol Organization needed such help. There was no task too small or too great that escaped their attention.

Their industry and enthusiasm helped carry the Sokols through many phases of rejoicing and sorrow and the path they once trod was the guiding line to better service on the altar of our country, our heritage and our Sokol ideal.

We are grateful to them, and their undying memory. They have left to us a treasured heritage, a strong organization, high ideals and many priceless monuments as a lasting testimonial of their devotion. As we stand on the very threshold of these rising memories let us recall the names of some of those who set the Sokol pattern since the last convention.

True, these departed ones belong to the past, but in a sense they belong to us and in an even greater sense they belong to the future. They are the foundation stones of truth, and perseverance and unselfish devotion to all that we hold dear.

Love refuses to forget in death. Great immeasurable love reaches beyond the portals of death.

Departed Sisters and Brothers:

We shall not forget you and your work.

Upon your shining memory and upon this Sokol banner we pledge to carry on, to follow in your footsteps to show the youth of today the true meaning of Sokol, that they too might follow the path you have hewn for them.

We, the Sokols of today, fully mindful of the debt we owe you, the Sokols of yesterday, do pledge to remain steadfast in our service to our Nation and our Sokol ranks.

May you, who have inspired us, find well deserved eternal peace.

BLANCHE J. CIHAK

THE CENTENNIAL SLET AND ITS WONDERFUL COURSE DIGNIFIED ACME OF THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

Directly from the parade, the marchers formed columns on the stadium field. With their flags whipped by a fresh breeze they formed a beautiful spectacle rewarded by the applause of the spectators filling the stands and lined up on the sides.

The Slet flame was ignited by a runner and the American flag was raised to the top of the pole. The national anthems were sung by Lyra and the CSA. Men's Chorus and the pledge of allegiance given to the flag. Bro. Henry Vydra, veteran instructor of Sokol Berwyn, was Master of Ceremonies and strove to conduct his office with precision. He greeted the assembly and audience with the following verse he composed:

And here across the field they come,
Loyal Sokols, everyone,
They come from near, they come from far,
By plane, by bus, by private car,
They came from near, from far away,
To be with us, this glorious day.

SLET GREETINGS STRESSED THE MEANING OF THE SOKOLS IN THE FUTURE

The M.C. introduced bro. Charles Prchal as the first speaker. In his address he appraised the long road traveled by the Sokols in the elapsed century ending with, "No sacrifice was too great for the Sokols to attain success. The Sokols train thousands of individuals in healthy development for

their own good and that of this land. It is the Sokol brothers and sisters who are permeated with the spirit of Tyrš's great idea. Our XI. Slet on the long hard road over which the Sokols traveled for the victory of their ideals is a new, timely landmark."

After greeting the assembly, he remembered the brother and sister Sokols across the sea in the old homeland and said he has faith that a Slet will again be held in a free Czechoslovakia.

Mayor George Dolezal of Berwyn greeted the visitors to the Slet in Berwyn and paid respect to the valued activity of the American Sokol in training thousands in physical and moral strength in the elapsed century of its work.

Bro. Roman L. Hruska, Senator from Nebraska, himself trained in the Sokol ranks, was the main speaker of the Slet. In his attentively listened to address he raised the significance of the 100 year activity of the Sokols in the United States and its importance for the entire nation. He recalled the birth of the Sokol 103 years ago in Praha, which in addition to its physical fitness and moral training in the gymnasiums had an honored role in securing the freedom and liberty of its land. The speaker drew attention to the Sokols loyalty to democracy and their opposition to dictatorships who even in the most trying times could not destroy the Sokol idea. Even if the Sokol in the old country is oppressed, in the free world the Sokol is in full bloom and received the fullest recognition of the presidents and government of the United States. Senator Hruska ended his valued address with the reminder that the Centennial Slet is also an obligation, that we shall all endeavor that the Sokols in America and in the entire world shall continue on the road leading to further progress.

The audience received all the addresses with sincere applause and attentively observed the opening of the gymnastic program for which the gymnasts were lining up in the assembly area.

SLET PROGRAM SOURCE OF ENTHUSIASM TO THE SPECTATORS

The audience gave visible proof of its pleasure at the well executed gymnastic performances which began with the children, boys and girls in a special number "Americana," a joint calisthenics drill composed by brothers Ed. Linhart and Richard Ptacek and sisters EllenJeanne Schnabl and Mili Udaykee. Three columns of boys and four of girls filled the green playing field and for their well performed drills received the happy appreciation and hearty applause of the audience at their retreat.

During the rapt attention of the assembly, M.C. bro. Vydra read the following message to the Sokols in Czechoslovakia signed by Chairman Charles Prchal and Secretary Bretislav Vaněk:

"Dear Brothers and Sisters: From the happy and historic days of the Slet of the Sokols in America we send you our sincerest greetings. We are thinking of you and recalling the glorious days of the past of the Czechoslovak Sokols from the period of its free expansion. We recall with respect the founders of the Sokol movement Dr. Miroslav

Tyrs and Jindrich Fuegner. We remember the magnificent Sokol Slets in Praha, which no Spartakiada can ever replace.

"Today we have with us at the Centennial Slet of ASO., brother and sister Sokols of the Slovak Sokol, D. A. Sokol and Yugoslav Sokol, all of the United States, and Sokols from Canada, Argentina and Europe.

"All of us assure you that we shall faithfully, honestly and steadfastly carry the Sokol idea and ideals of Sokol training into the Sokol future.

"We firmly believe that we shall all see the re-birth of the Sokol in a free Czechoslovakia and other oppressed lands. Believe with us. Nazdar!"

This message, enthusiastically accepted by the audience, was sent to Czechoslovakia by Radio Free Europe and the Voice of America.

M.C. Henry Vydra then read the proclamation of Mayor Richard J. Daley of Chicago, who proclaimed Sunday, June 27, 1965, as Sokols Physical Fitness Day in Chicago.

PRESENTATION OF SLET GUESTS

was done by M.C. Henry Vydra between the gymnastic numbers. They were U.S. Senators Paul H. Douglas and Roman L. Hruska, Mayor of Berwyn George Dolezal, Mayor of Cicero John Karner, Alderman of the 22nd Ward of Chicago Otto F. Janousek, Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County James J. Mejda, representative of WBFA. Edward Rozsypal, representative of Club Otakar of New York Theo. Plachý. Then the leaders of Sokol organizations were presented — for the Czechoslovak Sokol Abroad President bro. Antonin Hrebik and Director of Women sis. Marie Provaznik. Secretary of the Paris Sokol bro. Frank Fiedler, for the London Sokol sis. Frances Bartak, the Canadian Sokol bro. Prokop V. Havlik of Toronto, for the Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol USA. bro. John Babuska, Gen. Secretary, and bro. V. Klimek, Treasurer, the delegates of the Polish Falcons and bro. Franjo Holy of Argentina for the Yugoslav Sokol Abroad. The Russian Sokols sent a telegram of greetings from Paris.

SLET PROGRAM A UNIQUE SUCCESS

Although the sun beat mercilessly it did not lessen the Sokol spirit in any way. It had no affect upon the long columns of children, juniors and adults as they marched in, performed with precision and assurance and then made their proud exit. The Slet flame was no more intense than the clean flame in the hearts of both the gymnasts and the thousands watching them. This was visual proof of the readiness with which the ideals planted a century ago had been accepted, evaluated and nurtured in the minds and hearts of thousands of Sokols. This is the great lesson and guarantee for an even more illustrious future.

On the Slet field in beautiful national costumes 16 circles danced the Czechoslovak Beseda. A picture of beauty, enchantment and heartwarming exuberance earned the applause of an appreciative audience. This had not even died down when 168 juniors and adults of the Northeastern District in

red, white and blue uniforms marched onto the field to perform their special number "Tribute to the Sokol Idea." Their faultless execution and changes of formation created an enchanting picture. When toward the end they formed the U.S. flag and then, in a pyramid grouping one of the gymnasts held aloft the laurel wreath of victory many an eye was moist as Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" accompanied the close of a precisely executed and long to be remembered performance. The audience rewarded them with thunderous applause. The composers of this great picture were bros. Edwin Jirousek and Karel Vavra of Cleveland, Ohio.

A new Canadian flag was ceremoniously presented to the ASO. by bro. Prokop Havlik of the Canadian Sokols. In his presentation he thanked the ASO. and especially the N.E. District for their many years of cooperation and support. Brother Prchal, in accepting the flag, assured him that the ASO. will continue to work with the Canadian Sokol in striving to reach our mutually accepted goals.

The new president of ASO. was presented to the assembly by bro. Prchal and greeted with warm applause. He is an outstanding gymnast and has been President of Sokol Chicago for many years and a member of the Executive Board of ASO. and the ASO.-BOI. Bro. Barcal in a few sincere sentences greeted the audience and promised to lead the ASO. to full flowering.

Victors in the Championship competitions, junior girls Barbara Vondra of Sokol Stickney and Vanda of Sokol Los Angeles, California, junior boy Edwin Halik of Sokol Slavsky and bro. Jerry Polacek of Sokol Tabor showed in their free calisthenic performances the form that had helped them secure their championships. The sight of their beautifully formed bodies, toughened by Sokol training, and their masterly execution of superlative routines received sincere appreciation and applause, all of them are perfect symbols of Sokol physical fitness.

Women and junior girls of the Central District next entered the field to show a rhythmic, symbolic calisthenic and dance number "Slavonic Dance," based on Dvorak's famous composition. The author was sis. Mildred Prchal, Director of Women of the ASO.

"FORWARD AND ONWARD"

was the slogan for the splendid calisthenics of the 750 junior boys and girls who now marched onto the field in 10 columns. The authors of the drill were sis. Zdenka Tintera and bro. Stanley Barcal. In precise alignment, with charming, graceful dance steps and movements, the entire body in constant movement, the beautiful, fresh Sokol youth was a living picture of a splendid youth, to which Sokol training gave a goal and foundation to courage and physical fitness. It is impossible to relate the state of elation and happiness that overwhelmed the audience both during the performance and at their exit.

"SALUTE TO THE SOKOL CENTENNIAL"

was the title of the men's and women's calisthenics in which 700 took part, marching in to the fanfares of Suk's famous march "In a New Life." It was always the pinnacle of the Slet program. After their assembly bro. Edwin Halik, Director of Men of ASO., in a concise and compact address explained the future goal and role of the Sokols in America. The number was faultlessly performed. The authors were bro. Edwin Halik and sis. Mildred Prchal. Moving and imposing was the close to the accompaniment of the joint choral groups singing "The Statue of Liberty Song." A part of the gymnasts formed the numerals "100," the rest formed into symbolic, pyramidal groupings, topped by a gymnast with right arm upraised in a "Salute to the Sokols Centennial." The choral groups of Lyra and CSA. sang "America, America" to this unforgettable scene. The audience rose and thanked them and the Sokols of the past with wave after wave of applause.

All the Slet numbers were well accompanied by bro. Bastar's band. Bro. Charles Divisek of New York was guest conductor.

The Centennial Slet was a success. Both gymnasts and instructors felt warm satisfaction in their efforts. They gave living and convincing proof of the ability of the Sokols to lead the nation toward physical fitness. The audience carried home beautiful memories and as a reminder of the Slet they bought the 160 page Slet Historical Journal, filled with the histories of the units and districts as well as many valued Sokol articles and pictures. The Journal Chairman was bro. James L. Cihak. Copies can be secured by writing to the ASO. office, 5611 W. Cermak Road, Cicero, Illinois 60650, cost including mailing charges is \$1.25 per copy.

Many Slet visitors and participants spent a pleasant hour at the Sokol exhibit in the Lincoln Federal Savings & Loan Building. Hundreds viewed the tastefully prepared panels of pictures and historical papers of the ASO. Districts and Units. Sis. Irma Janecka was Exhibit Chairman and bro. Joseph Janecka did yoemen work in assembly and preparation of material.

We cannot end without expressing our thanks to the hundreds of dedicated people whose long hours of voluntary and willing help meant so much to the success of all of the Slet events. Every pair of hands was welcome and appreciated.

Articles and reports sent to the "American Sokol" for publication must be typewritten on one side of the paper and double spaced. The "American Sokol" henceforth will be comprised of 16 pages. All material received will be edited.

JAMES L. CIHAK

WITH HEADS HELD HIGH, THE SOKOLS MARCH INTO THE SECOND CENTURY OF SOKOL TRAINING

WONDERFUL DAYS OF THE XI. SLET OF THE AMERICAN SOKOL ORG.,
A SOURCE OF ENTHUSIASM, LOVE AND LOYALTY TO THE SOKOL
IDEALS AND DETERMINATION FOR FURTHER ACTIVITY

After many months of intensive preparation all the events of the Slet days of ASO. became memorable and will be recalled fondly for years to come by all who witnessed them.

From the distance of only a few short weeks that separate us from the glorious and historically significant week of June 21-27, 1965, we hear favorable comments on all sides, comments of satisfaction, enthusiasm, joy and pride in a job well done. This acted as a firm bridge over which, with heads held high, the Sokols in America crossed into a second century of their life and activity carrying on to new and greater horizons.

It is necessary, at least in a condensed form for the history of the Sokols, to catch the results of the work carried on in the gymnasiums, in the Slet Committee and its branches. The unique success of all the Slet events, the centennial banquet in the Pick Congress Hotel in Chicago, the Akademie and Awards nights at Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs in Chicago, the competitions in the gymnasiums of Morton West High School in Berwyn, the beautiful parade on Sunday on Cermak Road, in Cicero and Berwyn, and the magnificent Slet at Hoffman Stadium of Morton West High School in Berwyn, and the Farewell Dance at Sokol Tabor, Berwyn, Ill., fills not only the conductors of these events with pride, but also all the participants who came from every section of this nation and from Canada, Argentina and Europe. All of them were convinced and with them a great number of American friends that the Sokol in America gave a new evidence of its living strength and determination to go forward and upward to reach its designated goals in Sokol work, ably led by experienced instructors and teachers.

With pleasure we note that the Sokols with the results of the memorable days of February 13, 14, 15 in Washington, D. C., and all the Slet events from June 21-27, 1965, in Metropolitan Chicago, placed themselves at the head of our national life as the bearers of the modern efforts in civilization's advance, striving to train individuals in physical and spiritual strength, of good character, with hearts filled with pure patriotism and determination to work for the good of the nation.

The X. National Convention of the American Sokol Organization commenced the events of the Slet work.

The Convention was held June 21-23 in the Pick Congress Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. The action taken and results reached will appear in another section of Sokol Americky. It is necessary to stress that the accepted program of the efforts of ASO. for the first 5 years of the second century, designated the course of the work in the Sokol gymnasiums and the degree of participation in the gov-

ernment's physical fitness program. Sincere gratitude was expressed in the resolutions to the instructors and teachers for their efforts to train the children and members in the spirit of the century proven methods of the founders of Sokol, Dr. Miroslav Tyrs and Jindrich Fuegner. In a special resolution the convention expressed its appreciation to the Committee for the Sokols Commemorative Stamp for its successfully conducted campaign—and its culmination—the honor accorded by the United States Government to the Sokol Movement in America by the issuance of the Sokols Physical Fitness Stamp. By the election of the officers and members of the Executive Board of ASO., a guarantee was assured that the endeavors and efforts of the leading brothers and sisters in the districts and units will be directed by the principles listed in the By-Laws of ASO., studied and revised by the convention, satisfying the needs of so important a gymnastic organization as the ASO. is regarded. The X. National Convention fulfilled its mission.

THE CENTENNIAL SLET BANQUET

The banquet and its beautiful elating course was appreciated by many spectators in these words, "It was a beautiful Sokol evening." It was held at 7 P.M. in the Great Hall of the Pick Congress Hotel in Chicago, with 500 people attending. Bro. Charles T. Kropik was a fine M.C. Sis. Blanche J. Cihak, Co-Chairman of the banquet with bro. Kropik, officially greeted the gathering. The cultural part of the program was rich because of the enthusiastic performance of the CSA. Choral Groups, the Czech Singing Society Lyra, directed by Prof. Frank Kubina, both soloists, our popular baritone Miles Nekolny and the talented, young soprano, Betty Cykner Karam. Their selections of Czech and English songs, popular, arias and folk songs with the accent on Sokol marching songs stirred the predominantly Sokol audience into singing with them. It expressed their deep love for the Sokol past and their faith in its future. Unique was the closing number, the tableaux by ASO. gymnasts. In six "pictures" with the spotlight playing on them, they presented the history, results and goals of the Sokol efforts in physical training. Completely white, they looked like the creations of eminent sculptors and captured the hearts of the audience.

Among the speakers of the evening were: Bro. Charles M. Prchal, who in Czech reminded the audience of the meaning of the Sokol work in the expired century, gave recognition to the work accomplished, the sacrifice of the thousands who did it and asked for loyalty to the Sokol ideals in the future. Bro. James L. Cihak, ASO. Educational Di-

rector and honorary president of the Slet Committee, spoke on "Reflections of the Past Century" and the Sokols future. He stressed the necessity to continue, in the second century, the methods used in the past and the Sokols duty to be forever aware of the greater and higher horizons ahead. Bob Stewart, Administrator of the President's Council on Physical Fitness, expressed his sincere faith in the role of the Sokols, evoking a deep impression among those attending. After expressing appreciation for the great and in many cases still unappreciated significance of the Sokol stamp, said: "It is impossible that many of you still do not realize how worthy and valuable are your ideals and methods of physical training to us. You have set an example that our nation can immediately follow. Your work performed in the past century deserves the gratitude of this land. I assure you that you have gained it, America esteems the Sokols." The thunderous applause certainly convinced Bob Stewart that his remarks hit home. Bro. Stanley Barcal, the new president of ASO., was greeted with such spontaneous applause and a rising mark of respect that his greetings and declaration of faithful service to the Sokols showed he was visibly moved.

Among the guests presented by the M.C., Chairman of the Centennial Banquet and also Vice-President of the ASO., bro. Charles T. Kropik, were the members of the Executive Board of ASO.: Charles M. Prchal, President, Blanche J. Cihak, Vice-President and Secretary, Frank Vodrazka, Treasurer, with his wife, James L. Cihak, Educational Director, Stanley Barcal, with his wife, Ann Falta, Jerry Rabas, Emilie Ruzicka and William Vrba, members of the Auditing Committee.

Joseph Hrbek, President of the Eastern District, Anthony J. Suster, Chairman of the X. Convention and President of the Northeastern District, Agnes Trajhan, Vice-President of the Central District, Edward J. Pavoucek, President of the Western District and his wife, Joe Pokladnik, President of the Southern District and his wife, and Emil Nekuda, President of the Pacific District and his wife.

Also presented was the Executive Secretary of the XI. Slet bro. Bretislav Vanek and Jaromira Zacek, Czech Recording Secretary, and Betty Prener, English Recording Secretary of the XI. Slet.

Many were the friends, supporters and co-workers presented, among them the Bohemian National Cemetery, Robert Vydra, President, and Rudolph Janda, Secretary, Czechoslovak Society of America, Frank J. Vodrazka, President, and James V. Krakora, Secretary. CSA. Czech District Council represented by bro. Viktor Cejka.

Unity of Czech Ladies and Men, Josephine Drnec, President, and Emilie Zibrid, Secretary. Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, sis. Frances Hrdlicka, President.

Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol USA., John Babuska, National Secretary, and other officers. Central Executive Committee of Yugoslav Sokol in Argentina, bro. Fráno Holy, Secretary, and Ivan Drcar, Chicago Yugoslav representative. Prokop V. Havlik, Secretary, Canadian Sokol Organization.

District Ludevít Stur, SGUS., Dr. Antonín Hrebík, President, who also is President of the Czechoslovak Sokols Abroad.

Czechoslovak National Council of America, Vlasta Vraz, President. Bohemian Home for the Aged, Mrs. Lillian Chrastka, President. F. Feidler, Secretary Paris Sokol Organization with delegation from France.

Mrs. Milada Ferjencik, President of the Czechoslovak National Council of Women in Exile, and many, many other fine people.

From the many telegrams received, the M.C. read the greetings from Mayor Daley of Chicago, Governor Otto Kerner of Illinois and Mr. Joseph Josten, head of the free information service in London, Sokol District in Vienna, Austria, Federation of Czech Lodges, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and the mayor of Cedar Rapids, Robert M. L. Johnson.

Singing of "America the Beautiful" by Lyra and the CSA. Choral Groups ended a well planned, beautifully executed Centennial Banquet, successful event in the framework of the Centennial Slet.

SLET AKADEMIE (GYMNASTICALE)

Friday, June 25, in the historic Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs gymnasium was held the Slet Akademie, presentation of special gymnastic numbers. The evening's program was directed by bro. Stanley Barcal and sis. Zdenka Tintera. After the playing of the anthem and pledge to the flag, bro. Stanley Barcal, newly elected ASO. President, addressed the audience explaining the gymnasticale presented an opportunity for the Sokols from the entire nation and abroad to become acquainted, and served as a showcase to display examples of the best in physical fitness training.

In the program were five gymnastic numbers. The first was a number by 8 junior girls from Sokol Tyrs, Cleveland, Ohio, in a calisthenics number composed and directed by bro. Karel Vavra. The girls executed a difficult routine with polish and ease accompanied by bro. Divisek at the piano.

Splendid was the performance of 16 women of the Eastern District in a precise calisthenics drill, directed by sis. Provaznik and accompanied by bro. Divisek. The number was learned by the women in their individual units. Rhythmic, symbolic calisthenics composed and taught by sis. Z. Tintera were presented by the women of Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs. The execution highlighted by spotlights was excellent.

The development of children in the gymnasium was demonstrated by the first class boys of Sokol Tabor, Berwyn, Ill., in a specially composed drill of calisthenics and competitive games called "The Bull Ring," composed and taught by bro. Edward Linhart. The boys in toreador costumes drilled with enthusiasm and did their number faultlessly.

In a difficult, calisthenics routine with Indian clubs, the work and direction of bro. Dick Ptacek, the men of Sokol Slavsky showed what flexibility, elasticity and agility of the entire body it is possible to reach in a gymnastic system. It is a pity that for technical reasons another 5 numbers incorporating other classes could not be presented.

During the drills of the various groups the appreciative silence of the expert audience was broken by enthusiastic applause. The viewers knew well the time, patience and effort required for perfect performance by teachers and gymnasts alike. These showed the goals of Sokol training—beauty, elegance, liveliness, agility and strength in the perfect harmony of movements. The Akademie was a true example of the meaning of "In a healthy body a sound mind," which directs the training in the Sokol gymnasiums. Far into the night went this happy social evening with its dancing and refreshments. The Gymnasticale fulfilled its mission also as a social affair. Many old friends met here and relived the days of their activity and youth. As they observed the Sokol youth they were optimistic about the Sokol's future, because our Sokol youth is a guarantee that the fundamentals of Sokol training, brought to life by Dr. Tyrs and Jindrich Fuegner shall, far into the future, be a foundation for the efforts leading to the development of able individuals and a strong nation.

AWARDS NITE

Back to Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs on June 26 went hundreds of contestants and their friends to learn the results of the competitions of 800 men, women, junior boys and girls. The competitions started Thursday evening, June 24, in the Morton West gymnasium and carried on to Saturday afternoon. The competition organization was excellent in spite of the large number of contestants due to thorough preparations by the men's and women's BOI, led by bro. Edwin Halik and sis. Mildred Prchal. An unusually large number of spectators interested in gymnastics viewed the competitions, especially Saturday afternoon when the championships were held.

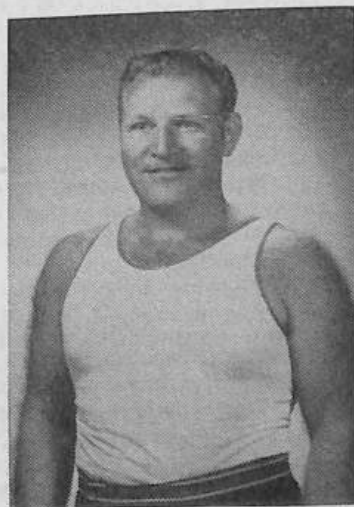
The detailed results of the competitions are listed elsewhere in S.A. They were announced and the victors honored on Saturday evening, June 26th, at the Awards Nite at Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs. 1,200 guests, mostly the young, filled every square inch of space. They came to witness the crowning of the victors, happy in the results of this important phase of every Slet. On the stage stood 127 trophies and medals for the victors in many categories. The Trophy Committee composed of sis. Emilie Welcl-Ruzicka, Chairman, and sis. Ann Halik, Mildred Prchal, and bros. E. Halik, S. Barcal and Wm. Vrba, had conducted a successful campaign to secure them. All of them saw the awarding of the prizes, the main event of the evening. The victors, after names were called, stepped to the center of the hall and proudly accepted the trophy won in stiff competition, greeted with enthusiastic applause and excitement of the young. The Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs hall which has witnessed many happy Sokol events, withstood even this attack of super exuberance at the Awards Nite and was to the wee hours the scene of happiness and dancing by the bouncing young and joyous socializing of the mature.

THE SOKOL PARADE AND SLET

Sunday, June 27th, was without doubt the acme of the Centennial events of the Sokols in America. After a successful dress rehearsal at Hoffman Stadium Sunday morning, June 27, in the intense heat of a summer day, the gymnasts assembled for the parade which started at 58th Avenue in Cicero, Ill., and led west on Cermak Road to the Morton West Stadium.

Honorary parade marshal was U.S. Senator Paul H. Douglas and George W. Boucek was marshal. The Cicero police escort was led by Lt. Harold Perina and that of Berwyn by Lt. Joseph Vatava. In the parade behind the Marine Color Guard and the Sokol band in 6 divisions marched the guests, members of Sokol organizations in the free world, Canadian Sokols, Czechoslovak Sokols Abroad, 5 member delegation of Paris Sokols led by Secretary bro. Frank Fiedler, members of the Polish Falcons, D. A. Sokol, Yugoslav Sokol Abroad and the Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol USA.

The II. Division contained city and town officials, American Legion, Czechoslovak Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. The III. Division held the members of the Czechoslovak Society of America, Unity of Czech Ladies and Men, Western Bohemian Fraternal Association, the Czechoslovak Women in Exile accompanied by the CSA. band and the CSA. children's band. In the IV. Division, behind the Sokol band marched the Sokol units, children and juniors and in the V. Division members of the ASO. from the Eastern, Northeastern, Western, Southern and Pacific Districts. In a special division came the Berwyn Centurians Drum and Bugle Corps and the Berwyn Post No. 433 of the American Legion. The VI. Division was formed by the members and gymnasts of the Central District of the ASO.—the district in which the Slet was held. On the streets of Cicero and Berwyn and at the stadium, hundreds of interested onlookers enthusiastically greeted and applauded the marchers.



EDWARD LINHART
Director of Men

COMPETITIONS OF JUNIOR GIRLS AND WOMEN

June 24, 25, and 26, 1965

Conducted in the Girls' Gymnasium of the J. Sterling Morton High School (West), Berwyn, Illinois

Starting on June 24th, at 7:30 p.m. with the High Division of junior girls and women and continuing through Friday and Saturday, the competitions proceeded smoothly and according to schedule.

Without the cooperation of the 9 Division Referees, their assistants, 72 judges and many sisters and brothers who offered their help during these busy days, it would have been impossible to finish in the time allotted to us. Because of the masses of junior girls and women, it is necessary to conduct double competitions, junior girls using one half of the gymnasium and the women the other half. 36 judges were at work constantly; some of the judges continued throughout the three days. 508 junior girls and women competed.

The Tabulating Department under the direction of sis. Mae Linhart, again did a magnificent job. Her report and the results follow.

Weeks of careful preparation would be wasted if we did not have so many dedicated brothers and sisters from all parts of the country volunteering their services.

I want to thank members of the men's department and especially bro. Ed. Linhart who supervised the placing of the apparatus for both groups. My thanks also go to bro. Ed. David of Sokol Tyrs, Cleveland, who remained in the girls' gymnasium throughout the competitions and assisted wherever he could.

Above all I appreciated the presence and the assistance of our sisters of the Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol, the Workingmen's Sokol (D. A.), and the Canadian Sokol.
M. Prchal

TABULATING REPORT FOR SLET COMPETITIONS

June 24, 25, and 26, 1965

Thursday, June 24—7:30 p.m.: High Division junior girls—1 team, 17 individuals. — High Division women—1 team, 13 individuals.

Friday, June 25—7:30 a.m.: Intermediate junior girls—8 teams, 86 individuals. — Intermediate women—2 teams, 36 individuals.

10:00 a.m.: Low women—8 teams, 72 individuals.

Saturday, June 26—7:30 a.m.: Low A junior girls—24 teams, 189 individuals. — Low B junior girls—10 teams, 85 individuals.

1:30 p.m.: Championship junior girls—6 individuals. — Championship women—4 individuals.

Main tabulators were: Martha Houdek and Elsie Bocek of Tabor, Mildred Svoboda of Berwyn, Caroline Dunovsky of West Suburban, and Jane Haerther and Betty Petrzalek of Cedar Rapids. They were ably assisted by: Joyce Bona, Eleanor Kovar, Linda Bocek, Louise Chott, Kathy Dunn, Julia Kaspar, Larry Schwewitzer, Claudia Heidler, Jane Jurew, Lorraine Zdenek, Marie Pokorny, Diana Kopecek, Ellen Komarek, Nancy Raisigel, Blanche Kos, and

Marie Husak. The girls were from Baltimore, Berwyn, Detroit, Havlicek, Slavsky, and Tabor. They all worked hard and did a wonderful job.

Special mention for June Pros who ran off all the dittos and did most of the collating.

All entries were checked, all additions checked before individual standings and teams were set up. The two colors on tabulating slips were helpful—and using the two colors for the A and B junior girls avoided confusion on Saturday.

We finished late Saturday because of the two large groups competing so it was necessary to run additional dittos on Sunday morning. June Pros and I set up tables at Morton and passed out quite a few of the team and individual score sheets. However, these were limited to directors and instructors. If anyone has not received theirs, please contact sister Prchal.

I am turning over all results, tabulating sheets with original figures, judges slips, pens, etc., to sis. Prchal. Nazdar!
Mae Linhart

CHAMPIONSHIP—JUNIOR GIRLS

1. Ilona Klinchak, SGUS.	265.7
2. Linda Lang, Tyrs—Cleveland	257.5
3. Kathleen Giannini, #47 Tatra	255.3
4. Lily Jo Vesely, Slavsky	254.4
5. Pat Swonick, SGUS.	248.9
6. Paula Oliphant, Cedar Rapids	227.0

HIGH DIVISION—JUNIOR GIRLS

Team	
Sokol Tabor	435.9

Individuals

1. Marie Foltyn, Tabor	158.3
2. Carol Augustyn, #396, SGUS.	149.8
3. Janice Mentlik, Baltimore	148.1
4. Julie Armetta, Omaha	147.7
5. Marie Konvalinka, Tabor	139.3
(17 competed)	

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION—JUNIOR GIRLS

Teams

1. SGUS. #306	711.8
2. Tabor	707.5
3. R. Tyrs—Cedar Rapids	703.2
4. SGUS. Tatra I	701.4
5. SGUS. Tatra II	701.2
6. Baltimore	660.9
7. Zizka—Dallas	650.7
8. Omaha	638.6

Individuals

1. Debby Cemeran, SGUS.	154.8
2. Alice Khol, Tyrs	152.1
3. Laurie Mager, Tatra	150.8
4. Cheryl Perrozi, Tatra	150.5
5. Carol Scrufari, Nitra	150.4
(86 competed)	

LOW A—JUNIOR GIRLS

Teams

1. West Suburban	804.0
2. Tabor #1	800.2
3. Tyrs #2	796.6
4. Tyrs #1	788.6
5. So. Omaha #1	771.2
6. Little Ferry	761.7
7. Tabor #2	754.1
8. SGUS. USA.	752.9
9. Nitra	750.0
10. Guttenberg	744.7
11. Wilber	743.0
12. Cleveland	739.9
13. So. Omaha	739.3
14. Berwyn	734.0
15. Mladocech	719.8
16. Tyrs #3	718.2
17. Havlicek-Tyrs	717.0
18. Slavsky	715.5
19. Belcamp	713.8
20. Omaha	708.9
21. New York	698.6
22. SGUS. USA.	690.0
23. Detroit	686.9
24. Fuegner	649.5

Individuals

1. Laura Muelhausen, West Suburban	165.5
2. Lea Nesnadny, Tyrs	164.4
3. Terry Schield, Tabor	162.9
4. Ann Marie Adamec, West Suburban	162.6
5. Narda Pekarek, West Suburban	161.7
(189 competed)	

LOW B—JUNIOR GIRLS

Teams

1. St. Paul	792.0
2. D. A. Sokol	777.5
3. Tatra	745.6
4. (Tie) Tyrs	723.5
4. (Tie) Cech-Havlicek	723.5
5. Nitra	716.1
6. Nova Vlast #2	712.2
7. Lodge #40	703.1
8. Nova Vlast #1	664.6
9. Tyrs	662.2

Individuals

1. Randy Cikanek, St. Paul	165.5
2. Mary Jo Fisher, St. Paul	162.8
3. Donna De Marino, Tatra	160.3
4. Jo Anne Riesgraf, St. Paul	159.8

5. Hannelore Ketterer, D. A. Sokol	159.6
(85 competed)	

CHAMPIONSHIP—WOMEN

1. Barbara Moones, SGUS., McKeesport ..	292.7
2. Ellen Babuska, Hodza	287.6
3. Barbara Babuska, Hodza	274.7
4. Vlasta Vanda, Los Angeles	254.9

HIGH DIVISION—WOMEN

Team

Tabor	450.9
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Individuals

1. Linda Burghardt, Omaha	156.2
2. (Tie) Vivian Navratil, Tabor	154.9
2. (Tie) Henrietta Milan, Ft. Worth	154.9
3. Mary Ann Latino, Slavsky	152.1
4. Pamela Mentlik, Baltimore	150.2
5. Jeanette Votava, Tabor	149.4
(13 competed)	

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION—WOMEN

Teams

1. Sokol Tabor	698.3
2. Sokol Detroit	671.4

Individuals

1. Pauline Srholez, Little Ferry	147.7
2. Judy Liewald, Tabor	146.6
3. Carol Drozd, Slavsky	146.4
4. Rosemary Wildman, Tabor	146.1
5. Dorothy Kotlan, Nova Vlast	145.5
(36 competed)	

LOW DIVISION—WOMEN

Teams

1. Tabor	641.7
2. Fuegner	630.9
3. Tyrs I	626.2
4. D. A. Sokol	613.2
5. Slavsky	611.7
6. Havlicek-Tyrs	610.2
7. Little Ferry	601.5
8. Tyrs II	579.5

Individuals

1. Diana Pomajzl, Crete	133.7
2. Lorna Coyne, #306, SGUS.	132.9
3. Dolly Baca, Tyrs I	132.7
4. Wanda Zuckowski, Rossford	132.6
5. Janet Lloyd, Tabor	132.0
(72 competed)	

MILDRED PRCHAL

CENTENNIAL SLET COMMENTS

The successful culmination in June of many months of preparations for the four days of intensive Slet competitions, and Slet exhibition program is now a part of history. Most of the comments have been favorable and justifiably so. As always, after a Slet, notations are made of possible improvements in various phases of procedure in the program, and, in fact, a few changes were made

in the conducting of our Centennial Slet events on the strength of previous experience.

The work of the ASO. Women's Board of Instructors during the last few months prior to our Centennial Slet program was difficult because of the division of interests among other important events. Individual unit exhibitions, Centennial stamp activities, competitions and exhibition for the St.

Louis Centennial celebrations, not to mention numerous special meetings created a much heavier schedule than ever before preceding a Slet. Most of the sisters of the ASO. Board, like the women leaders in other districts devoted all of their "spare" time to assisting in their gymnasiums, attending regular and special meetings and even participating in all exhibitions. That the many last minute Slet duties were accomplished, can be credited to the complete dedication of a number of ASO. Board of Instructors members.

As usual, before a Slet, it is very important that a close survey is kept of the participants expected for both competitions and calisthenics exhibition, to be able to allocate sufficient time for competitions and to avoid confusion during entrances and loss of time during rehearsals. The steady increase in the number of junior girls that could be expected was obvious in attendance reports received from districts. In 1957 it was necessary to conduct both junior girls and women's competitions simultaneously; the same procedure was followed in 1960. For the Centennial Slet competitions, we decided to add another evening to the competition schedule. Entries for junior girls for calisthenics numbered 450; 490 participated. 385 women were entered for calisthenics, 390 participated. 508 junior girls and women competed. It was, in fact, amazing that a competition of over 500 can be conducted with so few complaints or controversies especially since even a judges' meeting could not be held. 72 Sokol women judges from all parts of the country, most of them experienced and, according to my records, veterans of former Slets, worked intensively during Thursday, Friday and Saturday and together with the Division Referees and the Tabulating Department, did an outstanding job for which I am very grateful. All of these sisters did their utmost to assist in every phase of the Slet program using their own initiative wherever they could be of service.

After the high division competitions for junior girls and women were started on Thursday evening at 7:30, I left for the Pick-Congress Hotel to supervise the presenting of six tableaux that I had set for the banquet program. Sis. Tintera assisted me in placing the tableaux on the stage. They were received well as always.

The climax of the Slet program, of course, was the Sunday afternoon exhibition. It was preceded by a very colorful parade led by bro. C. M. Prchal, President of the ASO. and Chairman of the Slet Committee, bro. Charles Kropik, Vice-President of the ASO., sis. Emily Welcl, Trophy Committee Chairman, sis. Bessie Vorel, member of the Slet Committee, and flag bearers, bros. B. Lankas and Frank Svambera. It would be well for the future to have all children and junior girls march off the field after the parade. Many of the junior girls suffered from heat exhaustion.

The program was of the right length, all numbers were well executed and bro. J. Bastar, director, and bro. Charles Divisek, guest conductor, and the musicians should be commended for the excellent rendition of all music.

The Red Cross did a fine job of alleviating the affects of the existing heat and other accidents. Ambulances of the Berwyn Fire Department and Police were at our disposal during the whole program. Senator Roman L. Hruska, who together with his family are loyal Sokols of long standing, was the guest speaker. He was warmly applauded. Other officials including Senator Paul Douglas were also present.

Mayor George Dolezal, of Berwyn, and his family were present during the entire program; he also addressed the audience welcoming them to Berwyn.

The Centennial Slet program required months of intensive work by hundreds of members in all districts not to mention over 2,000 children, junior girls and boys, women and men, who prepared for and attended this manifestation of one hundred years of physical fitness development. As always, our SGUS. sisters cooperated with us wherever possible, as did those of the D. A. (Workingmen's Sokol), Canadian Sokol, and Sokols Abroad.

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Minutes of the X. Convention are being published and comments have been printed. I was impressed as were most members. The convention was very constructive. The most important act of the convention was the change in administration procedures. All District Directors of Men and of Women were agreeably surprised to see the obvious unanimity that more financial assistance be given the Technical Department. More understanding and recognition should be given to those who perform the most important but unglamorous, time demanding and non-remunerative duties of the members of District and Unit Board of Instructors. These instructors are responsible for the physical fitness and gymnastic progress in our units without which our organization cannot exist.

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One of the more time consuming undertakings for a project of the magnitude of a Slet is the composition of calisthenics. All the more so when men and women are to work simultaneously. The calisthenics for women must show a progressive trend, be simple enough for women of all ages, be physically beneficial and yet effective from the spectator's viewpoint. The women's calisthenics are no longer similar to men's calisthenics as they were up to a couple of decades ago, nor should they be. The calisthenics include soft, graceful and continuous movements. The softness and smoothness, however, is nullified when "working with the men" because of opposite characteristics (strength and precision) of the men's work and vice versa. The selection of music is even more difficult because both groups must be considered.

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Serious consideration should be given to housing of gymnasts. It was my opinion and in fact, my recommendation that gymnasts should be housed in the vicinity of the competition and exhibition facilities. Some of the units of the Western District took advantage of this. Thursday evening, the night of the banquet, sis. Tintera and I both witnessed the aimless wanderings of groups of gymnasts

through the corridors of the Pick-Congress Hotel. All of the Slet events in which the young people were interested were held in the western part of

metropolitan Chicago. Less time would have been consumed in transportation to and from competitions and supervision would have been easier.

YES, I WAS THERE . . .

The weather man was kind and considerate . . . The summer skies looked down with solicitude upon the marching ranks, the many colored banners fluttering in the breeze, the embodiment of joy and pride and enthusiasm that marked the Sokol Slet, held at Morton West Stadium, Sunday, June 27th. Many of those who watched the varied activities had witnessed many another Slet in the past. Slets in Prague, more spectacular, larger in numbers, imbued with the mass spirit of tens of thousands demonstrating their national pride, their unbroken unity. Yet there was something in the Slet this summer afternoon that brought new significance to the picture as it unfolded before my eyes. It was not the colorful pageant, the individual or group performances, the flags and banners and music, that filled me with awe-inspiring admiration. These I had seen before, but . . .

. . . it was the presence of the very young Sokols, the little fellows whose appearance I watched with rising interest. The very fact that they were there, to take their places in the Sokol ranks, this was the object of my admiration. Years ago, when free flow of immigration brought new reviving blood into our midst, we gave little thought to the problems of tomorrow, which are the problems of today. We felt that the Sokol movement will grow uninterrupted, uninhibited and there was nothing to worry about. But then came the wars and the restricted immigration that followed, and suddenly the Sokol leaders in America were faced with a new problem. How to offset the weakening affect of curtailed immigration? How to secure the perpetuation of the Sokol in America without the flow of new blood from beyond the sea? These were the problems that met the responsible men and women at the helm of the American Sokol . . . and the Sokol Slet Sunday, June 27th, was another proof of how well they had met the challenge.

As I watched the proceedings that Sunday afternoon my eyes were literally glued on the smallest, the youngest, the most promising little Sokols and Sokolice. Only one familiar with the problems of education and training can fully appreciate the accomplishment of those who have won the hearts of these little Sokols. The average American youngster

has so many diversions, so many outlets for his energy and imagination, that it is a miracle of continuity to have succeeded in attracting these youngsters to the Sokol entity. The parents and grandparents and the instructors in charge of these young groups can well be proud of what they have accomplished.

The future of the American Sokol depends on the last of the least, on the youngest of them all. As long as we can hope to see these young Americans proudly belonging to their respective Sokol nest, marching with the verve and energy of their older brothers and sisters, we don't have to fear about extinction. They will always be better Americans because they are wide awake, voluntarily disciplined Sokols. As they grow older the pride they find in their Sokol membership will become a key-stone in their structure of mature, alert, intelligent Americanism; the physical fitness acquired through their Sokol training will become an asset and a contribution to healthy strong America.

These were the thoughts that filled my mind as I watched. Of course I too felt waves of pride and patriotism stirred by the colorful precision of the Sokols. Such emotions are inevitable when viewing any colorful spectacle such as the Sokol Slet. But beyond pure emotions there lies the force of reasoning, the stream of thoughts which such a sight usually evokes in the minds of rational beings. I know there were many among the thousands of spectators who lived in the past, while watching the present. Who thought and talked about the great Slets they had seen in the past. Then there were those to whom the entire afternoon was but a passing pageant, a brief segment of the present. But I know full well that to some of us the unfolding scene was but a foreword to tomorrow, a symbol of hope and promise and assurance that the seeds sown a hundred years ago have grown to a rich, healthy harvest of continuity for many years that are still ahead of us. Yes, I was there . . . but I also projected myself into the future and what I foresaw was a soothing assurance that all is well with the world when the young adhere tenuously to the worth-while dreams and hopes of their fathers. To the Sokols of Tomorrow, Zdar! Zdar!
R. A. GORMAN

REPORT OF THE REPORTS COMMITTEE 1965 ASO. X. Convention

Joseph Pokladnik of the Southern District, Chairman, reports committee members:

Joseph Hrbek, Eastern District, Otto Wagner, Northeastern District, Agnes Trajhan, Central District, Edward Pavoucek, Western District, Emil Nekuda, Pacific District.

The committee convened on Monday, June 21, 1965. Submits the following summary of reports to the X American Sokol Organization Convention.

1. The Committee recommends to the X Convention of the ASO. that the convention delegates accept the report of the President as submitted.

The report was complete, and we would like to call special attention to the last paragraphs of the report as quote:

"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 co-operation 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 and sisters 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."

2. The committee recommends to the X Convention of the ASO. that the convention delegates accept the report of the Vice-President, Secretary and Financial Secretary be accepted as submitted.

We further commend sister Cihak for sacrificing

her time and efforts in accomplishing all the various duties in the past 5 years.

3. The committee recommends to the V Convention of the ASO. that the convention delegates accept a report of the Treasurer as submitted.

The contents of the reports were concise and well done both the Treasurer and the Auditing Committee's report. Special thanks to bro. Vodrazka for his untiring efforts in fulfilling the unexpired term of the late bro. Brouk.

4. The committee recommends to the X Convention of the ASO. that the convention delegates accept the report of the Editor.

5. The committee recommends to the X Convention of the ASO. that the convention delegates accept the report of the Educational Director as submitted.

We found the report to be brief, complete, and to the point.

6. The committee recommends to the X Convention of the ASO. that the convention delegates accept the report of the Director of Men as submitted.

The contents of the report revealed the need for closer support and co-ordination between the BOI, Executive Board, district and unit level.

7. The committee recommends to the X Convention of the ASO. that the convention delegates accept the report of the Director of Women as submitted.

SUMMARY:

The Reporting Committee recommends the contents of the reports to be brief, concise and to the point and be submitted prior to the convention.

The summation of all reports reveal the lack of co-ordination and communication between all offices and levels of the ASO.

Delegation of authority and recognition be given to district and unit levels when and where appropriate.

The dissemination of information well in advance of any activity.

The committee recommends that we use the funds, now, to get the wheels of progress started.

**PROPOSED BUDGET
FOR THE AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION**

For the interim period Oct. 1, 1965, through Sept. 30, 1970

ESTIMATED COST OF OPERATION:

**ADMINISTRATIVE
DEPARTMENT:**

Office personnel	\$28,000.00
Rent	5,700.00
Telephone	2,000.00
Postage and express	1,750.00
Janitor supplies and services	900.00
Insurance	400.00
Public Service	250.00
Printing and supplies	5,000.00
Dues and fees	50.00

Meeting of Executive Comm. and District leaders	750.00
Audit of books and records ..	200.00
Traveling expense of officers	5,000.00

TOTAL \$ 50,000.00

**TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT,
B.O.I.:**

Remuneration BOI. Directors and Sokol Gymnast	\$20,000.00
Printing and supplies	2,050.00
Postage and telephone	1,750.00

Association dues	1,000.00
Course expense and training school for instructors	10,000.00
Traveling instructor-organizer	40,000.00
Travel expense	10,200.00
B.O.I. Conference	1,500.00
TOTAL	86,500.00

per year)	37,000.00
* Transferred from Savings Account	18,500.00
TOTAL	\$182,000.00

NOTE: Special assessment to be paid with the last quarter of each year, beginning with December 31, 1965.

* One fifth of the \$55,500.00 not used in any one year to be allocated to the districts on a per capita basis for the purpose of compensating a district travel instructor-organizer.

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Remuneration of Editor	\$ 6,000.00
Mailing list	1,500.00
Printing	35,000.00
Mailing	1,500.00
TOTAL	44,000.00
A.S.O. Slet — 15% share to Central District	1,500.00
TOTAL COST OF OPERATING A.S.O. FOR 5 YEARS	\$182,000.00

FUTURE SOKOL LEADERS FUND — Interest and principal to be used for scholarships for a boy or girl needing assistance as follows:

1. Financial support—\$100.00 per year for one person in each district not to exceed 2 years (1st year \$600.00, 2nd year and each year thereafter \$1,200.00).
2. Method of earning scholarships to be determined by the A.S.O. Board of Instructors.

The Committee feels that putting the Fund to use at this time will stimulate members and others to make contributions to this fund. As a result, further release of funds can be made in the future as may be deemed necessary.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
X. GENERAL CONVENTION

Report of the American Sokol Organization Auditing Committee for the X. Convention

January 1st, 1960, to March 31st, 1965

The American Sokol Organization Auditing Committee examined the records of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer to and including March 31st, 1965.

Examined and checked all receipts and disbursements, pass books, at all Federal Savings & Loan Associations, as well as the checking account and found them all in order.

After completing the examination, we present the following report of financial status of the American Sokol Organization for the period from the date of the IX. Convention in 1960.

Totals brought forward checking account 1-1-60	\$ 4,143.85
Receipts January 1, 1960, to March 31, 1965	194,565.77
	\$198,709.62

Disbursements January 1, 1960, to March 31, 1965	195,887.18
	2,822.44
Deposited in Federal Savings and Loan Associations	52,500.00
U.S. Government Bonds Series "K"	3,500.00
Future Sokol Leaders Fund ASO.	15,242.73
	\$ 74,065.17
Dividends on investments	374.99
TOTAL ASSETS 3-31-65	\$ 74,440.16

These figures coincide with the records of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer.

Members of the Auditing Committee:
(Signed) Ann Falta

Stanley Barcal Jerry Rabas William Vrba

One is never satisfied with a portrait of a person that one knows. — Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe.

The history of science is science itself; the history of the individual, the individual. — Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe.



Pout' k hrobům starostů AOS. na Českém národním hřbitově v Chicagu.

(Z článku bra. Rudolfa Jandy v Denním Hlasateli 4. července 1965.)

Letošní slet Sokolstva nám připomínal slety pražské, ne mohutností, ale onou sokolskou ukázněností, která dovede poslouchat až do umdlení tak, jak potvrdily ony mladičké sokolice, jež se slunečním horkým paprskům neubránily. Vše až na jisté maličkosti, jež možno přehlédnout v takovém prostředí, jež tentokrát představoval slet, vše šlo dle sokolského tempa, jež horoucně si přejeme vidět a zakusit též v blízké a daleké budoucnosti česko-americké sokolské rodiny.

Jsme roztrženi do jistých skupin, máme bratrské a sesterské pojišťující organizace, máme sokolské jednoty, odbory různých národních těles, troufáme si i na původní dramatickou tvorbu, jdem tedy vpřed tam, kam cíl vržen a jeho dosažení je krajní nutností. Máme tedy vše a proto není nutno hledat posily jinde. Vždyť máme i svůj národní hřbitov, odkaz pocházející z rukou předchůdců, ovlivněný prací generací minulých — a vzhlížejí jako k ochraně ke generacím příštím. A právě v sletovou sobotu měli vedoucí hřbitovní příležitost uvítat zde početnou delegaci sokolskou, která pod protekcí odstupujícího starosty bratra Prchala, přišla shlédnout náš český hřbitov a poklonit se památce někdejších vpravdě zasloužilých starostů a činovníků, jakými byli Šiman, Plaček, Čermák, Jelínek. A mezi touto početnou skupinou, zahrnující — Little Ferry, New Jersey, Cleveland a jiné našli jsme staré známé a sice manžele Jahodovi ze St. Petersburg, Florida, a stále činného a čilého bratra Antona Kohoutka ze San Franciska. A s těmito vzácnými hostmi prošli jsme hřbitovem,

ukázali jim jeho krásy, mezi nimiž kaple krematoria a Masarykovo mauzoleum byly obdivem hostů, jakož i našim, poněvadž dekorace květinová zdobící chodník k mauzoleu představovala krásně upravený emblem sokolstva, letopočty 1865 a 1965 a cele zaujala pozornost jednoho každého.

Dekorace je práce hřbitovních zahradníků dle náčrtků hřbitovního správce. Bylo zde, v tomto místě věčného míru a ukázce snahy českých lidí, nám blaze ve společnosti sokolských bratří a sester, z nichž mnozí obětovali dlouhou cestu a námahu s cestou spojenou, aby viděli, slyšeli a sobě zapamatovali skutečnost, že chicagská oblast československá má dosud její sdružovací příležitost, že má vše, co v životě potřebuje a že i po odchodu a k věčnému spánku spějící uspokojí jí vědomí, že i tehdy bude doma, bude mezi svými, což tak často zapomínají ti, kdož nejen v ovzduší krajanském žili, ale i hmotně z něho těžili.

Naši vzácní hosté měli jen chvalné projevy o projektu čistě krajanském a obdiv svůj upřímně dali na jevo, začež jim upřímně díky, jimiž pamatujeme i bratra Prchala, který ochotně převzal doprovod, jakož i vzpomínku na zásluhy u každého hrobu, který sestry sokolky ozdobily krásným ozdobným věncem. Šiman, Plaček, Čermák, Jelínek spí zde věčný sen jistě uspokojeni, že po celý jejich život konali svoji povinnost tak, aby sokolské heslo "ni zisk, ni slávu", nevyznělo na prázdno a "jeden za všechny a všichni za jednoho" stalo se heslem i generacím příštím. — Americkému Sokolstvu přejeme to nejlepší, výsledky ty nejkrásnější.

BLANCHE J. CIHAK

Jugoslav Sokols Conference and Presentation of Diploma To ASO. June 26, 1965

Happy news was given us a short time ago by bro. Drear about the efforts of the Yugoslav Sokols to reactivate their Sokol training. A determined group, well versed in the Sokol idea and ideals, met in Chicago during the ASO. convention

and Slet days to lay the groundwork for an extensive campaign. They are realists, fully conscious of the task facing them. Very democratic in spirit and loyal to everything American, they have a fine sense of timing, appreciating the value of this par-

ticalar period for their reactivation and organizational work.

On Saturday evening, June 25, 1965, in the Peacock room of the CSA, building they presented a program of Yugoslav dances, performed by very capable young men and women from Chicago and Milwaukee.

Delegates, member and friends gathered from many places to attend. The addresses of the speakers showed a thorough understanding of the Sokol idea and ideals. Many of them attended the ASO. Centennial banquet on Thursday, June 24th, and a large delegation participated in the Slet and parade, in uniform. Bro. Holy traveled all the way from Argentina to be here.

Bro. Janecka, of Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs and President of the First Czechoslovak Philatelic Club, presented bro. Holy with a specially prepared Sokol stamp album.

Bro. Holy presented a beautifully prepared diploma to the ASO. for its century of physical fitness training of hundreds of thousands. He speaks Czech fluently and in his presentation address showed his knowledge of and appreciation for the meaning and role of the Sokols. Sis. Blanche J. Cihak, Vice-President of ASO., accepted the diploma on behalf of the ASO. with the following statement of appreciation:

"Dear Sisters and Brothers:

ZA VÁCLAVEM ŠIMANEREM.

KAREL M. PRCHAL



Sokolstvo se chystalo ke slávě. Výkladní skříně zdobily se sletovými plakáty, v úřadovnách Obce i sletu prudký tep horlivých příprav. Všude shon, ruch a práce. Blížící se sjezd a slet stál již na prahu dneška a plnil duši radostí i obavami.

15. června vychází slunce. . . . Choroba, která pronásledovala br. Šimanera po několik týdnů, projevila se velkou bolestí — a on, vezen do nemocnice, usíná navždy. Uprostřed příprav k vítězství a slávě věci, již déle než 55 let sloužil.

Ustal shon sjezdových a sletových příprav — na několik chvil. Přišlo mnoho přátel, přišly skupiny sester a věrných druhů . . . v očích slzy a na rtech slova díky i žalosti.

It is with a feeling of pride that I accept this beautiful diploma on behalf of the American Sokol Organization. This gift is a new confirmation of the warm Sokol ties which were evidenced so beautifully and often in cooperative efforts during the many past decades.

Please accept our warm thanks for such a pleasant attentiveness. I will convey your greetings to the Executive Board of ASO., and will give it your gift to the 100th Anniversary of the Sokol movement. Your diploma will be placed with our rare keepsakes. It will remind us not only of your fine relationship with the ASO., but also your cooperation in carrying on the immortal ideas and ideals of the Sokol founders, Dr. Miroslav Tyrs and Jindrich Fuegner.

We also came to greet you on behalf of the American Sokol Organization, in the name of all the brothers and sisters who came here from every part of this beautiful land and even from abroad to participate in the jubilee Sokol Slet.

I invite all of you, sisters and brothers, to participate in tomorrow's parade and Slet. In Hoffman Stadium, Morton High School at 2400 Home Avenue, you will witness with us the beautiful reality that all American Sokols, and all of you, your brothers and sisters, are the representatives of the free Sokol in a Free World.

We wish you the greatest success in your wonderful Sokol work. Nazdar!"

Již asi tři týdny před tím tragickým ránem přišel do úřadovny sletu a stěžoval si na bolesti v prsou a na zvracení. Požádal mne o převzetí povinností, spojených s uspořádáním slavnostního sletového průvodu, jehož byl předsedou. V pátek 11. června, v jeho domově dával mi ještě pokyny, co vyřídit v tom směru a co zařídit. Omlouval jsem se, zda hovor ho neunavuje, ale on hovořil dále. Rozmlouval se zájmem o sjezdu, kterého se chystal účastnit i o sletu. Jeho oči ale ztratily lesk a cítil jsem, že se připozdívá. . . . Cítila to i jeho manželka . . .

Sedmou desítku života překročil 23. září 1964. Narodil se roku 1894 v Čisté u Rakovníka a choval živé vzpomínky na svoje mladá léta. Jeho maminka byla dobrou českou mámou a tatínek velký čtenář, národnostně hluboce založený.

Jeho nejbližší, manželka, syn a jeho rodina i bratr Frank mu rozuměli, byli mu oporou a pomocí v životě.

Sokolstvu sloužil od svých mladých let. Členem Sokola Miroslav Tyrs se stal v roce 1910 a následujícího roku pomáhal v založení Sokola Havlíček-Tyrs, který vznikl spojením Sokola Tyrs a Sokola Havlíček. V Sokole Havlíček-Tyrs sloužil téměř na všech činovníckých místech. Po 14 let, v různých obdobích, byl jeho starostou. Byl rádcem, byl zdrojem nových popudů i myšlenek. Byl duší jednoty. Pracoval v župě Střední a poslední řadu let byl její starostou. V ústředí Obce byl po dvě období místostarostou. Při většině sletů AOS. vydatně pomáhal.

Když Spojené státy vstoupily roce 1917 do I. světové války, tři dny po vyhlášení nepřátelství, vstoupil spolu se 60 bratry od Sokola Havliček-Tyrš do americké armády. V druhé světové válce pracoval pro vítězství Spojených států a za svobodu Československa. Byl členem Čsl. Národní Rady v Americe a pokladníkem Českého Národního Sdružení ještě po komunistickém převratu v Československu v roce 1948. Radu let stál v popředí v chicagském okrsku Z.Č.B.J. a byl členem Č.S.A. a První družiny Čsl. legionářů. Byl členem pěveckého sboru Lyra, kam mne též uvedl.

Vykonal krásnou práci jako pokladník České útulny a v posledních letech jako její první místopředseda. Lidumilná práce zde ho nađe všecko těšila.

Byl dobrým znalcem poměrů a jeho výklad stanov a znalost jednacího řádu učinily z něho vzorného vedoucího schůzí, konferencí a sjezdů.

Se svým bratrem Antonem, který před lety zemřel, po dlouhá léta vlastnil dobře pokračující závod "Auto Body Shop" a byl jedním z prvních me-

zi námi, který vlastnil automobil. Mnohé z nás vezl častokráte do schůze, po Chicagu i dále. V roce 1921, ve dnech I. sletu AOS., vozil v Chicagu členy delegace ČOS. Za své "dopravnictví" si získal vděk všech pěti její členů.

Tklivě působila veliká, veliká účast Sokolstva a veřejnosti při rozloučení. Vzorně se s ním rozloučila Lyra. Zazpíval mu též br. Miloš Nekolný, za Českou Útulnu br. Teď Hlubuček, za legionáře br. Čihák, za Sokolstvo místopředseda Sokola Havliček-Tyrš br. Bašta, za župu Střední místopředseda ses. Trajhanová, za Obec vzdělavatel br. Čihák a starosta br. Prchal. Mluvili jako snad málokdy v životě — a co bychom se styděli — bylo málo suchých očí v tu chvíli.

Krematorium na Českém národním hřbitově vydechlo horký vzduch — a bratr Václav je zase s námi. S námi, neboť neumírá ten, kdo zůstává v srdcích živých. A Ty budeš žít, dokud neodejdou všichni ti, kdo Tě znali a s Tebou šli životem. Je jenom teskně vůkol. Smutno po Tobě . . .

Financial Report ASO.

June, 1965

INCOME

Dues	\$1,355.25
Convention fund	57.90
Jewelry	64.10
Miscellaneous	8.00
Sokol caps	36.60
XI. Slet loan	3,000.00

\$4,521.85

DISBURSEMENTS

Convention expense	\$5,091.26
Salaries: ASO. and Slet	1,057.10
Sokol Americký	838.00
Supplies, telephone, Public Service, rental, janitor service, etc.	334.64

\$7,321.00

BALANCE

Totals brought forward:	
Western National Bank of Cicero checking account	\$5,300.18
Income—June, 1965	4,521.85
	\$9,822.03
Disbursements—June, 1965	7,321.00
	\$2,501.03

Financial Report ASO.

July, 1965

INCOME:

Dues	\$1,472.50
Instructors Course, Potter Lake, Wis.	3,540.00
Jewelry	21.22
Dividends	343.13
Sokol Americký, Convention refund, Sokol monograms and Artistic Gymnastics	31.50

\$5,408.35

DISBURSEMENTS:

Sokol Instructors Course	\$4,031.65
Convention expense	89.94
Telephone, window service, rental, printing	220.49
Salaries ASO. and BOI	523.95
Sokol Americký	1,094.43
Collector of Internal Revenue—Withhold- ing tax and S.S.	371.14

\$6,331.60

BALANCE

Totals brought forward:	
Western National Bank of Cicero checking account	\$2,493.93
Income—July, 1965	5,408.35
	\$7,902.28
Disbursements—July, 1965	6,331.60
	\$1,570.68

Svaz československých spolků ve Švýcarsku.

550 let od mučednické smrti M. Jana Husa a 50 let od zahájení Masarykova boje za osvobození českého a slovenského národa.

Svaz československých spolků ve Švýcarsku připomenul všem demokratickým Čechům a Slovákům, že vzpomínkové shromáždění se konalo v Kostnici v neděli 4. července 1965 v 11 hodin. Shromáždění bylo zahájeno staročeskými trubačskými sbory. Slavnostní řeč pronesl kazatel Přemysl Pitter.

Nad slavnostním shromážděním převzaly záštitu tyto organizace:

American Sokol Organization, Cicero, Ill., USA.; Český národní výbor v Paříži, Paříž, Francie; Čin, New York, USA.; Masaryk Memorial Institute, Toronto, Kanada; Naše Hlasy, Toronto, Kanada;

Rota Nazdar, Paříž, Francie; Sdružení československých dobrovolníků, Kolmar, Francie; Sklizeň, Hamburg, Německo; Sokolská župa vídeňská, Vídeň, Rakousko; Tělocvičná jednota Sokol Toronto, Kanada; Spolek Český domov, Basilej, Švýcarsko; Spolek Pokrok, Lausanne, Švýcarsko; Spolek Slovan, Ženeva, Švýcarsko; Kroužek přátel, Neuchâtel, Švýcarsko; Beseda Svatopluk Čech, Zurich, Švýcarsko; Tělocvičná jednota Sokol Zurich, Švýcarsko; Spolek Komenský, St. Gallen, Švýcarsko.

O shromáždění v Kostnici přinesly zprávu skoro všechny krajské listy ve svobodném světě.

Svaz československých spolků ve Švýcarsku vydal při této příležitosti slavnostní spisek kazatele Přemysla Pittra "550 let od mučednické smrti Husovy a 50 let od zahájení Masarykova boje za osvobození Čechů a Slováků. A co my dnes?"

Spisek stojí 1 švýc. frank. Objednávky přijímá předsedkyně Svazu, paní Štěpánka Čermáková, Zurich, Altwiesenstrasse 367.

13. Československý den v Chicagu.

Pořádání Čs. dnů Obl. výborem Čs. národní rady americké se stalo vžitou tradicí pro chicagskou krajskou veřejnost. V pořadí již třináctý, Čs. den byl vždy manifestací kulturní, jež připomíná jak nám tak i ostatním občanům americkým čím jsme pro naši novou vlast v uplynulém století přispěli. Zároveň je každý Čs. den manifestací politickou, která dokazuje věrnost ústavě a vládě této země, a zároveň podporu k udržení nebo znovunastoletí svobodného demokratického řádu v zemi našeho původu, v Československu. Není zbytečné si zopakovat, že ideály našeho národa a našich vůdců se vždy ztotožňovaly s ideály, které daly základ americké demokracii, a že jsme ve všech krizích a válečných střetnutích stáli vždy po boku Spojených států amerických, nikdy však proti.

Zájemové sféry světových mocností přikly našemu národu hrát podřadnou úlohu, při které je využíván hospodářsky, izolován politicky a kulturně, aby v tak zvané socialistické zájemnosti pomáhal budovat národy méně vyvinuté, a neměl čas na budování svoje vlastní. Komunisté v Československu až do dnes dbali, aby se nedělo jinak. Dnes pod tlakem hospodářských nedostatků a projevem všeobecné nechuti čs. lidu ke všemu co komunismus přinesl, dochází v Československu k částečnému politickému a kulturnímu uvolňování, aby se oživilo ustrnutí veškerého národního dění. Národ s hrůzou poznává jak daleko zůstal za svobodnou Evropou, a co vše musí dohánět. Zdvíhají se hlavy odporu jak v hospodářství tak v kultuře, a komunisté s obavami vzhlíží, aby si netroufali na víc. V zemi

komunismu, jež hlásá svobodu a humanismus, čs. občan neměl po celých 17 let práva na cestovní pas a neměl práva se ptát proč. Tento rok se změnilo nařízení, občan se může ptát proč pas nedostane, je-li mu odmítnuto vydání pasu, protože jeho cesta neprospěla zájmu státu.

Avšak proto, že my do Československa jezdit dnes můžeme, že jsme tam i vítáni pro vzácné devisy, jak krajané tak i exulanti, že se tam můžeme dobře pobavit, blýsknout a nechat snad i obdivovat neznámá, že je tam již dobře, a že můžeme složit ruce v klín. To by bylo sobecké a nízké. Chceme, aby čs. lid byl stejně svobodný jako my. Aby nebyl ovládnán diktátem jedné strany, která rozhoduje o občanu od kolébky až po pohřeb, pomocí policie a kádru.

Chceme, aby výsledky jeho práce šly na jeho stůl, a nikoliv na financování komunistických revolucí po celém světě.

Chceme, aby čs. lid byl zase na úrovni kulturní a hospodářské s ostatními národy svobodné Evropy tak jako v minulosti.

Manifestace za takový program byla vždy úkolem čs. dnů, a bude i úkolem 13. Československého dne, v neděli 26. září 1965 v pavilonu Plzeňského parku. Vzhled Plzeňského parku nám nemůže být překážkou, abychom nemanifestovali za ideály a úsilí, jež má přinést zlepšení čs. lidu ve staré vlasti.

Podpořte nás v tomto úkolu! Podpořte 13. ČS. DEN vaší milou návštěvou.

Oblastní výbor Chicago, srpen 1965.

From Bro. Wm. Zabransky, Jr.

One of the many dedicated Sokol brothers who attended our Centennial Slet in June, bro. William Zabransky, Jr., of Little Ferry, New Jersey, sent us his observations regarding the Centennial celebrations. He states: "In the past 40 years, I have taken an active part in exhibitions, Slets and conventions in our U.S.A. and in Praha. My sons also took active parts in the Praha Slets in 1932 and 1938." Then he spoke of his service to the Little Ferry Sokol as Unit President during three different periods and as representative to the Eastern District for many years.

He goes on to say: "Tyr's Sokol is my religion. To me it is one of the most beautiful organizations and movements in the world."

In his remarks about the convention: "I want to commend bro. Anthony Suster in the way he presided over the convention. I am one of the many of our Sokols that wants to thank bro. Charles Prchal for his 30 years as President of our Sokol Organization and all those who helped make the convention and Slet a success. . . . During the Slet, I had the pleasure of meeting old Sokol friends from all parts of the country . . . bro. Hrebik, the last president of our Sokol in Czechoslovakia, spoke and sis. Marie Provaznik, the last Sokol Women's Director, was present. The work of these people is well known. . . . I will work and strive for a real Tyr's Sokol in our U.S. as long as I live. Our American Sokol is one of the few and perhaps the

only organization of its kind whose principles coincide with the constitution of our great country. . . . If Dr. Tyrš' Sokol, with its philosophy on life, could be adopted on an international scale, there would be a better understanding of mankind in the world of tomorrow."

In closing bro. Zabransky says: "It would be wonderful if our second 100 years could begin with a uniting of other similar organizations under one

Tyrš Sokol which so conforms with our own American Constitution.

"Zdar to the new president, bro. Stanley Barcal, and all the officers of our American Sokol.

"Zdar to all the members who attended the convention and all the participants in the 100th Anniversary of Tyrš' Sokol in the United States of America."

Václav Konečný.

V neděli, 25. července 1965, v nemocnici Mac-Neal, v Berwyn, zemřel náhle br. Václav Konečný.

V ústředí sloužil Americké Obci Sokolské co jednatel po dobu téměř desíti let. Od roku 1938 do 1948.

Vyšel ze sokolské tělocvičny a zachoval si své sokolství po celý svůj život. Činem pomáhal své jednotě, Sokolu Slávskému, a když choroba mu to nedovolila, pomáhal radou.

Býval též učitelem na české svobodomyšlné škole T. G. Masaryk.

Sokolstvo sdílí žal jeho rodiny a vzpomíná jeho života . . .

Frank J. Svoboda.

Z Clevelandu došla zpráva, že tam 1. března 1965 zemřel po krátké nemoci br. Frank J. Svoboda. Dožil se 92 roků.

Rodným jeho místem byly Hůrky u Rokycan v Čechách. Do Spojených států přijel se svými rodiči a sourozenci v roce 1883 — do Clevelandu.

V roce 1894 založil si tiskařský závod a v roce 1899 založil denník "Američan", který v roce 1939 byl spojen s tehdejší clevelandským denním listem "Svět". Vydával také české knihy.

Po uzavření závodu vstoupil do politického života. Roku 1942 byl zvolen poslancem v státní zákonodárně. Po dvou obdobích byl zvolen státním senátorem a působil v tomto úřadě do roku 1960.

Byl členem více organisací a dlouholetým členem Sokola Tyrš, v Clevelandu.

Poznal jsem ho v roce 1920, kdy s námi, s výpravou Americké Obce Sokolské, účastnil se 7. sletu všesokolského v Praze. Prvního sletu v osvobozeném Československu, pro jehož svobodu, v době odboje, plně pracoval. Zde též na hradě byl přítomen recepci, poskytnutou nám presidentem Osvooboditelem, T. G. Masarykem.

Byl poctivým bratrem, zasloužil se o zachování českého života a kultury v Americe a zůstane jedním z těch, na něž se nezapomíná.

kmp.



JERRY RABAS

Member Executive Board



FRANK SVAMBERA

Member Executive Board

Minutes of the Meeting of the ASO. Centennial Committee

Held June 11, 1965

Bro. Charles Kropik presided.

The Czech minutes read by sis. J. Zacek accepted as corrected.

Minutes of the Executive Committee were read by bro. B. Vanek, and, on motion made and seconded, were presented for discussion.

Recommendations of the Executive Committee:

Sign agreement with bro. Frank Kubina to accompany soloist at banquet.

Groups in national costumes participating in parade must present ticket for admittance to Morton West.

Admission to Championship competitions set at 50c.

Bro. Prchal reports that on the advice of his doctor bro. J. Simaner asks to be relieved of his duties as Chairman of the Parade Committee. Approved.

Bro. George Boucek was asked to take over and accepted.

Sis. Welcl-Ruzicka advised that sis. Ferjencik, representing the Czechoslovak Women in Exile, will participate in the parade in national costume.

Bro. Kropik requested tableaux be presented at the banquet. Approved.

Bro. Drnec asks information as to what purpose Sokol Berwyn is needed the evening of June 23, 1965. Referred to Slet Committee.

Sis. Welcl-Ruzicka for Trophy Committee reports contributions amounting to \$900.00 have been received. Bro. Vodrazka requests approval of payment of \$250.00 to Dodge, Inc. for trophies. Granted.

Bro. Cihak reports advertising approximating \$7,000 for souvenir program.

Motion seconded and passed—all recommendations contained in the Executive Committee minutes be adopted.

The matter of the reservation of Sokol Berwyn for June 23, 1965, was referred back to the Management Committee and BOI. for either cancellation or carrying out.

Report of Treasurer. Bro. F. Vodrazka reported receipts on presale of tickets, well wishers, souvenirs and souvenir program advertising. Tickets for Slet activities are being sold at 4 locations in Chicago, 3 in Cicero, 1 in Berwyn, 1 in Stickney, and 1 in Brookfield. Our units have also picked up tickets and are hard at work selling. Report accepted as read.

BOI. Sis. M. Prchal—Eastern District will present special number for Gymnastiale. Competition entries to date 203 junior girls, 185 women. Entry fees of \$159 turned over to Treasurer. Man in charge of Red Cross First Aid Station has been hospitalized. Two doctors have offered their services. Nurses are needed.

Bro. E. Halik reports 4 equipment companies will loan gymnastic equipment. Men are needed to set equipment up. Equipment can be purchased by units. Trophies from Dodge have been selected. Retainer check required to start work. A 2 or 3-

color picture of the display to be used for advertising purposes by Dodge.

Greek Catholic Union will be sent invitation to Slet and parade.

Management Committee. Bro. J. Drnec—all assignments carried out, all requests to Management Committee from now on, should be in writing. Seeking more helpers from units.

Housing Committee. Bro. Smunt in charge of Hospitality girls. Reservations coming in fine; Sokol Detroit requesting 54 reservations. Reported by bro. C. Kropik.

Financial Committee. Bro. F. Vodrazka reports membership circularized for souvenir items. People needed for ticket and chip selling stations. Bro. Svamera and bro. Baloun scheduled for selling of chips at Havlicek-Tyrs, and bro. Pohajda selling of Slet tickets at the gate.

Parade Committee. On recommendation of his doctor, bro. J. Simaner has resigned as Chairman. Bro. George Boucek willingly accepted and will do his best with assistance of a dozen very fine fellows. Bro. Halik reports the gymnasts will be marching by districts. Moved that question of musicians' playing time be set by bros. Drnec, Prchal and Bastar.

Banquet Committee. Bro. C. Kropik. Invitations are out. Tableaus for program will be taken care of by sis. M. Prchal—people from Central District participating. Singers: Miles Nekolny, accompanist bro. Frank Kubina; and Betty Cyknar Karam.

Publicity Committee. Sis. J. Zacek—Czech publicity is progressing according to schedule set. More articles by individuals will appear in Hlasatel. Reporting of Slet events assigned as follows: Parade and Slet—bro. Antonin Hrebik, to be published Monday after Slet; Gymnastiale and Awards Night—bros. F. Svamera and Rabas; banquet—sis. J. Zacek.

Tickets for Gymnastiale, Awards Night and Farewell Dance will be reprinted correcting admission to \$1.25.

English publicity. Bro. Prchal reports another release was sent out and another release is in preparation.

Souvenir Program Committee. Bro. J. Cihak reported all material must be in for advertising—all articles are in. Advertising will approximate \$7,000. Typing and proof reading done by sis. B. Cihak.

Sokol Exhibit Committee. Bro. J. Janecka reported for sis. E. Janecka who was excused. The exhibits are set up, many visitors are viewing exhibit. Set up booth for sale of souvenirs and Sokol Centennial Stamp.

Bro. J. Janecka reported on Slet film (in color): 1 man @ \$60 per day for 3 days, another man @ \$160 for 3 days, 3,000 feet of color film at resale—total cost approximately \$890.00. Motion made, seconded and passed, that bro. J. Janecka is authorized to contact low bidder, and price of Slet color film is not to exceed \$1,000. Also recommended, that bro. Janecka contact bro. J. Madera of Sokol Town of Lake who has vast experience in filming.

Presentation of Canadian flag to ASO.—on mo-

tion made and passed, will be made a part of our Slet program Sunday, June 27th.

Cermak Plaza merchants will publicize our Slet on the 2 signs on Cermak Road and Harlem Ave.

Moved and carried that the outside of ASO. executive office be decorated.

The Executive Committee, on motion seconded and carried, is authorized to do what it deems best as far as expenditure of funds and actions, to make this Slet a reality and a success.

Bro. E. Halik asked bro. Charles Prchal to give a welcome address at the Slet. Accepted.

Betty Prener, Recording Secretary

Matej Belohlavy

Sokol Wilber mourns the loss of another member, Matej Belohlavy, who was born in Nepomuck, Czechoslovakia, on September 11, 1874, and passed away at the Crete Hospital, Crete, Nebraska, May 22, 1965.

Brother Belohlavy came to this country at the age of 16 with relatives and settled near Wilber. March 4, 1899, he was married to Marie Karman and the family farmed west of Wilber for many years before moving into Wilber in 1946.

Survivors include his three daughters, Mrs. Sylvia Spencer of Spokane, Washington, Mrs. Alice Placek of Wilber, Nebraska, and Miss Jarmylla Belohlavy of Milford, Nebraska; two sons, Richard and Arnost Belohlavy, both of Wilber; three brothers, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Brother Belohlavy's wife predeceased him in 1957.

A group of Sokols attended the funeral at the Zajicek Funeral Home in Wilber, May 25. On behalf of all the members of Sokol Wilber, I extend sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

June A. Kucera, Secretary

Bratr Janko Jazbec mrtev.

Jihoslovanské Sokolstvo bylo těžce postiženo náhlou smrtí starosty Ústředního Výboru pro obnovu Jihoslovanského Sokolstva v zahraničí, br. Jazbec.

Odešel uprostřed nejnadanější práce pro zachování sokolské myšlenky mezi Jihoslovany. Bývalý starosta Sokola v Lublani, oddaný spolupracovník bývalého Svazu Jihoslovanského Sokolstva, odešel do ciziny jako tisíce jiných, aby si zachoval svoji národní a sokolskou čest, a aby mohl připomínat svým druhům, že Sokolství je nesmrtelnou myšlenkou, kterou nemůže vyrvat ze srdce ani násilí ani odříkání. Nedemokratický režim v jeho vlasti ho oddělil i od vlastní rodiny a manželky, nicméně nedal se ničím získat a zůstal raději v exilu, aby zde mohl svobodně a po sokolsku hlásat to, čemu věnoval celý svůj bohatý život.

Jihoslované v něm ztratili příkladného borce a neunavného bojovníka. Osud ho přivedl do Argentiny, kde založil s několika věrnými, organizační středisko, ze kterého se snažil všemi silami rozpálit jihoslovanská sokolská srdce po celém světě. Kdo se s ním stýkal nebo alespoň vyměňoval dopisy, musel se v obdivu sklánět před jeho houževnatostí a velkou vírou v obrodu. Těšil se z příprav na založení nových jihoslovanských jednot v Chicagu, Clevelandu a Detroitu. Ale i jinde po světě

kde jen žilo několik jihoslovanských Sokolů, povzbuzoval, pomáhal a důvěřoval.

Končil právě přípravy pro tisk rozsáhlého Sborníku vydávaného ke 100. výročí Sokola v Jugoslavii. Má zaznamenat nejen bohatou sokolskou historií na jihu, ale přinést i podrobný obraz celého sokolského hnutí vůbec.

Československý Sokol mu byl vždy nejbližší a přátelství, která navázal s některými jeho činovníky jsou hluboká, naplněná bratrstvím a důvěrou. Bratr Jazbec byl vzorný Sokol, bojovník a idealista, nemiloval však neskutečnost a ctil činnost a pravdu. Neklamal se povrchností, pronikal vždy do hloubky. Tak tomu bylo i s jeho Sokolstvím. V úsilí o jeho čistotu žil, trpěl a zemřel.

Naše bratrská srdce uctívají hluboce jeho památku.

E. K.

Sokol Moravan, Toledo, Ohio

A month has gone by since the Sokol Centennial Slet in Chicago, yes, time does fly and work towards the future is always in the making. To the Slet Committee, the instructors and all that took part in the gym exhibit and parade, a warm Sokol "Zdar" and "Thank you" for a celebration carried through so beautifully. The work and efforts that were put into it showed from start to finish. It showed that Sokol physical fitness is the answer in more ways than one, the construction of body, health, beauty, strength of mind and co-operation.

Our unit from Toledo did not have members taking part in the gym exhibit, but we did have a bus load and several cars of members that came and took part in watching the Sokol exhibit, these members all took part at one time or another in the past Sokol doings, so sitting there and watching the beautiful program our hearts went out to you all.

It felt good to meet up with all the oldtimers of the various Sokol groups, there was so much to talk about but so little time to do it in, but all in all we all had a grand Sokol get-together, and all came home with pleasant memories of another Sokol Slet.

On July 11th, a group from Sokol Moravan attended the Sokol Detroit gym exhibit held at their Sokol Camp. The exhibit was a very outstanding one, it showed that the instructors of the various groups trained them well in all the events, their formation and timing was pat, the Red, White and Blue number was excellent. So it was another fine get-together with the various Sokols from Canada, Cleveland and Detroit.

Sokol Moravan has been planning on a Sokol Centennial Banquet to be held in the fall after all the summer activities will be over with. We are looking forward to this affair and hope that we will make it a memorable one as this would also mark the 56th year of Sokol in Toledo, Ohio. More details on this later as we will be sending out letters to the various units to come and celebrate with us.

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Ann K. Botek

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The Journal carries the histories of many units and districts, statistics of previous Slets and other valued Sokol material. The cover in red, white, blue and gold, modern in style, is the creation of our talented Sokol artist, bro. John Stribrny of Sokol Town of Lake, Chicago, Illinois.

XXV. Čsl. den v Dallas, Texas.

Krajanská osada v Dallas, Texas, vás zve na svůj výroční Čsl. den 10. října, ve Fair Park Coliseum při státní výstavě, která potrvá od 9. do 24. října. Chystá se pěkný program, na kterém budou účinkovat jak tanečníci Besedy tak zpěváci a sokolové. Ta naše drobtina předvede své umění. Budou zastoupeny všechny české spolky a ze všech

částí Texasu sjedou se krajané, aby dokázali, že jsou hrdi na svůj český původ a že si váží odkazu svých předků. Kdo máte národní kroj tak si je připravte a přijed'te pomoci nám oslavit ten velký svátek českého Texasu. Nebudete litovat! Čekáme návštěvy až z Chicaga, Arkansasu, Missouri a Oklahomy. Přijed'te i vy všichni, at' je nás co nejvíce! Na shledanou 10. října v Dallas, Texas.

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