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## MEZISLET AOS. V DALLAS, TEXAS.

Texaské sokolské dny, 12.—16. července t. r. byly velkou sokolskou událostí jak svým rozsahem, tak i mimořádnou organizací a programem trochu odlišným od jiných Mezisletů AOS. Při této příležitosti dostalo se tam sokolské věci tak obsáhlé a široké publicity, nejen v denním tisku a na rozhlas, ale i na televizi, jako tomu ještě nikdy nebylo. Představitelé městské správy, obchodní komory i občanských kruhů, přijali žádost o podporu sokolského sletu v Dallasu s plnou vážností a s velkou vervou opravdu spolupracovali. U příležitosti sletu byl vyhlášen "Týden tělesné zdatnosti" a tónem oněch dní v Dallasu bylo nadšené "Vítáme Sokoly". Na jedné z nových vysokých budov zářil velký světelný sokolský znak vysoký asi přes 25 poschodí. Redaktoři radiových stanic přinesli rozhovory o sletu a o Americkém Sokolstvu s br. S. Barcalem, E. Linhartem, J. Finou a E. Růžičkovou. Zástupci města předali br. starostovi Barcalovi zlatý klíč města Dallasu. Hned po prvním dnu závodů byly v denním tisku zprávy a obrázky, které informovali čtenáře o sokolské organizaci a o celém programu sletu. Sokolská invase Dallasu vyvolala tam opravdu nadšenou a radostnou odezvu.

Ve čtvrtek a v pátek byly v moderním, krytém a uměle chlazeném "Memorial" auditoriu, které bylo za velmi výhodných podmínek ochotně propůjčeno pro slet, konány závody všech tříd. Na 450 závodníků ze všech žup AOS. a ze Slovenského Sokola, měřilo své síly v tělesné a tělocvičné zdatnosti. Bylo opravdu radostí sledovat ten velký zájem, nadšení a poctivou snahu, která závody provázela. Zejména v řadách dorostu bylo vidět mimořádný elán, potvrzující, že sokolství v nich žije plným tepem jejich mládí.

Předáváním odměn vítězům konalo se v sobotu večer ve velkém sále hotelu Adolphus. Sál hřímal radostí a nadšením při oznamování výsledků závodů a při udílení krásných cen. Mnozí radostí slzeli, jiní radostí výskali nad svým uplatněním. A mnohé oko těch starších se zarosilo, rovněž radostí nad nadšením a elánem naší sokolské mládeže, v níž je náš budoucí rozvoj i úspěch. Večer zahájil náčelník AOS. br. E. Linhart, který spolu s náčelnicí ses. L. Zděnkovou a za pomoci členů náčelnictva řídili předávání odměn vítězům. Poděkoval všem, kteří se podíleli na závodech a jejich hladkém průběhu a organizaci, zejména činovníkům župy Jižní, kteří nesli tíhu příprav sletu i závodů. Náčelník župy Jižní br. J. Milan poděkoval pak všem za účast na závodech a za spolupráci.

V pátek večer konal se v hotelu Statler-Hilton sokolský banket. Po chutné večeři, kterou pečlivě připravil personál hotelové kuchyně za vedení svého šéfa br. Fr. Kankrlíka, byl zahájen program americkou státní hymnou. Promluvil starosta župy Jižní br. Josef Pokladník, starosta AOS. br. St. Barcal a jako slavnostní řečník U. S. kongresník Earl Cabelle. Jeho řeč vysoce hodnotila sokolskou myšlenku a její dobrovolnou kázeň v programu tělesné a duchovní výchovy v kontrastu k dnešní tak časté ledabylosti, lhostejnosti a vzpouře proti pořádku a mravní a národní povinnosti. Výtah z jeho řeči přinášíme na

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## Calendar of Events

- SEPT. 9th—SOKOL NOVA VLAST, Cleveland, O.  
Beer Festival at Ceska Sin Sokol Hall, 4314 Clark  
Ave. 3:00 P.M.
- SEPT. 10th—SOKOL DETROIT, MICHIGAN.  
Grape Festival at Camp.
- SEPT. 17th—SOKOL SLAVSKY, CICERO, ILL.  
Fall Family Picnic, White Eagle Grove Center,  
Lyons, Ill.
- SEPT. 23 & 24—EASTERN DISTRICT. — Annual  
Meeting in Washington, D. C.
- SEPT. 23rd—SOKOL FUEGNER-TYRS, SOUTH  
OMAHA, NEBR. — King Korn Karnival Com-  
petition Meet. 10:00 A.M.
- SEPT. 23rd—Semi-Annual WESTERN DISTRICT  
BOI. meeting—7:30 P.M.
- SEPT. 24th—Semi-Annual All Unit WESTERN  
DISTRICT meeting—9:00 A.M.
- SEPT. 26th—SOKOL OMAHA and SOKOL SOUTH  
OMAHA gymnastic program—WBFA. National  
Convention, 13th and Martha Streets, 8:00 P.M.
- OCT. 7th—SOKOL BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.  
95th Anniversary Dinner and Dance.
- OCT. 8th—Sokol Park Picnic. — All SO. OMAHA  
SOKOL-SOKOLICE members.
- OCT. 10th—SOKOLICE LIBUSE, SO. OMAHA.  
65th Anniversary Celebration.
- OCT. 13, 14, and 15—WESTERN DISTRICT IN-  
STRUCTORS CLINIC. — National ASO. instruc-  
tors Ed Linhart and Mildred Prchal.
- OCT. 14th—SOKOL LITTLE FERRY, N. J.  
70th Anniversary Celebration.
- OCT. 25th—SOKOL CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.  
Sokol Supper.
- OCT. 28th—SOKOL DETROIT, MICHIGAN.  
Halloween Masquerade at Cultural Center.
- NOV. 4-5th—SOKOL DETROIT, MICHIGAN.  
Old Fashion Bazaar at the Sokol Center.
- NOV. 4th—SOKOL LITTLE FERRY, N. J.  
70th Annual Duck Dinner.
- NOV. 5th—SOKOLICE LIBUSE, SO. OMAHA,  
NEBR. — Card Party, So. Omaha Sokol Hall,  
31st and "U" Streets—2:00 P.M.
- NOV. 11th—SOKOL SLAVSKY, CICERO, ILL.  
Annual Dinner-Dance, C.S.A. Peacock Room.
- NOV. 16 and 17—Youth Achievement Week. —SO.  
OMAHA SOKOL PROGRAM, Southroads Shop-  
ping Center.
- NOV. 18th—SOKOL NEW YORK. — 100th Year  
Anniversary—Banquet.
- NOV. 19th—SOKOL NEW YORK. — 100th Year  
Anniversary—"Akademie."

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## Ústředna Moravských Spolků v Chicago

zve vřele sokolské bratrstvo na svůj  
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konaný 24. září v Sokole Havlíček-Tyrš.

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podporou sokolských podniků a zaslouží si  
účast našeho bratrstva.

Tedy na shledanou! kmp.

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BETTY PRENER:

## DALLAS BANQUET

The Southern District of the American Sokol Organization held its banquet in the Embassy Ballroom of the Statler Hilton Hotel, Dallas. It was truly a lovely setting for this occasion. On entering the room one's eye was caught by the fine table decoration and arrangement.

Mr. Louis Throgmorton, as Master of Ceremonies, introduced bro. Miro Parma who gave the invocation. Our National Anthem was beautifully sung by Sandra Parma, Darlene Patak, and Pam Ham-mack.

After partaking of an excellently prepared repast, which was nicely served, a feeling of conviviality permeated the room. As M.C. Mr. Throgmorton regaled those present with one story after another and thus set the mood for the evening. In the introduction of the various speakers for the evening, he managed to cleverly weave a story about each one.

Bro. Joseph E. Pokladnik, President of the Southern District, in his own inimitable easy-going manner, welcomed all present and introduced the special guests of the evening, among whom were Hon. Earle Cabell and Mrs. Cabell, Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Marek, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Holasek, bro. Miro Parma, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Barcal.

Hon. Earle Cabell, Congressman, gave a most stirring address to a very understanding audience and received a tumultuous response.

Then followed "God Bless America" sung by Sandra, Darlene and Pam, whose voices blended in fine harmony.

Bro. Stanley Barcal, President of the American Sokol Organization, addressed the audience next. His opening remarks were a few quips exchanged with Mr. Throgmorton. The timely message contained in his speech was very well received.

The introduction of guests by bro. Pokladnik revealed brothers and sisters present from Los Angeles, Omaha, New York, Cleveland, Chicago, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Houston, Washington, D. C., Fresno, Cedar Rapids, Ennis, St. Louis and many other cities.

A particularly warm welcome was afforded bro. Albert Kalabza, who is just 92 years young, and who spends his winters in Florida. Bro. Kalabza was enjoying himself and following the proceedings with most interest.

The Czechoslovak national anthem brought to a close an evening of pleasant conviviality, truly befitting the program of events prepared by the Southern District—an evening which will be long remembered.

## What Happened To the "President's Physical Fitness Program"?

When shortly after his inauguration, the late President John F. Kennedy announced a nationwide physical fitness program, his idea was received by the majority of Americans with little enthusiasm. As one of the leading newspapers put it: "The primary subject of expected interest—our youth—gave the President's Physical Fitness Program rather a cool shoulder." "The American citizen," said another newspaper, "dislikes any kind of regimentation in any field of his way of life."

Yet, the President's idea was for a healthier and happier America of tomorrow. The President was well aware of the statistics obtained from our draft boards, selective centers, physicians and health centers, indicating that average American youth is overweight and that obesity is predominant particularly among males between 12 and 18 years of age. Also inadequate physical activity was observed among girls in our high schools. It was comparison of the physical condition of our youth with that of youth elsewhere in the world, that led the President in creating his Physical Fitness Program.

Physical education has been very popular and widely practiced in Europe for years. The idea of Dr. Miroslav Tyrš, a Czech intellectual, who founded

the Sokol (Falcon) Gymnastic Organization more than a century ago, reached many countries of the world, including the United States of America. Tyrš' motto "A healthy soul in a healthy body" still counts in our days. The Sokol Slets, a sort of Czech Olympic Games, which used to be held in Czechoslovakia's capital city of Prague, were highly regarded as a most elaborate display of calisthenics and a spectacular of physical fitness and beauty, the sight of which was breathtaking.

An ultimate result of these, well organized exercises, was healthier youth and a higher moral standard of those who were to guard the heritage of their forefathers.

It was American youth, the future of this great land, that, no doubt, was President Kennedy's primary concern and inspired him in organizing the President's Physical Fitness Program. America needs this program and every effort should be made to fully implement it.

Some of us feel that America does not need to look for ideas across its borders. However, a little peek in that direction would not hurt. In fact, it may prove very beneficial.

(From CSA Journal, June 1967)

## Mezislet AOS. v Dallas, Tex.—

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jiném místě. Dále byla představena řada hostů a sokolských činovníků. Bři. Barcal, Linhart a ses. Zdenková obdrželi pravé texaské klobouky v upomínku na dallaský slet. Trio dorostenek z Ennis, Tex. obstaralo zpěvní čísla programu. Banket byl zakončen čsl. hymnou.

Sletový průvod městem byl zahájen v sobotu v 10 hod. dop. a prošel hlavními ulicemi města, kolem hotelu Baker k stadiu Memorial, kde končil. V čele průvodu bylo několik aut s čestnými hosty a činovníky Obce, pak řada alegorických vozů se sokolskými i jinými náměty, krojované skupiny a dlouhé řady cvičících, kterým jel v čele náčelník br. Linhart na koni. V průvodu pochodovala také velmi početná skupina Slovenského Sokola vedená náčelníkem br. Walko, náč. ses. Kerekešovou, místopředsedou Kerekešem a jednatelem Babuškou.

Hlavní sletový den, neděle 16. července, vyvrcholil sokolské svátky v Texasu odpoledním programem v prostorném auditoriu Memorial. Téměř tisíc cvičících nastoupilo se státními vlajkami a s prapory jednot a žup k zahájení programu. Čs. legionáři z Chicaga umístili vlajky a již zněly hymny a slib vlně USA. Br. Pokladník zahajuje program a vítá všechny přítomné. Představuje starostu AOS. br. St. Barcala, který v kratším proslovu zdraví cvičící i návštěvníky a hodnotí sokolskou myšlenku tělesné i duchovní výchovy, tak důležitou v dnešní zmatené době a děkuje za texaské pohostinství, jménem celé sokolské rodiny. Za zvuků řízného pochodu odcházejí shromáždění cvičenci a již žáci a žákyně župy Jižní nastupují k předvedení prostných. Po nich přichází stará garda, muži a ženy ze St. Louis a Los Angeles, kteří předvádí svá zvláštní prostrná připravená br. Příhodou. Dostává se jim nadšeného přijetí i uznání. Po nich nastupují vítězi závodů, aby předvedli cvičení na nářadí. Svižným krokem nastupuje na podlahu 11 kolon krojovaných tanečníků k předvedení tradičního národního tance "České besedy". Jsou odměněni rovněž nadšeným potleskem. V dalším nastupily k prostným dorostenky. Bylo jich přes tři sta a do posledního místa zaplnily prostornou podlahu auditoria. Jejich prostrná byla opravdu pěkná a

uchvátila každého. Malebná modř jejich úborů mísená ladnými pohyby opálených paží, skýtala jedinečný pohled, který strhoval k nadšení i potlesku. Sestra náč. Zdenková jim s hrdostí i radostí poděkovala. Vítězi v šampionátu předvedli pak velmi pozoruhodné výkony na nářadí, které byly rovněž sledovány s velkým zájmem i obdivem. Ženy nastoupily k prostným rovněž ve velkém počtu a ve vzorné vyrovnaných formacích, což již úvodem působilo pěkným dojmem. Jejich cvičení bylo vzorně vyrovnané a ladné jejich pohyby, rozestupy i jednotlivé cviky v přesném souladu s harmonií hudby, elektrisovaly diváky k nadšenému potlesku i během jednotlivých částí.

Závěrem tohoto krásného sokolského odpoledne nastoupilo na 350 mužů a dorostenků k společným prostným. Opět byla celá cvičební plocha zaplněna. A to, zvláště při částech s plným rozestupem, působilo mohutným dojmem na každého diváka. Rozdílnot úborů mužů a dorostenků znamenala pestré střídání barev úborů s pohyby osmahlých paží a při rázném tempu prostných a jejich vyrovnaném provedení, naskytnul se divákům nezapomenutelný požitek. V přestávkách programu představil br. Pokladník řadu hostů, mezi nimi představitele města Dallas, který také slet pozdravil, zástupce dallaské obchodní komory, představitele krajských organizací, zástupce Slovenského Sokola, zástupce žup atd.

V rámci sletu konala se také pracovní konference činovníků AOS. se starosty a činovníky žup a jednot. Za AOS. byli přítomni S. Barcal, G. Bašta, B. Prenerová, F. Vodrážka, A. Bašťová a E. Růžičková. Na jednání se podíleli starostové žup bři. Nekuda, Zralý, Šuster, Drnec, Pavouček a Převrtil za župu Jižní a řada starostů jednot. Po zprávách činovníků Obce byla vedena velmi hodnotná rozprava o činnosti i stávajících problémech jakož i výhledech do budoucnosti našeho sokolského hnutí. Rozprava ujasnila mnohé naše pracovní problémy.

Dobré sokolské dílo se opět podařilo. Texaský slet patří již sokolské historii, ve které zaujme jistě velmi čestné místo. Nazdar!

## ASO. Executive Board Meeting

Held June 27, 1967

A silent standing tribute was accorded bro. Frank Svamera, member of the Executive Board, who passed away while visiting his homeland, Czechoslovakia.

**Reports of Districts:** Pacific District minutes of meeting 5-13-67. — Pacific District BOI. semi-annual meeting 6-4-67. — Pacific District minutes of meeting 6-6-67. — Eastern District minutes of meeting 5-15-67. — Eastern District minutes of meeting 6-16-67. — Northeastern District minutes of meeting 5-24-67.

**Correspondence:** Sis. A. Falta sent greetings from Canada—Montreal Expo 67. Letter of Sokol Brookfield to Sokol Zizka, Dallas, concerning reinstatement of Mr. J. Novak as a member. — Re-

quest from bro. E. Koepl to bro. S. Barcal for article on occasion of 20th anniversary of Sokol Washington, D. C.

### REPORTS:

**BOI. Director of Men**—Bro. E. Linhart: As we have no orchestration for calisthenics of the Old Guard number, I request that we be permitted to have it orchestrated here; bro. Milan in a telephone conversation agreed.

For recognition in the program, I am sending in names of both the BOI. committees and the names of the Executive Board which will be printed for the Slet program book.

Southern District will hold a 2 week instructors course at Sokol Houston, from July 30th to August 12th. Approximately 25 students will attend. Bro. Milan requests 2 instructors for this course—1 man and 1 woman.

A letter of authorization was sent to the New York uniform supplier—Sokol Material Supply will be the official name.

Permission was granted to bro. Vojmir Benak to compete in the intermediate division.

The Slovak Catholic Sokol will hold their National Slet July 20—23rd at Morton West Stadium in Berwyn. They request judges and a special number from the ASO. This will be turned over to the Central District.

The physical fitness tests will be sent out by September.

Bro. Basta reported for the scholarship committee. Applications have been few—the deadline for applications has been extended to August 1st.

Bro. Ptacek reported for the rules committee. The combined ASO.-SGUS. rules are completed and sent out to both organizations. Clarification and explanation where needed will be made after the Dallas Slet and the rules will be printed in the fall.

Bro. Fina reported on the FIG judges clinic he conducted in Dallas.

Dallas requests article on ASO. champion, Jerry Polacek, and the current women's champion.

Six women's and six men's volleyball teams will compete in Dallas to date.

Bro. Lebloch was appointed director of assembly march and assembly line-up.

Sis. Prener will be asked to count the number of participants in each class drill.

Sis. Halik will tabulate for women and sis. Mae Linhart will tabulate for men.

Traveling instructors of the Pacific District, bro. J. Pokorney and sis. F. Palas, report expenses of \$94.50 and \$50.00, respectively, approved for payment. Traveling allowance by automobile 8c per mile was approved. Will check into cost of orchestration of Old Guard number. If prohibitive and due to shortness of time will use tape.

**BOI. Director of Women**—Sis. L. Zdenek: Decisions were made on stipulation of white ballet shoes for junior girls. Mr. Silverman will forward, via sis. Zabka, to Dallas a full line of samples of all uniforms and will start manufacture as soon as his factory re-opens August 1st.

A report from sis. Palas was received, covering her activities as traveling instructor in the Pacific District.

Sis. Zdenek gave each member of the Board an ASO. Board of Instructors patch to wear on their jackets, for identification.

**Organization Committee**—Sis. E. Ruzicka: Wrote publicity article on 60th anniversary (commemorative) of District Ludevít Stur. Busy with tour to Dallas of Central District. Presently is on way to Montreal Expo 67.

**Publicity Committee**—Sis. A. Basta received publicity article from sis. Ruzicka. New letterheads received. Will obtain quotation on labels. USGF. latest issue carries article on Dallas Slet. Bro. J. Rabas reported on activity of Central District tour by bus to Dallas.

**Membership Committee**—Bro. G. Basta requests status of Special Assessment Fund through June 30, 1967—information will be furnished.

**Editor**—Bro. C. Prchal: American Sokol is off

the press. Received insert from Dallas. Approved that ASO. will bear this expenditure. To expedite issuance of American Sokol, all articles must be received by Editor by the 4th of the month. Attended 75th anniversary of Polish Falcons Aerie No. 2. The Yugoslav "Sokol Vestnik" ran a full page on our Dallas Slet.

**Financial Secretary**—In absence of sis. A. Falta, bro. F. Vodrazka read financial report for May.

**Treasurer**—Bro. F. Vodrazka advises his records correspond to those of the Financial Secretary. Future Sokol Leaders Fund total \$17,636.07. Contributions to this fund will be published in the American Sokol monthly.

**Secretary**—Accounting Department—sis. A. Sotka. Checked quarterly reports. Preparing report of special assessment account for Dallas meeting. Submitted information re: cost per page of American Sokol; also cost of advertising space. Is checking with Post Office correctness of postage charged account American Sokol. Sis. E. Schnabl sent out 1966 financial report to all unit secretaries and district presidents—mailed publication release; BOI. letter re: chaperoning of juniors; new Tournament Rules to be used at Dallas Slet; letter re: agenda for meeting of officers in Dallas; bro. E. Schnabl installed new switch gratis; 1965 Slet program and centennial books will be sent with help of bros. Barcal and Schnabl. All correspondence answered. Approved that one week's paid vacation be granted to sis. A. Sotka and E. Schnabl on the basis of 1966 earnings pro-rated. — Sis. B. Prener drafted letter to supplier of Sokol uniforms and checked details with sis. L. Zdenek. Coordinated information for 2 forms to be used in reporting and expenses incurred in connection with courses, clinics, and workshops. Conducted research re: incorporation of unit. Applied for exemption of ASO. from payment of sales tax. Exemption denied. Attended Memorial Day services at Bohemian National Cemetery, Sokol Day of Central District, and 60th anniversary commemorative exercises of SGUS. District Ludevít Stur. The office on June 26 received word of the passing of bro. F. Svambera, member of the ASO. Executive Board. Reported missing back issues (missing years) of American Sokol. An attempt will be made to obtain these to complete our records.

**President**—Bro. S. Barcal attended meeting of officers; was one of the main speakers at the Memorial Day services of Bohemian National Cemetery, where wreaths were placed on graves of our departed past presidents, and on grave of bro. J. Jelinek, Honorary Director BOI.; paid our respects at grave of bro. J. Falta, Secretary, and bro. J. Welcl, Editor. Judged competitions—took part in Central District Slet and 60th anniversary Slet of District Ludevít Stur. Also was speaker for ASO. at Slet of District Ludevít Stur.

There will be no meetings of the Executive Board held in July and August. Sis. B. Prener read minutes of special meeting of officers outlining the agenda for Dallas conference. Meeting of officers re: Dallas scheduled for 7-7-67. Action on Dallas seals deferred for another month. The matter of advertising in American Sokol deferred for solution during summer meeting of officers.

**Financial Report ASO.**

June 1967

**INCOME:**

Dues .....	\$ 679.25
Special assessment .....	2.00
Dividends and interest .....	302.50
Subscriptions to "American Sokol" .....	3.00
Resale of jewelry and hats .....	51.00
Sale of Sokol emblems, belts and badge ribbon .....	29.90
Sale of educational pamphlets .....	1.20
Postage .....	1.37
Overpayment by bro. Fred J. Anthony ...	8.60

Total Income .....\$1,078.82

**DISBURSEMENTS:****Administrative Department**

Salaries .....	\$289.36
Rental, janitor service, phone, electric .....	156.66
Montreal Slet seals .....	1.00
Jewelry .....	756.39
Petty cash .....	49.97
To petty cash — Refund to F. J. Anthony for overpayment .....	8.60
Postage .....	8.49

\$1,270.47

**Educational Department BOI.**

Salaries .....	\$187.50
Editor "Sokol Gymnast" .....	25.00
Printing of 500 additional copies of "Sokol Gymnast" .....	27.72
Office supplies .....	59.33
Phone .....	3.90
Uniform belts .....	3.50

\$ 306.95

**Sokol Publication**

Printing "American Sokol"—June 1967 .....	\$634.69
Editor "American Sokol" .....	75.00

\$ 709.69

**Miscellaneous**

Special appropriations — District account .....	\$920.00	\$920.00
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Total Disbursements .....\$3,207.11

**BALANCE**

Totals brought forward:

Western National Bank of Cicero—checking account .....	\$7,682.01
Income — June 1967 .....	1,078.82

Disbursements — June 1967 .....\$8,760.83

\$5,553.72

July 1967

**INCOME:**

Dues .....	\$1,861.00
T. J. Masaryk dues .....	14.00
Convention fund .....	32.25
Special assessment .....	1.00

Dividends and interest .....	191.87
Jewelry and hats .....	41.80
Sale of Sokol emblems and decals .....	9.00
Postage .....	1.08
Entry fees for Dallas Mid-Slet competitions .....	198.50

Total Income .....\$2,350.50

**DISBURSEMENTS:****Administrative Department**

Salaries .....	\$236.66
Dist Dir. of Int. Rev. — F.I.C.A. and F.W.T. — 2nd qtr. ....	181.36
Rental, janitor service, phone ...	148.86
Repairs to office machines .....	9.50
Travel expense .....	491.03
Miscellaneous expense .....	12.50
Petty cash .....	21.39

\$1,101.30

**Educational Department BOI.**

Salaries .....	\$187.50
Dist Dir. of Int. Rev. — F.I.C.A. and F.W.T. — 2nd qtr. ....	142.20
Editor "Sokol Gymnast" .....	25.00
Office supplies, postage, phone ..	27.05
Belting for uniforms .....	6.00
Entry fees for Dallas Mid-Slet competitions (to Southern Dist.) ..	198.50

\$ 586.25

**Sokol Publication**

Postage — May and June 1967 ..	\$ 58.32
Editor "American Sokol" .....	75.00

\$ 133.32

**Miscellaneous**

Special appropriations — District account .....	\$ 50.00
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\$ 50.00

Total Disbursements .....\$1,870.87

**BALANCE:**

Totals brought forward:

Western National Bank of Cicero — checking account .....	\$5,553.72
Income — July 1967 .....	2,350.50

\$7,904.22

Disbursements — July 1967 .....1,870.87

\$6,033.35

**Future Sokol Leaders Fund**

Following is a listing of donations through June 30, 1967:

Previously reported .....\$17,390.15

In memory of husband, Miles

Mikes: Helen Mikes .....\$ 20.00

In memory of brother-in-law, Jas.

Mudra, Sr.: Anton Smunt ..... 10.00

In memory of sis. Anna Domansky:

Joseph &amp; Frank Domansky, Anne

Fara, Jarmilla Benda, Mary

Marik &amp; families ..... 25.00

Friends and members of Sokol

Brookfield ..... 10.00

George R. Cermak .....	10.00
In memory of Kveta Hron:	
William Zabransky, Jr. ....	5.00
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Total donations .....	\$ 80.00
Clyde Savings & Loan dividend	
4-29-67 .....	165.92
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Total June receipts .....	\$ 245.92
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	\$17,636.07

(The above contributions are tax exempt.)

## FROM OUR DISTRICTS

### EASTERN DISTRICT

#### Meeting Held May 15, 1967

Received minutes from the ASO. Executive Board.

**Report of Director of Men**—Bro. Capek: Attended exhibitions of Fuegner and New York. There was not any reply in regards to the refresher course to be held in Baltimore.

**Report of Director of Women**—Sis. Benda: Sent out extra report cards to units. The refresher courses have been called off until September or October.

**Sokol Little Ferry**—Hall is now air conditioned. Gained one member.

**Sokolice Little Ferry**—Very active with many social functions.

**Sokol New York**—Programs are being planned for the 100th anniversary.

**Sokol Fuegner, L. I.**—Many children have applied to vacation at Sokol Camp, East Haddam, Conn.

**United Sokols Meeting**—In reference to the Long Island Sokol at Brentwood asking to become members of the United Sokols.

For our annual meeting to be held in Washington, D. C., it was decided to charge \$25.00 per person. This will include the bus fare, hotel reservations and the banquet to be held at the Presidential Arms, in celebration of the 20th anniversary of Sokol Washington.

#### Meeting Held June 16, 1967

**Correspondence:** Minutes from the ASO. Executive Board. The Eastern District will be reimbursed \$920 from the ASO., for the District instructors course held in August of 1966. Financial report of ASO. By-laws from United Sokols of the East. Minutes of meeting of United Sokols. Asking for calendar of events of all units so that dinner dance scheduled for spring of 1968 will not coincide with other events.

The D. A. Sokols of New York have invited all members to attend their 75th anniversary to be held on November 11th at Bohemian Hall, Astoria. Admission to the banquet is \$7.50 per person.

**Report of Director of Men**—Bro. Capek: Attended meeting of United Sokols. Little Ferry boys and girls were victorious in the June 11th competitions. Bro. Capek has been conferring with a member of Sokol Ore about prospects of a combined Slet to be held at Throggs Neck next year.

**Report of Director of Women**—Sis. A. Benda: Gave her thanks to sis. Carole Keil for directing the children's competition.

October 14th—70th anniversary of Sokol Little Ferry. The seating capacity is limited. Please make reservations early.

November 23rd—20th anniversary of Sokol Washington. A banquet will be held on Saturday evening at the Presidential Arms.

**September 23rd**—Annual meeting of Eastern District at Washington, D. C. On Sept. 23rd the technical committee will hold their meeting and on Sunday, Sept. 24th, at 9:30 A.M. the meeting of the delegation will be held.

Sis. Provaznik held a refresher course at Sokol Belcamp which was very successful.

Sis. Provaznik states that it is not feasible to hold a District course this year since units are having too many expenses this year. Sis. Benda suggested that the director of each unit could hold their own course during the year when no district course is held.

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### NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

#### Meeting Held May 24, 1967

Secretary read the minutes of the meeting of the ASO. Executive Board, held April 25, 1967.

Activities at Sokol Detroit are progressing at a brisk and enthusiastic rate. The Teen Club is working hard to raise funds for the Center. At the May meeting in a combined ceremony with the Ladies Auxiliary, 22 new members were initiated, including 14 women and 8 men.

**Sokol Cleveland-Cech-Havlicek** reported that two new members were initiated in the unit at the May meeting.

The Executive Committee did not receive a report from Sokol Rip, Sokol Moravan or from the Ladies Auxiliary of Sokol Detroit.

**Announcements**—Sister Steffie Galik announced that ASI. will sponsor a theater party at the Musicarnival August 22, 1967. The play will be "At the Drop of a Fan" starring Lilie St. Cyr and Dagmar.

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### WESTERN DISTRICT

#### Meeting Held June 12, 1967

**Correspondence:** Received a copy of a letter that bro. Pokladnik sent to the ASO. consisting of the itinerary for the officers meetings and Slet. Acknowledgment from Senator Hruska of the letter that Pres. Pavoucek sent proclaiming support of the series of postage stamps commemorating the 50th anniversary of the first Czechoslovak Republic. Received minutes of the ASO. Executive Board meeting and ASO. financial report. Received a letter from sis. Hosek of Sokol Minneapolis. Received St. Paul Sokol Slovo, Cleveland Newsletter and the So. Omaha Newsletter.

**BOI. Meeting**—Heinz Rohde, Secretary: Bro. Joe Vonasek was authorized to compete in the Intermediate Division at the Dallas Slet for Sokol So. Omaha. It has been authorized that both the old and the new uniforms may be worn.

Two volumes of the "Code of Points" (one for the men and one for the women) for the District BOI. will be purchased.

All units are requested to bring their unit flags and banners to the Dallas Slet.

**Director of Men**—Raymond Lastovica: All units are urged to get their entrance forms in. All attendance reports are current except Cedar Rapid's little boys.

**Director of Women**—Bozena Drozda: Received a letter from St. Paul seeking 2 gymnasts to participate in the Festival of Nations program held in St. Paul on Nov. 11th. It was suggested that St. Paul contact Cedar Rapids since this unit is closer.

**By-Laws Committee**—Sis. Pavoucek typed and sent them to the ASO. for approval. The Secretary thanked sis. Pavoucek for her able assistance.

**Tax Exemption**—Before filing, the by-laws and a financial statement was to be submitted. Sis. Masek has done so and the Western District is now in the process of filing.

**Progress Sheets**—Bro. Rohde submitted some fine sketches that could be made into iron-on patches and presented to gymnasts upon completion of required tasks. Also, bro. Rohde submitted a form for progress sheets. This is, of course, still in the primary stages. By the next meeting it is expected that we will have some idea of the cost involved. President Pavoucek was very pleased with bro. Rohde's efforts and suggested that sis. Drozda present these sketches in the BOI. meeting in Dallas.

**Travel Instructor**—Any units having names to submit must enter them before the semi-annual Western District meeting.

**ALL UNITS BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF A WESTERN DISTRICT TRAVEL INSTRUCTOR AT THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING!**

Sokol Omaha will be 90 years old this year.

Bro. Rohde volunteered to contact the Dallas photographer for the possibility of securing a dub of the Slet film.

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#### PACIFIC DISTRICT

**Meeting Held May 13, 1967**

**Correspondence:** Minutes from the following: Sokol Seattle, ASO., Sokolice San Francisco.

**Reports:** Bro. Pokorny read his report of his trip to Fresno.

Sis. Palas and bro. Pokorny will make out the reports for the ASO.

**Meeting Held June 6, 1967**

**Correspondence:** Minutes from the following: ASO. Executive Board, Sokol Fresno, Sokol San Francisco. Financial report of the American Sokol Organization. Sis. Palas' copy of her traveling report, which she sent to ASO.

Secretary will condense bro. Pokorny's reports and mail them to ASO.

In reference to the Sokol Fresno verbal request for instructors to visit their unit every month beginning in September, the District will act on it, when we receive their written request in fall.

#### FROM UNITS IN WESTERN DISTRICT

**Sokol Crete, Nebr.**—Elmer Pomajzl: Classes—17 boys, 9 juniors, 3 men. Gym activities: Weight lifting and hand balancing. Fund raising: Teen dances. Civic affairs: Built float for Wilber Czech Days

**Sbor Sokolek Libuse, Crete, Nebr.**—Fund raising projects: Bingos, catering and concession selling. Social activities: Christmas party, Mother's Day program, program by gym classes, observance of Nebraska Centennial, social bingo after meetings and singing of Czech songs. Masaryk's birthday and prominent Americans.

**Sokolice Omaha**—Blanche Masek: By-laws are in the final stages and will be sent to the printers in a few days. Authorized the sending of four girls to Illinois for a gymnastic meet. Notice of Sokolice Omaha's meetings are shown on T.V. on the days of the meeting. — Sokol and Sokolice try to hold our meetings on the same night every two or three months with a program and refreshments following.

Fund raising projects: Carnival and pork dinner, bingos every Wednesday evening, pancake breakfast. Pictures were in both newspapers, and sis. Pat Lastovica and sis. Blanche Masek made their T.V. debut by going on a conversation program.

**Sokol Omaha**—Heinz Rohde: Activities to promote Sokol and progress of our unit: Exhibition with good newspaper, radio and T.V. publicity. Annual award to the outstanding Omaha high school gymnast. Sent our top gymnasts to clinics and competitions throughout the country. Civic participation: Gymnasts performed for various organizations. Social activities: Combined meetings with Sokolice.

**Sokol and Sokolice Omaha**—Ray Lastovica and Beverly Kilborn: 30 boys, 15 junior boys and 4 men. 70 girls, 29 junior girls, 8 women and 14 keep-fit.

Fund raising: Sold candy bars. Fall—Pork dinner and carnival, chances sold in advance.

Gym social activities: Hayrack ride, Halloween party, annual Christmas program and party.

**South Omaha Sokol Fuegner-Tyrs**—Alfred Swoboda: Activities to promote Sokol and progress of our unit: Repaired retaining wall, new bar in basement, converted heating and constructed flag background on stage. Civic participation: Participated in the legislation of new beer laws and bingo regulations.

Fund raisings: Bingo, renting of hall for various festivities and meetings. Pancake breakfast, concessions during brass band concert.

Participation in civic affairs: Beseda dancing at Hobbyrama and Southroads. — Half-time exhibition at the Omaha Civic Auditorium during Creighton basketball game. Gym social activities: Hayrack ride. A scroll presented to Prof. Dobry when he visited our gym.

Classes—10 jr. boys, 35 boys and 1 man. 65 girls, 22 jr. girls and 1 woman. Gym Club meeting every 4th Monday. Bought new hi-low bars.

**Sokolice Libuse, So. Omaha**—Barbara Swoboda: Activities to promote Sokol and progress of our unit: Joint park picnic, S.A.C. tour and luncheon.

Fund raising: Card party. Sell refreshments at bingos.

# SOKOL GYMNAST

July-August 1967

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## ASO. 1967 MID-SLET COMPETITIONS DALLAS, TEXAS

### JUNIOR BOYS — LOW DIVISION (16 Teams — 102 Individuals)

Teams	
1. SOUTH OMAHA .....	864.9
2. WILBER .....	856.7
3. BROOKFIELD .....	846.2
4. CRETE .....	840.8
5. CEDAR RAPIDS Team #1 .....	835.3
6. CEN. DIST. Team #2 .....	829.6
7. CEDAR RAPIDS Team #2 .....	826.2
8. STICKNEY .....	825.5
9. CEN. DIST. Team #1 .....	820.9
10. BALTIMORE .....	819.0
11. LUD. STUR .....	812.8
12. DETROIT .....	801.6
13. TABOR .....	790.8
14. NOVA VLAST .....	790.5
15. TYRS .....	758.7
16. WEST SUBURBAN .....	634.7

Individuals	
1. John Bruns, Crete (Tie) .....	182.7
1. Mike Sweeny, Stickney (Tie) .....	182.7
2. Robin Simmons, Wilber .....	181.8
3. Allen Kittrell, Cedar Rapids .....	181.3
4. Bill Domansky, Brookfield .....	179.7
5. Paul Ondrus, Stickney .....	179.2
6. Bill Simmons, Wilber .....	176.8
7. Robert Gomez, Little Ferry .....	176.5
8. David Bilek, So. Omaha .....	175.0
9. Craig Vokracka (Cen. Dist. T.) St. Louis .....	174.5
10. Jim Ulrich (Cen. Dist. T.) St. Louis (Tie) .....	174.2
10. Jeff Stillmock, So. Omaha (Tie) .....	174.2

### JUNIOR BOYS — INTERMEDIATE DIVISION (4 Teams — 25 Individuals)

Teams	
1. OMAHA .....	505.7
2. DETROIT .....	481.8
3. FORT WORTH .....	441.8
4. TATRA — MON. ....	431.0

Individuals	
1. John Kocourek, So. Omaha .....	180.8
2. John Nesladek, Slavsky .....	171.3
3. Mike Whalen, Sokol Omaha .....	170.7
4. Laddie Vanal, Havlicek-Tyrs .....	170.3
5. Donald Rangel, Fort Worth .....	167.9
6. Dennis Moen, Omaha .....	167.6
7. Joseph Rayer, Omaha .....	167.4
8. Louis Kohler, Zizka .....	164.0
9. Herman Kopecek, Detroit .....	163.5
10. Greg Sinich, Tatra .....	162.9

### MEN — LOW DIVISION (2 Teams — 20 Individuals)

Teams	
1. BERWYN — CENTRAL .....	913.1
2. NOVA VLAST — NORTHEASTERN ...	888.4

Individuals	
1. Paul Lebloch, Berwyn (Tie) .....	188.0
1. Jerome Jana, Nova Vlast (Tie) .....	188.0
2. Ed Schnabl, Berwyn .....	185.3
3. Elmer Kulousek, Berwyn .....	185.2
4. Allen Crusciel, Nova Vlast .....	182.1
5. Harv Hornik, Lud. Stur .....	181.8
6. Robert Kunc, Nova Vlast .....	181.3
7. Bill Haack, Berwyn .....	180.9
8. Norm Ulrich, St. Louis .....	179.5
9. Bob Lorenz, Stickney .....	178.1
10. Ed Jelinek, Berwyn .....	173.7
11. Robert Pesek, St. Louis .....	173.1
12. Les Udaykee, Berwyn .....	171.7
13. Darrell Netolicky, Cedar Rapids .....	170.2
14. Dale Kotlan, Nova Vlast .....	168.9
15. Don Knight, Nova Vlast .....	168.1
16. Simon Stolarik, Havlicek-Tyrs .....	164.4
17. Bob Newcomer, St. Louis .....	162.9
18. Raymond Webster, Cedar Rapids .....	156.0
19. Lester Bruns, Crete .....	141.9

### MEN — INTERMEDIATE DIVISION (5 Teams — 22 Individuals)

Teams	
1. HAVLICEK-TYRS .....	514.7
2. SOUTHERN DIST. TEAM .....	514.1
3. NORTHEASTERN DIST. TEAM .....	509.5
4. CEDAR RAPIDS .....	478.1
5. ZIZKA .....	469.7

Individuals	
1. Michael Hoskovec, Omaha .....	187.9
2. Don Kotlan, Nova Vlast (N.E. Team) ...	183.9
3. Tom Novak, Cedar Rapids .....	181.6
4. George Basta, Havlicek-Tyrs .....	180.6
5. Vojmir Benak, So. Omaha .....	180.3
6. Don Pulkrab, Cedar Rapids .....	177.2
7. Tom Sotka, Tabor .....	177.0
8. Johnny Busch, Houston (So. Dist. T.) ...	174.2
9. Larry Laznovsky, Ennis (So. Dist. T.) ...	173.4
10. Joseph Ehrenberger, Zizka .....	170.8
11. George Janakis, Little Ferry .....	169.6
12. George Kalas, Havlicek-Tyrs .....	168.4
13. Jerry Bily, Houston (So. Dist. T.) .....	166.5
14. Dan Michalek, Havlicek-Tyrs .....	165.7
15. Jerry Smahay, Detroit (N.E. Team) ...	164.0



## MEN — INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

Apparatus	Place	Name	Sokol	Pts.
Side Horse	1	G. Basta	Hav.-Tyrs, Cen.	27.5
	2	V. Benak	S. Omaha, West.	27.1
	3	M. Hoskovec	Omaha, West.	25.3
Hor. Bar	1	D. Pulkrab	Ced. Rap., West.	27.9
	2	G. Basta	Hav.-Tyrs, Cen.	27.1
	3	M. Hoskovec	Omaha, West.	27.0
Vaulting	1	M. Hoskovec	Omaha, West.	28.4
	2	D. Kotlan	Nova Vlast, N.E.	28.2
	3	D. Mily	Detroit, N.E.	28.2
Rings	1	V. Benak	S. Omaha, West.	27.7
	2	T. Novak	Ced. Rap., West.	27.3
	3	G. Billak	Tatra	27.3
Par. Bars	1	M. Hoskovec	Omaha, West.	27.2
	2	T. Novak	Ced. Rap., West.	26.9
	3	V. Benak	S. Omaha, West.	26.7
Free Ex.	1	J. Busch	Houston, South.	26.3
	2	T. Novak	Ced. Rap., West.	26.2
Tumbling	3	H. Hoskovec	Omaha, West.	25.7

## MEN — HIGH DIVISION

Apparatus	Place	Name	Sokol	Pts.
Side Horse	1	E. Halik Jr.	Slavsky, Cen.	22.8
	2	K. Heidler	Tabor, Cen.	20.6
	3	J. Fedorchak	Tatra	20.2
Hor. Bar	1	J. Fedorchak	Tatra	26.4
	2	J. Taylor	Detroit, N.E.	25.8
	3	K. Heidler	Tabor, Cen.	23.1
Vaulting	1	K. Heidler	Tabor, Cen.	28.0
	2	E. Halik Jr.	Slavsky, Cen.	27.9
	3	J. Fedorchak	Tatra	27.9
Rings	1	J. Fedorchak	Tatra	27.3
	2	E. Halik Jr.	Slavsky, Cen.	24.8
	3	J. Taylor	Detroit, N.E.	22.4
Par. Bars	1	K. Heidler	Tabor, Cen.	24.1
	2	J. Taylor	Detroit, N.E.	23.5
	3	E. Halik Jr.	Slavsky, Cen.	22.5
Free Ex.	1	E. Halik Jr.	Slavsky, Cen.	25.5
	2	J. Fedorchak	Tatra	25.0
Tumbling	3	Ken Heidler	Tabor, Cen.	18.7

### And to conclude the report—

The 1967 Kaleidoscopic Physical Fitness Gymnastic Classic has passed on and another milestone has been inscribed in American Sokol history. This event, originating at the 10th Convention of the American Sokol on June 23, 1965, Chicago, Illinois, was successfully concluded at the Municipal Auditorium in Dallas, Texas, July 16th, 1967.

With the technical staff of the American Sokol as a nucleus for all technical data, the Southern District cooperated by securing all necessary facilities, apparatus, recreation centers, and supplies, and did a magnificent job in arranging the Saturday morning parade thru downtown Dallas. Of special interest, was the huge, 25 story high Sokol emblem, made up of lighted windows in a downtown skyscraper. People approaching Dallas by air were greatly impressed with the sight. It was also visible for many miles on approaching expressways.

For public information, the use of TV, radio, and newspaper coverage was fully utilized. Bro. H. B. Smith of Dallas was successful in arranging newspaper interviews, radio participation on a sports program, and T.V. taping on the Auditorium floor. Texas did an excellent publicity job.

The beginning of the Slet activities was a judges' meeting, held on Wednesday, July 12th, in the Baker Hotel at 6 p.m. Introduced at this time, was a set of new Sokol Tournament Rules, prepared by a joint committee of the American Sokol and Sokol U.S.A. for use by both organizations. For a better approach to our selection of judges, in the future, the technical board will insist that any unit sending in competitors, must also send in competent persons to act as judges.

On Thursday, July 13th, starting at 8 a.m., in the air-conditioned Municipal Auditorium, bro. Roy Zitny, II Asst. Director of the American Sokol, assisted by Larry Laznovsky of the Southern District, conducted the junior boys tournament. Entered in the low division were 16 teams with 102 individuals, our largest turnout. The intermediate division consisted of 4 teams and 25 individuals, and high division totaled 4 individuals.

On Thursday evening at 7 p.m., at the local Y.M.C.A., a double elimination volleyball tournament was held. In charge of this extra activity, was bro. George Kalas.

On Friday, July 14, at 8 p.m., bro. Richard Ptacek, I Asst. Director of the American Sokol, assisted by bro. Walter Hosek, took charge of the senior men's gymnastic competitions. Competing in the low division were 2 teams and 20 individuals, 5 teams with 22 individuals in the intermediate division, and 4 men in the high division.

At 10 o'clock Saturday morning, July 15th, a huge physical fitness parade assembled at the Scottish Rite Temple parking lot and then proceeded thru downtown Dallas. All V.I.P.'s were let off at the Baker Hotel where they reviewed the balance of the floats, guest organizations, and finally the whole Sokol Organization which paraded in district formation. Bringing up the rear was the McKinney Pinto Riding Club on horseback. Groups maintained their formations, and the parade continued to the Memorial Auditorium where they dispersed. Bro. Arnold Vrla, in charge of parade activities, had the full cooperation of the Traffic Division of the Dallas Police Dept.

On Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. the Championship Tournament of men and women, junior boys and girls, was presented to an enthusiastic audience. A colorful opening ceremony preceded presentation of all contestants to the spectators. The men's contests were under the direction of bro. Ed Linhart assisted by bro. Jerry Milan. Head judge of the afternoon was bro. Paul Fina. F.I.G. tournament rules were used throughout the meet.

On Saturday evening at 8 p.m. the presentation of awards was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Adolphus Hotel. Bro. Jerry Milan and sister Sylvia Laznovsky announced the winners of each division for team and individual awards. Sister June Pros and bro. George Kalas awarded the volleyball trophies. Director of Women, sis. Lorraine Zdenek, and Men's Director, bro. Ed Linhart, presented the championship awards. Excitement and enthusiasm

ran high as each trophy and medal was presented to the winner.

Another extra for our Dallas Slet was the procurement and awarding of the A.A.U. Olympic Development Medals. These were separate awards, in addition to the all around medals for each division. They consisted of 3 placements on each apparatus in each division. A total of 108 medals was awarded to men and junior boys, and 105 to women and junior girls.

All 6 districts of the American Sokol, together with their directors, were represented at the festivities. Guest organization, Sokol USA, was led by Directors bro. Al Walko and sis. Christine Kerekes.

All tabulating for the men's tournament was under the direction of sis. Mae Linhart, ably assisted all three days by sisters June Pros, Marie Ptacek, and Val Zitny. Others assisting in various ways were: sisters Jeri Domansky, Rose Sladek, Ann Svec, Albina Cermak, Louise Chott, Ann Basta, and bro. Jerry Michalek of the Central District, and sisters Bo Drozda, Bernice Cahoj, Sharon Spina, Diane Woodhouse, and Betty Petrzalek of the Western District.

At 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoon the final activities of the 1967 Mid-Slet were unfolded. With a grand assembly of officers, guests, dancing units, and gymnasts from all classes the auditorium floor was filled with participants. Bro. Paul Lebloch, arranger for mass assembly, made the area a pageant of color with flags, costumes, and uniforms. As the program continued, the audience was more and more appreciative of the spectacle presented. Bro. Joseph Pokladnik, President of the Southern District, announced and presented each number and guest to the assembly. Included in the program

were calisthenics of all classes, with a special number from a group of old guard Sokols led by bro. Frank Prihoda. In the children's calisthenics were a group of 23 boys and 42 girls. The old guard Sokols numbered 16 men and 17 women, from St. Louis and Los Angeles. The junior girls, covering the whole floor, counted 268. The women participants numbered 171. The final number of men and boys had 123 junior boys and 105 men performing. All numbers were well performed and the audience responded. The Czechoslovak Beseda was performed with 11 circles in beautiful costumes. A trampoline demonstration was presented by Dave Jacobs, world's trampoline champion. The winners of the respective divisions and new champions displayed their abilities on the various apparatus. With the conclusion of men's and junior boys' calisthenics, the Czechoslovak Legionnaires color guard retired the colors and the Kaleidoscopic Physical Fitness Gymnastic Classic came to a fitting end. Conducting the Slet orchestra was bro. Cyril Pokladnik of Dallas, with a splendid group of musicians.

I regret to say that the audience participation was small. The Municipal Auditorium was an ideal site with air conditioning, and seating arrangements, and the viewing was of the best; only the viewers were absent. Another regretful incident was the stealing of three SOKOL SLET FLAGS which were draped over the balcony. If anyone knows of their whereabouts, please inform me.

I wish to thank all District Directors and the technical staff for their full cooperation, and all members of our National Board of Instructors for their continuous assistance.

Nazdar!

ED LINHART, ASO. Director of Men

## KALEIDOSCOPIC PHYSICAL FITNESS GYMNASTIC CLASSIC - DALLAS, TEXAS - JULY, 1967

### REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF WOMEN

Upon our arrival in Dallas on Friday, July 7, sis. Schnabl and I attended the regular classes at Sokol Zizka and there met with bro. Milan, who gave us late information on several subjects pertaining to our competition. We also met with him and sis. Laznovsky the following Tuesday for discussion.

Sunday, July 9, sis. Schnabl and I finalized our preparations, prepared the agenda for the judges' meeting, etc.

First event on the Kaleidoscopic Physical Fitness Gymnastic Classic agenda was the judges' meeting on Wednesday, July 12, at 6:00 P.M., which was called to order by bro. Roy Zitny, 1st assistant Director of Men, and after introductions all around, several points of the new Competition Rules were discussed, rehearsal schedule and change of site of awards presentation were announced. The men's and women's departments then parted to hold separate meetings.

During the women's meeting, division referees were introduced, roll call of judges and officials, substitutions of judges were made. All competition exercises were discussed as to correctness and possible deviations. Calisthenics to be used were

announced and discussed. General instructions to judges were reviewed. Board of Appeals members for the meet were named. Serving were: Sisters M. Ptacek, C. Dunovsky, A. Halik (alternate), S. Laznovsky, B. Drozda, A. Hantl (alternate) and Zdenek. Also discussed were: duties of head judges, uniforms, and line-ups for calisthenics on Sunday. Meeting of Championship judges and officials followed.

JUNIOR COMPETITIONS: Sister Ellen Jeanne Schnabl was division referee. There were 27 judges representing: Eastern Dist., 7; Northeastern Dist., 6; Central Dist., 3; Western Dist., 7; Southern Dist., 3; Sokol USA, 1.

In Low "B" division: 27 individuals and 3 teams; in Low "A" division: 149 competitors and 22 teams; in Intermediate division: 64 contestants and 17 teams; High division: 28 competitors and 6 teams participating.

SENIOR COMPETITIONS: Sis. Jeri Krizenecky was division referee. 19 judges representing: Eastern Dist., 1; N.E. Dist., 6; Central Dist., 1; Western Dist., 4; Southern Dist., 4; Pacific Dist., 2; Sokol USA, 1.

In Low division: 18 individuals and 2 teams; In-

intermediate division: 22 individuals and 4 teams; High division: 11 individuals and 2 teams participating.

**VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT:** Sis. June Pros headed this tournament. 8 teams participated, with Sokol Houston winning first place. Women from the Y.W.C.A., who are nationally registered to referee tournaments governed by U.S.V.B. rules, were officials.

**CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS:** Sis. Lorraine Zdenek was division referee, sis. Sylvia Laznovsky, head judge. Judges were: Sis. Christine Kerekes, Director of Women, Sokol USA, sis. Norma Zabka, Eastern Dist., sis. Henrietta Milan, Southern Dist., sis. Mili Udaykee and E. J. Schnabl, Central Dist.

15 contestants participated in junior girls' division, representing Sokol USA and the Southern, Western and Central Districts. 3 contestants in women's division, representing Sokol USA and the Western District.

Preceding each division of competition, the NUMBERS COMMITTEE was on board, to register competitors and give out numbers. This committee was headed by sis. Dunovsky. Competitors' numbers, which were in the shape of the map of the State of Texas, were a gift to the wearer by the Southern District. These made a very nice souvenir.

During the course of the competitions there were several injuries, mostly minor strains and sprains of an ankle, one wrenched knee, one twisted back, which recovered after a short rest, and one dislocated elbow, suffered by a low division junior girl from the Western District.

The Board of Appeals was called into session only once, and the decision of the judges was upheld.

The Tabulating Committee was conducted by sis. Anne Halik, with the assistance of: Sisters Bea Dorchek, Marie Janousek, Vlasta Kazda, Frances DeRudder, Susie Ritzman, Laurie Coyne, Mili Udaykee, E. J. Schnabl, Lor. Zdenek, and Carol Rybarik, who reported each morning at 8:00 A.M. and stayed with it throughout the competition. They are all to be commended for an excellent job well done.

**PARADE:** The parade formed under sunny skies, with temperatures in the mid-80's. It was an impressive parade, beautifully planned. It formed at the Scottish Rite Temple and proceeded down the Main Street of Dallas, past the reviewing stand at the Baker Hotel and on to the Memorial Auditorium.

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:** Presentation of awards was made at the Adolphus Hotel Grand Ball Room at 8:00 P.M. on Saturday. Here I was assisted by sisters Schnabl and Halik. Excitement ran high, there were shouts and tears of joy and a general atmosphere of happiness and glee. Also

awarded that night were the Olympic Development Medals which are provided by the A.A.U.

**REHEARSAL:** Rehearsal, which was preceded by a meeting of leaders of all divisions, began on schedule and went well. Following was a short meeting with the district directors to discuss uniforms, our new source, and several changes which will be made. All changes, as well as the tentative price list, were approved.

**THE SLET:** As the assembly parade poured through the main entrance, spectators saw a panorama of 13 American, 1 Czechoslovak, 21 unit and district and the ASO. flags leading. Immediately following were the President and Directors of the ASO.; members of the ASO. Executive Board; Directors of Sokol USA and members of their Executive Branch; beautifully costumed dancers, 88 in all, who later danced the Czech Beseda, and gymnasts: children, junior boys and girls, men and women, 765 of them.

As the program progressed, the audience witnessed the second class calisthenics, which were rewritten by sis. Halik, performed by 23 boys and 42 girls; special calisthenics, written by bro. Frank Prihoda, performed by Old Guard Sokols, 16 men and 17 women; apparatus performances by Slet competition division winners and later by our champions. 268 junior girls performed beautifully calisthenics composed by sis. Zdenka Tintera, who would have been very pleased and proud to witness the solid mass of girls in unison. 171 women in three columns also did a splendid job of their calisthenics, composed by sis. Mildred Prchal. We missed them both. There was a group of Southern District children tumbling, and very well, too; a trampoline demonstration highlighted by the appearance of Dave Jacobs, world's trampoline champion. Closing the program were calisthenics performed by 105 men and 123 junior boys, finishing with a beautiful pyramid. Closing ceremony included the singing of "God Bless America" by the audience and retiring of colors by the Czech Legionnaires.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:** To bro. Milan and sis. Laznovsky and their Board of Instructors, to the members of the Southern District whose preparations made our work go so easily, the ASO. Board of Instructors, District Directors, judges, officials, tabulators; bro. Halik, who served as timer for championships, the men who graciously consented to judge the vaulting event in championships; bro. Linhart, always cooperative; bro. Cyril Pokladnik and the musicians who did such a splendid job with all our music, and last but not least, to my right hand, sis. Schnabl, for all the extra hours of work; **TO ALL OF YOU**, my thanks for your cooperation and help, which made this Mid-Slet and competitions the success they were.

LORRAINE ZDENEK

**WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP**

Place	Name	Unit & District	Points
1.	Ellen Babushka,	Lodge #12, Sokol USA..	274.8
2.	Barbara Moonis,	#46 MCT, Sokol USA...	274.7
3.	Linda Burghardt,	Omaha, Western.....	262.2

**JUNIOR GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP**

Place	Name	Unit & District	Points
1.	Laurie Harris,	Zizka, Southern.....	274.2

2.	Cheryl Perozzi,	Tatra, Sokol USA.....	262.5
3.	Betty Cieply,	Tatra, Sokol USA.....	260.1
4.	Karen Cieply,	Tatra, Sokol USA.....	259.2
5.	Shelley Cale,	Zizka, Southern.....	258.6
6.	Bunny Buckingham,	Omaha, Western....	249.4

**HIGH DIVISION WOMEN'S AWARDS**

Place	Name	Unit & District	Points
1.	Marie Foltyn,	Tabor, Central.....	154.5

2. Lily Jo Vesely, Slavsky, Central.....	149.3
3. Anne Cermak, Tabor, Central.....	148.7
4. Roberta Sagor, Omaha, Western.....	140.3
5. Janice Krejci, Omaha, Western.....	138.8

**HIGH DIVISION JUNIOR GIRLS AWARDS**

Place	Name	Unit & District	Points
1.	Alice Kohl,	Tyrs, Northeastern.....	162.9
2.	Pamela Chilla,	Lud. Stur, Sokol USA....	162.1
3.	Lea Nesnadny,	Tyrs, Northeastern.....	162.0
4.	Cookie Boor,	Lud. Stur, Sokol USA....	159.9
5.	Barbara Svec,	Houston, Southern.....	152.4

**WOMEN — HIGH DIVISION**  
(July 14, 1967)**Teams**

Place	Unit & District	Points
1.	OMAHA — WESTERN .....	444.4
2.	TABOR — CENTRAL .....	439.1

**Individuals**

Place	Name	Unit & District	Points
1.	Barbara Moonis, #46 MCT,	Sokol USA....	168.2
2.	Ellen Babushka, #12,	Sokol USA.....	168.1
3.	Linda Burghardt,	Omaha, Western.....	165.3
4.	Marie Foltyn,	Tabor, Central.....	154.5
5.	Lily Jo Vesely,	Slavsky, Central.....	149.3
6.	Anne Cermak,	Tabor, Central.....	148.7

**WOMEN — INTERMEDIATE DIVISION****Teams**

Place	Unit & District	Points
1.	OMAHA — WESTERN .....	470.9
2.	CENTRAL DIST. — CENTRAL .....	459.3
3.	DETROIT — N.E. ....	452.9
4.	NOVA VLAST — N.E. ....	413.0

**Individuals**

Place	Name	Unit & District	Points
1.	Jane Mastny,	Tyrs, Northeastern.....	161.9
2.	Sharon Schulte,	Omaha, Western .....	160.6
3.	Alicia Prusa,	Berwyn, Central.....	160.3
4.	Mary Ann Kerr,	Detroit, Northeastern...	159.5
5.	Kathy Soltis,	Tyrs, Northeastern.....	157.8
6.	Sharon Spina,	Ren. Tyrs, Western.....	157.1

**WOMEN — LOW DIVISION**  
**Teams**

Place	Unit & District	Points
1.	LITTLE FERRY — EASTERN .....	738.8
2.	CENTRAL DIST. — CENTRAL .....	717.6

**Individuals**

Place	Name	Unit & District	Points
1.	Georgia Jencik,	Cech-Hav., N.E.....	162.5
2.	Sue Basta,	Brookfield, Central.....	158.2
3.	Cathie Kerekes,	Mon. Valy, Sokol USA..	154.7
4.	Christine Tuma,	Little Ferry, Eastern....	153.6
5.	Janice Pazdernik,	St. Louis, Central.....	151.0
6.	Nancy Stoff,	Little Ferry, Eastern.....	150.4

**JUNIOR GIRLS — HIGH DIVISION**  
(July 13, 1967)**Teams**

Place	Unit & District	Points
1.	TATRA — SOKOL USA .....	492.9
2.	ZIZKA — SOUTHERN .....	492.7
3.	LUD. STUR — SOKOL USA .....	486.5
4.	RENATA TYRS — WESTERN .....	469.6
5.	OMAHA — WESTERN .....	466.3
6.	TYRS — NORTHEASTERN .....	450.7

**Individuals**

Place	Name	Unit & District	Points
1.	Laurie Harris,	Zizka, Southern.....	168.2
2.	Cheryl Perozi,	Tatra, Sokol USA.....	165.7
3.	Carol Augustyn,	L. Stur, Sokol USA....	164.5
4.	Karen Cieply,	Tatra, Sokol USA.....	164.4
5.	Mary Hayes,	Zizka, Southern.....	163.8
6.	Alice Kohl,	Tyrs, Northeastern.....	162.9

6 teams — 28 individuals.

**JUNIOR GIRLS — INTERMEDIATE DIVISION**  
**Teams**

Place	Unit & District	Points
1.	ZIZKA — SOUTHERN .....	466.7
2.	LITTLE FERRY — EASTERN .....	465.1
3.	SOUTH OMAHA — WESTERN .....	464.1
4.	DETROIT — NORTHEASTERN .....	458.6
5.	LUD. STUR, S.G.U.S. ....	450.5
6.	TABOR — CENTRAL .....	441.4
7.	ENNIS — SOUTHERN .....	437.2
8.	RENATA TYRS I — WESTERN .....	436.6
9.	CENTRAL DIST. — CENTRAL .....	432.3
10.	SLAVSKY — CENTRAL .....	423.0
11.	DETROIT — N.E. ....	419.4
12.	OMAHA — WESTERN .....	419.0
13.	TABOR — CENTRAL .....	416.9
14.	TATRA — S.G.U.S. ....	414.5
15.	NOVA VLAST — N.E. ....	412.2
16.	NOVA VLAST — N.E. ....	388.7
17.	RENATA TYRS II — WESTERN .....	379.4

**Individuals**

Place	Name	Unit & District	Points
1.	Janet Janakis,	Little Ferry, Eastern....	163.5
2.	Phyllis Svoboda,	S. Omaha, Western.....	162.0
3.	Becky Smith,	Zizka, Southern.....	158.8
4.	Janet Smith,	Zizka, Southern.....	157.6
5.	Vlasta Novacek,	Detroit, Northeastern...	157.5
6.	Darlene Patak,	Ennis, Southern.....	156.9

17 teams — 64 individuals.

**JUNIOR GIRLS — LOW DIVISION "A"**  
**Teams**

Place	Unit & District	Points
1.	DIST. L. STUR — SOKOL USA .....	776.4
2.	WEST SUBURBAN — CENTRAL .....	776.0
3.	WILBER — WESTERN .....	774.9
4.	TYRS — NORTHEASTERN .....	757.0
5.	LITTLE FERRY — EASTERN .....	756.8
6.	TABOR — CENTRAL .....	754.6
7.	CLEVELAND-CECH-HAV., N.E. ....	753.2
8.	OMAHA — WESTERN .....	748.3
9.	SO. OMAHA — WESTERN .....	747.3
10.	DIST. TEAM #1 — CENTRAL .....	744.0
11.	WEST SUBURBAN — CENTRAL .....	741.2
12.	BALTIMORE — EASTERN .....	739.4
13.	DETROIT — NORTHEASTERN .....	737.3
14.	LIBUSE-CRETE — WESTERN .....	736.4
15.	ST. LOUIS — CENTRAL .....	734.5
16.	BERWYN — CENTRAL .....	733.2
17.	STICKNEY — CENTRAL .....	726.1
18.	TYRS — NORTHEASTERN .....	718.0
19.	BROOKFIELD — CENTRAL .....	692.0
20.	FORT WORTH — SOUTHERN .....	657.0
21.	ENNIS — SOUTHERN .....	607.9
22.	NOVA VLAST — NORTHEASTERN ..	595.5

**Individuals**

Place	Name	Unit & District	Points
1.	Denise Minarik,	S. Omaha, Western.....	162.2

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## A.A.U. Olympic Development Program Awards at the American Sokol Dallas Mid-Slet – July 16, 1967

### WOMEN — HIGH DIVISION

Apparatus	Place	Name	Sokol
Vaulting	1	B. Moonis	MCT, Sokol USA
	2	S. Moody	Tyrs, N.E.
	3	E. Babuska	Hodza, S. USA
Rings	1	E. Babuska	Sokol USA
	2	J. Krejci	Omaha, West.
	3	B. Moonis	Sokol USA
Par. Bars Unevens	1	L. Burghardt	Omaha, West.
	2	S. Moody	Tyrs, N.E.
	3	E. Babuska	Sokol USA
Free Ex.	1	E. Babuska	Sokol USA
	2	L. Burghardt	Omaha, West.
	3	S. Moody	Tyrs, N.E.
Bal. Beam	1	E. Babuska	Sokol USA
	2	L. Burghardt	Omaha, West.
	3	M. Foltyn	Tabor, Cen.

Par. Bars Unevens	1	C. Augustyn	L. Stur, S. USA
	2	K. Cieply	Tatra, Sokol USA
	3	Buckingham	Omaha, West.
Free Ex.	1	L. Harris	Zizka, South.
	2	D. Foster	Ft. Worth, So.
	3	K. Cieply	Tatra, Sokol USA
Bal. Beam	1	L. Harris	Zizka, South.
	2	L. Nesnadny	Tyrs, N.E.
	3	C. Augustyn	L. Stur, S. USA

### JUNIOR GIRLS INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

### WOMEN — INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

Apparatus	Place	Name	Sokol
Vaulting	1	K. Soltis	Tyrs, N.E.
	2	D. Wood	R. Tyrs, West.
	3	L. Predovic	Tabor, Cen.
Rings	1	S. Shulte	Omaha, West.
	2	B. Cahoy	Omaha, West.
	3	L. Stazka	Omaha, West.
Par. Bars Unevens	1	S. Shulte	Omaha, West.
	2	J. Mastny	Tyrs, N.E.
	3	M. A. Kerr	Detroit, N.E.
Free Ex.	1	S. Shulte	Omaha, West.
	2	J. Mastny	Tyrs, N.E.
	3	B. Cahoy	Omaha, West.
Bal. Beam	1	J. Mastny	Tyrs, N.E.
	2	L. Stazka	Omaha, West.
	3	M. A. Kerr	Detroit, N.E.

Apparatus	Place	Name	Sokol
Vaulting	1	P. Svoboda	S. Omaha, West.
	2	T. Fochek	Omaha, West.
	3	J. Janakis	L. Ferry, East.
Rings	1	C. Looch	Ft. Worth, So.
	2	J. Janakis	L. Ferry, East.
	3	D. Minarik	S. Omaha, West.
Par. Bars Unevens	1	K. Hitzel	L. Stur, S. USA
	2	P. Hammack	Ennis, South.
	3	P. Fish	Zizka, South.
Free Ex.	1	J. Smith	Zizka, South.
	2	B. Smith	Zizka, South.
	3	A. Iverson	L. Stur, S. USA
Bal. Beam	1	J. Smith	Zizka, South.
	2	P. Svoboda	S. Omaha, West.
	3	K. Hitzel	L. Stur, S. USA

### JUNIOR GIRLS — LOW "A" DIVISION

### WOMEN — LOW DIVISION

Apparatus	Place	Name	Sokol
Vaulting	1	J. Pazdernik	St. Louis, Cen.
	2	B. Bohinic	Tyrs, N.E.
	3	G. Jencik	Cech-Hav., N.E.
Rings	1	N. Stoff	L. Ferry, East.
	2	G. Jencik	Cech-Hav., N.E.
	3	S. Basta	Brookfield, Cen.
Par. Bars Unevens	1	G. Jencik	Cech-Hav., N.E.
	2	J. Frazier	L. Ferry, East.
	3	C. Kerekes	Tatra, Sokol USA
Free Ex.	1	C. Kerekes	Tatra, Sokol USA
	2	G. Jencik	Cech-Hav., N.E.
	3	B. Bohinic	Tyrs, N.E.
Bal. Beam	1	G. Jencik	Cech-Hav., N.E.
	2	C. Kerekes	Tatra, Sokol USA
	3	A. Benda	L. Ferry, East.

Apparatus	Place	Name	Sokol
Vaulting	1	J. Vachulka	Cleveland, N.E.
	2	A. Warta	Wilber, West.
	3	C. Aksamit	Wilber, West.
Rings	1	F. Shour	Baltimore, East.
	2	H. Peroutka	Tabor, Cen.
	3	P. Bertino	W. Subur., Cen.
Par. Bars Unevens	1	L. Stanko	L. Stur, S. USA
	2	M. Hracek	Stickney, Cen.
	3	D. Dubina	L. Stur, S. USA
Free Ex.	1	D. Minarik	S. Omaha, West.
	2	S. Mostenan	L. Stur, S. USA
	3	E. Szatanski	L. Ferry, East.
Bal. Beam	1	M. Hracek	Stickney, Cen.
	2	J. Jasek	Tyrs, N.E.
	3	D. Minarik	S. Omaha, West.

### JUNIOR GIRLS — LOW "B" DIVISION

### JUNIOR GIRLS — HIGH DIVISION

Apparatus	Place	Name	Sokol
Vaulting	1	L. Nesnadny	Tyrs, N.E.
	2	C. Perozzi	Tatra, Sokol USA
	3	B. Cieply	Tatra, Sokol USA
Rings	1	M. Hayes	Zizka, South.
	2	C. Perozzi	Tatra, Sokol USA
	3	K. Petersen	Omaha, West.

Apparatus	Place	Name	Sokol
Vaulting	1	M. Cesel	Stickney, Cen.
	2	G. Stadelman	St. Louis, Cen.
	3	M. Peterson	L. Stur, S. USA
Par. Bars Unevens	1	K. Prazen	S. Omaha, West.
	2	N. Weissman	S. Omaha, West.
	3	G. Stadelman	St. Louis, Cen.
Free Ex.	1	C. Kiroff	Detroit, N.E.
	2	J. Swasko	Slavsky, Cen.
	3	C. Petrzelka	Houston, South.
Bal. Beam	1	C. Kiroff	Detroit, N.E.
	2	M. Zlomek	Detroit, N.E.
	3	G. Svagera	S. Omaha, West.

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2. Marcy Hracek, Stickney, Central.....	161.4
3. Pat Bertino, West Suburban, Central....	160.1
4. Chris Aksamit, Wilber, Western.....	159.6
5. Mary Jo Fisher, St. Paul, Western.....	158.9
6. Janis Roti, Tabor, Central.....	158.8

22 teams — 149 individuals.

**JUNIOR GIRLS — LOW DIVISION "B"****Teams**

Place	Unit & District	Points
1.	STICKNEY — CENTRAL .....	570.4

2. ST. LOUIS — CENTRAL .....	529.1
3. CENTRAL DIST. — CENTRAL .....	506.3

**Individuals**

Place	Name	Unit & District	Points
1.	Karen Prazen, S. Omaha, Western.....		128.6
2.	Carol Kiroff, Detroit, Northeastern.....		128.1
3.	Gale Svagera, S. Omaha, Western.....		126.8
4.	Nancy Weissman, S. Omaha, Western....		126.5
5.	Gail Stadelman, St. Louis, Central.....		121.6
6.	Mary Susmilch, Stickney, Central.....		121.4

3 teams — 27 individuals.

**Women's Pan-American Trials, Minneapolis, Minn.**

Sixteen gymnasts participated in the double competitions for selection of the team to represent the United States at the Pan-American Games in Winnipeg, Canada, July 24th to 28th: Debbie Bailey, Oklahoma City; Kathy Carroll, Oklahoma City; Karen Galloway, Fair Oaks, Calif.; Kathy Gleason, Buffalo, New York; Carolyn Hacker, Westport, Connecticut; Joanne Hashimoto, Carbondale, Illinois; Marcia Hunter, Ft. Myers, Florida; Karen Lively, Shreveport, Louisiana; Linda Metheny, Tuscola, Illinois; Donna Schaenzer, Carbondale, Illinois; Joyce Tanac, Seattle; Mary Toth, Carbondale, Illinois; Marie Walther, Lakewood, Ohio; Sue Rogers, Sally Espe, Mary Ann Woolner. Kathy Gleason, who had placed 1st in the Natchitoches, Louisiana, AAU. competitions, suffered an ankle injury during training, that eliminated her from the trials.

All participants were housed in the University of Minnesota dormitories as were the judges and all other sports participants. The housing furnished to all groups was very comfortable. All gymnasts paid their own transportation but food and housing were provided.

Final trials consisted of two complete rounds with scores totaled. Thursday, July 7, at 1:00 P.M. Compulsory Exercises on Balance Beam and Vault; at

7:00 P.M. Uneven Parallel Bars and Floor Exercise. July 8, Optional Exercises with same schedule as Thursday, but squads rotated. Saturday, July 9, Compulsory Exercises with same schedule as Thursday. Sunday, July 10, Optional Exercises, same schedule as Thursday.

Head judges were Erna Wachtel, Chairman of Technical Committee, and Janet Bachna.

Judges: Delene Gifford, Carroll Tibbles, Nancy Kotsch, Gail Daley, Mildred Prchal, Louise Engstrom (only compulsories), Marge Whitman, Roe Kreutzer.

A judges' meeting was held upon arrival on Wednesday, July 6th. Miss Wachtel stated that the new F.I.G. Rules only require 5 judges—not 5 plus a superior. She also passed out mimeographed tests regarding aspects of judging. Questions were read and discussed. Judges' sessions were conducted before each session of competitions.

Results: 1. Linda Metheny, 2. Joyce Tanac, 3. Carolyn Hacker, 4. Donna Schaenzer, 5. Debbie Bailey, 6. Marie Walther.

Coach: Muriel Grossfeld, Manager: Dick Mulvihill.

Results of the Pan-American Games will be reported in the next issue. —mp.—

MILDRED PRCHAL:

**SENIOR WOMEN PREPARATION EXERCISES**

(Continued)

**NO. 8**

Closeleg seat support, hands on floor back of hips.

1. Bend frontleg.
  2. Stretch high frontleg.
  - 3.-4. Slowly lower to stradleg seat support.
- Repeat.

**NO. 9**

Lie on back closeleg—sidearm, palms on floor.

- I. 1. High bent frontleg right.
  - 2.-3. Slowly stretch right to high frontleg.
  - 4., 5., 6. Slowly close right.
- II. = I. Opposite.

Repeat a few times.

**NO. 10**

Closeheel stand—closearm.

- I. 1. Frontleg left—sidearm.
  2. Swing left rearleg—uparm.
  3. Swing left high frontleg—sidearm.
  4. Close left—closearm.
- Reverse and repeat all 2 more times.

**NO. 11**

- I. 1.-4. Rise to halftoe—uparm sideway—IN-HALE.
  - II. 1.-4. Lower to closeheel stand—closearm—EX-HALE.
- Repeat.

**Sokol Wilber**—Frank Kucera, Jr.: Activities to promote Sokol and progress of our unit: Completed new elevator connecting the upstairs kitchen and basement kitchen. Fund raisings: Polka dances, bingos.

Civic activities: Dances sponsored by our community churches are held in our hall. Sokol Wilber donated \$500 toward a room full of furniture in the new Wilber Nursing Home. Donated \$100 to the Wilber Nebr. Czechs, and donated \$50 to the Wilber Czech Museum.

Classes—21 boys, 8 juniors and 1 man. 31 girls and 12 juniors. Beseda dancing twice a month.

**Sokol St. Paul**—Laura Jansen: Classes—6 men, 5 juniors, 21 boys. Girls—13 tots, 44 girls, 11 juniors and 9 women.

Fund raisings: Rummage and bake sale. Teen Gym Club. Spaghetti supper and exhibition.

## Odešel nám Frank Švampera.

Jako úder blesku zapůsobila na nás smutná zpráva, že v Pardubicích v ČSR. v tamní nemocnici, zemřel v sobotu 24. června, jednatel Sokola Havlíček-Tyrš a člen Výkonného Výboru Americké Obce Sokolské Frank Švampera. Nikdo z nás nechtěl tomu uvěřit. Vždyť ještě před odjezdem k návštěvě maminky a příbuzných v jeho rodné vlasti byl plně zdravý a svěží a dělal si plány co ještě vykoná pro svoji jednotu a sokolství po svém návratu. Ovšem takové jsou cesty osudu.



Frank Švampera narodil se v Hnidoušově u Kladna 6. září 1899. Do USA. přijel v roce 1923 a ihned též rok vstoupil do Sokola Havlíček-Tyrš. Velela mu tak jeho důkladná sokolská průprava a výchova, provázející ho z domova a láska k české věci. Zapořil se s plným nadšením do sokolské práce v jednotě a svoji pracovitostí, ukázněností a láskou k sokolské věci, brzy si získal velké obliby a uznání. Po řadu let byl členem cvičitelského sboru, byl náčelníkem, jednatel, starostou a opět jednatel, po řadu let delegátem do župy a pro dvě období byl zvolen do Výkonného Výboru AOS. Prošel velkou řadou funkcí. Všude se uplatnil a vykonal velký kus práce a všude jej měli pro jeho milou povahu rádi. Jeho vlastenectví a příkladná láska k české věci vedly jej také k rozsáhlé práci v Čes-

kém národním sdružení za druhé světové války, ve snaze pomoci k nové svobodě jeho rodné zemi.

Jeho práce a činnost pro sokolskou jednotu Havlíček-Tyrš a sokolskou a českou věc vůbec těžko se dá vyčíslit a vypsát v těchto několika řádcích. Měl sokolství ve svém srdci i duši a plně jim žil. Neznal překážek ani únavy a potíží, šlo-li o práci v Sokole. Svým sokolským a vlasteneckým nadšením byl často příkladem nám všem. Odešel dobrý sokol a věrný syn svého národa. Buďte nám chybět a budeme jej postrádat v naší sokolské práci. S vděčností a láskou budeme jej vzpomínat. Čest budíž jeho památce.

J. R.

## Frank Guča.

Ze Sokola Říp, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, přišla zpráva, že nelitostná smrt skosila život bratra Franka Guči, pokladníka jednoty.

Sokolstvu dával svůj zápal i nadšení a pevnou rukou vedl dlouhá, dlouhá léta otěže finanční stránky jednoty.

Sestrám i bratrům bylo smutno, když při posledním rozloučení děkovali mu za jeho velikou lásku, práci a odanost k jednotě a její štěstí.

Vytrvalá, nenáročná a význačná sokolská činnost jeho nesla se vždy pravým duchem vlasteneckým.

Čest jeho památce!

kmp.

## Jos. F. Mřížek.

30. července vydechl navosled br. Jos. F. Mřížek. Dožil se 78 roků a téměř 60 let byl členem sokolského bratrstva. Nejdříve Sokola Slávoje, jedné z nejčinnějších jednot Župy Fuegner-Tyršovy, po spojení jednoty se Sokolem Tábor Slovanské Lípy, obou v tehdy české osadě Merigold, členem spojené jednoty a konečně po splnutí této jednoty se Sokolem Oak Park členem v dnešním Sokole Tábor v Berwyn.

V mladších letech byl dobrým cvičencem a spolehlivým činovníkem. V posledních letech nepřicházel často mezi nás, ale jevil stále vřelý zájem o život jednoty a osudy Amerického Sokolstva.

Byl úspěšným stavitelem a váženým občanem. Dvacet let byl členem rady vyšší školy Morton a Morton Junior koleje. 16 roků zastával zde úřad tajemníka.

Zbývá po něm čestná vzpomínka.

kmp.

## Frank G. Nosek.

11. června 1967, ve stáří 67 roků, zemřel člen Sokola Tábor, br. Frank G. Nosek. Byl známým pohrobíkem a za více, než 40 roků mnoho sester a bratří připravil na cestu poslední.

Narozen v Chicagu — byl dlouhá léta členem Sokola. Pochopil význam sokolské výchovy a podporoval svoji jednotu a její podniky.

Buďte ho dlouho vzpomínáno. Necht' je mu země lehkou.

kmp.

## Ze Sokola Mladoch, Racine, Wis.

Náš sokolský svátek "Veřejné cvičení" je za námi. Byl připraven ku spokojenosti nás všech.

Vedoucí si zasluhují uznání za vykonanou práci, kterou nelze jen lehce přehlédnout. Čas, věnovaný našimi učiteli věci sokolské není možno ničím a nikým nahradit.

Příjemné jest sedět v hledišti a sledovat číslo za číslem, dle programu vypracovaného učiteli, jak jsem měl příležitost sám tentokrát učinit — bez vlastního přičinění, vlastní námahy. Mládež, dorost, ženy, muže a starou gardu. Jaký v tom rozdíl, nebýt na jevišti, ale mezi obecenstvem! A vidím, že naši cvičitelé pochopili sokolskou ideu; někteří již po léta plní své povinnosti, cestou vývoje, cestou stálého bratrského poučování připoutávají nové členy k našemu snažení. Povzbuzují je k obětavé národní práci a k poznání morálky: "Co činiš, činiš pro ideu sokolskou, pro budoucnost národa, nikoliv jen pro sebe v přítomnosti." Ideální spolupráce sokolských cvičenců pomáhá udržet národ zdravý a silný.

Účast obecenstva byla veliká. Měl jsem příležitost stisknouti ruku a pohovořit se starostou AOS. br.

Stan. Barcalem, Karlem Prchalem, nyní redaktorem "Amerického Sokola", s bratry a sestrami z Milwaukee, Slovenského Sokola z Racina a Kenosha. Naši hosté se netajili uznáním. Každé číslo bylo přijato radostně a odměněno dlouho trvajícím potlesekem.

Starosta, br. James J. Fetek, měl pěkný proslav o sokolské historii a upřímně vítal všechny přítomné. Představil také oba činovníky Obce, kteří svými projevy se zapsali do srdcí všech.

Nyní jsme připraveni na slet župy Střední v Chicagu a mezislet AOS. v Dallas, Texas. Čas plyne jako voda, přichází prázdniny a pak znovu se snahou a pevnou vůlí do nové radostné práce!

Ještě jednou: Díky vedoucím za námahu a čas cvičení věnovaný. Bud' Vám útěchou a odměnou: vše dopadlo dobře. Pochválena bud' i stará garda, že dále cvičí a zůstává věrna odkazu zesnulého našeho starosty, bratra Josefa Fetka.

Máme výborný a silný cvičitelský sbor. Jsme naň hrdi. Doufáme, že neopustí mládež, dorost i žactvo a povedou je dále vzletem sokolím!

Nazdar!

Jos. Kučera.

## Sister Marcia Swoboda 1967 Wilber Czech Queen

A wonderful honor was bestowed upon sis. Marcia Swoboda on Saturday, July 29, 1967, when she was crowned the 1967 Czech Queen of Wilber, Nebr. Marcia competed with four other young ladies who were from Lincoln, DeWitt, Tecumseh and Crete. She is a member of Sbor Sokolice Libuse, South Omaha, Nebraska.

The judging was based on accomplishments, a talent performance, personality, poise and the contestant's Czech costume.

Marcia created her own Czech costume. Her admiration for her Czech heritage was expressed in the many hours of sewing, and especially in the lovely handwork.

Her talent number was a Czech pantomime and tap dance number which was executed to perfection.

Marcia's activities at South High School included the Girls Drill Team, Band, Orchestra, Woodwind Quintet, Portia Club, President NCO Club, Secretary Officers Club, Orchestra Council, Majorette, Latin Club, Debate, All-City Band, All-City Or-

chestra, Sun Columnist, Homecoming, May Fete, Miss NCO, Polka Band, Gym Club, Teen Scene Reporter, Boulder, Colorado competition meets, Boy Scouts Parades, Band Day Omaha University, Band Day University of Nebraska, recipient Omaha University scholarship in music, and an active gymnast. Marcia also plays the flute and piccolo.

She was presented a \$10.00 check, a trophy, a bouquet of lovely bright red carnations, and the Queen's tiara and was "Queen of the Parade" on Saturday.

Marcia competed for the Nebraska Czech Queen title on August 5th, and was the 3rd runner-up.

Bro. E. J. Pavoucek, President of the Western District, was interviewed by Mr. Kocourek of Washington, D. C., who is a representative of "Voice of America."

The topic discussed was the activities of the Western District, their progress in teaching the Sokol idea and the spirit in which the Sokol program is accepted. This interview will be transmitted to points overseas which will include Czechoslovakia.

CHAS. M. PRCHAL:

## FIRST SOKOL PICNIC

The wall calendar announced the year 1867 . . . The air seemed filled with the first indications of spring. Young hearts filled with a longing and nagging desire to do something . . . something a bit different than heretofore . . . This was the setting for the momentous event about to take place among the Bohemian (Czech) immigrants making their first hesitant inroads into the American way of life. Fortunately these restless Czechs could boast of two organizations to direct their energies

. . . the two Sokol units already in existence. In the years that followed these two units were merged together and kept growing and evolving. The newly organized Telocvicna Jednota Sokol (Gymnastic Unit Sokol) had taken upon itself a daring first-of-its kind venture . . . a Sokol Picnic . . . out in the open air where song and dance and good fellowship could blossom forth.

In this the Sokol group actually followed in the footsteps of the German Turners, to whom picnics

were no longer a novelty. But to the inexperienced, unadjusted Czechs this undertaking posed untold problems, difficulties, decisions to be reached, plans to be made and details to be carried out. But the Sokols were determined to show the German Turners that the Czech Sokol Unit could really fly, and fly high and that as its namesake the falcon, they were not afraid to soar into heights unknown. The proponents of the Sokol Picnic knew very well of the hardships and difficulties facing them. It was a common practice in those days for ethnic groups to be exposed to physical and verbose attacks by the uncouth rough-shod old timers who resented the "greenhorns" and their penetration into the local scene. During various Sokol parades and public appearances in many of the neighborhoods the toughs and bullies tried to provoke fights and clashes resorting to insults, lewd, bawdy comments and even physical violence . . . But they did not know the temper of the Sokols . . . These vigorous young men kept right on marching undaunted by these unfriendly elements and their threats and ridicule. The Chicago Sokols had learned very early in their history how to deal with the riff-raff that began to pour into Chicago after the Civil War, and had become a menace to law-abiding industrious Chicagoans.

Once the Sokols decided to stage a picnic the multitudinous details were assigned to various committees and the real work began in earnest. The first problem was the selection of a suitable "grove" out in the open air, away from the city, yet within a comfortable reach by the then available means of transportation. It didn't take the committee very long to find what they felt was ideally suited for their needs. They located the long forgotten "Halfway House" tavern, located in the southeast section of Chicago, in the vicinity of today's 65th street and the intersection of the Rock Island and Michigan Southern Railroad. The tavern was surrounded by a high protective fence, and stood in the center of a sheltering wooded grove. The picnic facilities consisted of several tables, some crude but substantial wooden benches, a dance hall and the inevitable tap room. "Halfway House" was conveniently located within walking distance of the Englewood R. R. station and hence it was deemed the perfect spot by all responsible for the first Sokol Picnic. One hundred years ago a vast expanse of prairies stretched along the road between the tavern and the railroad station, and only here and there a lonely, shabby farmhouse broke the monotony of the desolate scene. Today one can board a Halsted Street bus and within minutes reach the old location, where horse drawn vehicles or a noisy, rumbling Rock Island train once was the only means of slow, tiresome transportation.

As soon as the location and date were decided upon, the news broke forth in the old "Slavie" newspaper, edited at the time by Karel Jonas, creating excitement and heated preparations among hundreds of Czech families. The word, Picnic! Picnic! was foremost on everybody's lips, and its magic echoed and reechoed wherever people met to discuss the coming event. What delights were ahead! Czech songs and music ringing out lustily beneath the summer skies, reverberating in the nearby

woods . . . bringing to many memories of homes and homeland.

Saturday before the big day the untiring committee made its final inspection of the grove to see that food and beverages were on hand and all set for Sunday. Even the music to be under the leadership of Joseph Jirasek, the highly respected violin teacher, came under close final re-check and everyone concerned looked confidently to the day ahead. As could be expected the youngsters especially were in a fervor of excitement, visualizing the colorful scenes, the music, the banners, the uniforms, when the picnickers would form the line of march, beginning at their Hall on Clinton street and heading for the railroad station.

The morning of July 26th, 1867, broke out in all its summer glory. The warm, sun-lit air gave promise of perfect weather and of a perfect day out in the open country. Nothing could mar the joy and the spirit of the hundreds gathered in front of the hall waiting for the uniformed Sokols to appear and start the colorful parade. Finally the marchers moved forward, led by bro. Frank Novak, president of the Sokol Unit and Joseph Vavrin, the standard bearer, with flags flapping happily in the summer breeze. True that here and there some ruffians attempted to break up the march, to antagonize the marchers, but to no avail. It was shortly before nine A.M. that the last of the picnickers boarded the train and off they were, singing and frolicking, happy in the thought of good times ahead. The song-filled train ride was woe-folly short lived . . . and within an hour the engine puffed and heaved and stopped at its destination . . . the Englewood railroad station. No sooner were they off the train the band struck up a familiar Czech march and off they went, heading for the welcoming grove with its shady trees and soft inviting grassy plots. It didn't take long for the crowd to dig into their delicacies, to seek refreshing drinks and to sing and dance and feel gay and happy among their friends and neighbors and fellow Sokols.

It was around 4 o'clock in the afternoon when Frank Novak began to sense the first inkling of threatening trouble . . . "Look here," bro. Novak said, turning to the treasurer standing behind the bar, "I saw some suspicious looking characters hanging around . . . better be careful with that money." And there were pretty sound reasons for this rising feeling of trouble ahead. The "Halfway House" was at that time a close neighbor to a rambling factory whose workmen were being recruited from all walks of life, and all social strata. Most of these however were the disturbing elements that had invaded Chicago after the Civil War. They had not made proper adjustment to organized, disciplined urban existence and had a deeprooted hatred of all "foreigners" and especially the Czechs whose well known industrious habits and manual capabilities made them dangerous competitors in the labor market. But these were only unruly, restless and not the most dangerous. However there were others among them; men known for their shady past, fugitives from justice, thieves, and even murderers, who held life cheap and did not shirk from spilling blood.

To these rough, rowdy individuals the Sokol picnic with the lure of easy money came as a welcome diversion from their dreary existence. Knowing that money would be at hand, these thugs laid a careful plan to surprise the jolly group and escape with the funds. Knowing where the money was kept and coming well prepared with various weapons, they felt certain of quickly overpowering the "greenhorns" and making away with a good, lucrative haul. Since in those days the Chicago police force was quite limited and almost non-existent in the isolated area of the grove, the plotters had little to fear on that score. As the sun began to set slowly in the west the tension grew almost unbearable. At this point it is worthy to mention Sokol Zoulek, the hero, the Goliath of the day. Earlier in the day he had noticed strange individuals skulking about and he knew there was trouble ahead. With this in mind he stayed closely to the treasurer and alerted other Sokols to be prepared in the event of any trouble, thus forming a protective body. Aware and informed of what to expect the men carried on their normal activities, without giving a hint or inkling of their readiness to meet any adversity.

Since daylight was waning rapidly some of the picnickers had already left taking their seats in the train cars standing at the railroad station. These men unaware of what was coming slumped in their window-seats and kept watching the wind-up of the day's picnic fun and frolicking. Just as the treasurer, carrying the money and surrounded by his protective guard was about to leave the grove, they were set upon by about thirty of the toughest thugs bent on making off with the money-box and disappearing quickly in the gathering shadows. The battle that followed was something to behold, and has been retold through the years with gusto and pride.

Ripping apart the high fence and using the pickets like the Hussites of old with their clubs and maces, the undaunted angered Sokols fell upon the attackers with righteous fury. It soon became

evident that the gang came prepared with firearms and a number of Sokols were shot at close range. Sokols Blaha and Cizek were among the first casualties, and so were Fiser and others, who were mercilessly beaten, bloodied and kicked by the enraged attackers. Notwithstanding all this the gang was beaten off and one by one the roughnecks began to skulk away and disappear in the darkness. Many of them however did not escape and received the beating of their lives. Bro. Zoulek and others struck about them with vicious well aimed blows and the roughnecks began to fall to the ground, many unable to rise. One of the gang had his ear neatly severed by a rapier expertly handled by Sokol Nemecek and the man screamed with pain and ran off to the nearby woods. The battle royal lasted just long enough to subdue the hoodlums, and as retold by eye witnesses it was a sight worth seeing.

According to official reports gathered later the thugs suffered unforgettable losses. Many were seriously wounded, and three or four actually paid with their lives for their nefarious attack against the vigorous disciplined Sokols. Peculiarly enough some of the hoodlums had the audacity to board the same train with the picnickers and if not for the pleading and intervention of the railroad personnel these men would have received their final beating on their way to Chicago. As an interesting comment on this whole unsavory business it was learned later that the train crew were actually in "cahoots" with the marauding gang, and had worked out the entire plan for attacking the Czech picnickers. Legally and officially the whole matter was dropped, because the gang did not dare to come forth as a plaintiff and the Sokols had sufficient evidence in their possession to put everyone in the gang behind bars. But this first Sokol picnic has lived and is still alive in the minds of many contemporaries who had heard the events retold by their fathers and grandfathers, and who still take pride in the wonderful spirit the early Czech Sokols had shown 100 years ago.

CHAS. M. PRCHAL:

## 50 YEARS

(Continued)

On February 28th, a special meeting of the Executive Board was held to consider a complaint by bro. Jerry Hanzlik, that because of incorrect marking of ballots he lost 3 votes and for this reason was not elected to the Executive Board. When voting upon conducting new elections, the same number of votes was cast for and against; President bro. Prchal cast the deciding vote for holding the new elections.

Since the by-laws said that the Executive Board is comprised of 15 members and there were more than 15 units in the Chicago area, it was decided that each unit in greater Chicago send one member to the Executive Board. This was approved by the vote of the units.

The organizational meeting of the Executive Board so elected, was held May 7, 1934, and unani-

mously elected were: Bro. Charles M. Prchal, President, bro. Ferdinand Vodak, 1st Vice-President, sis. Marie Stepanek, 2nd Vice-President, bro. Jarka Kosar, Secretary, and bro. Jos. Falta, Treasurer.

May 20th, a new Chicago unit, Sokol Americky, was accepted into the Organization.

On Decoration Day, May 30, 1934, at the Bohemian National Cemetery, bro. President laid a wreath upon the graves of bro. Jan Siman, the first ASO. President, and bro. Jos. Placek, the 3rd ASO. President. This honor has since been repeated each Decoration Day. In the year of 1948 bro. Josef Cermak, the 2nd and 4th President of the ASO., joined these departed brothers and so, also, the same observance is bestowed upon his resting place.

On June 2, 1934, an announcement was received from Prague, that bro. Jindra Vanicek, the great

Sokol hero, Sokol leader and director had passed away. The American Sokol mourned his departure as deeply as did the Czechoslovak Sokol.

The economic disaster worsened. During this period the following units were lost:

T. J. Sokol Wagner, South Dakota; Winner, So. Dakota; Milligan, Nebraska; Niobrara, Nebraska; Ord, Nebraska; Prague, Nebraska; Tabor, South Dakota; Tyndall, South Dakota; Verdigrée, Nebraska; Cadott, Wisconsin; Haugen, Wisconsin; Lankin, No. Dakota; Clarkson, Nebraska; Gregory, So. Dakota; Meadowlands, Minnesota; Owatonna, Minnesota; East Bernard, Texas; Guy, Texas; Seaton, Texas; Oakland, California; Lucas, Kansas; Phillips, Wisconsin; Deerbrook, Wisconsin; East St. Louis, Ill.; Edwardsville, Ill.; Manitowoc, Wisconsin; Menominee, Michigan; Polivka's Corner, Wisconsin; Rosencranz, Wisconsin; Abie, Nebraska; Brush Creek, Nebraska; Burwell, Nebraska; Cuba, Kansas; Mandan, No. Dakota; New Prague, Minnesota; Buckholts, Texas; Floresville, Tex.; Placedo, Texas; Taylor, Texas; Malin, Oregon; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

An attempt was made and deliberations were held to help units that were unable to fulfill their Sokol obligations. Consideration to ask more affluent Sokol units to be patrons for the less fortunate did not materialize because all units suffered. Only the American Sokol of Chicago (then the youngest unit) offered help to one of the needy rural units.

In November of 1934, an appeal was made for voluntary contributions. Out of the fund thusly created, support was to be given to units for their administrative and gymnastic activities. Appeal was made to the more fortunate members and to friends of the Sokol Organization.

Officers of this undertaking were Chas. M. Prchal, Chairman, Jarka Jelinek, and later Joseph Zitny, Secretary, Blanche Cihak, Financial Secretary and Treasurer.

To conclude the project, a social event was held on April 13th, 1935. The largest donations given were: Bohemian National Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois, \$1,000, and Western Bohemian Fraternal Organization \$500.00. The total receipts were \$6,704.11.

On May 18th and 19th Sokol Cedar Rapids accepted 141 new members.

In 1935 a Mid-Slet of the American Sokol was held in Cleveland after one year of intensive preparation. The Mid-Slet exhibition was conducted June 23rd, 1935. Rain and more rain fell; the ground was slippery, clothes were drenched and sticking, nevertheless, the mass drill of all participants was precise and spirited. The chairman of the Mid-Slet was bro. Fred Jirsa, Secretary, Vaclav Prech, Financial Secretary, L. Linek, and Treasurer, John Tichy.

A conference of district educational directors was conducted during the Mid-Slet days.

Intensive publicity in English dailies was given the Mid-Slet events. An exhibition of cultural activities of the Czechs and Slovaks was held in the hallways of the entire third floor of the public library in the center of town.

The Mid-Slet was very well organized and attended. One-half of the net income in the amount of \$1,506.88 was received by the American Sokol Organization.

July 1st, 1935, Pilsen Sokol rejoined as member of the American Sokol Organization.

During the year a new unit in Erwin, Pa., was accepted into the organization. This year, too, a new unit was organized in Melnik, Wisconsin, and another in Timken, Kansas.

In 1935, the problem of parade uniforms for men and women was solved.

But new and other suggestions for uniforms caused further delays. In the Executive Board meeting of February 22nd, it was finally decided to transmit the question of new uniforms to the next convention for decision.

On September 21, 1935, the Sokol unit in New Buffalo, Michigan, was ceremoniously initiated into the American Sokol Organization.

During this year, serious differences arose between the Board of Directors and the Educational Committee of the ASO. In a special meeting of the Executive Board held September 9th, after careful discussion and deliberation, these problems were straightened out with a mutual understanding that both committees would work in harmony with the ASO. Executive Board.

In this same meeting special additional financial assistance was given to the districts (eight at that time) for their needs.

Sokol Tabor in Berwyn, Illinois, unfurled its new flag during the ceremonies.

Sokol Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska, welcomed 129 new members into its ranks.

January 13, 1936, bro. J. R. Ort, a sincere, dedicated and humble Sokol member, passed away. He was a propagator of the Sokol cause, a born poet and journalist.

Ties were made with fraternal organizations C.S.A., Z.C.B.J., J.C.D. and C.S.P.J. for closer cooperation. Efforts were made to gain members for all of these organizations and to raise the level of cultural and national knowledge. This meeting was held on December 13th, 1936. This committee outlined a program and course of mutual work and determined that our Slet should be a moral project of all organizations. Recommending attendance at the Slet demonstrated the practicality of cooperation.

A new Sokol unit was organized in Loyahanna, Pennsylvania.

On March 30, 1936, the insignias that the unit in Cedar Rapids had made for its members were accepted as the official badges of the ASO. The unit mutually consented and released all rights to their sale.

The Sokol Caldwell, Kansas, building was completely destroyed by fire. A new building was erected by the devoted members themselves.

Sokol Stickney, Illinois, finished building its gymnasium. Most of the work was done by the members who also acquired building materials for the lowest possible prices, even free, from buildings

that were being razed in Chicago. The president of the Building Committee was bro. Tom Spatny.

July 5th a Slet was conducted in Madison Square Garden in New York by the Czechoslovak Sokol Federation and a national gathering of Czechoslovak people. One team of men and one of women were sent to the competitions and Slet. It was a spectacle of cooperation of the Czech and Slovak Sokol and a picture of harmony; 1,886 gymnasts participated. Coincidentally, a meeting of the administrative leadership of the Czechoslovak Sokol Federation in America was held.

The preservation of valuable material and memorabilia for our Sokol museum was discussed.

During the end of October and November of 1936, the Vice-President of the Czechoslovak Sokol, bro. Dr. Juraj Slavik, outstanding worker and orator, visited the United States.

A joint committee with our Slovak brothers was organized. Dr. Slavik lectured in Chicago and in the more prominent of our districts and a banquet was held in honor of our distinguished guest.

His presence during these difficult times was an inspiration toward national efforts in fulfilling duties toward self, the Sokol and to the nation.

December 6th, the first conference of district officers and the ASO. Executive Board was conducted. Slet and competition matters were discussed, as were the financial status of the Organization and Slet guarantee, educational activities, the Sokol Americký periodical, dues that even after being lowered were not received, cooperation with fraternal organizations, Sokol uniforms and the problem of the next convention in 1938.

December 24, 1936, bro. Jos. Modr died in New York. His many accomplishments and service for the Eastern District and the ASO. were invaluable. He was a good gymnast and amateur actor. For 25 years he was President of Sokol New York and for 10 years President of the Eastern District. He worked for the cause of freedom for his native land—Czechoslovakia.

In January of 1937, sis. Marie Ceska, member of the Sokol in Baltimore passed away from the ranks of the American Sokols. Sis. Ceska had all the qualities of a truly ideal Sokol. She suffered agony but never lost hope that she would return to the Sokol. An outstanding woman, rare worker . . .

On February 22, 1937, the Executive Board elected a delegate to the committee for the 100 year celebration of the City of Chicago, the Chicago Charter Jubilee. Our Slet was included in the jubilee program. Delegates were bro. Prchal and sis. Prener. In the year 1826 the first elections in Chicago were held with 35 members. In 1833, Chicago was incorporated as a "town." In 1837, it was incorporated as a "city" with 10 wards. During the first census of Chicago in 1840, the city had 4,470 residents. Results of the committee's agitation benefited the Slet attendance.

The Slet in the year 1937, in celebration of 20 years of the ASO., held in Soldier's Field, Chicago, was the V. Slet of the American Sokol Organization and the III. Slet of the Federation of Czechoslovak Sokols in America. The work began during the later part of 1935.

The organization meeting of the Slet Committee was held September 21, 1936.

President, bro. Prchal; Vice-President, sis. Stepanek; in January, upon her resignation, sis. Cihak; Secretary, sis. Welcl; Financial Secretary, bro. Kuzel; Treasurer, bro. Basta; Honorary President, bro. J. Zeman, President of the STJS. Slet office was under the supervision of bro. Prchal.

The program for the main day included the installing of the First American Czechoslovak Legion into the World's War Allied Council.

The Czechoslovak Sokol Organization in Prague, Czechoslovakia, sent its representative bro. Vlad. Struppl. He evaluated the activities of the ASO., delivered greetings and wishes for success. He presented an invitation to the X. All Sokol Slet in Prague in 1938. Before and after the Slet he lectured in various cities.

2,900 participated in mass calisthenics and special numbers. 890 adults and juniors participated in competitions.

During the Slet competitions, the Champion was

### Frank Oslislo.

V sobotu, 28. července, byli jsme překvapeni smutnou zvěstí, že ve Fords, N. J., zemřel významný sokolský pracovník, horlivý šířitel sokolských idejí, bratr Frank Oslislo. Osud mu dopřál 85 roků života.

Jeho život byla účinná práce pro Slovenskou Tělocvičnou Jednotu Sokol a pro dílo sokolské. Po tři roky byl starostou STJS. a 31 rok hlavním tajemníkem. Až do roku 1954, kdy odešel na pensí co čestný tajemník. Když převzal úřad, majetek organizace byl \$330,000 a když odcházel více než \$5,000,000.

Nikdy nepřestal se zajímat životem slovenského Sokola, do jehož dějin se zapsal činy, před kterými nutno se sklónit.

O I. sletu Americké Obce Sokolské v chicagském Coliseu roku 1921 svým mohutným hlasem pozdravil bratrstvo a přítomné. Promluvil o spolupráci a vzájemné podpoře obou našich sokolských těles k dosažení co nejvyšší tělesné a mravní zdatnosti na podkladě učení Tyršova.

Veliká byla jeho podpora snahv o zřízení Svazu Československého Sokolstva v Americe. Výstižně charakterisoval situaci, vyzvedal postavení Sokolstva a nově vytvořené organizaci dal mnohé platné služby.

Obou bojům za osvobození Československa v první a druhé válce světové dal velkou podporu.

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bro. Jos. Rehor of Sokol Town of Lake and in second place was today's President of the ASO., bro. Stanley Barcal.

April 20th, 1937, bro. Josef Hanzlik died after a short illness. He was a member of the Executive Board, President of Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs, Chicago, and of the Central District. During the freedom movement, bro. Hanzlik was Treasurer of the National Alliance at bazaars, etc.

September 6th, 1937, a pioneer and promoter of the Sokol idea, bro. Anton P. Haller, died. Bro. Haller became coorganizer of the Sokol in Munich, Germany. In 1890 he came to the United States and in 1901 he became a member of Pilsen Sokol in Chicago. Bro. Haller wrote for newspapers and held many offices: director, instructor, delegate to the convention of the National Unity of Sokols, Vice-President and Director of the National Unity of Sokols, editor of Sokol Americky and its Technical Department, manager of Pilsen Sokol Building, member of the Executive Board of ASO. He won with his motion to establish a summer camp in New Buffalo, Michigan.

The Slet showed that the Sokol cause, deep rooted into American soil for 72 years is full of vitality and animation and that it will endure here forever. Diligence and work brought beautiful results and increased our pride. — The Slet receipts were \$4,385.41.

In the frame of the Slet, conferences of district directors (men and women) were held; conferences

of district presidents; conference of the Educational Committee, etc.

Together with the Czechoslovak Chamber of Commerce, a social evening was held in honor of the Czechoslovakian Minister Plenipotentiary Vl. Hurban.

The educational activities of the Sokol were seriously considered and much progress was made.

May 28th the districts of the ASO. participated in the Slet and competitions of the Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol in Detroit, Michigan. The attendance was large. May 29th, a meeting of the Czechoslovak Federation in America was held. Projects for both organizations and the Federation were set and the joint work was reorganized.

A committee was elected for the negotiating for the delegation to the X. Slet in Prague in 1938. President, bro. Prchal, Secretary, sis. Cihak, Treasurer, bro. Falta, Director, bro. Jelinek.

After negotiating with several shiplines the bid of the Cunard White Line was accepted.

The first part of the delegation led by Treasurer bro. Jos. Falta, arrived in Czechoslovakia May 18th. The second part on June 8th. The latter was headed by President bro. Prchal, Director of Women sis. Danko, who was also leader of the gymnastic members, and Secretary for the tours, sis. Cihak. The gymnasts were in the second section of the delegation.

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